

The Weekly Messenger.

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THE WEEK

WORKINGMEN'S DELEGATES, in a conference with the party of the Extreme Left of the French Assembly, pointed out that 150,000 hands were out of employment, and demanded that the Chamber of Deputies make arrangements to provide work for them.

THE CITY COUNCIL of Halifax, Nova Scotia, has settled the colored education question by resolving to permit the children of colored citizens to enjoy the same school privileges as white children. Heretofore negro children had to attend schools of their own or inferior class, and those who desired education above the rudiments had to leave the city to procure it.

ONE OF THE WORST pests in India is the serpent. Nearly 20,000 persons are killed in that country every year by snake bites. Rewards were paid by the Government in 1852 for 322,421 snakes killed, of which 262,384 were found in the Bombay Presidency. Local authorities are warned to remove from town or village site, or vicinity, aloe, cactus or thorn hedges, ruined houses and walls, and the like, which harbor and afford cover to these reptiles.

GOVERNOR SHERMAN in his message to the Iowa Legislature recommends radical prohibitory legislation and the submission of a woman suffrage amendment to the people.

MUCH ALARM has been caused at Montevideo and Arica, South America, by great tidal waves, supposed to be the result of volcanic action.

THE OUTPUT of coal in the Wyoming district, Pennsylvania, has increased 33 percent during the last three years.

PARIS HAS HAD A TRAGEDY that made even its votaries of pleasure shudder. Two young lovers met by appointment in the public garden. The girl's father, who was opposed to the attachment, followed them unperceived until they arrived at the ramparts. There hearing a suspicious noise, they climbed to the top of the ramparts to ascertain the cause. The girl saw her father in the act of pointing a revolver at her companion, and in an instant sprang before the latter. She received the bullet in the face and dropped dead at her lover's feet. On realizing the awful truth, the young man resolved to die also, and, jumping from the top of the ramparts was dashed to pieces upon the stones in the bottom of the dry ditch. The dastardly murderer, seeing the consequences of his act, went insane. His daughter who fell by his hand was a young lady of extraordinary beauty and accomplishments.

OIL HAS BEEN STRUCK in large supply at Sheffield, Pennsylvania. Monopolists are afraid that a new oil territory has been discovered in that region. Other people who use oil will be glad if such is the case.

LOUIS GARTHWAIT, a prominent resident of Bloomington, Illinois, is charged by his wife, in an application for divorce, with having attempted to cut her tongue out.

A HUNDRED AND THIRTY PUPILS presented themselves at the opening of a new public school in Toronto a few days ago, and yet the schools there are crowded.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES at a temperance convention in Halton county, Ontario, a few days ago, represented that the Canada Temperance Act of 1878, local prohibition, had been a substantial success in that county.

THE NEW MINISTER of Education in Ontario proposes to introduce Bible reading into the schools, the passages for each day to be prescribed to the teachers by circular from the Education Department.

MRS. NEELEY, a respectable resident of Jeffersonville, Indiana, was thought to be dead and was about to be buried when a slight movement was noticed in the body. The funeral was postponed, but a day or two later there was no doubt the lady was dead. It is said her grandfather once lay in a trance for two weeks.

BY A COASTING ACCIDENT at Haywards, Massachusetts, six or eight persons were severely hurt, one dying in half an hour.

MR. HENRY B. PAYNE, the Democratic candidate for United States Senator, was elected by the Ohio Legislature without opposition, the Republican members casting blanks.

A TRAIN ran into a lot of oil on the track near Bradford, Pennsylvania, and the oil took fire from the engine and set fire to the train. Forty passengers on board were seized with a panic and jumped from the doors and windows into the snow. Three women were burned to death and fifteen men and one boy were burned and wounded. The engineer was burned so badly that it was feared he would die. The oil on the track leaked out of an oil tank.

A GREAT REVIVAL is reported in the Methodist Church at Birmingham, Connecticut.

ELEVEN MINERS were killed and several wounded by the breaking of a rope while they were being lowered into a coal mine in Swansea, Wales.

JOHN C. GRAVES, a stock dealer, was waylaid and robbed near Waterford, Wisconsin, lately, and received injuries that were likely to prove fatal.

ROBERT GORDON, who was born a slave, has left in his will \$25,000 for the establishment of a home for aged and indigent colored women, and \$5,000 to the Colored Orphan Asylum, Cincinnati.

AT A FASHIONABLE WEDDING in a church in Philadelphia the bridegroom did not appear until the minister, who was not aware of his absence, had got well on with the service. Then the very essential party to the ceremony rushed in and told the minister he had been accidentally locked up in the vestry. His appearance and explanation allayed much excitement among those present, who probably began to imagine themselves the witnesses of one of those painful situations that actual life seldom vies with fiction in producing—a desertion at the altar.

PORTUGAL INTIMATES that she does not monopolize the commerce of the Congo or any of her colonies, and that to maintain this liberal policy she sacrifices thousands of dollars annually. Perhaps if she tried to shut the world out of those places she might have to sacrifice more still—yes, even the commerce and the colonies themselves.

THE VERDICT UPON THE VICTIMS of the burning of the Belleville convent condemns the use of sleeping rooms above the second story in such buildings and calls for a law to prevent it; also blames the management of the institution for not taking the precautions which the size and character of the building and number of inmates required.

APOSTLE TRASDALE, preaching in the Mormon Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, urged the people to stand by their principles, and said plural marriages were a necessity to the Church, and without them it could not exist. So much the worse for the Church, if the apparent determination of the United States to abolish polygamy amounts to anything.

LARGE PURCHASES of horses and cattle were lately made by American buyers in the vicinity of Toronto. There were sent to Waudegan, Illinois, 28 horses at a cost of \$25,000, and 43 heifers and 5 bulls costing \$14,500. New York dealers paid \$24,375 for 456 head of horned cattle.

WILLIAM POWSALL has been sentenced in Philadelphia to five years in penitentiary for embezzling \$8,700 from his employers. He is a young man and lost the money in gambling.

JOHN H. FLEMING and Fred Loring were last week sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment and a fine of five hundred dollars, for an extensive grain swindle. Insignificant as the sentence is in comparison with the rascalities of the culprits, delay was at once obtained in its execution by the granting of a writ of error. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been lured out of the pockets of simple people throughout the United States and Canada by circulars issued by fraudulent concerns headed by Fleming promising immense profits on investments in the grain market through their agency.

MESSERS. R. HAY & Co., one of the leading furniture-making firms in Canada, have discharged many of their hands and cut down the wages of the rest.

NATHAN HILTS and his wife and Lomer Robinson were arrested at Big Rapids, Michigan, in the act of making silver coin in counterfeit of American and Canadian currency.

NEARLY SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS has been raised for the relief of the families bereaved by the late railway calamity at the Humber, Ontario.

SERGEANT MASON, the crank who tried to shoot Guitau when his duty was to guard him, is shamelessly advertised by a Philadelphia museum where he is on exhibition as the "nation's valorous hero."

MRS. GEORGE, a widow, living in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, locked her two children in the house while she went to visit a neighbor, and on her return one of them, aged three, was found burned to a crisp.

AT A BANQUET given leading free traders in Madrid, much stress was placed upon the benefit that a treaty with America would have upon Spanish trade.

COUNT HERBERT VON BISMARCK, son of the famous German Chancellor, has been transferred from the German Embassy in London to that in St. Petersburg, and the leading press of Berlin refer to the fact as convincing evidence of good relations between Germany and Russia.

A TUNNEL is just being completed under the Mersey River, giving Liverpool much needed direct railway communication with the rest of Great Britain.

COLORADO COAL WHEELERS in New Orleans to the number of twelve hundred struck for an advance of wages while twenty-seven steamers waited to be loaded.

NEW JERSEY PRINTERS are indignant over a bill introduced in the State Senate proposing that the State printing should be done in the State prison.

PETER WADE was hanged in Dublin on the 15th inst., for the murder of Mr. Quinn at Rathfrilandham.

A MRS. SMITH, of Toronto, lately recovered her son after four years' search. Her husband left her shortly after her child's birth, going to Dakota. She supported herself and the child by giving lessons in painting, until, four years ago, the boy was stolen by his father. Since then the mother has been searching the country for her son, and a few weeks ago was told by detectives of St. Paul, Minnesota, that he was in a convent at Chippewa Falls, and that her husband was dead. She went to that place, and returned to Toronto with the boy.

SHOCKS OF EARTHQUAKE were felt on Friday last in New Hampshire and in North Carolina.

VAST AND RICH DEPOSITS of phosphates are reported to have been discovered in eastern North Carolina.

PERHAPS IT IS NOT generally known that we owe the great fruit and meat-canning industry of to-day to Pompeii, that ancient city of Southern Italy which was buried in the ashes of a volcano in the year 79. Many years ago, soon after the work of excavating the ground began, a party of people from Cincinnati found, in what had been the pantry of a house, many jars of preserved figs. One was opened and its contents found to be fresh and good. Investigation showed that the figs had been put into the jars in a heated state, and an opening left for the steam to escape which was then sealed with wax. The hint was taken, and the next year canning fruit was introduced into the United States, the process being identical with that in vogue in Pompeii twenty centuries ago. Ladies of our day who can tomatoes and peaches do not realize that they are indebted for this art to a people who were literally ashes but a few years after Christ.

PROFESSOR PETER VOLTZ, a prominent citizen of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, was shot dead and robbed on the Tenth street railway bridge in Pittsburg on the night of the 16th inst. The bridge is dark and a favorite resort of thieves, and there is no trace of the murderers. The murdered man leaves a wife and several children.

THE CHAIR USED by the Princess Louise at the opening and closing of Parliament during her residence in Canada has been suitably inscribed and shipped to Her Royal Highness as a souvenir of her sojourn in the Dominion.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN, President of the British Board of Trade, said in a speech in Birmingham the other day that the Government would not consider its task complete until fishermen possess the same rights and privileges as Englishmen or Scotchmen.

FIFTY ACRES OF LAND on Mr. Parnell's estate in Ireland were ploughed the other day by friendly farmers who rallied a hundred and sixty ploughs with double teams.

HENRY JASON, a Portuguese farmer, of Suffolk county, Long Island, inflicted possibly fatal wounds upon Erastus Halsey, who called at his house to collect taxes. Jason, who escaped, a year ago tried to kill his two daughters.

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