

BREVITIES.

Col. Frei, the Swiss minister at Washington, has resigned.

The Berlin Telegraph says Bismarck's retirement from the ministry is again doubtful.

The cholera at Calcutta is increasing. There were 253 deaths for the week ended April 12th.

Guritsch & Sons, an old Vienna leather firm, have failed with liabilities of two million florins.

The steamer Barcelona, from Montreal for London, has been in collision with a schooner off the Nova Scotia coast.

The excess of value of imports over exports in the United States for the month ended April 30th was \$4,268,000.

The shipment of hogs into Manitoba from the United States, except for immediate slaughter, has been forbidden.

The Leeds liberals struck out the word "wisdom" in a resolution relative to the government's Egyptian policy.

The melting works at Kingston, Ont., have been acquired by a Montreal company, and will shortly resume work.

Dr. Pierce, of Worcester, Mass., has been found guilty of manslaughter in causing the death of a patient through malpractice.

A commission will soon be organized to enquire into the cause of the spread of nihilism in the Russian army and navy.

In the examination of the alleged Tulbur-erary conspiracy seven of the prisoners were committed on charges of treason-felony.

Edward Wilson (colored), the oldest citizen of Petersburg, Va., is dead, aged 105 years. He had been the father of forty-nine children.

The Khelive has written to Queen Victoria asking that Col. Baker be reinstated in the British army in view of his great services in Egypt.

The total mileage of new railway in the United States this far this year has been 885 miles, a total 1,460 miles at the corresponding time in 1883.

The daughter and prospective heiress of Crawshaw Bailey, one of the wealthiest iron masters in Wales, has eloped with Gordon Canning, a Catholic.

There is great excitement at Oak Creek, Wis., over the action of the relatives of Horace Baldrin in saving of his legs when he fell last week, to make his body fit his coin.

Complaint is made of the illegal conduct of U. S. fishermen who cross to the Canadian side of the St. Lawrence, between Brockville and Kingston.

The Grand Duke Louis of Hesse persists in his demands for a legal separation from Mme. Kademir. She has referred her case to the Hessian minister.

In the Lewis contested election case, Judge Canon has given judgment, dismissing with costs the preliminary objections to the form of Dissent, petitioner.

Several parties in the vicinity of Ottawa are urging their claims against the United States Government for services rendered during the rebellion of 1861.

The Princess Elizabeth, of Hesse, daughter of the late Princess Alice, of England, was married at Hamm on Monday, to Prince Leopold, hereditary Prince to the throne.

Ferdiand Ward has written stating he never had any transactions with President Arthur and the President was not interested in any of his contracts.

Several attachments have been issued against the Glendon Iron Co., Danville, Va. The company's liabilities are for \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Mrs. Courtwright, a loose character, has been arrested at Deckertown, N.J., on a charge of attempting to poison her two children.

The Cubans in New Orleans have received encouraging news of the progress of the revolution. It is said a great many planters have joined Aguerre.

Don Pacheco, one of the earliest Spanish-American settlers of Contra Costa County, California weighed 425 pounds at his funeral the other day.

Bishop Arthur Cleveland Coxe says that the play houses of Western New York are worthy of Solomon and Gomorrah, and that the grand juries ought to indict them as nuisances.

The gambling halls of Europe are full of monotonies. They think they have discovered some system by which to break the bank. But the bank always breaks them at last.

Wales has attained a new distinction in his promotion to the position of patron of the Temporary Home for Lost and Starving Dogs, of which institution the Earl of Onslow is president.

General "Sam" Cary says he intends to travel through Maine all summer and lecture on the necessity of prohibition. He will carry a tent which will hold 2,000 people along with him.

A Santa Barbara, Cal., man realized \$1,100 from an acre and a half of strawberries last season. This year he has been selling about \$50 worth daily, at wholesale prices, from the same patch.

A Shanghai despatch says the recent Franco-Chinese convention meets with but little favor in many quarters. Forty-seven petitions for the impeachment of Li Hung Chang have been sent to the Emperor.

The stream of German emigration is again rising, the total number of those who left the Fatherland for America in the first quarter of this year having been 29,782, as compared with 28,291 in the same period of 1883.

Few cities in this country contain so much beauty within their limits as Savannah, Ga. Twenty-four parks, or squares, each with several acres of tall trees, and smooth lawns, adorn different parts of the city, and give breathing places for the inhabitants.

Fifteen hundred miners in the third pool on the Monongahela river, have struck on account of a reduction of wages. A meeting will be held in Monongahela city to consider the advisability of a general strike in four pools.

Noah Sellers and David Cook, farmers, of Newnan, Ga., quarreled over the attentions paid by the latter to the former's wife. Sellers shot Cook, but the latter banquaged the wound, went to Sellers' house and eloped with Mrs. Sellers.

Clara and Lulu Snyder, aged 10 and 14, were struck by lightning at Harrisburg, O., while standing at the window on Tuesday evening. One was killed and the other cannot recover. The mother of the children was badly injured.

Thursday was the day fixed upon in Rapides Parish, on the Red River in Louisiana, for the vote on the question of liquor license or prohibition. The women of the parish, with hot coffee and cold lemonade, which they offered to the thirsty voters, stood at the polls all day urging the men to cast their votes for no license. So far as heard from the woman carried the day.

THE ONTARIO CONSPIRACY.

Toronto, May 28.—In the conspiracy case argument took place to-day before the Queen's Bench divisional court on the rule taken out by the defendants calling on the crown to show cause why all proceedings taken for the arrest of the demurrer should not be set aside on the grounds that the return to certiorari was not made when those proceedings were taken, and that the defendants had not yet appeared or been called upon to plead to the indictment in a supreme court. Counsel for the crown contended that the proceedings were regular and that defendants were bound by their recognizances to appear and argue the demurrer; therefore, if there was any irregularity in setting down the demurrer for argument before calling upon defendants to plead, it was waived by defendants' own act. Counsel for defendants argued that after the certiorari, the crown must commence de novo, and as to the recognizances that defendants could not by their act change the recognized practice. Judgment was reserved.

It is understood that on account of the recent demand made by the Canadian banks on the Government for gold, the sum of £200,000 sterling has been ordered from England by the Government, and will be here in the course of a week or ten days.

A FACT.

There are oils white, and oils black. Put up in bottles short and tall. But Haysard's Yellow Oil, for pain, Is the very best oil of all.

It cures rheumatism, neuralgia, deafness, sprains, bruises, contracted cords, sore throat, frost bites, burns and all soreness of the flesh. It is for external and internal use.

Car couplers on the New England Road have been supplied with coupling sticks to guide the links in coupling cars. The employees are notified that any of them who is injured while coupling cars without the aid of a stick will not receive any assistance from the company.

A CELEBRATED CASE.

The remarkable case of W. A. Edgars, of Frankville, who suffered from disease of the liver and kidneys so badly that all hope of recovery was abandoned. He remained ten and thirteen days without action of the bowels. Four bottles of Barkley Blood Bitters restored him perfect health, which he had not known for twenty years before.

A wonderful mirage was seen recently over Nunjoo, Me. People were surprised at seeing apparently a brick house some six stories high, the colored bricks, the windows, and all being plainly seen, floating in the air.

HOW TO CURE A COLD.

Take some gentle opening medicine, bathe the feet in warm water, adding a spoonful of mustard; remain indoors; equalize the circulation with warm bath and friction; drink warm ginger tea, and take Haysard's Pectoral Balsam, the most perfect and the safest cough cure that can be procured.

Mrs. Emelie Mueller sued a St. Louis variety theatre for salary due her on an engagement, and the defence was that her face did not suit the fastidious audiences of the Alhambra.

REMARKABLE RESTORATION.

Mrs. A. O'Brien, 372 Exchange street, Buffalo, was supposed to be dying with consumption and abandoned by her physician. She suffered terribly and was reduced to flesh to ninety pounds. In this condition she resorted to Barkley Blood Bitters, and now enjoys perfect health and weighs one hundred and forty-six. She will gladly answer enquiring sufferers on receipt of U. S. postage stamp.

Philadelphia is very proud of a young native, Miss Mattie L. Megee, still studying in Paris, but who has been invited to sing soprano solo parts at the next Birmingham festival.

SAVED FROM THE SCALPEL.

A Toronto lady, Mrs. Berkenshaw, contracted a disease of the knee joint and was advised to submit it to a surgical operation by the best physicians attending, all other treatments having failed, when Haysard's Yellow Oil was tried and speedily effected a cure. It is the infallible remedy for accidents and emergencies, and is for external and internal use.

Thomas Murray dropped his cigar while smoking in his bed-room in New York. It fell on powder flask, and the explosion blew his right hand off.

OUR HABITS AND OUR CLIMATE.

All persons leading a sedentary and inactive life are more or less subject to derangement of the Liver and Stomach which, if neglected in a changeable climate like ours, leads to chronic disease and ultimate misery. An occasional dose of McFale's Compound Butternut Pills will stimulate the liver to healthy action, keep up the Stomach and Digestive Organs, thereby giving life and vigor to the system generally. For sale everywhere. Price, 25c per box, five boxes \$1.00. Mailed free of postage on receipt of price in money or postage stamps.—B. E. McFale, chemist, Montreal.

Washington claims to have reached the perfection of electric lighting. Locomotive reflectors are placed on the Capitol dome, and on top of the Treasury, with an ordinary Brush-Swan light. The two illuminate Pennsylvania avenue between them, just a wife and a half, so that one can read a newspaper at any point.

EPPS'S COCOA.—(GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.) By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful preparation of the fine properties of well selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a deliciously flavored beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle poisons are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure food and properly nourished frame.—Civil Service Gazette.

Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in packets and tins, (4lb and 1lb) by Grocers, Druggists, and James E. & Co., Homoeopathic Chemists, London, England.

THE LATEST DYNAMITE HOAX.

It was known that a certain smart U. S. young man had studied chemistry for six months; had ordered a sectioned hand-bag and sailed for England. It was subsequently ascertained that he had made several visits to a clock and watch maker before leaving. The cable was used to cause his arrest on arrival, and a trio of metaphysicians were summoned to open the bag, which, in view of probabilities, were regarded as patriotic heroism of the highest order. The official verdict reported 23 samples of Johnston's Fluid, 10,000 circulars, a shirt collar, and a box of tooth-picks.—Hall Budget.

THE HUDSON'S BAY EXPEDITION.

OTTAWA, May 29.—Arrangements for the Hudson's Bay expedition are being rapidly pushed forward. The charter of the steamer Neptune dates from the 15th July. She will be fitted up at Halifax and coal at Pictou, from whence she will sail about the 17th August, arriving in the straits about the end of the month. The first work will be to locate six parties at different points of observation, who will be provisioned and left for the winter, the steamer returning for them in the spring. The Neptune will cruise about the straits till October. Lieut. Gordon, R.N., will have charge of the location of the meteorological observations, and Dr. Bell will have charge of the geological branch. The commander of the expedition has not yet, I believe, been selected. As an evidence of the interest which is being taken by outsiders in this expedition, it may be mentioned that numerous applications for permission to accompany it have been received from England, the United States and other countries.

KNIT GOODS MANUFACTURERS.

Counters, May 28.—The New York State Knit Goods manufacturers have resolved to send every knit goods manufacturer in the United States a circular embodying the following three agreements:—The stoppage of manufacturing and output of goods from June 15, for 60 days; or the total stoppage from June 15, for 30 days, or the one-half time from June 15, for 60 days, in the hope to give tone to prices.

TESTING A SAFETY SWITCH.

OTTAWA, May 29.—Some interest was manifested on a trial to-day of Cook's patent safety switch used in conjunction with Baker's safety switch stand, which took place at the Union Station, at the instance of the Railway Safety Appliance Company of Canada, in presence of a number of railway men, including Mr. Schrieber, Chief Engineer of Government Railways, and Mr. Trudeau, Deputy Minister of Railways. The invention, it is stated, had been already adopted by some of the leading railways of the Eastern States and the Canadian Pacific Railway. It consists of a combination of pieces of steel rail so arranged that should the switch be misplaced or open to an approaching train the latter will not leave the track, but run on to the main line as though the switch had been properly thrown. Several trials with an engine and cars running at a high rate of speed were made over the switch thrown open for the purpose, the train, in place of leaving the track, passing over and on to the main line. The company purpose entering upon the manufacture of their patents at once with head office at Ottawa.

FIRE EXTRADITION OF SWINDLERS.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The reported escape to Canada of some of the bank officers who have recently betrayed their trusts in New York has sharply called attention to the defects of our extradition treaty with Canada, as under the existing treaty embezzlement, swindling and fraud of the various kinds disclosed recently in New York are not extraditable offences. There has been a disposition to charge the responsibility for the absence of such a treaty to the inactive foreign policy of the present administration, or to the British Government. It would seem that the burden of the blame ought to be shifted. Our State Department has more than once called the attention of Congress and of the treaty-making power to the defects in the existing treaties, and recently has again emphasized this fact in special letters from the Secretary of State to some of the embassies. A communication from British Minister West, which indicated very clearly that the Canadian Government is quite disposed to modify the existing treaty in these particulars. The apathy in this matter is, as in all similar treaty matters, quite as chargeable to the Senate as to the administration. The Senate does not appear to feel the burden of any responsibility in these questions, and year after year passes without any energetic effort to correct the evil.

THE CURR MURDER.

Toronto, May 28.—At the adjourned inquest on the body of the murdered man Curr (reported Kerr heretofore), held to-night, important evidence was given in writing by George B. Bromfield, a deaf-mute, who testified that he saw from his window three men and a woman quarrelling near the scene of the murder and one man strike another a blow which fell him to the ground. He then saw the two men place the fallen man against the fence in the position in which he was found. A sensational and dramatic scene took place on Bromfield being requested by him to look round the fence and see if he could identify any of the men, when he laid his hand upon the prisoner Falvey's shoulder. Bromfield then wrote that the man he touched on the shoulder was the one who struck the blow. He thought the woman who was with them most like the woman who was with the man. The other witnesses' evidence was not of importance. The inquest was again adjourned till Tuesday night.

Toronto, May 29.—A discovery which may throw some light on the Curr murder was made to-day. It appears that on Tuesday evening two men called at the office of Parker's dye works, leaving a parcel containing a suit of clothes to be cleaned. Yesterday morning on the parcel being opened, it was observed that the whole front portion of the suit was stained with blood. The clothes are those of a man unacquainted to manual labor. The detectives now have charge of them, but are considerably mystified, as the suit does not apparently belong to Falvey, the prisoner to whom suspicion has hitherto strongly pointed, and whom Bromfield, the deaf-mute, identified as the man who struck the fatal blow.

THE DERBY.

LONDON, May 28.—The race for the Derby resulted in a dead heat between St. Gatien and Harvester, Queen Adelaide 3rd. The stakes were divided between the owners of St. Gatien and Harvester. The race did not excite as great an interest as usual, as many of the best horses took no part in it. St. Gatien was ridden by Wood, Harvester by Lookes, and Queen Adelaide by Webb. The betting was 2 to 1 against Adelaide, 10 to 1 against St. Gatien. Harvester was not quoted.

Verdi is an impressive looking old man, with snow white hair and mustache. His spirits and health have been failing ever since the death of Wagner, which affected him deeply.

ALL SORTS.

Ferd Ward smoked cigars.

There are many Cough Mixtures, but only one Allen's Lung Balsam; try it. See adv.

Wiggins predicts a great storm for Sept. 19.

DR. LOWS' WORM SYRUP will remove all kind of Worms from children or adults.

Baseball is taking the place of bull fighting in Cuba.

HOW THEY ACT.—Golden Fruit Bitters act on the Stomach, Kidneys and Liver, the Fruit Pills on the Bowels. 75 cts per bottle, Gladstone sings to himself when he walks in his garden.

Worms cause feverishness, morning and restlessness during sleep. Mother Grave's Worm Exterminator is pleasant, sure and effectual.

About 125,000 elephants are annually killed in Africa to supply the ivory trade.

All cases of weak or lame back, backache, rheumatism, &c., will find relief by wearing one of Carter's Smart West and Ballardian Backache plasters. Price 25 cents. 122-tt

Leland Stanford offers General Grant and his family a home with him as long as he lives.

Is there anything more annoying than having your corn stepped upon? Is there anything more delightful than getting rid of it? Holloway's Corn Cure will do it.

NATIONAL PILLS are unsurpassed as a safe, mild, yet thorough, purgative, acting upon the urinary organs promptly and effectually.

Guy Johnson, of Clinton, N. Y., the last slave in the state, who was emancipated in 1812, is dead.

Mr. I. Carpenter, 462 Fourth avenue, New York, after running a gauntlet of eight years' rheumatism, used St. Jacobs Oil, the great pain reliever, by which he was entirely cured and has had no return of his complaint.

Major Booth says to his Salvationists:—"Shout, those who can't stand the noise will never get to heaven."

FREEMAN'S WORM POWDERS are sold in all cases. They destroy and remove Worms in children or adults.

Dr. Dio Lewis says the coming man and woman will not be smaller at the waist than at other parts of the body.

Backache, stitches in the side, inflation and soreness of the bowels, are symptoms of a disordered state of the digestive and assimilative organs, which can be promptly and thoroughly corrected by the use of Ayer's Cathartic Pills. As dinner pills, and as aids to digestion, they have no equal. They cure constipation.

The following is a copy of a notice posted up in the Council Bluffs Police Station: "No loafers allowed here except police."

The secret of the large and constant sales of Mrs. Plankin's Vegetable Compound probably lies in the fact that whereas there are many "Bitters" and "Tonics" of equal value, he it more or less, the Vegetable Compound is so completely superior to all other preparations specially recommended for the needs of woman that it has practically no rivals.

The brick smoke-stack of Halsey's mill, Itasca, N.Y., weighing 100 tons, was demolished with five pounds of dynamite.

PROF. LOWS' MAGIC SULPHUR SOAP.—Healing, soothing, and cleansing for all eruptions and diseases of the skin. Delightful for toilet use.

The highest rate of the Western Union Telegraph Company at present is \$1 for ten words between Portland Me., and San Francisco.

CATARRH.—A new treatment has been discovered whereby this hideous incurable disease is eradicated in from one to three applications, no matter whether standing one year or forty years. Descriptive pamphlet sent free on receipt of stamp. A. H. HENRY & SONS, 365 King street west, Toronto, Canada.

The latest mathematical puzzle in England is said to be this: "Two ladies met three ladies, they all kissed; how many kisses were exchanged?"

Maltese Snow, Gunning, Cove, N.S., writes: "I have been completely prostrated with the asthma, but he cured me with the Electric Oil. I procured a bottle, and it did me so much good that I got another, and before it was used, I was well. My son was cured of a bad cold by the use of half a bottle. It goes like wild-fire, and makes cures wherever it is used."

There are \$1,717 clergymen and 17,207,878 church communicants in the United States.

Mr. Wm. Boyd Hill, Cobourg, writes: "Having used Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil for some years, I have much pleasure in testifying to its efficacy in relieving pains in the back and shoulders. I have also used it in cases of cramp in children, and have found it to all that you claim it to be."

England's army contains 63,050 Englishmen, 14,415 Irishmen, and 2,146 Scotchmen.

Persons of weekly constitution derive from Northrop & Lyman's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda a degree of vigor obtainable from no other source, and it has proved itself a most efficient protection to those troubled with a hereditary tendency to consumption. Mr. J. M. L. Westcott, writes: "I knew a man whose case was considered hopeless, and by the use of three bottles of this Emulsion his weight was increased twenty pounds."

The most remarkable known echo is that on the north side of a church of Shipley, Sussex. It repeats twenty-one syllables.

WHAT A COMFORT TO BE ABLE to gratify one's appetite once without pain, after long suffering from Dyspepsia! Victims of indigestion find it so easy to accept the general verdict in favor of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure as true, and use the article, can enjoy the welcome relief. Obstinate Dyspepsia, Constipation and Biliousness, invariably yield to its potent regulating action.

The Europeans, or white men, in China number fewer than 10,000, or one to about every 25,000 natives.

H. A. McLaughlin, Norland, writes:—"I am sold out of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure. It sells well, and I have reason to believe it the best preparation of the kind in the market. It cures Dyspepsia, Biliousness, and all diseases arising from Impure Blood, Female Complaints, &c."

The Count Preston, grandson of Viscount Gorhamston, an Irish Catholic peer, was just died at the age of one hundred years and eight months.

OBSERVE THE DAY APPOINTED.

On the 17th of June will occur at New Orleans the Grand Extraordinary Drawing of The Louisiana State Lottery Company, under the control of Gen'l B. Beauregard and Early, when \$522,500 will be distributed. See full scheme elsewhere, or apply to M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La.

ROMAN GOSSIP.

A Brilliant Reception—A Split Among the Freemasons—Mystery in Italy.

ROME, May 16.—One of the most brilliant receptions of the season was given two nights ago at the French Vatican Embassy. Comte Lefebvre de Béhaine, the Ambassador, moved out of the Colonna Palace to the Palazzo Rossiglione some months ago. His new residence is handsomer than the old one, and is furnished more stately and imposing. There was something very impressive in the mouldering fresco and faded drapery at the Palazzo Colonna. Among Comte de Béhaine's guests were of course many prominent members of the hierarchy. Among them were several cardinals and the whole of the Vatican corps diplomatique. Cardinal Jacobini, Papal Secretary of State, looked as smiling as ever. You would never have thought he had come to the reception fresh from penning another fulmination against the spoliation of the Propaganda. But, to be sure, he had only nominally written the new note to the Nuncios. Pope Leo himself is the virtual and responsible author of the document.

THE PROPAGANDA.

His Holiness feels very strongly on this Propaganda question and seems less disposed to compromise with the Italians than ever. His protests have hitherto been disregarded by the European cabinets, but they have found an echo among Catholics at large in all countries. It would not be surprising, therefore, if we found when the text of the last note is made public that Signori Depretis and Mancini had been humbled very savagely—"without gloves," in fact—by Cardinal Jacobini. That any tangible result will follow is hardly expected—perhaps hardly desired—by Pope Leo. The Vatican at present draws curtains the crown of martyrdom than martyr it; and, above all, it is anxious to uphold its dignity.

THE FREEMASONS.

The issue of the recent encyclical against secret societies gives special interest to some piquant revelations made not long since with regard to the organization of the Italian Freemasons. They have, it appears, three centres—Naples, Rome and Turin. The Roman Grand Orient, though it affects to speak with authority on behalf of Italian Masonry, is far less important than the Turin section. Both, however, are more "advanced" than the Neapolitan Masons, by whom, about a year ago, they were solemnly excommunicated. The number of Masons in Italy is small, and tends to grow smaller. But, as in France, Spain and Germany, among them are many prominent politicians hostile to Catholicism. The Turin Masons are trying hard to hold the Romans from the position they hold in the confraternity. As they are better disciplined, resolute and active, they will probably succeed.

THE LABOR MARKET.

One of the most important debates ever held in the Senate took place yesterday. Signor Pantalone had called attention to the decline of Italian agriculture, the danger of American competition and the misery of the native workmen. In Italy, he said, a franc and a half a day is the average price earned by workmen, while in Germany it is double, in France triple, and in the United States about four times as much. Signor Depretis, the Premier, made a pretty and very waggish speech in reply, post-prising the speech of the honorable Senator, regretting that it was impossible to do anything in particular to help the working classes, and reminding them that the Bible taught them that only those who endured to the end should be saved. This will, doubtless, be highly comforting to the poor wretches who are starving and dying of fever all over Italy.

MARBLETON NEWS.

One of the most prosperous little villages in the Province is Marbleton, which is situated within two miles of the Quebec Central Railway, in the centre of a rich farming country. The good people of Marbleton are consequently ambitious, and are apparently resolved to keep pace with the times. Until very lately the Catholics of the village have been without a church or permanent place of worship, but, thanks to the energetic priest, the Rev. D. P. McEneaney, this want has been supplied. The Rev. gentleman, who is not unknown to the people of Montreal, celebrated his first Mass in Marbleton six months ago in a private dwelling. To-day a handsome chapel capable of seating 200 people graces the village. On Thursday last (the feast of the Ascension) twenty-six children having previously received the necessary instructions from their spiritual director, made their first communion. The ceremony was a most impressive one, and the words of advice and encouragement which fell from the lips of the reverend father will be long remembered not only by the young communicants, but by all who had the privilege and pleasure of being present.

THE EGYPTIAN TROUBLES.

ANOTHER FALSE PROPHECY—MASSACRE OF PRIESTS AND NUNS AT EL OBEID—THE SITUATION AT DARFOUR. CAIRO, May 28.—News has reached here that a new black false prophet has appeared before Darfour and defeated El Mahdi's troops. The new mahdi says El Mahdi was one of his former disciples. The Catholic Bishop of Soudayn, just arrived here from the south, reports that seven Italian priests and four Sisters of Mercy have been massacred at El Obeid, and that three priests were exposed naked to the sun for four days and died from the effects thereof. Messengers, who have been five months on the way from Darfour, have returned to Assouan. They bring a letter from Statin Bey, Governor of Darfour, in which he says:—"I resist the rebels two years, during which time I exhausted my supplies of provisions and ammunition, and was at last reduced to the expedient of casting copper balls, which proved useless against the enemy, and having finally succumbed in order to avoid further bloodshed." The messengers brought letters also from the Mahdi's nominee to the membership of Darfour. CAIRO, May 29.—The report that El Mahdi's forces have been defeated at Darfour by a new Mahdi is not believed here. The Nile is rising rapidly, and it is expected that Gen. Gordon's armed boats will be able to drive the rebels from the banks above and below Khartoum, and open communication with Berber and Cairo. The rumor prevails that the rebels have withdrawn from around Shendi.

STAKIM, May 29.—The rebels fired on the town for two hours yesterday. The forts and ships responded with twelve guns. The Egyptians deserted their posts. The delay on the part of King John of Abyssinia in meeting Admiral Hewitt is attributed to the intrigues of the Italian mission at Assab.

For the first time in seven years a saloon was opened in Waukegan, Ill., Wednesday, under a recent ordinance fixing the license at \$750. No tables or chairs are permitted in the saloon; screens, curtains, stained glass or other devices to obstruct the view from the street are prohibited.

A HOME DRUGGIST TESTIFIES.

Popularity at home is not always the best test of merit, but we point proudly to the fact that no other medicine has won such universal approbation in its own city, state, and country, and among all people, as Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

The following letter from one of our best-known Massachusetts Druggists should be of interest to every sufferer:—"Eight years ago I had an attack of Rheumatism, so severe that I could not move from the bed, or dress without help. I tried several remedies without much if any relief, until I took Ayer's Sarsaparilla by the use of two bottles, which was completely cured. I sold large quantities of your Sarsaparilla, and it still retains its wonderful popularity. The many cures it has effected in this vicinity convince me that it is the best blood medicine ever offered to the public. E. F. HARRIS, River St., Buckland, Mass., May 13, 1882.

RHEUMATISM. GEORGE ANDREWS, Druggist in the Lowell Dispensary, Lowell, Mass., writes:—"I was for over twenty years before his removal to Lowell afflicted with Smit Rheum in its worst form. The many remedies I had taken more than half the surface of my body was in a state of suppuration, and my health was entirely ruined. I was entirely cured by Ayer's Sarsaparilla. See certificate in Ayer's Almanac for 1882.

Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Druggists; \$1, six bottles for \$5.

CATARRH

AN UNCOMMON but VERY PAINFUL and INFLAMMATORY AFFECTION of the Urinary Tract, and often attended with Hemorrhage, is cured by the use of Dr. J. C. Ayer's Catarrh Remedy. It is a simple, and at the same time, a powerful medicine, and will cure all cases of Catarrh of the Urinary Tract, whether attended with Hemorrhage or not. It is sold by all Druggists, and is to be had of the Proprietors, Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

NO MORE NAUSEOUS PILLS!