

IMPROVEMENT OF PAPER MANUFACTURE.—The process of manufacturing paper out of the coarsest and cheapest materials has been discovered by Mr. Deltour, Queenstown, which would be well worth the attention of large paper makers.

FEEL IN IRELAND.—The area of the bogs of Ireland amounts to 2,830,000 acres, and estimating a cubic yard of peat to weigh 550 lb., the quantity of valuable fuel from this source amounts to 6,338,666,666 tons.

CAPITAL CONVICTION.—At the Mayo Assizes, held at Castlebar, on Saturday, a woman named Bridget O'Neill was sentenced to death for the wilful murder of Bridget Richards on the 24th of June last.

MURDER IN MAYO.—Two cases—one of murder, the other of homicide—came on for trial before the Judges of Assize for Mayo on Tuesday.

THE TRIAL OF SUB-INSPECTOR BOYCE at Dundrum, Tipperary, for refusing a Catholic priest admittance to a Protestant policeman who wished to become a Catholic has been terminated.

A meeting of the Westmeath 'Tenant Right Committee' was held on March 3 at Mullingar.

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TOWN HALL FOR DROGHEDA.—The liberality of a citizen of Drogheda is about to secure for that thriving town the advantages of a Town Hall.

ON THE MORNING of the 7th ult., a man named Sinclair, a cork-cutter, residing in McAnnans-lane, off Denmark street, Dublin, committed suicide by hanging himself.

Francis Ellenbasset Obitu, Esq., of Obitu Hall, Tralee, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the county of Kerry.

On the 28th Feb., at the foot of Brandon Mountain, west of Dingle, Mr. John Fitzgerald, a respectable farmer, died at the very venerable age of 102 years.

Arthur Ormsby, Esq., in order to induce his small tenants to remain the country, has made a new setting of his lands, on lease of 21 years, and at a rent one third less than that already charged.

GREAT BRITAIN.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.—Mr. Ewart has announced his intention to bring on the subject of capital punishment very shortly. We cannot but respect the humanity of that very estimable member; but, while he is so anxious to shield the murderer from the penalty hitherto inflicted, is it not strange that he will not think of the murderer itself?

No; notwithstanding this yearly handling of the criminal class, we still seem to see it as it were in an official specimen. A camera obscura is constructed, and we see figures moving about and going through a mad career.

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bridge. The scene of devastation there is awful. Solid and substantial buildings, workshops, rows of houses, bridges, everything that opposed the course of the flood, yielded before its overwhelming might. But the loss of property, incalculable as it is at present, sinks into insignificance when compared with the awful loss of human life.

SHEFFIELD, March 13.—Every additional inquiry made into the circumstances of this appalling calamity shows that it has been much more disastrous than was at first anticipated. It is now estimated that the loss of life will exceed two hundred and fifty, and that the value of property destroyed exceeds half a million.

March 15.—Further inquiries show that the number missing exceeds any previous estimate. There are two hundred and thirty-eight known to be missing; these are one hundred and thirty-one identified, fifty-six not identified, making one hundred and eighty-seven.

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Ceman, a member of the Administration, was impugned for his supposed intimacy with M. Mazzini and his possible connexion with assassins, that gentleman, sitting next to the Prime Minister, rose, and announcing himself as a Minister of the Crown, and thereby giving due solemnity to any statement which he might make to the House, repudiated in most indignant language that he could be connected with assassins, and avowing at the same time long intimacy and perfect friendship with Mazzini, also declared that M. Mazzini was perfectly incapable of such advice, conduct or suggestion.

UNITED STATES.

THE FENIAN INMORGLIO.—The difficulty between the Fenian Brotherhood and the representatives of the Catholic Church in this diocese forms the topic of general conversation. A general idea of the point at issue has already been given in the public journals, the exact nature thereof is still somewhat like the object seen by Ezekiel—a wheel within a wheel—and it requires a considerable amount of unravelling to straighten.

Bishop Timon, of Buffalo, announces officially in his organ, the Western New York Catholic, that the 'Fenian Brothers' cannot march in procession with Catholic societies, no take part in Catholic rites and holy sacrifices.

TRACTARIANISM IN AMERICA.—On almost every bookstand in the United States there is to be found exposed for public sale a thin pamphlet, in a crimson cover, entitled 'The New Gospel of Peace according to St. Benjamin.'

Chase the dibbl round the stump: Glory Hallelujah! Gib him a kick at ebbury jump: Glory Hallelujah!

seeing that, although quite bona fide, it is a nigger hymn, and the darkies, poor creatures, are a funny but unlettered people, unversed in abstract theology.

The Lord is great, I calculate; He will the godly bless; And if I tries to keep from lies, I shall be saved, I guess.

Do not think that such doggerel meant as buffoonery; it is often intended and taken as grand serious. Sir Charles Lyell—and I may excuse myself in the shadow of that sage, in order to avert the imputation of indecorum—has drawn attention, in his 'Second Visit to the United States,' to an extraordinary Calvinistic catechism called the 'Day of Doom,' current two hundred years ago in New England, and in which the external perdition of children who die unbaptised is insisted upon, but a modicum of comfort is administered to mothers to this couplet—

in-chains-and-their-nobles-with-links-of-iron, and a Lieutenant Hew-Agag-in-pieces—which dubbed one noted politician Praise-God Barabones, whilst his brother rejoiced in the even ampler cognomen of W-Christ-had-not-died-for-these-thou-badst-been-damned Barabones.—Sala's Letters.

CANADA TO BE INVADIED.—The Chicago Times of the 11th instant, contains a speech made by Gov. Yates of the State of Illinois on the 10th inst., in which the following passage occurs:

'After speaking of his great love for the administration, and advocating the claims of Mr. Lincoln for re-election, he denounced the government for giving up Sidel and Mason, and said for the repeated insults given by the British Government 100,000 'boys in blue' would invade Canada some fine frosty morning to seek reparation for the acts of the Alabama and other cruisers built in England.'

FEDERAL PRETENSIONS VS. FEDERAL PRACTICE.—While Mr. William H. Seward is threatening old England with the vengeance of the universal Yankee nation, if English shipbuilders and merchants are not prevented from selling an unarmoured ship to the Confederates, which may afterwards, in some far-off island of the sea, meet a consort and receive the necessary ingredients to change herself into a cruising man-of-war; and while Earl Russell is making every honest, manly Englishman, who loves the proud fame of his glorious old flag, blush at the manner in which, obedient to the threats of vengeance, he is staming English law in order that he may please the great western joker; it may not be out of place to turn back the pages of time for a few short years and see what has been the policy of the Yankees themselves on this very question, when it was not their ox that was being gored by the neighbor's bull. In all the wars in which Spain engaged with her revolted colonies in America, nearly all the privateering that was done against the flag of Spain, under the various 'Patriot Flags,' was done by Americans, in American vessels, commanded by American officers; built, armed, and equipped in American ports, openly and without even any attempt at disguise. The present Admiral David Porter, who has burned so many towns and houses on the Mississippi, and who has written such very bombastic reports, served in one of these patriot cruisers, called the Guerrero, under command of his uncle Captain John Porter, who was formerly, if not at that very time, an officer of the United States Navy, and this very Guerrero was the terror of the Spanish merchant ships, and fought most gallantly with a Spanish frigate. As the poor Spanish ox was then gored, these gallant Americans were 'heroes,' not 'pirates,' as the Prophet Seward calls Southern men, fighting under their own flag, and for the country that gave them birth. Fact No. 2. When Greece was fighting for her liberty against the Turks, it had of course the sympathy of that nation founded on revolution and the right of any people to govern themselves. Two splendid frigates were openly built in New York for the Greeks, and armed and equipped. The Yankees love liberty, but they have an eye to the main chance also, and as the Greeks could only pay for one of the ships, only one of them went to Greece, the *Hellas*. The other was purchased into the United States navy, and called the *Hudson*. Fact No. 3. When Texas was at war with Mexico, a number of ships were openly built for the Texans in ports of the United States, armed, equipped, and manned by Americans, commanded by officers who resigned from the United States Navy to be promoted into that of Texas; these ships sailed openly from New Orleans, under Commodore Moore, with the *Austin* for his flagship, to cruise against Mexico and did engage some Mexican steamers. In the town of Norfolk, a United States Navy-yard, a regular rendezvous was opened, the flag of Texas hoisted, and men enlisted openly, and went out of the harbor, with the flag of Texas flying at the fore of the vessel that carried them, and drums beating.

Mr. GEORGE A. SALA on AMERICA.—Only be clever enough to keep out of the States prison and you may do anything in America which, if right were right and rogues were always trounced, would get you into Sing-Sing a hundred times over. The Spartans punished the thief, not for his theft, but for being found out. There is not one thing I declare, so lamentable and so shocking in American society as the easy and jaunty manner in which your friends tell you that men, certainly of substance and seemingly of probity, are common knaves and cozeners. You admire such a one's pictures, statues, library, his pretty wife, his blooming children. 'Ah, yes,' somebody says, 'a smart man that. The way he chizzled his father-in-law out of a hundred and fifty thousand dollars was most remarkable. I'll tell you the story.' But you don't want to believe it. You turn away sick and sorry. You look at another occupying a high post of trust under Government; you think him the sternest and uprightest of men. You are informed that he is a bankrupt New York bath-keeper; that he imprudently defrauded his creditors; yet he now has the handling of millions of public money. Go where you will, it is the same old intolerable story of robbers sitting in high places, of officials being known to have done deeds which in Europe would be thought worthy of the scourge and the branding iron; of politicians making a market of their opinions and selling their votes to the highest bidder; of Cacus—enriched by many beef contracts—on the bench and the just man in the dock. 'The just man!'

President Lincoln is said to be seeking council of spiritualists and witches, going very naturally to the devil for the help which we are afraid that potentate will not be able to afford him.

Our Federal neighbors are very anxious to propitiate the Emperor of the French, of whom they stand in wholesome awe. Last week they surrendered to the French Minister four men who had deserted from the merchant service of France and enlisted in the Federal army.—*Evening Telegraph*.

A story is related of an enterprising editor in an interior town, who finding the body of a man hanging to a lamp-post one night, after his own paper had gone to press, cut it down and carried it home, to prevent his rival from publishing the news, and was himself indicted for the murder.

The New York Evening Post of the 21st instant says:—English claims against the National Government are accumulating to an enormous extent, as a set-off in case it should ever be necessary to acknowledge a liability for devastations of the 'Alabama.' Every steamer and cargo condemned by the prize courts in New York is made the subject of a claim against the U. States. The papers relating to these claims now full twenty bound volumes, and there are enough to make twenty more.

Victory!—What a cheering, heart stirring word, that implies long struggles, determined action, patient suffering, and ultimate success. A victorious army marching with all the pomp of glittering arms and rolling drums is a glorious sight, but the conqueror of disease, though an obscure soldier, is none the less entitled to our encomiums. Let us then cherish the memory of N. H. Downs, the inventor of the celebrated Balsamic Elixir for coughs and colds. Sold every where, price 25 cents.

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