

Tribune's advocacy of a tariff on pig iron incendiary and calculated to disturb the peace of nations. Unhappily, this was not the full measure of our disasters. The President had sent to the Emperor of Austria a copy of his book, "What I know," &c., with his autograph upon a fly-leaf. The Emperor mistook the signature for a caricature of the Austrian eagle, and he readily joined in the war against the United States; while France was provoked to the same act by the fact that when the French Minister came to call upon Mr. Greeley to present his credentials, the President, who was writing an editorial at the time, not comprehending the French language, mistook the Ambassador for a beggar, and, without looking up, handed him a quarter and an order for a clean shirt and said to him, "Go West young man—go West." So all these nations joined in making war upon the United States. They swooped down upon our coasts, and landed without opposition, for those opposed portions of our unhappy country were absolutely deserted. The President was afraid to call away the army from Kansas at first, for fear the outraged people upon the plains would come East in spite of him. But at last he did summon the army to his aid, and it moved to meet the enemy. It was too late! Before the troops reached Cincinnati the foreigners had seized Washington and all the country east of the Ohio, and had hung the President, the Cabinet, and every member of Congress. The army disbanded in alarm, and the invaders moved to the Far West, where they found the population dying of starvation because they had followed the advice of Greeley's book: "Try, for your first crop, to raise limes, and don't plant more than a bushel of quicklime in a hill!" Of course these wretched people were at the mercy of the enemy, who—to his credit be it said—treated them kindly, fed them and brought them back to their old homes. You know what followed—how Prince Frederick William of Prussia ascended the American throne, and the other humiliations that ensued. It was a fearful blow to Republicanism—a blow from which it will never recover. It made us who were freemen, a nation of slaves. It was all the result of our blind confidence in a misguided old man who was actually a fool. May heaven preserve you, my children, from the remorse I feel when I remember that I voted for the bœotic old editor.

MAIL INTELLIGENCE.

Strange Conduct of a Ship's Crew.

A report has reached Greenock of singular conduct on the part of the crew of the brigantine Harriet, which left that port on Monday night for Newfoundland. It is stated that about eight o'clock on the night in question, while the vessel was in tow off Wemyss Bay, a disturbance suddenly arose among the crew from some cause that has not yet been ascertained, and that in the course of its progress the hands were running backwards and forwards on the deck in a state of the wildest excitement, one of them flourishing a hatchet. At last one of the hands was put in irons, and efforts were made to secure another, but this he evaded for a time by jumping overboard, with the intention of swimming ashore and thus effecting his escape. The captain of the Firefly, which had the Harriet in tow, thereupon let go the tow-ropes, and steamed to the rescue of the "man overboard." He was picked up with some difficulty and handed over to the captain of the Harriet. Latterly the disturbance on board that vessel was quelled, and order was once more restored.

A Double-Headed Calf.

On Sunday, a cow belonging to Francis Birss, farmer, Arbedie, gave birth to a calf having two heads and two tails. The heads were perfectly formed, having ears, eyes, mouth, nostrils, &c. The two necks were separate next to the heads, but were connected next the shoulders, at which point there was a considerable distance between the two backbones. Towards the rump the backbones were less distinguishable, although they must have existed all the way, for the tail, which seemed only single at the top, parted in the middle, and became two. There was no outward deformity about the legs, which appeared to be only four in number, but, on examination, they were all double. It only survived its birth for a few minutes. It seems curious that at the same farm a few months ago, a house cat gave birth to a kitten having four heads, and as many tails, and sixteen legs and feet, the four creatures having been connected by the legs.—Aberdeen Free Press.

Cure for Hydrophobia.

To prevent hydrophobia, a correspondent writes to the Dundee Courier.—The following simple application will prevent any bad consequences from the bite of a mad dog or other animal:—Apply as soon as possible to the part bitten a plaster of common lime, slacked and made into a paste. This will extract the poison from the wound, as also from the bite of a scorpion. I know in both cases the cure to be effectual.

Physician Cure Thyself.

A compositor, now in the office of the Newark (N. J.) Advertiser, once asked Mr. Greeley's influence to procure a Government clerkship in Washington. "Can you saw wood?"

queried the philosopher. "Yes, sir," falteringly replied the applicant. "Then stay away from Washington," was the only further remark vouchsafed. The compositor now tenders the same advice to Mr. Greeley, "no matter whether he can saw wood or not."

Dr. Norman M'Leod.

Dr. Norman M'Leod died suddenly on Sunday. Besides being minister of the Barony Church in Glasgow, he was editor of Good Words; and had only recently preached before the Queen at Balmoral and presided at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. An appreciative memoir in the Daily News remarks that "In fiction there are few finer characters than the Sergeant in the 'Starling'; in the language there are few finer martial songs than that which the Corporal sings to his old comrade in arms:—  
Dost thou remember, soldier old and hoary,  
The days we fought and conquered side by side,  
The fields of battle famous now in story,  
Where Britons triumphed and where Britons died?  
Dost thou remember all our old campaigning,  
O'er many a field in Portugal and Spain?  
Of our old comrades few are now remaining—  
How many sleep upon the bloody plain!

The Results of the Anglo-American Race.

The Anglo-American race has proved satisfactorily two points in rowing matters—that the best amateurs from the States have no chance with our cracks, and that four-oared races without coxswains can be rowed with advantage to the oarsmen. Whether the open race at Henly will produce a race or not is at present uncertain, but we hope next year it will draw many entries and promote good rowing and watermanship. Cambridge has taken the initiative, and has determined to abolish coxswains in her four-oared races next term—a step in the right direction, which will do away with that terrible handicap, the coxswain, one boat having to carry a stone or two more than the other. Americans will now recognize from the manly way in which London met their views with concessions on every point, that an Englishman's love of sport is inseparable from his love of fair play.—Land and Water.

Extraordinary Birth.

A Newport correspondent of the Press Association telegraphs:—"The wife of a tradesman in Newport has given birth to a child with two heads—one at each extremity of the trunk, with the shoulders and arms in their natural relative position as regards the heads. From one side of the trunk project two legs, and on the opposite side one leg only. The whole body appeared well nourished and the limbs fully developed. One portion of this strange body lived thirty hours after birth; but the other portion died within five hours, but became reanimated, and finally died in convulsions."

A Remarkable Woman.

In the parish of Lochearnon, Ross-shire, Scotland, there lives a woman, Ann M'Lennan, who has enjoyed a long life's seclusion from the feverish activity of these days. She is upwards of 96 years of age, has never travelled, except once, beyond the confines of her native parish, never drank a cup of tea or coffee—preferring the more substantial fare of porridge, potatoes, fish &c.; and as showing that she is still hale and healthy, she frequently carries home on her back a creel of peats from the moss.

Insuring Against a Volcano.

The Italians residing near Vesuvius, who have suffered so heavily from the freaks of their mighty neighbour, have very wisely resolved to form an assurance society to indemnify the owner of land for losses by volcanic eruptions.

Mongrels.

It seems (according to Land and Water) that mongrels are the only dogs whose lives the projectors of the London Dogs' Home do not care to prolong. Any of this kind of canine pets brought to the home are destroyed if not claimed within three days.

The Irish Times understands that the Prince of Wales has made arrangements to visit Dublin in August.

THE STAR.

HARBOR GRACE, JULY 23, 1872.

ENGLISH and American exchanges, per "Alhambra," reached us early on Saturday morning; for our readers we extract numerous interesting items.

THE S. S. "Mastiff" returned from the Labrador on Friday night last, bringing satisfactory news of the commencement and prospects of the fishery on the coast. Icebergs had interfered with the prosecution of the salmon fishery—no doubt, also preventing codfish striking the shore as early as otherwise would have been the case; bait being abundant for a fortnight before the fishery generally began. On the north from Cape Harrison—being as far as the "Mastiff" went—fish were first taken on the 13th, almost simultaneously along the coast, except about Brig Harbor district, where good work was done as early as 1st July, and prospects continued satisfactory. A like account applies to Battle Harbor and the neighbouring fishing stations. On the whole, the indications are represented as favourable, and the trip of the "Mastiff" results in very important benefits to the whole country.

FIRE.—Yesterday morning, between eight and nine o'clock, a fire took place at the dwelling house of Capt. James Keefe. The cause is said to have been the defective condition of the chimney. The gable of the house burst into flame, when the Fire Company, with their usual promptitude, repaired immediately to the scene of danger, and speedily extinguished each and every spark. Had this happened in the night, it is possible the consequences might have been serious, seeing that the locality is thickly studded with wooden erections.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[FOR THE HARBOR GRACE STAR.]

Match-Makers.

Is it a truism that the class called match-makers has any existence? We know there are match-makers who furnish girls with lucifers, which they find convenient on cold wintry mornings, and pass over to sparks in the evening; but are there match-makers in the sense in which many writers of both sexes affirm? It seems to us it must be so. And yet the supposition is opposed to our experience, and sedate conclusions. Our idea is that "marriages are made in heaven," and that match-makers—so called—are mediums—duly authorised—who, unwittingly it may be, hasten the inevitable. For instance: a passenger ship is stranded on our coast; the inhabitants vie with each other in attentions to the unfortunates, amongst whom a father and daughter chance to be entertained by Mr. Kindheart. The attention results in the union of the fair stranger and Mr. Kindheart, junior! It would require a greater stretch of imagination than we could attain, to suppose either Mr. Kindheart, senr., or the father of the fair stranger to have acted as match-makers in such a case. To our mind there is wondrous mystery in the magnetism attracting two minds to the point of matrimony. We think that, as a general rule, such unions are brought about without the interference of match-makers. It is doubtful—we grant—whether heaven's voice is always fully heard. People are so fast now-a-days that they sometimes take the key note without reference to accidentals which results in occasional discords; but on the whole the harmony is perfect. Looking at the results attending the enterprises of match-makers, it must be confessed they are not a power in this age. They may set themselves industriously to work out the business in hand to the best advantage, being free while so engaged from wild fancy speculations, such as sometimes agitate Wall Street; their thoughts may be well matured—turned up and down, inverted and reversed—'til nothing more can be made of it; there may be the most careful attention to the best method of display and ultimate disposition, and the surest means to be adopted to consummate fond mamma's anxious hopes; there may be the most rigid economy of time, the strictest attention to discipline, as regards all that conduces to elegance—whether such is exemplified in wan faces, despondent air, or unnatural manner; there may be, too, the most imperative injunctions that Mr. Freesty is not to be danced with, nor Mr. Shortcash to be recognised in any way! All these and a thousand other safeguards may be netted around poor Miss Wanface, and yet destiny will rule the day; Miss Wanface drops her parasol, which serves as Mr. Shortcash's excuse to whisper in her ear, and so the matter is settled. There are impulses governing such matters that old people have forgotten, and which they cannot recall. "Turk meets Turk, then comes the tug of war," and so it is with young people! There are forces in play, in

their case, that older heads, however wise, will fail to check. We look upon it as one of the most foolish things attempted by parents, when they systematically lay plans affecting the destiny of their offspring in regard to matrimony. Proper training, with good example, should enable young people to choose for themselves. To restrict, hamper and attempt to guide in such matters, is only to embitter the after existence of those whose interests are wished to be furthered. We have no dread of match-makers whose operations are confined to a very narrow circle.

A. A. E.

[FOR THE HARBOR GRACE STAR.]

Washing in its relations to Agriculture and Mustard.

BY "AULD REEKIE."

Of all the days of the week to be most dreaded, Monday is the one; being in fact the Washing Day of all creation. Now there being several species of washing, and washing machinery; I wish some one thoroughly understanding the game would give me a little nollis on the matter. As far as my experience goes, it seems to be a wonderful invention. "Auld Reekie" gets up, no matter how early on a Monday, but he finds the washing tub in a wet and apparently leaky condition, as all around is strewed as it were with water nymphs—the washer trying to tear, with the assistance of water, all she can; six or a half dozen youngsters prowling round her for a chance at the same operation. They sometimes get the full force of a wet cloth on the snout which makes an eye-washing take place. I wash my physiognomy twice a week, whether it requires it or not. That is called a semi-hebdomadal wash. Others again wash the face only, leaving the neck something like a ring-tailed-porker or squealer. But you may wonder what connection washing has with agriculture (a subject very ably treated by a certain party who is a shocking plagiarist of quotations). I infer that all water being used for washing purposes should be kept for the garden, as it must either make or kill the grub so much detested. That is sufficient reason for introducing Agriculture in connection with washing, and many, aye tens of thousands, will be thankful for the scientific remark. As to your correspondent signed "Mustard," I must say he took a very small and seedy name, so I will let him go as not worth firing up at. However, I must say to "Mustard" that if he goes to the Barber's he can wash or be washed, reasonably and to his entire satisfaction.

[FOR THE HARBOR GRACE STAR.]

"The Bosses Have Come."

From off the briny sea,  
The bosses have come, ochone;  
Why shouldn't we have a "speer,"  
Now when they're safe at home!

"When Jupiter roared quite famous,"  
'Cause his mother whipped him some,  
He little knew what amazed us:  
'Twas 'cause the bosses had come.

And, oh!—by my old Sunday snuff box—  
I swear that things can be done,  
That love's own kisses can't coax,  
Now that the bosses have come.

AULD REEKIE.

July 23.

LOCAL ITEMS.

One of the most striking evidences of the value of steam in our coastal service is the large and increasing passenger traffic on both routes. Each trip of the Tiger or Hawk to or from St John's brings or takes a couple of score of passengers, some with the desire to spend a few days in the capital on pleasure or business, others anxious to breathe the fresh and invigorating air of the Outports. Ten or fifteen years ago few persons would have dreamed that such a traffic could so rapidly have been built up, and yet the travel is small in comparison to what it will be ten years hence, when lower rates of fare will bring cheap travelling within everyone's reach. We have no means of knowing what increase there has been in the Freight traffic on the two routes, but we understand it is up to the capacity of the boats. In our opinion the time is not far distant when Weekly steam will supersede Fortnightly and when steamers will be run North and South without Government subsidy, for there is piles of money in the business.—St. John's Morning Chronicle.

Passengers.—Per Alhambra from Picton, Revs. T. Harris, S. Teed, J. S. Peach, Jas. Dove and Embree, Mrs. and Miss Snowball, Mrs. Fahie, Miss Hogan, Mrs. Robinson and child, and Messrs. Unterbridge, Hoyles, Stabb, Howie, Browning, Rogers, Graham, Baker, Hill, Campbell, McPherson, and Masters G. and P. Cleary and Winter. 2nd Cabin—Miss Furze, Miss M. Furze, Miss Howood, and Messrs. Allen, Mullooney, W. Hammond, Ryan, and Jones.

A Negro thus philosophises and reasons with the white world:—"All men are made of clay, and like a meerscham pipe, are more valuable when highly coloured."



Latest

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It is reported t the Canadian bo He will go down to thousand islands By the Picout 18th inst., abou Property valued on which there is town was saved by which the New C their duty.

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Greeley, Brown both interviewed said he would b should not make present. He th would not carry the majority of him and Mr. Har groves were for G observations. for North Caroli by a larger major the election was

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July 20.—Orient & Sons. 22.—Queen of the ballast—Ridley Western Maid, E ley & Sons. Isabella Ridley, Sons. Ellen Owen, Sons.