

Interesting Items.

It is stated that 7,000 soldiers now lie sick and wounded in the several military hospitals throughout the country.

Since the discovery of the bounty fraud in Brooklyn, New York, several of the churches have had the attendance of distinguished members. Urgent business in Washington demands their presence.

Carlyle survives the publication of his last volume of "Frederick the Great." Perhaps the public will.

A village pedagogue, in despair with a stupid boy, pointed to the letter A and asked him if he knew it.

Well, what is it?
I know her very well by sight but swallow me if I remember her name.

Lord Lyons, the British Minister at Washington, has been compelled through ill health to resign. Sir Frederick Bruce is appointed his successor.

We read that a boy lately committed suicide in London, because of disappointment consequent on the loss of a game of cards. Men have killed themselves for causes as trivial. As Thackeray says, in one of his poems, "The triangle and deaths of boys are but repeated in our age."

The model of an electric magnetic locomotive is now on exhibition at Versailles. Its inventor, Mr. M. Bellet and Roussier, asserts that locomotives constructed on their principle, could travel on ordinary railroads at the rate of one hundred and twenty-four miles an hour.

The power is obtained by magnetizing by means of a current supplied by a fixed battery.

"Min, will you take my arm?" "La! yes, and you too." "Can only spare the arm, Min," hastily replied the bachelor. "Then," said Min, "I can't take it, as my motto is to go the whole hog, or none at all."

A farmer who recently had his butter seized by the clerk of the market for short weight, gave as a reason that the cow from which the butter was made was subject to the cramp, and that caused the butter to shrink in weight.

The New York Evening Post says that "Germany not a single line has been lost on a railroad by accident since railroads were laid down." The reason is that wheels and rails are removed after a certain period of use, whether they give signs of weakness or not; that men are stationed at regular intervals to look out of sight of these living signals; that they always start on their own time and the speed maintained, though less than ours, is yet uniform. In France it is the same.

The horses of the cavalry regiments forming part of the garrison of Paris are at present, it is said, suffering from a disease resembling jaundice, and which the veterinary surgeons call "infectious" because it deprives them of all appetite. The animal attacked with this disease generally dies after a few days' illness. The epidemic has been chiefly fatal among the horses of the Cuirassiers and Chasseurs of the Imperial Guard. The disease has likewise appeared in the stables of some large estates where a great number of horses are kept. The epidemic has not appeared outside Paris.

A suggestive controversy occurred in Exeter Cathedral a few Sundays ago. Archdeacon Bartholomew was to preach, but had lost his sermon. "In black danger," says a local reporter "he turned up the Bible cover and cushion, the stool and the desk, searched his pockets, descending to the pen in which he had been sitting, and enlisted in his service the keen eyes of the verges—all in vain, the sermon was not in his pocket, nor was it in his head." "In this difficulty the venerable Archdeacon applied himself to the Rev. Prebendary Brewster, who practically illustrated the advantage of extempore preaching by a capital discourse."

A great discovery is reported to have been made by a surgeon of the English army in China. In the way of an effective cure for small-pox. The mode of treatment is as follows:—When the preceding fever is at its height, and just before the eruption appears, the chest is rubbed with croton oil, and a tartaric ointment. This causes the whole of the eruption to appear on that part of the body, to the relief of the rest. It also secures a full and complete eruption, and thus prevents the disease from attacking the internal organs. This is said to be the new established mode of treatment in the English army in China, by general orders, and is regarded as a perfect cure.

Considerate.—A very learned and compassionate judge in the Western State, on passing a sentence on one Jones, who had been convicted of murder, concluded his remarks as follows:—
"The fact is, Jones, the court did at first order you not to be executed before next spring; but the weather is very cold, and your jail is unfortunately, in a bad condition, much of the glass in the windows is broken, the chimneys are in such a dilapidated state that no fire can be made to render your apartment comfortable; besides, owing to a great number of prisoners more than one blanket can be allowed to each, and to sleep sound and comfortable is therefore, in the opinion of the court, consideration of these circumstances and wishing to lessen your suffering as much as possible, the court, in the exercise of humanity and compassion, do hereby order you to be executed to-morrow morning, as soon after breakfast as may be convenient to the sheriff and agreeable to you."

How Petroleum is Formed.—The Pittsburg Petroleum, speculating on the formation of petroleum, says: Petroleum is known to be a hydro-carbon, composed of two gases. These gases are primary elements, indissoluble and mechanically mixed. The gas, the other is a constituent in all vegetable forms and in many of our rocks. One hundred pounds of limestone when burned will weigh but sixty pounds. The part that is lost by burning is carbonic acid. Underlying the "oil rock" is a stratum of limestone, of unknown thickness, known to be one thousand feet in depth. The water falling on the surface and percolating through the porous sandstone that overlies the oil rock, becomes charged with petrol, and finally reaches the chemical ingredients, and finally reaches the limestone rock and decomposes it, the carbon in the rock and the hydrogen of the water uniting, they form oil, while the oxygen is set free to ascend to the atmosphere, to unite with minerals and form oxides. The reverse of this process is seen in burning the oil in a lamp—the oxygen in the atmosphere uniting with the carbon in the oil, forming carbonic acid, and with the hydrogen forming water—thus completing the circle. The question is frequently asked, when will the oil become exhausted. We may answer, when the ocean is, and not before.

Volcanic Eruptions. Etna and Vesuvius are both in a state of violent eruption. A letter from Messina, dated Feb. 5, says: During the last few days a fresh eruption of Mount Etna has taken place. It being an extraordinary spectacle, and a phenomenon only repeated at long intervals, I went to the mountain at the first receipt of the news, and stayed there two days watching the extraordinary and excessive bad weather. The lava is not abundant at its source, and immediately divides into two principal branches: neither are the two towers very wide. That which I have seen, and the largest, was about fifteen metres high and of a width of two hundred and fifty or three hundred metres. It issues on the east side of the mountain, and reaches the borders of the cultivated vine districts; but it has overthrown two cottages, and it continues to well probably destroy the villages of Mascali and Piedimonte; at least, it is likely to take this direction, for it is impossible to establish the law by which these enormous masses of red-hot liquid matter are guided. The other branch runs down the northern side, and threatens the village of Linguagrossa. This is the smaller torrent, and it is already directed into several ramifications, which tend to take a course in the direction of the uncultivated region.

The Confederation Vote.

The Quebec correspondent of the Globe says that now the division on the Confederation scheme has taken place the greatest unanimity prevails. Those who have voted yes seem perfectly satisfied. If any injustice is really felt it is by those Western migrants who have refused to endorse a scheme giving fair representation in a popular chamber embracing all the British Provinces. One pleasing feature was last night manifested. All seem favorable to union—objection were made simply to details. Five members only were absent from the division—Messrs. Notman and Moore had gone home the previous evening. Mr. Dinkins was absent by leave. Mr. Abbott was ill here. Mr. Dinkins obtained leave of absence for the session. Mr. Dinkins only would have voted, and that even doubtful in our age."

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HAMILTON STREET,

WITH GOOD

ROOT-HOUSE and OUTBUILDINGS,

at present occupied by Thos. Weatherald, Esq.;

Twelve hundred dollars.

For further particulars apply to

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Goderich, October 17th, 1864.

Farm in Bosanquet

OR TO LET.

THE UNDERSIGNED offers for sale or to let

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OR REAL ESTATE!

THE following property will be disposed of

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Mortgage made by Thomas Hanna and wife to

Thomas Mossop; also, a third Mortgage

made by said Thomas Hanna to Thomas

Mossop; also, the exact half of Lot 16 on the

east side of the Lake Road, Concession of the

Township of Stanley, in the County of Huron,

Province of Canada, eighty-four acres

and half an acre, more or less. The property

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one hundred and eighty-seven dollars

and fifty cents, with interest from the

eighteenth day of January, 1864.

TERMS.—Twenty per cent. of the purchase

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on the first day of May, and the second

on the first day of August, 1864.

A. B. BROWNSON, Auctioneer.

Stanley, Feb. 21st, 1865.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF LANDS.

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Habeas Corpus, issued out of Her Majesty's

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THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY

OF CANADA, unfortunately for the interests of the PROPRIETORS of the GLASGOW

HOUSE, and fortunately for the interests of those who may want

to detain the transit in some manner unknown to these deponents of Seven

Cases of Boots and Shoes which should have been delivered at the

Railway Station about the 2nd or 23rd December last, and as it is now late

in the Season for the description of Goods contained therein, they will be sold at a

sacrifice in order to make sale of them before the season is over.

Intending Purchasers Would do well to Note the Fact.

We would also take this opportunity of informing our numerous friends that our

order or our SPRING STOCK is now in the hands of the Manufacturers, and that