

A PUBLIC EXPRESS MESSENGER.

THE STAR

Harbor Grace, June 25, 1874.

On Friday night last, as the Atlantic express, which leaves Chicago at 5 16, was passing between New Buffalo and Niles, Mich., two unknown men pried open the front door of the express car and knocked down S. B. Heath the Messenger, who was sorting his money packages for the different stations. Mr. Heath is a medium sized man, who has been in the employ of the American Express Company for eleven years. He was alone in the car at the time, which had all its doors locked, and was lighted by a single candle. The robbers are supposed to have got upon the front platform while the train was stopping at Minnigan City. Suddenly, says the Detroit "Tribune," Heath saw a man's foot near the safe, and comprehended instantly that he was in danger, but before he had time to raise his face so as to see that of the intruder, he was struck a violent blow on the forehead by the man standing near him, who put out the light, and seizing a package of money, darted to and out of the front door, the lock of which was afterwards found to be forced off. Before Heath, partially stunned by the blow, could do anything to the escape of the first man, he was attacked by another, who had also got into the car. A terrible struggle ensued between this fellow and Heath. The latter had a revolver in his pistol pocket, but the hammer had caught in his cloth, and for a long time he was unable to get it out. The robber had a large knife, but it slipped from his hand when he first attacked the messenger, and he did not regain possession of it. The two closed and struggled in the darkness all over the car each striking the other repeatedly, and endeavouring to disable his opponent. At last, after receiving some severe injuries himself, Heath, who was then underneath, succeeded in getting his revolver out, and shot the robber through the head, the ball entering near the ear. The fellow was not instantly killed, but he was disabled and rolled off the messenger upon the floor, where he lay unconscious until the train reached Niles. The messenger, who, from the blows about the head and body which he had received from the two men, had been very badly hurt himself, and was covered with blood, became unconscious also as he fired, and knew nothing more until the train rolled over the long bridge just west of Niles. The rumbling restored him to his senses, and as the train ran into the station at Niles he called for assistance, being too weak and prostrated even to rise from the floor. The station and train men poured into the car and found Heath, covered with blood, lying on the floor. Near him was the man whom he had shot, just gasping his last. He died within a few seconds after the train men at the station entered the car. He was a large, powerful man, altogether a stronger man than Heath, and but for the loss of his knife, would undoubtedly have killed the messenger very quickly. At the last advice from Niles no one had been found who recognized him, though the country in the vicinity was thoroughly aroused, and detectives from Chicago were there, including Mr. Pinkerton. Most of the express company's money was found in the safe, but one package containing \$1200 was discovered lying upon the floor, where it had been thrown in the scuffle. The front door of the express car was found to have its locks forced off, and the men had evidently entered from the front platform. So great is the noise made by the running of those heavy express trains that the forcing of the door by the robbers had been entirely unheard by Mr. Heath, and the men were upon him before he was aware that intruders were within the car. The man who escaped carried off with him \$2,700 in money, and seems to have left his companion to his fate. Where he jumped from the train has not yet been ascertained, but it was probably at Three Oaks or at Galien station, some distance west of Niles, and through which the train, being somewhat ahead of time, ran slowly. It is thought by the railway men that the could have jumped off safely at either place. Heath did not sustain injuries of a dangerous character, though his head was badly cut and bruised, and he will be in poor shape for business for a week or so. He has been threatened with violence twice before while in the service of the Company, once being shot at in car, and once being attacked in the street in Detroit at night, as he was coming from the depot. In neither case did he receive any injury or lose any money.

Quite a sensation was created in Toronto a few weeks ago by the senior member of a firm of auctioneers giving the junior member a sound thrashing and then having obtained a chair mounted and took down the sign and got a buggy and drove off. The dispute arose from one member accusing the other of appropriating the funds of the firm to his own use.

OUR Bonavista Correspondent, writing on the 13th inst., says:—"Ever since the beginning of the month we have experienced nothing but unseasonable backward weather. Cold winds and rain are of daily occurrence; these, too, greatly retard the progress of the fishery, as on some days it is so cold and rough that boats cannot put out. This sort of weather also tends to keep the herring off, which is so largely required as bait. On such days as boats were out, the catch averaged from 3 to 5 qtls. Skiffs one half to 2 qtls. Salmon are scarce, and very few have been got anywhere in the bay. Winds this month have prevailed from north and east."

THE Total Abstinence and Benefit Society's new hall is rapidly drawing to a finish. Perseverance and activity seem to be the sole object of the parties connected with the work. The front, now partly finished, will, we have no hesitation in saying, be the prettiest piece of work, connected with any public building, in the country. It seems that the Building Committee keep their eye to business, and are ably assisted by the master builder, Mr. Moses Nicholas. Success to the cause.

YESTERDAY being the Festival of the Patron Saint of the above Society, (St. John the Baptist) the flag of the Society was for the first time raised on the new hall, and in the evening the Society's Band paraded through Water Street. The young gentlemen have made wonderful progress, considering the short time they have been practising. Great credit is due to the Band's instructor, our young and learned friend, Mr. D. A. Flynn.

A LARGE quantity of fish was taken in this neighborhood on yesterday.

BY AUTHORITY. His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned Gentlemen to be Boards of Road Commissioners for the places set over their names respectively: BAY ROBERTS. Messrs Charles Dawe, Isaac Bartlett, Stephen Parsons, Charles French, Mark Delaney, and John Jardine.

COLEY'S POINT. Messrs Eli Dawe, John Kelly, Robert Parsons, John French and Abraham Morgan.

BURIN. Messrs F. Berteau, Richard Marshall, Patrick O'Neil, Denis Gorman, Geo. Bishop John Weir and Samuel Darby.

ST. LAWRENCE. Messrs Emmanuel Pike, James Reeves, sr., Richard Quirk, Henry Fitzpatrick and George Pike, sr.

LAMALINE. Messrs John Pitman, Thos Haley, John Fleming, George Cake and Thomas Pitman, Sr.

His Excellency in Council has also been pleased to appoint Charles Middleton De Quetteville, Esq., to be a member of the Board of Education at Burgeo, in place of the late James P. LeGros, Esq. Secretary's Office, June 23, 1874—Gazette.

Owing to the loss of the "Niobe" Her Majesty's ship "Spartan" Captain Richard Carter, will be the Senior Officer's ship on this station during the present summer. This vessel has been ordered here from Barbados, and may be looked for about the first week in July. The "Woodlark," Commander Howarth, is expected during the present week. Vice Admiral Wellesley, C. B., has intimated to His Excellency the Governor his intention to visit Newfoundland in Her Majesty's ship "Bellerophon," Captain Richard Wells, about the end of next month. The "Bellerophon" is a large iron clad of nearly 5000 tons and 1000 horse power, and carries 15 guns of large calibre.—Newfoundland.

We neglected to state ere this that the Church Ship "Laverock" left this port on Wednesday last, having on board the Right Rev. the Coadjutor Bishop of Newfoundland, and on his annual visitation to the external settlements of the colony. His Lordship was accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Taylor the clergyman of Brigus, and the Rev. Mr. Wren, lately ordained.—Times.

The colored Catholics of St. Augustine's church, Louisville, Ky., have signed an address to the Pope, which they send by the hand of their pastor Father de Meuldre who goes out with the pilgrimage.—They also sent the Pope a gold-headed cane.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE H. G. STAR.] DEAR SIR,—

I notice that Mr. Shea's name figures pretty conspicuously in the Standard of late. It seems the Editor of that luminary must have "Shea on the brain." That individual (Shea) when in Harbor Grace, made very fine promises (Ambo like) few if any, of which have been fulfilled. I think he has made himself obnoxious to a large number of influential persons in this district. Parties that at one time upheld him "tooth and nail," are lamenting their folly. I learn from reliable sources that he will find that the people of Bay Roberts, have detected the ruse practised on them, and are determined not to be cajoled any longer by a few political schemers. Mr. Shea promised to come often to the district, and give an account of his stewardship. The people find they cannot depend on him, and are determined, as they say, to "give him the sack." I suppose the Editor of the Standard has a "special object" in view, otherwise, he would not eulogise an individual who has never exerted himself, in any way for the benefit of this district. I noticed in reading the debates of the Assembly, that an address was presented in reference to the petition of the Rev. B. Jones, our respected Episcopal minister, on the subject of a road to the cemetery; but it seems it did not meet with the approval of that learned body; in short, the money was not granted for that purpose. During the power of the late Government, parties raised the hue and cry, that this district got comparatively nothing; under the present administration we were to have a public landing place at Bears Cove, Spaniards Bay and Bay Roberts; how many of these and other promises have been fulfilled? The ruling King of this district boasts of his power; but let the people for once make a bold stand and select men from amongst our hardy fishermen: men that will uphold the rights of their oppressed brethren, whether Anti's or Cons; men who will not be influenced in any way, but seek to benefit the thousands of the working classes, whose pride and ambition has been ground out of them by that abominable "truck system." More anon. Yours, &c., A FISHERMAN'S FRIEND.

June 25.

[FOR THE STAR.]

INTERMENT OR CREMATION? The question now that agitates The feelings of the nation, Is one well worth some sound debates; Interment or Cremation?

Disgusted much and justly too. Are those whose acclamation, Sets forth the ills, bound to accrue From practising Cremation.

'Tis held that for to burn a friend, Is direful profanation; That such a course before the end, Is one too much Cremation.

That theory at once presumes, All members of creation Are doomed to everlasting fumes, And fiery, hot Cremation.

But is that so? ah, no! we know, That human destination, Shall not be thence, and hence we show Our hatred of Cremation.

Yet there are some, who might full well Pay toll to inclination, Whose lives are just, and not a sell Like premature Cremation.

If all must burn when comes the end, Of this our habitation, 'Tis silly work, to try defend Ad interim Cremation.

One time's enough, for some at least, To suffer consumption; The bad need not, the good may feast Their bones on vile Cremation. B. BROWN.

Bonavista, June 13, 1874.

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IN MEMORIAM, STEPHEN SNOW, DIED, MAY 15th, AGED 33 YEARS.

In manhood's prime he hath passed away In the springtime of life he was doom'd to decay, No wishes of friends, no affections could save His mourned for life, from the grasp of the grave.

In the sweet sleep of peace he rests for all time, His soul hath forsaken this sorrowful clime, For his God was his hope, his Saviour his stay, And now His has called His servant away.

Fond hearts there are aching, and many's the tear, That still silently falls to his memory dear For remembrances sweet, arise to remind, Of his nature so gentle, so noble and kind.

See the bereaved ones, their hearts strung with grief Yet bow to God's will, 'tis their only relief, And give consolation, a balm to the heart: They may meet once again where death cannot part.

Life is but short, and man's days are but few, Like the flowers we over his grave softly strew, The soul, unlike these forever shall bloom In celestial spheres beyond the dew. B. June 15, 1874.

LOCAL.

(From the St. John's Chronicle) Messrs. J. & W. Stewart's steamer Banger made the run to New York in 8 days.

Messrs. W. Grieve & Co's steamer Tiger arrived yesterday afternoon, in 17 days from Greenock.

We learn that a telegram has been received by a gentleman in town to the effect that the schooner Trefoil, which cleared here for Halifax on the 30th May and for whose safety some fears have been entertained, has arrived at her destination.

The bait-skiff Enterprise arrived on Sunday evening with ninety barrels caplin, taken at Chapel Arm Trinity Bay, on Saturday. She reports seeing the Isa de la rouding Baccaieu. This first trip of the new skiff evinces good seed [7 1/2 knots] and other qualifications which fit her for the service.

The Heather Bell, a new boat designed by a young man in the employ of Messrs J. & W. Stewart, and intended no doubt to take a part in the aquatic sports at Quidi Vidi the coming season, may have been seen gracefully gliding over the placid waters of our harbor. The Heather Bell has recently been imported by the Porteus, costing the young men in the above firm a no less sum than £60. She measures about 30 feet in length, with a depth of two feet.

The American whaling schooner Abby Blanford, J. B. Fisher master arrived at this port at 8 o'clock yesterday morning with about seventy barrels sperm oil. The "A. B." left New Bedford on the 12th May, harpooned two whales on the edge of the Gulf stream, the two of which she succeeded in capturing. The oil will be reshipped here and the vessel will resume her voyage, proceeding to Cumberland in et. Capt. Fisher reports encountering very heavy weather with large quantities of ice.

The alarm of fire yesterday evening proceeded from the fact that a little more smoke than usual was being emitted from a chimney on Gower Street opposite Browning's tannery. How absurd it is to be dragging away at that confounded old fire bell nearly every day and alarming the citizens, not to speak of the inconvenience to tradesmen who are members of the fire company, and are obliged to vacate their workshops and race around town in search of something inflammable to turn the hose upon. Policemen should be on the look-out for such vandals as was exhibited in yesterday's alarm, on which occasion there was not as much as a blaze.

SUDDEN DEATH—It is our painful duty to record in to-days issue the sudden death, caused by heart disease, of our esteemed townsman Mr George Branscomb which melancholy event took on Wednesday morning about 8 o'clock. Deceased had been suffering from this distressing malady for some time, but the most serious symptoms were evinced on Tuesday morning, accompanied by vomiting of blood, when Dr Renouf was called and the vomiting arrested. The Doctor however, was again summoned about half-past five on Wednesday morning, but little could be done for the patient, who expired soon after. Capt Branscomb was well known and respected by all classes of our community, and leaves a wife and child, with whom we earnestly sympathize in this sad calamity. B. BROWN.

SUPREME COURT—The Chief Justice on Monday delivered a clear and exhaustive judgment upon the points raised for consideration of the court in the cases taken by Hon R. J. Pinsent and D. J. Greene, Esq. against Messrs Ayre and Bowring respectively for the penalties incurred by them (as is contended) for accepting offices of emolument after taking their seats in the Assembly as members. The judgment was in favor of the plaintiffs, and against Messrs Bowring and Ayre. Mr. Justice Robinson had been unable from pressure of business, to prepare a written decision, but he delivered orally a very interesting exposition of the case, and Mr. Justice Hayward followed expressing in clear and concise terms his concurrence in the judgment of the Chief Justice.

CRICKET—A grand Cricket Tournament is to commence at Halifax on August 18th to be continued on following days. Two days are set apart for a match between England and America, followed by Canada vs America. England vs Canada, to conclude with Halifax vs All others. The Mayor awards a silver challenge cup valued at £20 to the champion eleven in three first matches. £10 is to be presented to the highest individual batter. £5 for the best average bowler, besides a competition for bats, balls, &c. How would it do to send an eleven from Newfoundland—surely these aquatic carnivals and cricket tournaments should not be taking place so near our order, without a representation from the ancient colony? Come, sir, up, mechanics! Cricket Club, you have two months to practice in before this world reputed match comes

off, and even though you sustain a defeat it will not be an ignoble one, as the great cricketers of the world will compete. If you come back victorious it will be something more to boast of than if you merely won local laurels from the Phoenix of Halifax, who at best have never yet beaten an eleven of any repute.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE—A most remarkable case of somnambulism occurred in Kichham's lane about one o'clock on Wednesday morning, whereby a little daughter of Mr. James Avery had a narrow escape with her life by falling from an upper window of her residence to the ground a distance of about twenty feet. The particulars of the case, as far as we could glean them, are simply these. Little Lizzie Avery is about eight years of age, and though in the habit of sleeping with a female domestic, retired alone on the night in question to an attic room, from which sounds of speaking as though made by the child in her sleep, were soon after heard by one of the other two females in the house and about one o'clock the attic window was heard to rise, when presently the household were alarmed by the cries of the child, who had by some means contrived to get through the small aperture, and fell to the ground below, sustaining, happily no more serious injury than spraining both ankles. On examination of the premises afterwards it was found that the window through which the child passed would require considerable force to raise the sash more than twelve inches, which would lead to the supposition that she must have crawled out feet foremost. About three weeks ago the same child somnambulated from her bedroom at the hour when churchyards yawn and appeared before a member of the family, who was writing in a down stairs apartment.

We copy the following from a late Canadian paper:

"Captain Burke master of the Nautilus of Quebec from London to this port, reports: sailed from London on May 2nd, and from the Downs on May 4th. About midnight on the 13th May a me ancholy affair happened on board. Andrew Gomez fatally stabbed John Fahey in the abdomen with a sheath knife whilst he was asleep in his watch below. Immediately after Gomez mortally wounded Fahey he leaped overboard and was never seen afterwards. Fahey lived about thirty-six hours in dreadful agony, and died on the 15th May. Subsequently the captain was informed by the crew that Fahey and Gomez had had some altercation in the fore-castle some four days previous Fahey struck Gomez and knocked him down. This was the cause of Gomez committing this wilful and deliberate murder. Gomez was a coloured man, twenty six years of age, and a native of Gambia in Africa. Fahey was thirty-three years of age, and a native of St. John's, Nfld."

Fahey is evidently a brother of Owen Fahey, who was stabbed about six years ago in Job's Lane by a man named Madgen.

SUPREME COURT—The Judges have extended the term for the fullest time prescribed by law and sat until Thursday being the third day of the trial of the second case against the Newfoundland Mining Company by one of the men for wrongful discharge from the LaManche mine on the 27th April last. The former case had been adjusted for the plaintiff by a special jury and the court had expressed the hope that the other cases would be settled. The jury on Thursday after having been confined for seven hours could not agree. The foreman reported eight against four. The Chief Justice directed them to retire and to endeavour to arrive conciliatorily at a verdict, and after an hour called them again into court when they were discharged without rendering any verdict. The Court expressed its regret and again suggested an amicable settlement. It is worthy of note that one of the jurors empaneled on this sat upon the former trial. It is also noteworthy that Thursday's case was supported in favor of the plaintiff by a great deal of additional and independent testimony of the Police and District Judge Prowse, called for the defence, who, amongst other things stated that the representations made by defendants' agent by telegram had "taken him in," and that although he did not hear Cobu dismiss the men he heard several of them ask for their twelve months wages, heard great anxiety expressed by defendants' agent that the men should go, and deposed that he had never heard greater falsehoods uttered in a Court of Justice than those on the part of the defendants about the conduct of the miners and the police, on the former trial when he (Judge Prowse) was not called. He also produced a telegram signed by the company's agent, promising to pay all necessary expenses while that witness on the former trial had stated that he did not know that the company was to bear the expenses, in fact that nobody had "authorification" to pay the same. The defendants called another additional witness in support of their case. It is greatly to be regretted that in this disagreement amongst the jury the miners are left without redress if they be entitled to it, and will be thrown upon the city for some months unless their application to the Governor for a special term of the court which we hear is petitioned for, be acceded to. Their Lordships have worked hard during the term, and have expended all the powers that we understand the law gives them for the extension of term, but we doubt if, after all, they will object to a short additional sitting to dispose of this litigation. We have no desire to prejudge the cases and we pass no opinion upon them, we merely give a note of correct events.

From late

Disraeli says of teen bills of dominion come before Parliament members to be discussed.

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