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Special Notice to Subscribers

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Mr. Gladstone says he cannot release the suspects until they are incapable of being dangerous.

The public will regret to learn of the sudden death of Judge Laframboise, which took place last Wednesday while the deceased gentleman was at breakfast.

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The London Times in its forecast of the speech from the throne says the condition of Ireland is improved, and, as neither the Times nor the speech contains little of what is considered humor, we must believe that it is so.

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Voltaire said of an apothecary that his employment was to pour drugs, of which he knew little, into a body of which he knew less.

The John Dillon Branch of the Land League, in Washington, last night resolved to devote the funds usually appropriated for the expenses of the parade on St. Patrick's Day to further the cause of the League in Ireland.

This is a free continent, and folks may laugh as loudly and as long as they please at what they are pleased to term Mr. Robinson's bombastic speech in Congress. He laughs best who laughs last, and Mr. Robinson had his resolution carried, which was a list of the names of American citizens in British prisons without trial.

We have on several occasions informed the Montreal Witness that it would be well, for the sake of its reputation for accuracy, to await confirmation of cable reports before basing an editorial upon them.

GUITEAU, the murderer of the late President Garfield, was, on Saturday, sentenced to be hanged on the 30th day of next June. The law has dealt leniently with this man.

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In a few more days the British—the greatest and most powerful Parliament of the world—will meet to discuss matters of the vastest importance to itself and the Empire at large.

Great changes will be effected, or else there will be a change of Government. In the first place, an avowed Atheist and pronounced Republican of the rouge stamp will take his place on the Ministerial benches, if Mr. Gladstone's present majority prove faithful to him.

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A GRAVE SUBJECT.

It is a well attested fact that a good many people are annually buried alive. The records of every country show it, and the newspapers of to-day, faithful chroniclers of current events, annually furnish many instances of premature burial. It is only lately a case came to light in Quebec.

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Another French writer—M. Le Guern— who has devoted much labor to this melancholy subject, says that among cases, for which he can vouch, who were supposed to be dead 35 awoke of their own accord at the moment of being placed in the coffin; 13 owed their return to life through the extraordinary tenderness of friends after they had been pronounced dead; 7 were aroused from their comatose state by the fall of the coffin; 9 were brought to by the pricking of the pins with which their shrouds were being fastened, and 19 were saved by chance delays in the performance of the funeral ceremonies.

It is well known that within two or three hours after the last heart beat the entire muscular system of the body has lost its sensibility. If any attempt then be made to excite the muscles by the electric current, they will not contract.

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Farnell, metaphorically speaking, took off his coat that he might fight all the freer for Irish rights. We can remember what a frightful howl arose at that time from the English newspapers, from the throats of British landlords, a howl which was re-echoed here in America, until every one thought it would kill the League.

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Ms. Wilson's mission in payment of a debt of gratitude is progressing very satisfactorily, but not as rapidly as it should. But it is hardly fair to place all the labor on the shoulders of the Treasurer, and we would suggest that every one who appreciates the letters of "Norah," and recognizes the important services they have rendered to the cause of Ireland, should personally aid in the undertaking both by advice and example.