

LATE FOREIGN NEWS

A woman's life insurance agent does an excellent business in Wichita, Kansas. A Seattle man recently died out of prison and the country \$50 to keep in prison a man who had stolen \$5.

Viscount Dalrymple advertised that he will not be responsible for debts contracted by his wife. Fifteen thousand seven hundred and forty women in Glasgow possess municipal votes.

An eagle was shot on Hat Mountain, Colorado, a few days ago that measured eight feet from tip to tip of its wings.

Mrs. E. Nutting of Parkman, Me., who is 77 years old, made 1,200 pounds of butter in 1892, besides doing all the housework for a family of five.

In thirty years the proportion of Protestants to Catholics in Ireland has changed; it then it was 25 to 75, now it is 25 to 75.

The Queen's preferences are now said to be toward Devore, the Irish poet, for the vacant laureateship.

A pauper named Sheridan, who had been an inmate of Lambeth Workhouse for several years, has come into a fortune of \$300,000 by the death of an aunt.

The British Government will appoint a chess survey similar to those of 1881 and 1886, with a view of preparing for an epidemic next spring and summer.

According to opticians, the eyesight has been seriously affected in some parts of London by the fumes arising from the wood pavement.

A farmer of 600 acres in Hampshire, Eng., has thrown up his holding, which he could not make pay although the rent was only 10s an acre.

A peculiar Siamese twin pair of pendants was shot, on the wing, by a sportsman near Bellefonte, Pa., a few days ago.

Two English newboys, who cried "Dying confession of Mrs. Maybrick" on the street recently, have been committed for obtaining money by false pretences.

Newspaper complaints are frequently heard in London of late with regard to the outrageous prices of certain undertakers who send insinuating circulars to families in which there are cases of serious illness.

The Queen has approved the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the lands available and suitable for the extension of crofters' holdings in the counties of Argyll, Inverness, Ross and Cromarty, Sutherland, Caithness, and Orkney.

Lord Torphichen's very fine collection of old plate was sold at Edinburgh recently, and many articles realized from £4 to £5 per ounce, the highest price being paid for a rose-water dish, with armorial bearings, dated 1633.

The underground railroad in Glasgow is nearly completed. It is seven and a quarter miles long and the greatest depth of the track is 160 feet. The contract price was over \$5,000,000.

Rev. Andrew Macpherson's appointment by the Secretary for Scotland as minister of the Gaelic chapel at Cromarty was approved of by the Queen.

Mr. R. T. Inrie of Washington county, Oregon, found a piece of pure gold about the size of a pea in the gizzard of one of his chickens.

The story of the painter who painted fruit so like nature that the birds tried to eat it from his canvas is discounted. Two hunters near the Dalles, Oregon, a few days ago were hunting wild geese.

They set out their decoys and retired, when almost immediately a big gray eagle swooped down on the decoys and carried one off in its claws. The hunter shot the eagle, which measured seven feet from tip to tip of its wings.

The Parliament House in Dublin is now occupied by the Bank of Ireland. In the event of Home Rule, the governors are said to be willing to let the first session of the Irish Parliament to be held in what was the House of Peers.

It is in contemplation to erect four additional Protestant churches in Belfast as soon as possible for the accommodation of the much increased church population of the city and suburbs, and several handsome subscriptions for the purpose have been already handed in.

Ireland cannot complain of receiving scant justice in India, whatever she may say about the Indian Government. Errors-General in succession and the grand manders-in-Chief in succession is not a bad record—for Sir George White is an Irishman, hailing from Ulster.

Owing to the recent deerstalking season having been so successful, there is already a brisk demand for forests for next season. A great many persons who took forests this year on trial desiring leases, and offering high prices for them. In Rosshire, for instance, Achnasbhall Forest has been re-taken by Mr. Hamar Bass, M.P., from a sub-tenant of Lord Winton, for a term of years at £4500 a year, a rent equivalent to £50 per stag.

The year now closing has been one of the duldest experienced in the shipbuilding trade in Aberdeen for a considerable time. Thirteen vessels have been launched, as compared with twelve in 1891; but the tonnage is only about a half of that turned out the previous year, most of the craft built being trawlers. The outlook for 1893 is not encouraging.

BELEGGED BY WOLVES.

A Perilous New Year's Eve Adventure. Ten years ago the writer, with Ned Prevost, now one of the lumber barons of Canada, were in the district north of Burk's Falls, near Elk Lake, as wild a place as any on this side of Hudson's Bay.

We found the log shanty fairly weather-tight and half full of meadow hay. Our three dogs pounced into this and made a tremendous racket, and out jumped an enormous fox which they soon killed.

Whittlesey Mere, which was formerly the large lake in England, and which was drained about forty years ago by the late Mr. Wells, is re-forming, and Lord de Ramsey, to whom it now belongs, is taking adequate steps to prevent such a calamity, by providing a new outfall.

There is a wonderful grapevine at Gaillac, a town in southern France. Although the plant is only ten years from the cutting, it has yielded as many as 1237 bunches of fine fruit in a single year.

A haunted or supposedly haunted tenement is present in Paris. A family occupied an apartment in the Rue de la Sourdiere, and part of the kitchen which was very large, had been lately used as a bedroom by a relative who was in Paris on a visit.

An Armenian nun has just died in a convent at Jerusalem, who was certified by the registers of the community to which she belonged to have attained the age of 115 years.

The Deadly Cross of Corsica. The cross is a threat of death, and the Corsicans who find it drawn upon their doors know that he must look for no quarter.

Not even collateral branches are exempt, and women must take their chances with the men. Indeed, revenge is more artistically complete when the blow falls upon the beautiful and gifted.

Contrary to custom, some of these bandits became brigands. As a rule persons outside their quarrel are never molested by them. They are merely outlaws. The Rocchini who was guillotined in 1888 (the first execution in many years) boasted that he was only 22 and had killed seven persons with his own hand.

An Entertaining Burglar. A professional burglar in Berlin has found a new and original way of adding to the ordinary profits of his profession.

The Compagnie Transatlantique has again brought forward the question of lighting the Atlantic route from Ireland to Newfoundland. It is proposed to moor ten powerful floating lights 200 miles apart, and connected by electric cables.

THOSE SCHEMING CANADIANS.

President Harrison Said to be Preparing a Bill on the Efforts of our Railroads to Secure American Business. A Washington despatch to the New York Times says: Secretary Foster went from the treasury yesterday afternoon to the White House, armed with a report prepared by Assistant Secretary Spaulding, on the question of railroad traffic between the United States and Canada under the consular sealing law of 1864.

The probability is that the President will recommend to Congress the modification of the law of 1864. To say that it cannot be enforced because of the lack of officers at the border would be a very beggarly excuse, and one that would sound ridiculous in view of the acknowledgment that there has never been the loss of a cent of revenue through the sealing law.

The New York Tribune's Washington despatch says: Secretary Foster will send to the President a report on the shipment of goods over Canadian transportation lines to and from the United States, as directed by a House resolution at the last session.

Secretary Foster has given the subject much study and thinks that it would not be wise to interfere with the consular seal traffic originating in the United States and destined to points in the United States.

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The quadruplicate invoices required by the treasury regulations announced in July 1891, have, so the agents report, absolutely stopped all smuggling so that the revenues of Government suffer nothing from the consular seal system.

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They are told it is necessary for them to have to begin their work. The cost of the outfit does not exceed 47 cents. Dupes procure the material and return to the office where they have been engaged, and the individual in charge tells them how to go to work.

The Fate of Salt Lake City. Salt Lake City, so long the abode of the late Brigham Young and his numerous wives, is doomed to be destroyed by an earthquake. This at all events is the opinion of Mr. G. K. Gilbert, one of the best known American geologists.

A Favorable Showing.

In a recent article in the Empire on "The importance of Toronto," the following comparison of our population and trade returns is made:— Toronto is the commercial nerve centre of a great Province. Here we concentrate the railways which radiate thence to all parts of Ontario and the Dominion.

Table with 3 columns: Cities, Population, Imports. Toronto: 188,000, \$19,343,000. Baltimore: 434,000, 13,140,000. Buffalo: 255,000, 5,700,000. Detroit: 205,000, 3,127,000. Louisville: 161,000, 426,000. New Orleans: 242,000, 14,600,000. Pittsburgh: 238,000, 566,000. Chicago: 1,099,000, 13,590,000.

THE NITRATE KING.

A Visit to John T. North, the Richest Man in England. No one knows just how much John T. North is worth. I doubt if he knows himself. He has ventured in nearly every part of the world and his nitrate fields are better than any gold mine in the world.

During my stay at Col. North's house I took much with me on the family, and after this, chatting with him for some time about himself and other matters. He is now about 50 years old and he weighs, I judge, about 160 pounds.

Shortly before Cyrus W. Field's death, in an interview with him I asked him if he thought that there could be a billionaire in this world. He replied: "I don't know. A billion dollars is a greater sum than the human mind can grasp, but when we have a man like Col. John Thomas North, with the wonderful eye that can see a continent at his back, you can't tell what will happen."

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CANADA OUR HOME.

Some Characteristics of the Country & Commonwealth of Homes and Families. The patriotic Canadian need never be at a loss for a theme of praise to his own country and people. In all the attributes and features of honest patriotic pride Canada and the Canadians are wealthy, indeed, both by heritage and merit.

It is not necessary to tell Canadians who have travelled abroad and seen the world that no climate is healthier than that of the skies fairer. And this is why it is good for all Canadian men and women to see other countries after having first cultivated that undying love of home which intimacy and youthful associations alone can develop.

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THE DEATH RATE OF THE WORLD.

Every minute 62. Every hour 3,730. Every day 91,554. Every year 33,528,331. Only eight of the 69,000 Frenchmen who fought under Napoleon at Waterloo are now alive and in France.

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