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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Death is busy! Another of our respected citizens is gone! Mr. PHILOMEN PENNOCK of Law firm of WALKER, PENNOCK & McINTYRE, is the victim this time; he died on Wednesday night of typhoid fever after a short illness, aged 33 years and 8 months. He was buried on Friday at 3 o'clock, Mr. JUSTICE GALT adjourned the Assize Court at noon to the following day, to give the members of the Bar and officials of the Court an opportunity of attending his funeral. Mr. PENNOCK was highly esteemed, and his funeral was numerously attended by the most respectable citizens of Ottawa. He leaves a wife and two children.

A correspondent writes us to say:—"Those old guns, recommended by Major General SMYTH to be sold for old metal, might be rifled at small expense, making them good effective guns, if that was done." We think the suggestion a good one and recommend it to the notice of the Major General and the Minister of Militia.

The following is good news for the lumbermen of the Ottawa:—"Recent advices received at Quebec from England bespeak a large Spring feet, owing to the active demand for Canadian timber and deals, and the small quantity in stock on the other side."

Mr. JOHN POUPORE, of Chichester, P. Q., is sending some specimens of yellow pine to the Philadelphia Exhibition. There are already at the Kenfrew station, waiting for others to arrive before shipment, two sawlogs 16 feet long and about 2 feet 9 inches in diameter, and one stick 24 feet long and 2 feet square. They are attracting much attention, especially on account of their superior quality.

The Dominion Plumbago Company are shipping splendid specimens of the mineral to Philadelphia for the Centennial.

The glass dome of the Centennial art gallery will be lighted by 2,000 gas jets. The dome is 266 feet above the level of the Schuylkill, and will be visible at night all over Philadelphia.

Brother Jonathon pays very dear for the support of his invalid soldiers. The Committee investigating the affairs of the Soldiers' Home came to the conclusion that it would be much cheaper to board all the inmates at first-class hotels dress them in broadcloth, and give them all the spending money they needed.

A society has been formed in London to promote the colonization and improvement of the Holy Land. More than a thousand Germans have already emigrated, and formed six settlements, one of which is at Jerusalem.

Sir H. Halford says he has received letters from Colonel Gilderleeve and Major Leach in relation to the proposed International Rifle Contest in America this season, but they do not alter the situation. The Scotch persists in separate representations of Scotch, and the Irish will go; but there will probably be no English team.

The gale of Tuesday last at the White Mountains was the severest known for years. Thirty feet of the roof of the Profile House, at Franconia Mountains, were blown off. Thirty rooms were uncovered, the parlor doors were blown in, and there were three inches of snow in the parlor. The carriage house, 100 feet long, was blown down, and the barn unroofed. A railroad bridge of the Mount Washington branch road was blown six feet out of line, rendering the passage of trains impossible. The Portland and Ogdensburg trains through the White Mountain Notch were cancelled on Tuesday.

The Cuban question, which has been submerged by the flood of investigations, will come to the surface in a short time. Don Carlos, now in England, it is said has received overtures to become a loyal member of the royal family, and that his pride may not suffer he will be offered the position of Governor General of Cuba, thus affiliating him with the home Government in the same manner that the Portugal royal family became rulers of Brazil after their expulsion from Portugal by Napoleon. It is the purpose of the Spanish Ministry to place a large force in Cuba and conquer peace at any sacrifice of life and money. The firmness with which this is to be done does not please the President of the United States, and Mr. Fish is wondering what will become of his State paper on foreign intervention. The Washington administration is exceedingly solicitous about the issue of events in Cuba.

The British naval estimates for the ensuing year amount to £11,288,872, a considerable increase over those of last year.

In the Italian army there now are 133 generals, 1,226 staff officers, and 9,927 captains and lieutenants.

England has spent \$1,000,000,000 on her navy within the last eighteen years.

Hong Kong advices to March 1st report increasing difficulties between the Portuguese in Mexico and the Chinese authorities at Canton. The Viceroy declares his intention to establish a Custom House on territory claimed by the Portuguese, who are preparing to resist forcibly.

The Queen gave £500 to the London Hospital on the occasion of her visit recently.

It is proposed to raise a memorial to Robert Raikes, the promoter of Sunday schools, in the city of his birth, Gloucester.

The *Times* special from Odessa says a million and a quarter is still wanting to complete the payment of Turkish coupons in January. The Ottoman Bank refuses advances. The breach between the Government and the Bank is widening.

In digging near Ceri Rome, there has been discovered a superb marble fragment of an ancient Roman calendar, containing the second half of the first five months of the year. Besides the usual indications of the days, feasts, and the different games, there is a list of principal solemnities; some of these last are quite new; others confirm conjectures which have been made by learned men on less certain indications. The most recent date which can be read is that of the dedication of the Altar of Peace by Augustus, in the 745th year of Rome.

Professor Rudolphe says that he has found out that the sun is a white, hot mass, 856,000 miles in diameter, having a surrounding ocean of burning gas 50,000 miles deep, with tongues of flame darting upward 50,000 miles, and volcanic forces that hurl luminous matter to the height of 160,000 miles.

The *Moscow Gazette*, which is always well informed in foreign matters, has suddenly changed its tone. It proposes that Turkish troops be withdrawn from the Herzegovina, and that Province either ceded to or placed under the administration of the Prince of Montenegro, who, in return, might be induced to recognize the Sultan as his suzerain. This suggestion is put forward because the *Gazette* thinks that all hope of carrying out the reform programme must be abandoned while there are Turkish troops in the Herzegovina, and while the Porte is penniless and impotent to do anything effectual, without mentioning Austria's well-known opposition to any such plans. The *Gazette* concludes by inviting England to co-operate with Russia for this purpose.

Intelligence from Slavonic sources announces that the insurgent leader Pektovic, repulsed an attack of the Turkish troops on the 25th inst., near Trebinge, capturing 300 head of cattle, 40 horses, &c. The Turks lost several men killed.

The *Nagasaki Rising Sun* says that the Buddhist religion is fast declining. In Ymashima Ken alone seventy-one Buddhist temples have been abandoned since 1873, and during the past six years nearly seven hundred temples have been converted to other purposes than those for which they were built.