

## SUMMARY OF NEWS.

**A BALLOONIST LOST IN THE SKY.**—A dispatch on Tuesday announced the firm of a balloon which started on a very unexpected excursion from Riga, Michigan, on the 17th inst., carrying with it Mr. Thurston, an aeronaut, who had not been found at last accounts, but was supposed to be in the marshes near Lake St. Clair. The Detroit papers of Monday contain full particulars of the adventure of Mr. Thurston, which was a very remarkable one, and excited an intense interest in that locality. It appears that Messrs. Thurston and Banister, aeronauts, made an ascension on the morning of the 17th, on the occasion of a Sabbath School celebration at Adrian. After remaining about 40 minutes in the air, they alighted in the woods in the town of Riga, about 13 miles from Toledo. While engaged in discharging the balloon, preparatory to returning to Adrian, an accident occurred which sent Mr. Thurston on a fearful aerial excursion. It is thus explained by the *Adrian Expositor*:

"After the descent, the car was made fast, and the gas allowed to escape from the valve for nearly half an hour, when with the aid of other persons, Messrs. Thurston & Banister proceeded to detach the basket from the netting. This being accomplished, and the netting also taken from the silk, Mr. Thurston proceeded to the top end, where is the valve, and obtaining a firm hold of the silk, compressed it and sealed himself astride the valve block, which was inside and about thirteen inches in diameter, circular in shape, and of inch board. Thus seated, with his arms around the compressed silk, with the aid of another man, holding the balloon, he told the others to let go and let up the mouth of the balloon, which with its diameter of eighteen inches, it was supposed would quickly discharge the gas. It will be understood by our readers, that Mr. Thurston was at this time on the ground, seated on the valve block, with his legs and arms enclosing the top of the balloon from which the gas had been pressed into the other or lower part of the balloon. Under him was the valve block, around which the entire silk of the top part of the balloon, after passing through his arms and legs, was firmly fastened. According to Mr. Thurston's order the lower part of the balloon was thrown up. In an instant the whole jumped into the air, carrying Mr. Thurston and his assistant with it. The assistant was holding on the silk with Mr. Thurston, merely with his hands, and after going up about ten feet, let go and dropped without injury. Relieved of this weight, up went the balloon, with Mr. Thurston, with increased velocity. Mr. T. called out to Banister that he must follow him—that 'it would be all right.' And that was, and up to the hour which we write, 3 o'clock this afternoon, is the last which has been heard from Mr. Thurston, except that he was watched by Mr. Banister and others for an hour, when he passed out of sight, a lost speck in the sky."

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We are requested to state that the Telegraph Office will be closed, on and after Friday next, 1st October, every evening, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

**ACCIDENT.**—A laborer named Quigley, at work blasting for Mr. Marsh, on the upper section of the Railway, was severely wounded on Wednesday last. Supposing that the fuse had burnt out, he proceeded to examine it, and while doing so the blast exploded, burning his face shockingly, splitting his nose and lacerating his forehead. He was brought to Town the same evening and placed under the medical care of the Alms House physician, Dr. McStay; and is now in a fair way of convalescence; but it is feared he will not recover his sight.

**King's College.**—We have much pleasure in recording that Her Majesty the Queen has disallowed the Act passed by the Legislature at its last session, depriving King's College of its endowment. Its best friends admitted that there was a necessity for some change in its management, but never dreamed of its destruction. The Principal and Professors are gentlemen well qualified to fill the important situations they hold, and it is to be hoped that all who can send their sons to the College, will do so.

**PURITY OF PARTY.**—The purity, independence, and overwhelming popularity of the present Government and its adherents in the Legislature, so frequently boasted of by them, both before and after the last general election, is daily meeting with refutation—the most potent and conclusive. They of course would not keep open houses, intimidate freeholders, or purchase votes—no, no; they were the free choice of the people. Now, it appears that even in their great stronghold, St. John, there was one poor man whose influence and means were used by them, and for which they refused to pay, after having stipulated to do so. But he was too old a stager to be chiselled in that way. It appears from the report of the trials at the Circuit Court in St. John, this month, that Mr. James Nethery sued Mr. Wm. H. Tuck, to recover £25, the amount of an account for furnishing refreshments supplied to the voters of Messrs. Wright and Cudlip, at the last election. The Jury found a verdict of £21 15s., the full amount of the claim, less one item. Think of that—free, independent, and loyal freeholders, and look well to—the next election, and govern yourselves accordingly.

**LADY NAPIER.**—We are informed that Lady Napier, wife of Lord Napier, Ambassador at Washington, from the Court of St. James, was on a visit at the mansion of the Hon. Capt. Robinson, Campo Bello, last week. Her ladyship was received by a large concourse of the loyal Islanders with the Campo Bello Brass Band, at the landing. After a stay of three or four days, during which she made a liberal present to the Band for the purchase of instruments, her ladyship departed on the 20th in the Steamer *Admiral* for Portland, on a tour through Canada. Our informant says, Lady Napier expressed herself much pleased with her visit to Campo Bello.

**Visiting, Invitation, and other Cards** struck off at short notice.

## The Standard.

ST. ANDREWS, SEP. 29, 1858.

On the first page we have published the European news brought out by the *Niagara*. The harvest was an abundant one in Great Britain—potatoes in Ireland an excellent crop.—Deals continued to decline in price.—Her Majesty had gone to Balmoral.—New Brunswick Bonds were in demand.—Mr. Bright, engineer of the Atlantic Cable, had been knighted by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.—The continent of Europe is still in an unsettled state.

The Steamer *Pine Albert*, arrived at Halifax on the 25th inst. from Galway. She met a succession of heavy gales, broke her screw, and came under canvas the remainder of the voyage.

**Political news unimportant.**

**Destruction of the Steamer Austria by Fire.**—Great loss of life.

We stop the press to announce the arrival at Halifax, of the Barque "Lotus," with 12 of sixty seven surviving passengers of the Steamer *Austria*, burnt at sea, on the 13th September, lat. 45° 1, long. 41° 30, taken from the barque *Maurice* on