

was still unfinished and without water, one of the elephants had evidently fallen; for the marks of his feet were distinctly visible at the bottom, as well as the impress of his huge body on its sides. How he got in it was easy to imagine, but how, being once in, he had contrived to get out again was the marvel. By his own unaided efforts it seemed almost impossible for such an animal to have extricated himself. Could his comrades, then, have assisted him? There appears little doubt that they had; though by what means, unless by pulling him up with their trunks it would not be easy to conjecture. And in corroboration of this supposition, on examining the spot myself, I found the edges of the trench deeply indented with numerous vestiges, as if the other elephants had stationed themselves on either side, some of them kneeling, and others on their feet, and had thus, by united efforts, hoisted their unlucky brother out of the pit.—*African Sketches.*

News of the Week.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, Gen. Doyle, will receive gentlemen on civil business, at his residence, Belle Vue House, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock, P. M. The General, however, will be at all times ready to see any gentleman having urgent business to transact.

The City divisions of Sons of Temperance celebrated on Tuesday evening, at Temperance Hall, the 21st anniversary of their Order. The Sun says every available space in the lower hall was taken up. The Soiree, as a whole, was one of the finest ever given in the city.

Between 3 and 4 o'clock on Saturday morning a fire was discovered in the third story of Kenny's Saloon, in Granville Street, (opposite the Province Building); which spread to the roofs of the adjoining houses. The members of the Fire Department were promptly on hand, and having a plentiful supply of water the flames were speedily subdued. The damage to the buildings is estimated by the Reporter as follows:—

The Acadian Hotel, owned by the Hon. W. A. Black, is not insured, and will require about \$1000 to put it in good repair. The building occupied by Messrs. Diery & Kenny, are owned by the Hon. Joseph Howe, received damage to the amount of \$1500, but the loss is covered by insurance. The premises adjoining, now leased by J. D. Nash from Mr. Heffernan, are also insured, damage about \$150.

We learn from the Express that the up-train to Windsor on Tuesday morning was thrown off the track about 3 miles this side of Windsor, having come in contact with a train laden with gravel.—The cars were consequently delayed a short time in reaching Windsor.

The City Council, it is said, have decided to erect a building for fire hose and reel, with a belfry and bell, at the north end of Freshwater Bridge; and also to place an engine and alarm bell on the premises of the late Hon. H. Bell, at the extreme north end.

A correspondent writing from Wine Harbor on the 17th, says that the Caledonia Company have lately received 113 ozs. of gold from two tons of quartz, and that for the last three weeks, their claim has yielded from \$50 to \$100 per day, clear of all expenses.—*Journal.*

A correspondent at Canning, Kings Co., writes to the *Chronicle* as follows: Messrs. Gilliat & Chase launched a fine barque of about 400 tons a few weeks ago, called the *Prince Albert*; Jonathan Steele, Esq., launched, last week, a barque of 568 tons, called the *J. Steele*. There is on the stocks and will be launched during the next month, a barque by J. Lockhart, Esq., of some 800 tons; a ship by E. Bigelow, Esq., of between 800 and 900 tons; C. Barteaux, Esq., a barque of some 700 tons; Huntley & Jackson, a barque of 700 tons, and a schooner 150 tons; E. West, Esq., a brig of 250 tons; Messrs. Simpson, a brig of 250 tons; John Northup, Esq., a schooner of 135 tons, besides several smaller crafts.

The *Eastern Chronicle* states that tomatoes have been grown in the Garden of Dr. Johnston in Picton this season, four of which weighed three pounds, and one measured 15 inches in circumference.

The Inmates of our Asylum for the Insane were treated by Major de Havilland and a few friends, to an excursion in one of the Dartmouth Ferry steam-boats on Wednesday last. They had the Artillery Band on board. The Sun informs us that its "sweet strains had a very enlivening effect on most of the patients. Several hours were spent in steaming up and down the harbour, visiting the principal points of interest, during which fruit and cakes were freely distributed among the patients of the institution, and their mute visitors. The lively music of the Band appeared to have considerable effect on many of the patients; in a short time several of them, apparently delighted, commenced dancing on their own account, while others formed themselves for cotillions, the male patients choosing their lady partners with all the grace imaginable. The various figures in the dances were passed through in the best possible time, and with great correctness.

Mr. Hutton, Principal of the Deaf and Dumb Institution, and several of his assist-

ants, accompanied by a large number of his pupils, were present, at the solicitation of Dr. Dewolf."

They were by the same friends treated to a drive in omnibusses to Downs' Gardens on the Saturday before. The services of the Band were gratuitously given.

These acts of generosity and benevolence deserve public notice and acknowledgement.

H. M. S. Medea arrived here yesterday, from Portland, Maine, whence she conveyed Lord Lyons a few days since.

A little child, infant son of Mr. Edgar Goudey, came to its death, on the 15th inst., by drawing upon itself, during the temporary absence of its mother, a pitcher of scalding water which stood upon the table. It survived the accident only a few hours.—*Yarmouth Tribune.*

A Chatham, N. B. paper says that fearful disease, diphtheria, is rapidly spreading up and down the Miramichi river, and in numerous instances has proved fatal. A man named Murdock, who lives a mile or two below Chatham, lost within the space of two weeks, three of his daughters, and has other members of his family lying in a precarious state.

On the 3rd inst., five Indians were struck dead by lightning at Portage La-Prairie, Canada. A man and girl were also hurt by the same stroke.

We learn from the Newfoundland Express that the mail steamer, Merlin grounded on the night of the 20th ult., in a dense fog, a little to the westward of Cape Pine, when the engines were immediately reversed, which, though it did not prevent the vessel striking, was yet the means of preventing her going ashore. On being got off, it was found she leaked considerably, but she succeeded in reaching St. John's on the afternoon of the 21st.

AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE.

Washington, Sept. 23 —A number of soldiers, substitutes, of the first army corps, having been convicted of desertion, are sentenced to be shot to-day.

It is reported that the Vanderbilt was at Bahia on the 22d August.

The trunks of two trees have been sent from the battle-field of Gettysburg, one for the Pennsylvania Historical Society, the other for the Historical Society of Massachusetts. The trees were growing in a part of the field where the fiercest encounter took place, as shown by the fact that one of them has two hundred and fifty bullet holes in the trunk within the space of twenty-one feet; the other one hundred and ten bullets in about the same space.

The New York Herald says a gentleman just arrived from Richmond, where he has been in a position to learn the facts.