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CATHOLIC CALENDAR. JANUARY, 1883.

THURSDAY, 18—Chair of St. Peter at Rome. St. Prisca, Virgin and Martyr.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

AN ENGLISH MINISTER ON IRELAND. Ireland has at least one reliable friend in the British Cabinet, a man who has the courage of his convictions

words of warning, by one of its own members? To do so will be to hurry on that "madness" which is the forerunner of destruction.

FAMINE IN IRELAND.

More than two months ago, we pointed out the extreme and painful likelihood of another enforced famine overtaking Ireland before the winter of 1883 would be far advanced.

Herald use such gentle language on behalf of this human fiend? Is it because he had the "pluck"?

"Pluck" is also a very nice word, and the Herald considers it was a much nicer thing for the murderer to have when he went from bed to bed and killed a family in their sleep.

This is simply delightful, but in the first place we must say that it comes with very bad grace from a journal that deliberately falsifies the criminal statistics of our city to cover up the wrong doings of the nationality of which it is the mouthpiece.

THE SUCCESSION TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Constitution of the United States is gradually losing the complexion it bore when originally drafted. It contained the evidences of considerable wisdom, but it lacked the wisdom of experience, and this has been infused into it on frequent occasions in the shape of amendments.

the Cabinet. This plan of visiting the succession in the members of the Cabinet according to rank, presents evident advantages over the existing system; it would be equal to almost any emergency and would always provide the country with a designated and constitutional successor to the Presidency.

Our Irish exchanges team with edifying illustrations of the charming manner in which the law is administered in Ireland. At Dalyatown, County Galway, the farmers gave notice that they wanted no more hunting over their lands.

GAMBETTA AND THE PRIEST.

When Gambetta died, the cable furnished this side of the world with innumerable particulars of the ex-dictator's death, but it was very careful not to mention one which would have proved highly interesting to Catholics and freethinkers alike.

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In alluding to the alleged overtures between the British Government and the Vatican for the purpose of securing its support in the Irish troubles, says that "the Gladstone Government has always declared that it relied more upon remedial than coercive measures for the pacification of Ireland."

the cry of a bigot and of one whose horror of the Holy See blinds his judgment and disturbs his senses. The Witness will scarcely exult that it be recognized a competent judge of the influence of the Vatican. If its influence is of the nature of spiritual coercion, it is strange that more than half the civilized world is content to remain subject to it.

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A VERY BELUCOSE RUMOR.

A very belucose rumor comes from Toronto, which says that if the Mowat Government meets with success in the coming Provincial elections and is fairly backed by the people, they will send up an army of police to take forcible possession of 2,000,000 acres of land which constitute the territory disputed by the Ontario and Dominion Governments.

SOME SOFT-HEARTED PEOPLE.

Some soft-hearted people are beginning to express sympathy for the young English immigrant, the brutal murderer of the Cooke family. He is asked what he would like to have for breakfast, for dinner and for supper; he is photographed, caressed by reporters and treated more like a brave hero than the wretch and ruffian that he is.

man stepped up to the corpse and identified it as that of his daughter. He showed but little sign of grief, but deliberately proceeded to dispose of the dead woman of the jewelry which ornamented her person at her wedding, the day previous.

LETTER FROM TORONTO.

Although the six thousand and odd delegates who sat at the late Liberal Convention have scattered and gone to their homes, they have left impressions behind them which will not wear away for some time.

THE SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD.

The row for it is nothing else, that took place at the first meeting of the Separate School Board is freely discussed in the papers. It is very much to be regretted.

THE FREE LIBRARY.

has been voted by the citizens; but before it is inaugurated many difficulties will present themselves for settlement. The question of books for instance. You will remember what a failure was created by the seizure of Falne's Age of Reason and works of like nature by Mr. Patton, Collector of Customs here.