

FOREIGN NOTES.

York has now been definitely fixed upon as the city in which the banquet of the provincial mayors to the Lord Mayor of London will take place.

As an instance of the wonderful effect of steamboat competition in the way of reducing fares, it may be mentioned that the steamer the *Marquis of Lorne* now carries passengers to Rothesay from Glasgow, some forty-five miles, for the sum of threepence.

Smoking is greatly on the increase, as appears from an official paper just issued. In the last seven months the declared value of unmanufactured tobacco imported was £1,068,201, against £623,588 in the corresponding period of the previous year.—*English Paper*.

In a report by the Commander-in-Chief to the Secretary of State for War, in reference to the field-day of the volunteers at Wimbledon on the 10th of July, he speaks favorably of all that came under his notice, and says he was much struck by the great improvement in the drill of the men and in the intelligence of the officers.

At the Leeds Assizes the Rev. George Onions, a Congregational minister of Wyke, sued the Lancashire and Yorkshire railway company for compensation for injuries sustained by his wife, through the negligence of defendant's servants, who had allowed the train to proceed before she had time to step on to the platform. The jury awarded £200.

At the Monmouth Assizes, yesterday, before Mr. Justice Denman, a fitter was sentenced to six months' hard labor for obtaining ninepence by falsely pretending that he was an inspector of weights and measures.—*London Daily News*, Aug. 8th.

The Honolulu *Advertiser* of the 26th ult., announces that during the week a small party of ladies and gentlemen left Honolulu to walk around the island. The distance to be walked is considerably over one hundred miles.

The London *News* says that "the report of the Registrar-General establishes, from the census returns of 1871, the remarkable fact that the average duration of life in England at the present is within a small fraction of forty-one years. This is a remarkable expansion of the average duration of life. It is not so long since twenty-five years was accounted the mean rate.

A Miss Alice Stuart has obtained \$4,500 damages from the Great Western Railway Company for injuries sustained by her in a collision that took place in September last. The company, as soon as the decision was rendered, announced their readiness to accept the verdict as a decision in other cases also. Might not this be imitated in the United States?

On Aug. 15 the remains of the Duchess of Inverness were deposited in their last resting place, by the side of her husband, the late Duke of Sussex, in Kensal-green Cemetery. The Prince of Wales and others lingered after the ceremony for some minutes at the vault looking at the coffin of the Duke of Sussex, remarking the wonderful state of preservation it was in, as, although it had lain there for thirty years, it showed no symptom whatever of decay, the velvet of the coronet placed on the coffin being alone discolored.

It is curious that the number of twenty-six days appears to be, judging by past experience, the utmost limit of judicial patience, for no speech has hitherto lasted longer, and some years ago, in the remarkable case of the Sheddens, before the House of Lords, the most patient of chancellors, Lord Hatherton, after hearing the appellants twenty-five days, declared that their lordships would listen no longer, and that as they had evidently no new fact or argument to bring forward, the lords would proceed to consider their judgment, which they did. The attorney general's speech in the Tichborne case lasted that time.

On Tuesday was issued the new Act for the constitution of the supreme court, and for other purposes relating to the better administration of justice in England. The Act is divided into seven parts, with a schedule of fifty-eight rules on the procedure to be adopted on the operation of the new law on No-

vember 2, 1874, by which time new rules are to be made for carrying the Act into force. There are 100 sections in the statute. Two courts are to be constituted out of the existing courts, one to be called "Her Majesty's High Court of Justice," and the other "Her Majesty's Court of Appeal," of which latter court the Lord Chancellor is to be the president. There are to be division courts, and rules to be made as to the sittings. The division of the legal year into terms is to be abolished, and the "long vacation" will become historical. Vacations will be appointed, but sittings will be held in the same. A new feature in our law, called "referees," will be engaged in hearing cases. Law and equity are to be concurrently administered. Much will depend on the new rules to be framed under the Act.—*London Paper*, Aug. 17.

— A Kentucky wedding party waited fifteen minutes while the groom went out and stabbed his brother, who was annoying the bride by hanging round the house.

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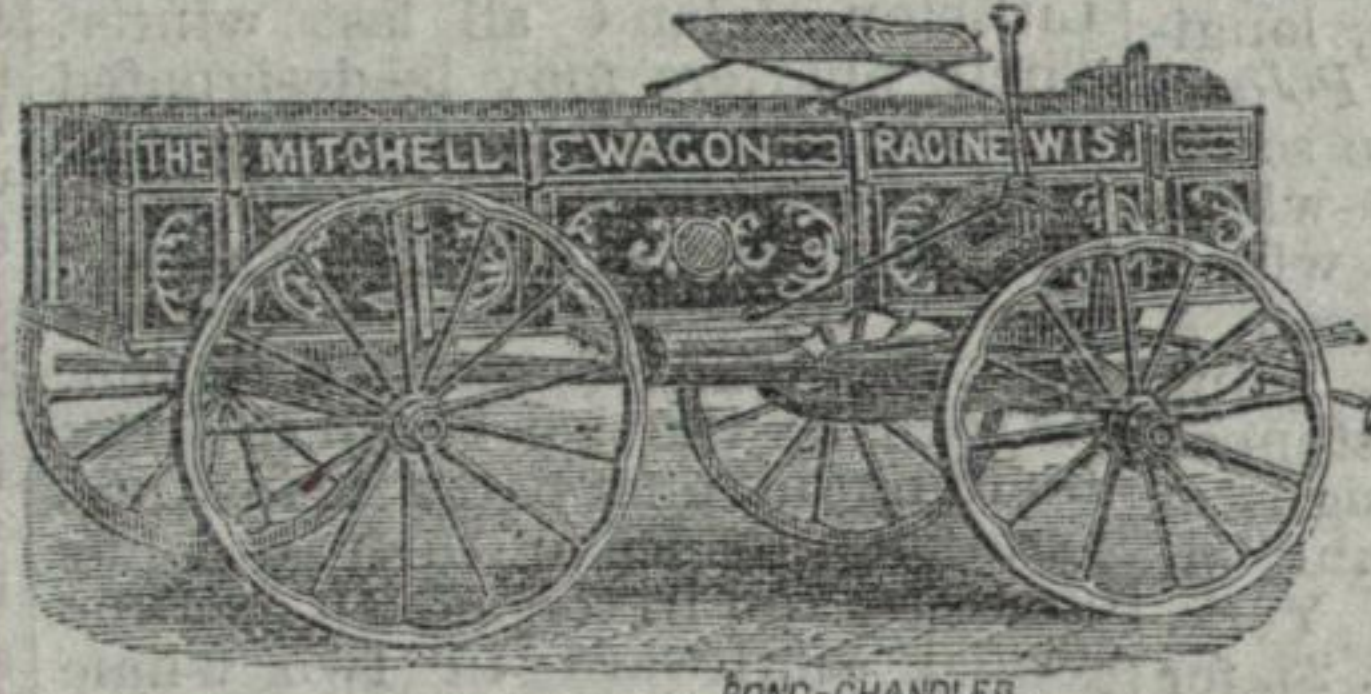
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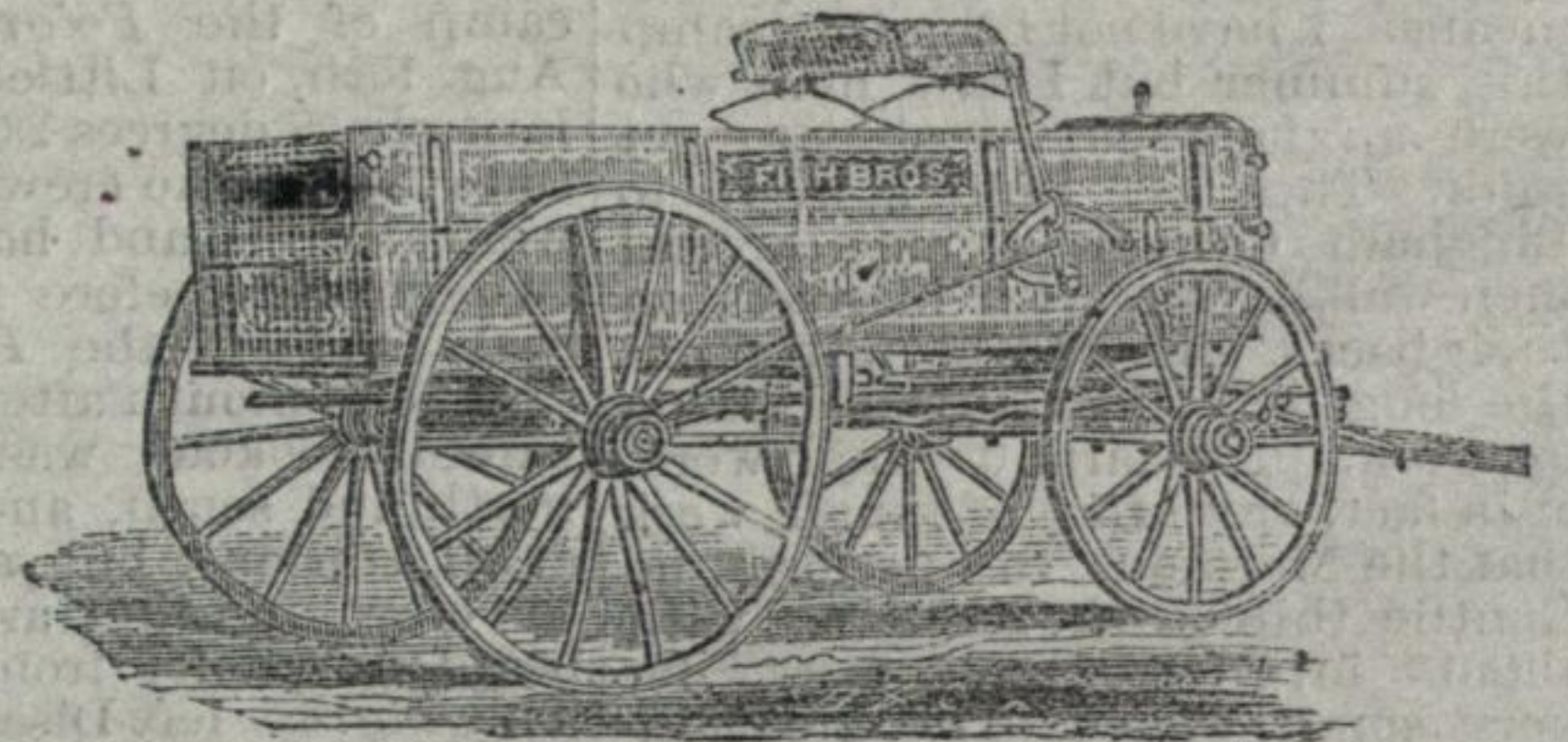
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