

The Union Engine Company has passed resolutions repudiating any imputations of disloyalty in connection with the absence of a flag on the central engine-house on the 21st June, as well as responsibility in the matter, the company considering that it is in the hands of paid civic officials.

The festivities at Kentville were wound up on Saturday last by a Jubilee picnic to Baxter's Harbor. Some twenty couples in covered buggies participated, and found the romantic scenery and cool breezes of the Harbor a pleasant escape from the heat of Kentville, where the thermometer registered 80 in the shade. All was fun and frolic, heightened by the usual over-ights inseparable from picnics. Spoons were conspicuous by their absence, we refer of course to the manufactured article, as the more delightful product of spontaneous combustion was in unlimited supply.) On returning a tour was made to the "Look Off," from which point five counties may be seen. The view from here is certainly superb, and visitors to the Province should not miss it if they wish to see the finest agricultural portion of Nova Scotia, if not of America. The twenty couples, of course, went into ecstasies over the view, but could not "look off" very contentedly with more brilliant attractions nearer by. From the "Look Off" there was such a diversity of routes that the party became rather "broken up," but in due time all reached Kentville in safety, delighted with the rich farming country they had passed through. The comfortably shaded and neatly painted barnhouses, with hammocks invitingly slung between the trees, the trim lawns and flourishing gardens, the well-tilled fields and large orchards, the thoroughly prosperous, comfortable look of the country were eagerly descanted upon by couples who during the whole trip had occupied themselves solely in studying the color of each other's eyes. But cool sea breezes, exhilarating drives, and pleasant company will expand the imagination, and why should it not be given wing?

Sixty skeletons of murdered men have been found at the bottom of a deep cave in Tennessee.

It is reported that orders have been sent to the Cardinal Archbishop of New York to excommunicate the Rev. Dr. McGlynn.

The heat in the Eastern States has been intense, and many fatalities are reported. The mercury has ranged from 90 to 100.

For the eleven months ending May 31 the number of immigrants which arrived in the United States was 417,860, as against 284,252 for the corresponding period last year.

The new American yacht *Volunteer*, the proposed defender of the America's cup, was launched at Wilmington on the 30th June. She is about the same size as the *Mayflower*, and, from her description, will be quite as formidable an antagonist to the *Thistle*.

The investigation into the condition and treatment of the patients in the New York state asylum for the insane on Ward's Island, reveals "a frightful condition of affairs." Mostly such investigations seem to have that kind of result. It is a terrible reflection on human nature that so often where men are endowed with power over helpless and irresponsible fellow-beings, they abuse that power.

"Bijou," a famous elephant, said to have been on exhibition in the States for sixty years, has been obliged to be killed. He was probably nearly a hundred years old, and had become so weak and ill that it became necessary to put an end to his misery. He was not only remarkably clever but also very affectionate. A sufficient dose of poison was administered in a box of chocolate bonbons, and the poor beast is said to have twined his trunk caressingly round his keeper as he expired.

The "Thistle" still carries all before her in British waters, having defeated the "Irex" on Wednesday in a regatta at Lays, Scotland.

An interesting sight at the supper at Buckingham Palace recently was Queen Kapiolani in her jubilee robe, cared for by the Duke of Edinburgh in Scotch kilt.

The trial in London of the captain and three seamen of the British barque *Lady Douglass*, charged with the murder of a Malay sailor, has resulted in a verdict of guilty.

Forty houses, including a crowded hotel, fell into the lake, at Lug, Switzerland, on Tuesday night, owing to the giving way of the quays. A hundred persons are said to have perished.

The forthcoming marriage of the Emperor of China is officially announced. His wife has been selected. The festivities will cost £1,000,000. Numerous changes are expected in the imperial government.

American enterprise was not absent at the Queen's Jubilee. A Yankee hired a block on a slightly London corner two months ago for \$2,500 and put up stagings costing \$500 more. The rentals for seats on the 21st brought him in \$6,000.

Apropos of bicycles, on which one of our contemporaries has an article, these machines were successfully used at the Easter Volunteer manoeuvres in England, and a further adaptation for purposes of Military Transports, a machine seating twelve soldiers, has been adopted.

Mr. Bright has again delivered himself on Irish affairs in a letter in which he says that Ireland is not neglected, but that good measures in relation to that country passed since 1880 have been obstructed by conspiracy deriving its funds and inspirations from American enemies.

At the earnest request of Turkey the British government agreed to the postponement of the ratification of the convention regarding Egypt until the 4th instant. On that date, Turkey not having ratified the agreement, Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, special British commissioner, was instructed to leave Constantinople.

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