

Rocheport has returned to the South of France to his prison: he has sold the novel he has written in his cell for 52,000 francs, which he has settled in equal portions on his children.

A Valuable Souvenir.

M. Von Bismarck's diploma as a Prince of the German Empire has just been executed. It is an elaborate and highly embellished document in book form.

There was another ecclesiastical discussion in the Prussian Diet yesterday. Herr Mallenkrodt brought forward a motion against the exclusion of members of ecclesiastical congregations and orders from teaching in public schools.

THE STAR.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE.

We are now about to enter upon another year. In a few hours Eighteen hundred and Seventy-two will be forever past.

And Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-three will be ushered in. God grant that it may prove to all of us a happy New Year! During the past many changes have taken place—some for the better, others for the worse—and thus will it be 'til the consummation of all things.

This is only one item in the catalogue of inauspicious circumstances with which we have been immediately connected during the year that is fast gliding away.

We again tender to the many friends of the STAR our best wishes, and at the same time desire to thank them heartily for the numerous favors bestowed upon us.

Wishing you, one and all, A HAPPY NEW YEAR, accompanied by all the choicest blessings of Providence.

dence, we will attempt to "drive away dull care" by opening up the festal celebration with the following beautiful stanzas of the poet Laureat:—

Ring out wild bells to the wild sky, The flying cloud; the frosty light; The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow; The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind, For those that here we see no more; Ring out the feud of rich and poor, Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease; Ring out the narrowing lust of gold; Ring out the thousand wars of old, Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free; The larger heart, the kinder hand; Ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be.

CHRISTMAS festivities have during the past week been pretty lively. The young folks, and the old folks too, have been teapartying, there being nothing in fact at this inclement season so cheerily social as to

"Sit and chatter, chatter" "O'er a cup of scalding water."

These festal times are a relief to the monotony of the dull season, and it is well that care should be baffled at least for a time. We like to see the young folks enjoy themselves, and what more suitable occasion than the waning of one year, and the beginning of another? Yet there are always to be found some sleek, strait-laced disciples of uncharitable abnegation who would fain drive the natural hilarity of youth to the winds.

The cold and boisterous weather now experienced naturally leads to the question—how fare the poor? It is now that the poor require the most considerate attention of the charitable, and that scope is given us for benevolent actions.

THE Annual Examination of Victoria Street School took place on Monday 23rd inst. The event was one in which great interest was evinced, the school-room being literally crowded with those interested in the young.

THE children creditably passed a rigid examination in the different branches of a sound English education, reflecting great credit on Miss Flemming, their worthy and able teacher. The following is a list of successful pupils to whom prizes were awarded:—

- WRITING. 1. Lizzie Rutherford, 2. Agnes Rutherford, 3. Agnes Paterson, 4. Julia Moore.

- HIGHEST NUMBER FOR LESSONS. Agnes Paterson, Agnes Rutherford, Fanny Ross, James Paterson, Cyril A. Gosse, Charles Huttings.

- REGULAR ATTENDANCE. Agnes Paterson, Willie Munn, Agnes Rutherford, George Paterson.

- PROGRESS AND ATTENTION TO STUDIES. Julia Moore, Margaret Rutherford, Lavinia Quinton, Graham Munn.

THE Duke of Edinburgh is at Gmunden on a visit to the Royal family of Hanover, and some of the Continental papers assert that a marriage is contemplated between his Royal Highness and one of the daughters of the ex-King George.

NEW ALBANY, Annapolis County, must be a place highly favorable to longevity, within half a mile there are three old ladies living whose united ages amount to 262 years.

LOCAL ITEMS.

It is not often that one hears form an out port quiet fishing station of a row as deadly in its nature as that which took place at Rose Blanche, on the night of Nov. 16th. It occurred in this way:—A party of brothers and step-brothers of the names Hanham and Wadman were playing cards on Saturday night, and of course quarrellel, each man also of course had a "good slug in," and of course, according to their national birthright, they fought. Charles Hanham, who is now dead, had the best of the fight as it is said he beat and kicked Joseph Wadman and made him give up and run for it. Hanham followed his step-brother Wadman with a stick or bough in his hand, and on making a "swipe" at him, Wadman seized a pocket out of the garden fence and let fly at him, and struck Hanham, it seem, on the head, which led him to the ground. On the tenth day after this affair Charles Hanham died, and a post-mortem examination was held on his body—the result of which examination will be known by and by. Wadman was truly sorry for the dreadful end, and did all he possibly could for the man during his illness, and also for his wife and family (Hanham was married, but Wadman not married). At the burial of Hanham, a row commenced, and some said it was not right for the murderer of the man to be loose and present at the funeral; and so the end of it was that the magistrate issued a writ to have him taken a prisoner. Soon after this the mail steamer Hawk arrived at Rose Blanche and two constables conveyed him to Chatham, where the magistrates committed him to prison—he is the first prisoner sent to the new jail in Chatham, and it is to be hoped that he will be kept there longer than a few days; when the Hawk returns from the Bay of Islands she will take him to St. John's to be given up to the proper authorities.

The sadness of the case almost hinders one from making any remarks about the whole affair from a just last. Still we cannot refrain from saying that we hope the Government will take speedy steps to see into the real state of things on the western shore, which has been so long neglected. We refer especially to the base practice of the sale of intoxicating liquors, and also for a want of means to punish those people who break the law through excess of liquor. It is true that the Government has not been troubled very often with cases involving great expense, except in the case of Collier and Evans, some years gone by. But now they are to be put to some expense in this case—expense which perhaps would have been saved if the Government had built a prison and court house long before this in Chatham, and had a five stipendiary magistrate there, who would have a good amount of power invested in him by Government. He would then be able to settle many cases which ought never to be taken before the Supreme Court, all the way to St. John's. I do not mean, of course, that he should have the power of passing summary judgement once upon people, like our Yankee magistrates and judges. This case will be another warning to the Government to look to the wants of the thousands of people on the western shore, and to appoint a magistrate, with judicial authority, to settle the numerous cases which are daily increasing among us.

MR. BESSEMER'S invention for the suppression of sea sickness was tested in a practical way by a large party of well known and scientific men, among whom were Lord Henry Lennox, Sir Spencer Robinson, Admiral Bedford, Mr. E. J. Reel, C. B., Mr. Hawkshaw, C. E. Mr. Hawkesley, C. E., and many others. At the bottom of Mr. Bessemer's spacious grounds at Denmark-hill, and cunningly concealed behind rockeries, ornamental waters, and devious garden paths, and shrubberies, was the working model which was submitted for inspection. It consisted of a section of a ship's deck, and a small central cabin. When both were stationary, deck and cabin were on the same level. When the machinery was at work, the section of deck rolled in exact imitation of the action of a ship in a rough sea; while the cabin either rolled with it or was stationary as the man in charge regulated his handles or left the vessel to work its will.

THE first Irish election under the Ballot Act—that for Londonderry—took place recently. There were practically only three candidates—Mr. C. E. Lewis, Conservative; Mr. Pallas, the Irish Attorney-General; and Mr. Bigger, Home Ruler. The second Conservative Candidate who was nominated, Mr. McCorkell, retired the night before the polling day, in accordance with a decision of the arbitrators, composed in equal numbers of his and Mr. Lewis's friends. Mr. Lewis was the successful candidate, the numbers at the close of the poll being—Lewis, 606; Pallas, 522; Bigger, 89; McCorkell, 2. The bells were rung, and there were other demonstrations of rejoicing, but there was no disturbance. Mr. Lewis, the new member, is the head of the firm of Lewis, Munn, and Longlen, of Old Jewry, the solicitors in the liquidation of Chancery of the Albert and European Assurance Companies. He is the son of an Episcopalian clergyman, but is stated to be himself a Presbyterian.



Latest Despatches.

MONTREAL, 17. Sauvaille a member of the late bankrupt firm of Austin & Co., is charged by several banks here, with forgery of paper for large sums. Sauvaille was arrested in New York, but returned here voluntarily.

MONTREAL, 17. The river is still open. Father Burke, the famous preacher of New York is coming to reside here in January.

Ottawa is shivering over dear fuel. A suspected wife poisoner has been arrested at Quebec. Two young men of St. Raymond, Quebec, have been lost in the woods. All hopes of finding them are abandoned.

LONDON, 15. The wife of Disraeli, Countess of Beaconsfield, died in London at noon on Saturday.

All the Journals express the warmest sympathy with Disraeli. There was an exciting debate in the French Assembly on Saturday.

Duffaure addressed the house in favour of rejecting petitions favouring the dissolution of the Assembly. He charged Gambetta with causing the agitation.

Speeches followed from both sides till 1 o'clock on Sunday morning, when the Chamber rejected the petitions, 499 to 201.

A resolution has been adopted by the committee of the Italian Chamber, looking to the suppression of Jesuits at Rome.

LONDON, 16. 80 persons who were believed to have perished on board the "Franklin" from Hamburg off the Island of Vland have been rescued.

It is believed that the result of the debate in the French Assembly on Saturday, on petitions for dissolutions has served to facilitate the Committee in arriving at understanding upon constitutional matters.

OTTAWA, 18. Dr. Mondell acquitted at the sessions of arson, has been found guilty of another charge of larceny.

The Ontario prohibitory league in session at Toronto are active in promoting petitions in favor of prohibition.

All the railway companies in the Dominion have concluded to abolish the free pass system on the first of January.

John Sapple, formerly M. P. for Renfrew, died at Pembroke last night.

LONDON, 17. It has been stormy for the last 24 hours, and the rainfall is the heaviest of the season.

Large tracts of land in Lancashire are inundated. In Derbyshire, snow has fallen 12 inches.

Telegraph lines in all directions are badly damaged, and telegraph communication with Liverpool, Leeds and Hull is interrupted.

At Grimsby, there was a hurricane and many casualties are reported. London "Times" commends Grant's message as a sterling picture of prosperity and rapid growth of country.

Emperor William has granted Bismarck's request to be re-elected, and General Von Roon will act provisionally as President of Prussian council of ministers.

LONDON, 18. Bail to secure release of Robert Bowles not being forthcoming, he has been sent to Newgate prison to await trial on a charge of fraud.

The Seine continues to rise in many places, and overflowed its banks. In Cortes, Sorilla, President of Cabinet Council said Government would introduce reforms in Porto Rico, providing for abolition of slavery, also that order is now assured throughout Spain. House 181 to 6 adopted resolutions declaring its satisfaction.

NEW YORK, 18. J. R. H. Hassard is reported likely to be the next managing editor of the New York "Tribune."

At Hamilton a smouldering fire communicated with Davis & Co., J. Tenes & Co., and Board of Commerce, causing an additional loss of \$100,000. The second trial of Stokes began this morning. Judge Boardman of Ithaca presided.

18 freight cars were smashed on Boston and Providence railroad last night, an unknown man was killed.

HALIFAX 19. Hon. Wm. Garvie died in South France.

LONDON, 19. The Assembly to-day resolved to adjourn on Monday next to January 6th. The committee of thirty are debating the question whether it is expedient to confine their deliberations to the proposal for Ministerial responsibility and a second Chamber, or go over the whole field of constitutional re-organization. No result has been reached.

The ship "Matchless" of Boston, Mass., was wrecked off the coast of Northern County.—All on board lost.

Robert Bowles has been released from Newgate prison, having secured bail at £20,000.

The Seine is overflowed and the water is spreading on both sides. In Paris the quays are flooded, stores near them are closed, and all traffic in that quarter is carried on by boats.

Beyond Bercy, a suburb on the left bank of the Seine, the houses are standing in one vast lake of water.

NEW YORK, 19. Thiers to-day said he intended to keep the Monarchists in awe. Colfax has accepted the editorship of the "Tribune."

Cyrus W. Field has purchased \$3,000,000 in the stock of New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Co; so that he will hold a majority of the whole capital.

LONDON, 21. The river Cambridge has overflowed, and the vicinity of Cambridge for miles is like a swamp, and the streets of the city are flooded.

The "Ospray" from Quebec at Hull reports very heavy weather. Her carpenter was washed overboard and lost.

Fears are entertained that the steamship "Shannon" from Montreal to Hull have foundered.

The obsequies of Viscountess Beaconsfield yesterday were strictly private. The remains were deposited in the family vault in the church-yard of Heighenden.

The British corvette "Challenger" sails from Portsmouth to-day, for the purpose of making scientific soundings. The breakwater at Wick, Scotland, has been damaged by the late storms. The water has already fallen seventy centimetres.

The Bishop of London officiated at St. Paul's Cathedral and Dean Stanley at Westminster Abby yesterday, on occasion of special prayers for success of the Missionary enterprises of the Church of England.

NEW YORK, 21. George Putman, publisher, fell dead yesterday.

Gold 111 1-2. The cable despatch announcing the loss of the Boston ship "Matchless" with all hands is unfounded. The "Matchless" is safe at Shields.

Sixty-nine deaths in Boston the past week from small-pox. Both houses of Congress adjourned to January 6th.

LONDON, 21. The river Thames which had already overflowed its banks in many places suddenly rose nearly a foot to-day. At Windsor the Home Park is one vast lake of water and thousands of acres of land are submerged. The present inundation is the greatest since 1852.

Mr Talmadge's church at Brooklyn was burned yesterday. It contained the organ used at the first Peace Jubilee.

In Boston a fire on Washington Street this morning destroyed \$80,000 worth of property belonging to three parties.

NEW YORK, 25. Gold 111 3-4; slight exchange 10 1-4; money quiet.

SINGULAR DISCOVERY AT SEA.—Captain Bate, of the ship CORONA, of Dundee, from Hong Kong for Hamburg, reports as follows:—August 9, in lat. 3.40 N., long. 13.40 E., picked up a canoe with a box or case securely lashed in it. On cutting the box adrift we found it to contain a human body, tied up in a grass mat or bag. The smell was very strong, but there was a hand visible out of the bag, which was white, or nearly so. The smell was so strong, could not examine it. From the size of the hand should say it was a female.

In turning the box overboard the body did not fall out, it seemed so securely or tightly packed. Hoisted the canoe up, but finding it not much of an ornament, let it go again. No doubt it came from Lord North Island, as we were about 56 miles N. N. W. from it, and the current had been setting from that direction for the past week.

THE Japan paper opened the Yokohama on the 13th of Oct. showed much evidence of being laid across completing some Europe. About 1000 men in the America had been state. The Japanese agents in Corea daily being a dreadful famine in Corea.

A QUICK PASSAGE on record. The East Indian company's ship "Oravia," 3000 tons, under command of Mr. D. B. Stearns, had been in the Straits of Malacca (the at 8 a. m. on Monday) and arrived at port, including the Canal, in 37 days only 34 days 5 hours.

Other items of cable are that the island of St. Paul and the American Treaty of Washington claims to the island and that a Post signed with New rates nearly on the suit of the way. He was to be examined on the 22nd examination was that \$10,000,000 being Mr. Gould's offer was admitted.

Mr. Willert, national music. Palae, has announced the formation of military forces member only, but to these are to be in uniform. Vocal music is gathering, and to be a public performance contemplated. The garrison to music will be set.

An English of most confused trials in the matter of Mr. W. G. G. and much unpleasant time undeserved on his head. leading journals by implication, starting for protest for himself. This we are in a most positive manner has never been there is not the ing to the anti-p colonial. We porter of these we deprecate and fuse the line of amateur and professional. We gladly take Mr. G. as right doing justice to more to popular ordinary skill, the past or present day.

A TERRIBLY occurred in Den appears to have exploded. It is estimated that the town of Praetostland, is devastated an area of three under water at all the seventeen land of Botoe pe land have been casualties, while it have been added is enormous. The Government demands to millions shipping is about sizes. Despatch Zingst, Dars, and that nearly all those ports have as the furniture of houses have been the losses are veridiate distress is or shelter, as well ing water, the we King immediately towns which has Queen has placed an association for those in distress. She has ordered in aid of the ship