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## ADVERTISING RATES.

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The Evening Telegram. ST. JOHN'S, JANUARY 4, 1888. All Letters ar pabilcation, and Lettere containtn
 CAPT. BETHELL'S ROMANCE.
A Prototype of Rider Haggard's London, December 15.-Justice Sir William Sterling, sitting in the chancery division of th high court of jastice to day, had before him romantic marriage case arising out of the death
of Capt. Bethell, R.N., who was shot by the Boers in 1884 , in an engagement in which Gen of police, also took part. Capt. Bethell, 2 few months before his death, had become Baralong tribe. He married her according to Bae rites of that tribe, the ceremony consisting was bent to the mother of the bride, while the father was provided with a plough. The name
of the bride was Teepoo. About ten days after the death of Captain Bethell she gave
birth to a daughter, who was subsequently baptized under the name of "Mabetele, meaning "Mother of Bethell." In support of these statements Montsioa, an African king
and the chief of the Boraleade cavalry, made affidavits to the effect that Teepoo was duly before married. Capt. Bethell by his will left certain number of heifers to Teepoo an directed that if a child were born it should be
edacated in England, after it reached eight educated in England, after it reached eight
years of age, and that if a boy he should enter he English army, but that Teepoo should Corfeit her property if she behaved improperly
Capt. Bethell left considerable property Yorkshire, and the question arises whether the marriage was a legal one, and the daughter consequently legitimate and entitled to the
property. Mr.. Hastings, Q.C., contended that this Was not a polygamons marriage, and
that it was consequently valid. There may have been polygamy in the Baralong tribe, Wife and had no intention of committing poly gamy. The case was not completed when the court adjourned.
A sensational divorce case. before Justice Sir James Hannan to-day. Mrs Hyde, the danghter of Capt. Rowley and niece
of Admiral Rowley, sued for divorce from Frank Hyde, the artist. She alleged cruelty agsinst him, sad he filed a eross bill alleging
infidelity on her part. Percy and Honley Tellintidelity on her part. Percy and Honley Tell
gate, cousine of Mrs. Hyde, were implicated gate, cousios of corespondents. All the parties denied the charges. It in the sitting-room of Mrs. Hyde misconduct was proved.
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mer In one of to-day'e trials great excitemen was caused by Lord Chief Justice Coleridge retiring abruptly from his sest on the bench
apparently violently in. A doctor was called and it was found that Lord Coleridge had swallowed a lozenge whole and that for the
moment he had come near choking to death. FAMOUS UAMARRIED MEN.

Bucon says that "certainly the best works and those of greatest merit for the pablic have proceeded from unmarried or childess men. pears to be of the same opinion: "For men of -higher intellectual avocation, for poets, philoso-
phers, for all -those in-general who devote phers, for all those in-general who devote
themselver to -sience and art, celibacy is preferable to the married fire, because the conjugal yoke prevents them from creating great
works.
Moore has expressed the same belief, assertMoore has expressed the same belief, assert-
ing that fin Mooking backe tbrough the lives of the most illastrions poets it is evident that they have been, with scareely any exception, "rest
less sind selitary spirite, with minds wrsped up, Tive silkworms, in their own taske, either strangers or rebels to the domestic tie." Dante, MCitoon, Shakespeare and Dryden are inatancers of the saddening effect of married
life upon poets. Dante went through life away from his wife and children, nursing his mind
that oft-told jest of Dryden, which sufficiently exhibits his view of the subject; when his wife told him she wished she were a book in order that she might have more of her husbands com-
panionship, he said: " Be an almanac, my love panionship, he said : "Be an almanac," Seott's remark about Dryden was that no occasion when a sarceasm against matrimon
would be introdnced has he failed to season ith such bitterness as spoke of an inward con But the same is true of the
-of musicians and painters artists as we
Wagnee, when a young man, married an ac Wagner, when a young man, married an ac
tress, "pretty as a picture," bat she appeas to bave bad but little aympathy with his aime and be lived apart from her. He afterward married a daughter of Liszt, who did appreciate his genius, and with her he was ver

The girl whom Haydn married turned out a shrew. Berlioz wrote: " O , that I could find her the Jaliet, the Ophelia that my heart calls aingled joy and sadness that only true love nows! Could I but rest in her arms on antumn evening, rocked by the north wind on some wild heath and sleeping my last sad leep!"
We are told that a few years after these eparation from his wife, his eparation hrow wise, his former divinity Handel hef to die in misery and solitud aversion to marriage. In 1707 he went to Lubeck to compete for a position as organist bat, finding that one of the conditions for oblaining the place was that he should marry the FOR COMMERCIAL UNION Mr. Sanford Fleming at the Toronto OTTAWA, Dec. 16.-At a meeting of the loc branch of he Imperial Federation League her last night, Mr. Sanford Fleming, C.M.G., president of the branch, delivered an address States, he said that if it could be obtained on avorable terms he would welcome it with relations with that conntry. They desired it not only in Canada but in every British possesmpire there existed the most cordial and riendilyfeelings towards the United States and might be perpetuated. Such being the case, the commercial union which had been brought under our notice was much too narrow in ita aim. They wanted one broader and farther reaching. It might be ssked why should not he British flag? The consideration of con mercial union would in no way interfere with the federation of the British possessions. It
might, however, tend to widen the discussion aight, however, tend to widen the discussio question-re-union of the two great English pasaking nations. Professor Macoun read paper on a customs union with England, and asolation favouring free trade between Canada Kean, tabled for discassion at the next meetin

INDIGNATION AGAINST TRAIN.
st. Jons, N.B., December 1, 1887.-Th
statement is published that in Moncton, George Francis Train spoke slightingly of Mrs. Cleveland, and drew on a black board a caricature of President and Mrs Cleveland. This has caused much indignation
against Train among the people of New Brungagainst Train among the people of New Bruns-
wick, who entertain the same ad iniration and respect for Mrs. Cleveland that is accorded her

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