

SILENT POWER IS MIGHTIEST.

BY GEORGE S. BURLEIGH. More strong than thunder's rending stroke... That lifts the cedar from its high, kindle the violet's tender eye...

The noiseless, everlasting heat Of lightning's cool, invisible feet, Stirs every living leaf and bud...

Angels, for grandeur, awe The trembling soul its thunder draws To look upon that hanging leap...

If the far fires that warm our globe, Wait of the sun-god's flaming robe...

O, balanced like a whirling star The all-untiling forces are, Enveloped, in their vast career...

Ah, then, passes thy soul in peace Thou Builder for the centuries!

A MECHANICAL DEVIL.

Not satisfied (says the Naval and Military Gazette) with torpedoes of many kinds and torpedo launches, naval men are considering the practicability of a "fish torpedo boat"...

AN IRISH MILLIONAIRE.

In the death of W. S. O'Brien, which occurred at San Rafael on the 21st of May, California has lost a man whose good fortune almost equaled in romance the fabulous tale of Aladdin's lamp...

An elderly gentleman, say about seventy winters, was taking his noon cup of coffee...

FILL UP THE CHECK! A few days ago an old gentleman, white-haired and apparently very respectable...

THE KAFFIR WAR.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF AN ENGLISH OFFICER TO HIS BROTHER IN TORONTO.

FORT BEAUFORT, April 3, 1878.

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OPEN AIR PREACHING IN TORONTO—WHAT IT LEADS TO.

Blasphemy and Ribaldry—Innocent Open Air Gospelers—A Jew on the Crucifixion—He is Supported by the Mob.

(Toronto Mail, July 1st.)

The scene yesterday afternoon in the Park was the most disgraceful of the many disgraceful Sunday scenes which have taken place there this summer...

Three groups of men collected, one in the vicinity of the fountain, where preaching was in progress, one around the band stand, and one about a hundred yards further north...

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had anything to do authoritatively with her condemnation or execution. The whole business was carried on exclusively by the French themselves, and it has always appeared to us that the disposition of many French writers to throw the odium of her death on the English is founded in a misconception of the facts...

THE FISHERIES AWARD.

We are surprised that the House of Representatives of the United States sought to repudiate the payment of the five and a half millions of dollars which the Halifax Fishery Commission decided was payable by the Republic to Canada...

The conduct of the Representatives while the question was under discussion is far from creditable. As soon as the bill for payment of the money was brought up it was objected on technical grounds, and points of order were made by Butler, of Massachusetts...

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348,599.61 was in the shape of Government and local bonuses, the balance being ordinary and preference share capital and bonded debt. The number of miles laid with steel rails was 2,765 1/2; iron rails, 25,813 1/2, and wooden rails, 25 1/2. The number of engines was 995; 497 first-class, 284 second-class, 211 baggage, and 21,689 freight cars of all kinds...

IRISH NEWS.

VALUATION OF LAND IN COUNTY DOWN.—Recently Mr. Wm. Johnston, auctioneer, Newtownards, put up for sale Mr. Wm. Black's, Drogheda, a farm of land situated in Garvaghy, near that town, containing fourteen acres or thereabouts...

DEATH OF THE REV. DR. CASEY, LIMERICK.—The very Rev. Dr. Casey, V.G., and parish priest of St. Mary's, Limerick, died on Tuesday at the parochial house, in that city, after a lingering illness. The deceased had attained his 67th year, and was much esteemed by his clerical brethren as well as by the laity...

COST OF THE BELFAST ELECTIONS.—The expenses of Mr. Wm. Ewart, M.P., and Dr. Seeds, Q.C., the candidates at the late Belfast Parliamentary election, have furnished their accounts, as required by law. The expenses of Mr. Ewart were £4,442.9d.; those of Dr. Seeds, £3,359.5d. In other words, each vote he obtained cost Mr. Ewart about 10s. 10d., while the cost to Dr. Seeds for each vote recorded in his favour was about 11s. 9d.

SOMEHOW there seems to be an evil fate impending over projected Irish monuments. The Shaftesbury monument, though the movement for its erection commenced at Limerick very many years ago, is still not even so far advanced as the O'Connell memorial. Ample funds are in hand, but strange to say, so far from the monument being in progress, it has not even been commenced. We believe it is the fact that the committee have not had any design made for it as yet, and there is no knowing when they will. We learn from our contemporary, the Limerick Reporter, that on a day last week a meeting of the committee was held, but that no business was done. A chairman was duly chosen, the members of the committee had a friendly chat, and having thanked their chairman in the usual manner, separated. "No business was done," says our Limerick contemporary, and we are left quite in the dark as to when any business will be done.—Irishman.

THE OBSTRUCTION OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.—There is not the slightest doubt that the committee of the House of Commons which has been considering the best means of stopping the so-called obstruction will adopt a recommendation of the most stringent measure. The examination of witnesses finished today, and I learn that it is the intention of the Opposition leader and his supporters, as well as of the Ministerial members of the committee, to pass a report which will muzzle Irish members who are obnoxious by consigning them to the custody of the sergeant-at-arms. The remedy will be worse than the disease as far as the waste of time is concerned, for it is likely that after the first of the Irish members is silenced an outcry will be raised by his colleagues which will compel a reinstatement of the offending member, or a complete annihilation of the Irish national representation. Mr. Parnell will probably be the first martyr, but I have reason to believe that any penalties visited on him will compulsorily have to be inflicted on at least a score of Home Rule members who protest against the contemplated suspension.

THE COLORADO BEETLE IN COOKSTOWN.—A few days ago some gentlemen were in the Cookstown Branch of the Belfast Bank, when one of them, Mr. Robert Moran, observed a somewhat curious specimen of the animal creation crawling about on the coat of another of those present. The stranger was immediately secured, and on a critical examination was pronounced to be an undoubted specimen of the Colorado beetle. The claws which are shown in engravings of that insect were present in the usual number, and the streaks that are said to be a peculiar characteristic of it were also present, and of the regulation hue. After undergoing a thorough examination further investigation into the mysteries of banking by the intruder was cut short by its being shut up in a small tin box, in company with a supply of potato leaves. In less than twenty-four hours a considerable quantity of the leaves was completely eaten up and Mr. Moran, who had acted as its keeper, considering it injudicious to give his prisoner a wider field for the exercise of its destructive proclivities, destroyed it. How the animal arrived in this place does not seem to be accounted for. It is supposed that it came enclosed in some packages, as the person on whom it was found had been engaged immediately before in unpacking parcels received from England. Before it was destroyed several persons had an opportunity of observing it, and all agreed that it bore a striking resemblance to the drawings of the Colorado beetle.

Some mistakes have been made in this country as to the identity of some insects with the Colorado beetle, and it is more than probable (we hope) a similar mistake has been made in Cookstown.—E. J.

GREAT BRITAIN.

During July, and probably for a longer period, the pulpit of St. Paul will be occupied by the American and Colonial Bishops. Next Sunday the Bishop of Albany, N.Y., preaches in the morning, Bishop of Pennsylvania in the afternoon, and the Bishop of Ohio in the evening.

At the Pan-American Synod, the Bishops of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Niagara took part in the discussion on the relations between Bishops and Missionaries of sister churches. The Lord Mayor of London gave a dinner to the members of the Synod at the Mansion House to-night. Nearly 100 Bishops were present, when the health of the American Bishops was proposed. The Bishop of New York returned thanks to the kindness with which he and his colleagues had been everywhere received.

LONDON, July 4.—The laborers at the reservoir of the water works, struck for higher wages to-day, and indulged in considerable violence. The matter, however, is likely to be settled between the contractors and the men.

The Lord Chief Baron of England is expected to preside at the annual conference of the association for the Reform and Codification of the Law of Nations at Frankfurt, Germany, on August 20th. Bayard Taylor will assist at the conference, if his official duties permit. In well-informed circles it is the opinion that the success of the Congress at Berlin would impart a powerful impetus to a general movement toward the establishment of a code of international law, and a system of arbitration for the settlement of difficulties among nations.

CAPTURE OF A SHARK IN A WELSH SALMON RIVER.—As two fishermen, named Edwards and Jones, were drawing a salmon-net in the beautiful river Dyssyl, a few weeks ago, they were delighted with what they thought were the vibrations of a splendid head of salmon in the net. On pulling the net in, they were anything but agreeably surprised to find it contained a shark, which had evidently been committing depredations amongst the fish in the river, and was ensnared in the act. The shark was about seven feet long, and of corresponding breadth and weight, and had evidently fared well in the Dyssyl.

Referring to the rumours of a dissolution of Parliament the London correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune says:—Times are hard; there is a strong disinclination among members of the House of Commons to spend money; if spending money can be avoided; and there is a strong feeling also that a bird in the hand is worth two in a bush. Men who had out their thousands of pounds to win their seats, and have since given a thousand or more a year (in local charities and the like) to keep them, do not see why they should be disturbed before their time. Yet some of the Liberals are so sure of an early dissolution that they have already made their financial and political arrangements with a view to it. The more unlikely it is, the more they think it necessary to be ready. Lord Beaconsfield takes small account of the wishes of the rank and file of his party, and he would feel in nothing so much as catching his feet asleep.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE ROYAL VISIT TO NOTTINGHAM.—On the 23rd of July Nottingham Castle is to be opened as an art museum by the Prince and Princess of Wales, and extensive preparations are being made in the town for the royal visit. The castle, which was burnt down in 1831, has been restored under the direction of Mr. T. C. Hine, of Nottingham, and will contain very fine galleries. The Prince and Princess will be the guests of the Duke of St. Albans at Bestwood Lodge, where they will arrive on the evening prior to the opening ceremony. On their way from Bestwood to the castle they will be met by the Corporation, and a procession will be formed and will accompany their Royal Highnesses through the principal streets to the market-place, and thence to the castle. In the market-place the Sunday-school children will assemble, and will sing "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

SCOTLAND.

Early potatoes were gathered in Mull on the 28th May.

The Royal Bank of Scotland has declared a dividend of 2 1/2 per cent.

The wages of plasterers in Edinburgh are to be reduced to 2d. per hour.

Several shocks of earthquake were experienced at Comrie on Sunday, the 9th inst.

The old churchyard of Loshmahan, which is about to be closed, is over 500 years old.

The Rev. Mr. Scott, Kirkcubright, has been elected moderator of the Galloway U. P. Synod.

Mr. Spurgeon is to preach in Rothney in July. He will be the guest of Mr. Duncan, of Bonmore.

During the month of May 35,400 tons of coal were shipped from Ayr Harbor. This is the largest shipment ever recorded.

On the 1st June the Cambria Railway Co. began for the first time to carry on a passenger traffic directly to and from Ayr.

Hoodside and Burdett appear to have arisen from their long lethargic sleep, and numerous buildings are now being erected.

Seldom have the prospects of farmers been more encouraging at this season than they are this year in Dunse and the neighborhood.

The insane paupers of Glasgow are increasing at the rate of 30 per cent., and the increase is attributed principally to immoderate drinking.

Notices have been posted in the various workshops in Motherwell that a reduction of 1d per hour will be made on the wages of joiners.

William Henderson, one of the few remaining Waterloo veterans, died at Tullicygowrie on the 9th inst. He was born at Emptner on 18th January, 1792.

The Marquis of Bute has subscribed £160 toward the erection of a chapel at Whitburn, in commemoration of the resuscitation of the Romish Hierarchy.

Scarlatina has been playing havoc in many of the homes in Broaghy Ferry for some time past, and there are at present no indications of its abating.

A surgeon has been caught in the Long-rack, Bings, on the Forth. It measured 6 feet 6 inches in length, its greatest girth being 2 feet 6 inches, and weighed 95 pounds.