

Varieties.

A robbery was committed in Richmond street, on Sunday night, in the house of Mrs. Sumerville.

A new paper is to be published at St. Thomas, C. W. to be entitled the Weekly Dispatch.

The *Spectator* contradicts the rumour circulated through Hamilton of the death of Sir Allan Macnab.

The Queen of Spain, when she reviews her troops, treats them to cigars.

Two hundred and sixty-one vessels arrived at San Francisco in the months of July and August.

The canal boat "Union," loaded with 4,000 bushels of wheat, sunk, on the 26th, between Buffalo and Rochester.

The steamer "Champion" ran ashore in a fog at Raymond Point about 60 miles above Kingston on Thursday evening.

On the 20th Oct. the steamer *Financier* elapsed the side of one of her boilers, near Griggville, Ill. Seven persons were severely but not fatally scalded.

The United States Survey of the mouth of the Mississippi has been completed, and the report will be made at once to the Secretary of War.

Elizur Wright Editor of the *Boston Commonwealth*, who was charged with aiding the fugitive slave Shadrach in his escape, was acquitted on the 26th ultimo.

A fire occurred in Roxbury, Mass., on the morning of the 26th, destroyed the Union Hotel and stables, and burning four houses. Six small dwellings, and a school were also damaged.

The *St. Catharines Journal* states that an elderly man named George Grant was unfortunately drowned while attending to his duties as keeper of Lock No. 11, on the Canal.

A meeting of the Committee for the Wellington testimonial will be held in the Court House to-day at 2 o'clock for the purpose of electing office-bearers, ward committees, &c.

A custom-house officer in the Isle of Man took from several female passengers recently about 3 gal. of spirits, and several lbs of tea concealed in bustles, bottles and bladders.

William Craig of Walsingham, a very much respected young man 27 years of age, was crushed to death between two logs, while cutting in the woods there on Thursday last.

On the 26th ult. an up train on the Cincinnati, Columbus, and Cleveland Railroad, at New London, was thrown off the track by running over a cow; six cars were injured and seven persons seriously but not fatally hurt.

The *Edinburgh Witness* says—It may not be generally known that our beloved Sovereign has at Windsor, a Sabbath and a day class of children belonging to the domestics, to which she unremotingly attends when the Court is there.

A labourer on the Great Western Railroad named William Keefe was crushed to death at Burlington Heights, on Saturday last, by a large block of concrete rolling down upon him. Deceased was a widower and has left two children.

The United States Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans, gives notice that drafts to the amount of over a million dollars, transmitted to the Indian Agent, have been lost, and cautions the public against receiving them.

An insane Jew died at the House of Industry in Boston last week, at the age of 30 years. This is the first Jew that ever became a public charge in the city of Boston within the memory of the oldest city official.

On the 27th ult., H. M. ship *Devastation* brought in the schooner *Creole* as a prize. She is a British built vessel, was wrecked some time since, and bought by Americans, who refitted her, and she has been since sailing under British colors and register.

The steamer "Chief Justice" did not leave Queenston on Saturday till two o'clock, at which time there was a very thick fog on the river. She left Niagara

at four o'clock. The mails consequently did not reach Toronto early enough to be delivered in the evening as usual.

The *Huron Signal* says that bears are numerous in the neighbourhood of the township of Stratford, and several have been killed by the farmers. Wolves are also making their appearance in the same locality destroying sheep and doing other damage.

On the night of Sunday week, the dwelling house, stables and out-buildings of Mr. Priel of St. Eustache, were completely destroyed—a horse, a cow, and a pig being burned. The fire is said to have originated from the careless use of a tobacco pipe by the proprietor. No insurance.

Mr. Hyde, a lumberer at the High Falls, on the Madawaska river, was in the woods recently, when unfortunately the gun of his companion came in contact with the bush and went off and discharged its contents into Mr. Hyde's back. He is in a fair way of recovery.

The yellow fever is abating at Charleston. The deaths for the week ending on Saturday 23 ult., were sixty-eight, of which forty-five were of yellow fever. Only one death occurred on Monday, and for the twenty-four hours ending to the 26th ult., there were two deaths and four new cases.

The *Tribune* recently gave a condensed statement of the principal crimes committed in the city of New York within the previous four weeks. There were 4 murders, 2 supposed murders, 6 attempts to kill, 7 stabbings, 3 shootings, 18 savage assaults, and any number of smaller affairs. The *Tribune* graphically says, such a statement needs no comment.

An attempt at robbery was made in the dwelling of one of our citizens on Wednesday evening. His wife and child were alone in the house. The villain choked them almost to death, in seeking to extort information as to the valuables in the house, but finally gave up and went away empty. There are plenty of these devils abroad.—*Buffalo Express*.

About 6 o'clock on Friday evening a tremendous landslide occurred near Rhinebeck on the margin of the Hudson River Railroad, so completely covering the track with rock and dirt, that the communication on the road was interrupted for the night, and the passengers by the 6 o'clock train from Albany and New York were obliged to exchange trains at the point where the rubbish lay.

Messrs. Harper & Brothers have in press, and will immediately publish, the *Private Life of Daniel Webster*, from the most authentic sources written by Charles Lanman, Esq., who has for a long time past been the confidential friend and Private Secretary of the late statesman.

The price of meat in New York has risen so much that about twenty of the prominent eating houses have joined in raising the price of a common six-penny plate of meat to nine-pence. Beef has risen within two months from 10 to 15 cents a pound, and all kinds of fish have risen 25 per cent. Board that used to be obtainable for \$2.50 to \$3 a week now costs from \$4 to \$5.

Mr. Ball, Hamilton, John-street, south was found lying on his face in a pool of water near the English Church on James street, on Friday morning last, quite dead. Deceased was in the habit of rising from his bed at night to procure a strong drink, and it is conjectured that in going or returning from one of these past houses he had fallen by the way face downwards.

Extensive alterations are making in the Congressional buildings at Washington. The Hall of Representatives, in the Southern Wing, will be 180 feet by 96 and will contain 50 windows. Four hundred desks can be fitted in, for members. The galleries will hold 1,200 people. The Senate chamber will have twenty-six windows, will be 70 by 97 feet, and contain room for placing desks for 100 senators, the number eligible when there shall be fifty states in the Union.

A German gentleman, named Leidersdorff, who has just died, has left 400 thalers a year to the heirs male of Schiller for ever, as "a tribute of admiration to the poet's genius."

Wm. H. Brown of New York has now about ready for launching, a steamship of 2,000 tons, 276 feet 1 in., 43 beam and 32 hold, intended for the New York and San Francisco trade. Her machinery is preparing at the Morgan Iron Works.

The *Barges* with the Railroad Iron, transferred from Brig. "Marie Lacroix," from Halifax and stranded at Pointe aux Trembles have arrived in Port. The vessels and iron are consigned to Messrs. Naud, Young & Co.—*Montreal Herald*.

The Railway contractors, Jackson, Brassey, Price and Co., have 80,000 labourers in their employ. It is stated that when the Railway negotiations with the North American Province are completed, 10,000 of these will be transported to commence operations.

A new steamer for the *Chagres Trade* 2,600 tons burden was launched from the Dock of W. H. Webb, New York on Thursday last.

The first of Cunard's new screw steamships from Liverpool to New York, Jamaica and Chagres, is advertised to sail on the 8th of December. Her name is the *Andes*, and she will be followed by the *Alps*, *Hinn*, *Jura*, *Taurus* and *Caucasus*.

The wife of Captain George Pellett, who was so seriously burned on a canal boat at Albany, recently by her cloths taking fire, died at Little Falls on the 12th ult.

Geo. A. Steers, Esq., of New York, the builder of the celebrated *Yacht America*, is in Buffalo advising in respect to the models of the two new Steamers to be built for the Michigan Central Line.

We have been informed by a gentleman just returned from surveying in the County of Rimonski, that snow fell on Sunday the 17th instant, at about fifteen miles south east of River du Loup, to the depth of eighteen inches, having measured it in several places on Monday morning. At River du Loup on the banks of the St. Lawrence, at the distance above named, it fell at the same time to about the depth of half an inch only, and disappeared immediately.—*Mercury*, 27.

On Tuesday last, the new screw steamer *Alps*, of the Cunard line between Liverpool, New York and Chagres, was launched from the yard of W. Denny & Brothers, Dumbarton, Clyde. The *Alps* like the other ships of this line, is of iron. Her entire length is 252 feet, length of keel and fore-rake 232 feet, breadth of beam 34 feet, depth of hold 35 feet, tonnage 1,600, new measurement, with two beam engines of 300 horse power, geared to a 14 feet screw. The *Andes*, of the same line, 1,600 tons, 300 horse power, is receiving her machinery. The *Caucasus*, 1,200 tons, 180 horse power, and *Taurus*, 1,200 tons, 180 horse power, besides the *Perris*, 3,000 tons, and 1,000 horse power, are being busily proceeded with.

Biographical Calendar.

Nov.	7	A. D.	1594	Sir Martin Frobisher, died.
	8	1721	Commodore Byron, born.	
		1793	Madame Roland, beheaded.	
		1829	Thomas Hewick, died.	
"	9	1847	Mendelssohn Bartholdy, died.	
		1623	William Camden, died.	
		1721	Mark Akenaide, born.	
		1841	Prince of Wales, born.	
"	10	1848	Robert Blum, shot.	
		1403	Martin Luther, born.	
		1874	John Milto, died.	
		1697	William Hogarth, born.	
"	11	1723	Oliver Goldsmith, born.	
		1759	Friedrich von Schiller, born.	
		1813	Spurzheim, died.	
		1729	De Bougainville, born.	
"	12	1781	Dr. John Abercrombie, died.	
		1535	Bishop Gardiner, died.	
		1815	Richard Baxter, born.	
		13	1312	Edward III, of England, born.
1836	Rev. Charles Simeon, died.			

John Milton, the most illustrious of English poets, was the son of a scrivener in London, and born in Bread Street, in 1608. He was sent in the first in-