

in a fashionable church, without any love-making on his part, and on her side, she does not care for any.

After a year or two, they disagree, find out their incompatibility of temper, and in nine cases out of ten they get a divorce; she goes back to papa, and he goes in search of new fields to conquer, or perhaps, to break some poor girl's heart and then say, poor thing, I really couldn't help it.

Such is a fashionable marriage, They are well mated for life, She's got a fool for a husband, He's got a fool for a wife.

Balloon Voyage.—A fortnight ago preparations were being made in New York for a balloon voyage across the Atlantic, Professor Wise, who had charge of the undertaking, wrote hopefully of the prospects. The balloon proper, he says, will be a spheroid of 100 feet transverse, and 100 perpendicular diameter.

Singular Instances of Optical Illusions.—A gentleman who had lately lost his wife, looking out of the window in the dusk of evening, saw her sitting in a garden chair.

On a warm Autumn night I was reading with the window open, but the blind was down and was waving gently through and fro in the wind.

I waited, by no means comfortably, while the curtain fluttered about, showing parts of the black monster. At last it rose again so as to disclose the whole face.

There is a case of a lady who began to think herself the victim of some delusion, and perhaps threatened by an approaching illness because each night, about a quarter of an hour after she had gone to bed, she heard a hideous din in the neighbourhood of her house, or else (she was uncertain which) in some distant room.

of a wardrobe which she closed every night before getting into bed. The door, about a quarter of an hour after being closed, recovered its position of rest slightly beyond which it had been pushed in closing.

THE STAR

HARBOR GRACE, AUG. 6, 1873.

The American Mails—per "Hibernian"—arrived here on Saturday last. We have received a number of late papers, from which we make various interesting quotations.

The fishery in this Bay continues favorable; but, owing to scarcity of bait, the catches for the past few days have not been large.

SUBJOINED is the report of M. T. Knight, Esq. (Collector at Labrador) received per S. S. "Panther," which arrived at St. John's on Friday last:—

Revenue Cruiser, Wm. Stairs, Battle Harbor, Labrador, 25th July, 1873.

I now avail myself of this, the first opportunity since my arrival on this coast, to inform you that on the 9th inst. I landed Messrs. Canning and Stephenson at Blanc Sablon, all well, and I consider the amount of duties to be collected on that part of the coast, will be equal to, if not in advance of the preceding two or three years.

We left Degrat Harbor, near Cape Quirpon, at noon on the 5th inst., to cross the Straits, with the wind from the West and the West North West.

The s.s. Panther arrived this afternoon and we all feel grateful to the Government for the very great promptness in sending to the coast to obtain all information concerning us, and to relieve the anxiety of our families and friends at home.

I am your obt. servant, M. T. KNIGHT, Collector Labrador.

To the Hon Thos. GLEN, Receiver General,

From our Bonavista Correspondent.

[FOR THE H. G. STAR.]

BONAVISTA, July 18, 1873. Since writing you last—on the 3rd inst—little of importance has transpired in this district.

The weather which towards the close of June and early in this month had been excessively warm, has changed greatly since being visited by a very severe thunderstorm on the 5th. Now the air is much cooler, the weather wet, and even occasionally chilly as evening approaches.

Hay is not likely to be of much value, having in many instances been severely scorched; cutting this crop commenced some days ago.

The fishery here has been FAIR; the quantities of codfish on the flakes are cheering evidences of a season of comparative plenty for the hardy fishermen whose calling is so hazardous and often insufficiently remunerative.

Codfish is yet being taken by hook and line, but in small quantities. Boats average on some days from one to three

quintals. On Wednesday last all the cod-seines out had complete hauls, averaging 50 to 60 quintals each.

One or two craft have just left this place for Labrador, anticipating on that coast a profitable return from the fishery there.

The fishery at Catalina is not near so good as reported by St. John's papers. BONAVISTA, Aug. 2.

The weather of the past few days has been remarkably fine, and just the thing for "fish operations."

At present there are several vessels here and in the vicinity taking bulk cargoes of codfish of superior quality and cure, which should realize a fair return to shippers.

On the 24th of last month, we had a launch here of a rebuilt schooner, named the "Aurora," but it is to be regretted her uncomeliness does not justify her being entitled to the appellation, which signifies the "goddess that opens the gates of day—poetically the morning."

The present summer is a very good one, if the people's considering it—after mature thought—remunerative, so constitutes it.

It is gratifying to note that there is still some fish being got, and that bait (squids and herrings) altho' not plenty, is daily taken. A fair fall fishery is anticipated.

The crop is nearly all cropped. Potatoes are looking flourishing, while cabbage, &c., are filling up rapidly.

J. T. Burton, Esq., ex-M.H.A. for this district, is here canvassing votes for the Confederation ticket.

[FOR THE STAR.] To Bonavista.

Would that I had poetic fire, And muses sweet would tune my lyre, With rush of words, thy praise to sing In golden sound, with echoing ring, Oh, Bonavista!

Gem of the isle, resplendent, fair, Fertile, beautiful, beyond compare; Rich in all nature's bounteous bribes, Whose waters swarm with finny tribes, Is Bonavista!

Oh, in the gloaming's silvery light Will I mount some point, and view the sight, Of thy peaceful, happy, sweet repose, When turmoil's o'er, and the day doth close— Fair Bonavista!

Or, rod in hand, to some fav'rite spot, Where nature reigns, where art is not, Resort, and from thy limpid streams Take only trout, while moonlight gleams O'er Bonavista!

Perchance I wander through the dales, O'er thy hills, or in thy wooded vales, While warblers sing in joyous strain, And the wild woods echo the refrain, Oh, Bonavista!

Sweet are the thoughts that grasp the mind, And flood the heart—ennobling kind Of thought, that crushes mental load, And make's look from Nature up to God— Loved Bonavista.

Where is there such another spot So cast to brighten mankind's lot? Where nature's gifts, so bounteously free, O'er all the land, or in the sea? Oh, Bonavista!

Many warm hearts hast thou and true, Which beat but friendship through and through; A noble race, of hardy, toiling sons, And graceful forms of fairer ones, Dear Bonavista!

Bonavista, } R. BROWN. July 23th, 1873. }

Passengers. In the Hibernian from Halifax—Rev. A. Ross, Mrs. Kelly, J. T. Bendle and wife, Mr. Blackwood and wife, Mr. Caffray and wife, W. Craig, wife and child, Messrs. F. B. Bowring, Will Ewing, T. K. Boag, A. Hayes, W. R. Stirling, T. Lyon, R. Frith, James McDonald, Charles Harvey, F. B. Browning, Marshal, Capt. Goodridge, W. E. Willison, C. E. Allison; 15 in steerage.

For Liverpool—Saloon—Messrs. Rowland Hill, A. B. Cohe, Mrs. Perrin. Intermediate—Mr. L. Mazguand, and 1 in steerage.

We regret to state, that on the morning of yesterday, a man of the name of Merriagan, while employed, at Maggoty Cove, about cods' heads for manure, fell overboard and was drowned.—Times.

Justice Dowling wants \$10,000 from the New York "Sun" for saying that he opened court the other day, by asking a prisoner for a "chaw," and wound up by adjourning to the front room to take a drink.

Latest Despatches.

LONDON, July 29.—In the Commons last evening the question of increasing the allowance to the Duke of Edinburgh to £25,000, on his approaching marriage was discussed. The Bill, making appropriation, will be introduced on Wednesday. The Lords unanimously granted the increase. The Republicans of Bristol issued a protest against the increase of allowance. A resolution censuring Mr. Schuddamore, failed to pass the Commons.

In the French Assembly commercial treaties with Great Britain and Belgium were approved and presented before a message of prorogation was received.

Jerome Napoleon semi-officially asked for the restoration to his rank as General in the army. No reply has yet been given to him.

Desperate fighting for the possession of Malaga, was in process between the Spanish troops and the insurgents at Seville on Monday.

Cholera has caused great mortality at Vienna. Two hundred cases, and thirty deaths occurred in one day in the barracks.

LONDON, 30.—Madrid advices report the Bill introduced in the Cortes, authorizing the prosecution of Deputies who rebel against the measures adopted by that body.

The insurgents of Carthage have appointed a Provisional Government. The blockade of Pethi, by Carlists has been raised, and communication with that city is now open.

NEW YORK, 30.—The government of the Sandwich Islands agree upon a treaty with the United States, ceding to that country, the Pearl River, near Honolulu, which furnishes a fine harbor for coaling and naval station.

LONDON, 30.—MacMahon will resign the Presidency in six months hence, and resume command of the army. Monarchy will soon succeed Republicanism.

The Carlists were driven from Marendes. Bradlaugh issued a call for a meeting in Hyde Park on Sunday next to protest against the marriage allowance to the Duke of Edinburgh.

Demonstrations of a similar nature took place at Nottingham, Birmingham, and other places.

OTTAWA, 31.—The Governor-General ordered issue of Royal Commission in the matter of Huntington's charges. It is understood that the warrant is addressed to Judges Draper, Ontario, and Meredith, Quebec.

Petitions to the Governor-General against the prorogation of Parliament, are being signed by thousands in both Provinces.

The Halifax "Chronicle" says, that the Royal Commission named by the Canadian Ministry, will be the same as allowing prisoners at the bar to select their own jury.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—On reading the Bill for an allowance to the Duke of Edinburgh, passed 162 to 18. Public demonstrations against the government continues.

The Spanish rebel fleet attacked Almiria yesterday, without success.

PARIS, 1.—Nancy and Belfort were evacuated by the Germans, who burned all their goods that could not be removed. The inhabitants remained in their houses while the Germans were passing.

OTTAWA, 1.—Judge Day, of Montreal is mentioned as probable Chairman of the Royal Commission, to enquire into the Pacific scandal. The whole thing is regarded as a dispicable dodge. Numerous petitions to the Governor-General not to prorogue Parliament till the Pacific charges are investigated.

Goldsmith in the "Canadian Monthly" condemns the Government in severest terms. The article excites great interest.

NEW YORK, 1.—Gold 115. HALIFAX, 4.—The Irish Society holds a monster pic-nic to-day at McNab's Island. Lord and Lady Dufferin, Lieut. Governor Archibald, Admiral Fanshawe and General Haly will be amongst the guests.

Mr. Jefferson Davis is, it is stated still engaged with his "History of the Confederate States," though his impaired eyesight forbids much continuous reading or writing.

GREAT excitement and consternation were caused at Jersey recently by the unexpected closing of the Joint Stock Bank, one of the oldest and best banks in the island. No cause has been assigned for the stoppage, a simple notification being given that the bank is closed till further notice.

THE Carlists who captured the town of Sanguesa, in the Province of Navarre have been driven out by the Republican troops. Lieut-General Sanchez Bregna has assumed command of the army of the North. The Carlists have won another brilliant victory at Ripell, in Catalonia. Saballo, with 3,000 men surprised a force of 4,000 Republicans under Cabrinyer. In the action that ensued the latter was killed, over half of his command taken prisoners, and all his artillery captured. At Santa Coloma in Barcelona, an action has taken place in which 50 insurgents were killed. Advice from Carlist sources state that the insurgent chieftain, Sierra, with a band of five hundred men, including fifty-five cavalry, has crossed the river Ebro and entered Old Castile, where he is organizing risings of the Carlists. There is much agitation in Burgos, and many of the inhabitants of that province are enlisting under the banner of Don Carlos. Several bands of Carlists have appeared in the province of Leon. There are three chiefs in Galicia, each at the head of an organized force. Five thousand peasants of Alperia have joined the Carlists, driven thereto by the excess of the Republicans. There have been troubles at Carthage, Malaga, and Alcoy. It is asserted that the Carlists have shot a party of Republican volunteers at Ciranqui after they had surrendered. At a meeting of the majority of the members of the Cortes, it was resolved to approve of the proposition of the Cortes to vote a new constitution. Maisonaba, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Carvajal, Minister of Finance, and Berg, Minister of Justice, have resigned in order to facilitate the formation of a homogenous Cabinet. The majority of the Cortes demand a vigorous ministry under Salmeron. There have been serious disturbances among the factory employees at Barcelona.

That Eastern history continually repeats itself is matter of old observation. The Shah of Persia, in leasing his kingdom to Baron Reuter, or whatever unseen powers he represents, is only following, on a somewhat larger scale, the precedent set by divers of his illustrious predecessors. They constantly evinced a propensity for parting with fractions of their prerogative to foreign speculators, subject no doubt, to the chance of recouping themselves by squeezing the foreigners when the sponge was full. Both Jews and Greeks share in this kind of mercantile benevolence. Esdras obtained of Artaxerxes large subsidies from the "keepers of the treasures in Syria and Phoenice" together with absolute immunity from taxation for all the people connected with the temple and their property; or, according to another version of the narrative, "all the gold and silver that he could find in the province of Babylon." Daniel, besides receiving "many great gifts," was made "Master of the Magicians" to the great king. To Mordecai, as we all know, Ahasuerus made the very singular grant of authority for the Jews to slay all their enemies, and to call in the "posse comitatus" to help them; a delegation of sovereignty which even Baron Reuter, so far as we have read his concession, has not yet obtained. The Athenian Themistocles the same Sovereign made over three cities in fee simple—Lampacrus for his wine, Maghesia for his bread, Myus for his fish. The reason assigned for this royal liberality by historians is that Themistocles—if we may construe the original account of him by modern lights—was the cleverest financier of his day, and the best adapted for the management of a "ring," inasmuch as he could form a true opinion respecting coming events more quickly and more safely than any other man of his age. Before, however, he had had time to be very useful to the King in this capacity, he committed suicide; by reason, it was thought, that he felt it impossible to keep the magnificent promises which he had made.

THE New York "Herald" of the 19th ult., says:—A most horrible murder has just come to light in Chester county, Pennsylvania. Jennerville is situated in Chester county, one mile north of the line of the Baltimore Central Railroad and six miles northeast of the borough of Oxford. On the 30th of June last a strange man arrived at the hotel of the village and took up his quarters, saying that he had come from Baltimore and was an agent, but giving no name. He was, in appearance a young man, probably not over thirty, with black whiskers. On the following day a team, driven by one John E. Udderzook, stopped at the tavern, and the agent was invited by Udderzook to take a ride. He accepted the invitation and they went away together. The team had been hired by Udderzook at Parksburg, and he returned it in the evening, when the person who took charge of it remarked that there was blood on the wagon. Udderzook made a plausible explanation of the circumstance and im-

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