

BIRTHS

On the 9th inst., At 32 Gillingham Street, to the wife of Edward Leith, a son

MARRIAGES

On the 8th inst., at St. Pauls, Wokingham, by the Rev. Thomas Anchtel Anson, assisted by the Rev. Percy Jones, Arthur Fraser Walter, Second son of John Walter III, of Bearswood House, Sindlesham, to Henrietta Maria Anson

DEATHS

On the 6th August, peacefully at his residence, Lord Harold Goodwin, aged 63 years

On the 11th August, in a tragic accident, John Shaw, of Bracknell, aged 23 years

MISCELLANEOUS

THE TIMES is now available for PURCHASE from Perkin's food stall, THAYER STREET

MOORE AND BURGESS MINSTRELS, for many years past acknowledged by the PUBLIC and the whole of the leading JOURNALS of GREAT BRITAIN as one of the great and LEGITIMATE minstrel company of the WORLD. ST JAMES HALL, PICADILLY. All the year round, every night at EIGHT. MONDAYS, FRIDAYS, and SATURDAYS at THREE and EIGHT. IMPORTANT NOTICE there is no person living, connected with a Minstrel Company, whose real name is CHARLES CHRISTY

MR R. MCBRIDE will SELL by AUCTION, at his Rooms, 68 Longacre Street, on Monday next, at half-past twelve, a fine SERIES of BUTTERFLIES, received from the Solomon Islands.

W. Thompson, purveyor of second-hand jewellery and items is under new management, now William Brothers 7 Tichfield

NOTICE is hereby given that the last will and testament of Lord Harold Goodwin shall be read at half-past six in the offices of RORY EPSOMS – Solicitor. Any relatives of the deceased unknown are encouraged to come forward.

ARTHUR CECIL returns to his role of Mr. Poskett as the COURT THEATRE, continues the successful run of THE MAGISTRATE, by Arthur Wing Pinero. The deftness of construction, ingenuity and genuine fun, THE MAGISTRATE is the equal of any FRENCH FARCE. Final TWO WEEKS before the play is taken to the ROYAL LYCEUM THEATRE, Edinburgh. Every night at EIGHT

CHESSE CHAMPION TO CHALLENGE ALL COMERS BLINDFOLD

English Chess champion Henry Blackburne will be at Belgrave Chess Club, 55SW, this evening to take on a most extraordinary challenge. Mr. Blackburne is to play blindfolded against opponents who can see the board and pieces. He uses this as preparation for the upcoming Second American Chess Congress in New York

SIXTH FIRE RAVAGES LONDON IN TWO WEEKS

Last night the Metropolitan Fire Brigade were called upon to extinguish another blaze, this time in Lower Thames Street. This fire is the sixth in a series that the brigade has been called to. The first, a needle factory on Tooley Street was thought an accident, but questions have been raised by the frequency of these events. Properties on Byward Street, Maguire Street, Bankside, and Hopton Street have also mysteriously caught fire. Captain Shaw of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade said that while such accidents could occur, it seems unlikely that they would happen so frequently in such proximity. He asks anyone who has knowledge of these incidents to make themselves known to Scotland Yard. Fortunately, no person has yet been injured in any of these fires and the Times sincerely hopes this shall be the last.

SCOTLAND YARD REACHES OUT TO BUSINESS

The Times understands that Scotland Yard has become increasingly concerned about criminal enterprise in the city exhorting funds from small businesses under threat of violence. Whilst no instances of extortion have been confirmed, a number of businesses have reported criminal damage varying from minor to significant. Police sources have indicated that their intention is to appeal to business owners to disregard any threatening approaches and instead report them immediately to the local constabulary. Patrols in the centre of the city are to be stepped up and individual approaches will be made to any business deemed vulnerable. It is hoped this approach will eliminate such intolerable practices and make London a safe place for businesses to thrive.

PARLIAMENT TO APPROVE NEW BRIDGE

The first new bridge since the completion of the Southwark Bridge in 1819 is due to be given royal assent. In the past ten years the City has received almost thirty petitions to either widen London Bridge or construct a new bridge to facilitate the passage of nearly a million inhabitants, or a third of the total living in the metropolis, many of whom have had to make a journey of several miles in order to make a dry crossing over the river at London Bridge, or otherwise take a ferry. Following consultation with the engineer John Wolfe Barry, Horace Jones submitted three designs for consideration at the end of 1884, two with a swing opening. The third was of the bascule type with a low-level road, together with a high-level walkway to be used by pedestrians when the bridge was open to ships. The Bridge House Estates Committee, with a recommendation from Barry, adopted the proposal for a bascule bridge, within a cost of £750,000. The final site of the bridge will be decided today by a committee headed by Sir George Lewis MP. It is anticipated that the construction of the bridge will require the purchase and demolition of private property, the cost of which has caused some to question the economics of the plan. Work is anticipated to begin in April of the next year.

FOREIGN NEWS

We have received the following news through the Reuters Agency:-

Horseless Carriage built in Germany

German engineer Carl Benz has created a carriage that no longer needs drawn by horses. The so-called Benz Patent-Motorwagen is a three wheeled invention powered by a piston engine and is said to reach speeds of eight miles per hour. Benz plans to patent his invention with the idea of selling it to the public. Whether there will be a demand for such a contraption remains to be seen.

TRAMPS COMMIT MURDER

Jefferson city, Missouri, August 2nd

The east Halston station house was broken into this morning at 2 o'clock by five tramps, who murdered the night operator, R. Gadew, and escaped with \$300. A posse of officers are in pursuit of the men who, if captured, will be lynched

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, - London is aflame and there seems to be little done to prevent the fires spreading. Do people not remember the events of 1666? If such carelessness continues, then it will not be long before St. Paul's is once more destroyed. Criminal charges should be brought to bear on those responsible, and if they cannot be found, then the property owners, for if they are not able to maintain their buildings well enough to prevent fires, then they should be stripped of them and new, responsible owners found.

R. Studderheim

Sir,- It was my great pleasure to witness a travelling troupe of Minstrels entertaining at the manor of Lord Howe. Their faces, at first disconcerting, were soon simply part of the spectacle, and the hilarious characters shone through. It is not a form of entertainment I have previously experienced, but would encourage others to indulge should they wish an evening of high entertainment. I should like to thank Lord Howe for his amusing take on entertaining and I look forward to being his host again, should he choose to invite me which I very much hope he does.

J.D. Smythe

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