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THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 29.
NORAH CUSHALEEN
OR THE
HAUNTED CASTLE.

'Of his social position I am yet to a great extent ignorant,' she answered, 'but he has promised to explain that fully to-morrow evening; after which he intended seeing you, and said he had no doubt but he would satisfy you fully.—Had Malvra Blantire not made this abrupt and false representation of the matter, you would have very soon been made acquainted with it from the proper quarter.'

'Horrible—horrible!' gasped the enraged Squire. 'My daughter promised to marry a man whom she knows nothing about!'

'He saved my life!'

'And that any reason why you should marry him? If he wished remuneration for that I was ready to pay him.'

'He would have scorned such an offer.'

'Oh, yes. Nothing would content him but your whole fortune.'

'He has not had one thought of my fortune,' replied Mary; 'it is only such men as Malvra Blantire, who are influenced by such considerations.'

'Peace, hussey!' roared the Squire. 'Malvra Blantire is a gentleman—the head of an honourable Irish family, and is not to be named with a beggarly adventurer like this Hargreave.'

'Were Malvra Blantire ten times higher than he is in point of station, he is as unworthy to be placed by the side of Mr. Hargreave, as Satan is to rank with an archangel,' said Mary, her bosom heaving with heroic scorn.

Astonishment as well as rage kept the Squire silent as Mary uttered these bold and lofty sentiments. Their very audacity and wild heterodoxy took the breath from him, and it was some moments ere he regained the power of speech.

'And is it a daughter of mine who avow such heretical doctrines,' he gasped. 'You—you reprobate, you traitor, you—you, oh but I'll put an end to this. Listen to me, your marriage with Malvra Blantire shall take place immediately.'

'Never, father—I repeat, never. I have pledged my troth to the man who has won my heart, and to him I will be true and faithful.'

'You defy me then,' hissed the Squire, 'you set yourself up in open rebellion against your father.'

'I rebel only against his injustice,' answered Mary. 'You would force me to wed a man not only I do not love, but whom I hate, loathe, despise; who is in every sense vile and dishonourable. Oh father, beware, set your better nature free. Be just to yourself and generous to your daughter, who has ever loved and obeyed you.'

'Obstinate and perfidious girl, I have told you that your marriage with Malvra shall take place immediately, and doubt not but I shall keep my word.'

'Though I shall break mine,' said Mary, with cold gravity.

'Yours—yours was wheedled out of you, it is not binding. If the fellow dares to annoy you, I shall find means to silence him.'

'Father listen to me,' said Mary, as boldly and calmly she stood before him. 'I will never marry Malvra Blantire, and I will be true and constant to Mr. Hargreave. That, I believe, is my duty, and no power on earth shall drive me from it.'

'Silly, ignorant girl,' said her father, as a fearful gust of passion shook his frame, 'you do not know the extent of a father's power. Go to your chamber. The reflections of the night may cast those wild thoughts out of your mind. Go, and when you are penitent and obedient I will hear you as I was wont.'

'Father—dear father,' she pleaded.

'Go,' he sternly repeated.

Her firmness returned, and taking up a light she went up stairs to her own room.

Most of the night she lay awake full of sad, anxious thoughts, the result of which was that she was more than ever resolved to be true to Hargreave. As for Malvra Blantire, had her heart even been free, worlds would not have tempted her to become the wife of such a man.

Late in the morning she slept, and when she awoke she found she was a prisoner. The door was locked and the key gone.

TO BE CONTINUED.

AN ODD WAY TO SEEK DEATH.—The St. Louis *Republican* is responsible for the following:—One of the most whimsical and unheard-of means of "shuffling off this mortal coil" occurred in this city on Wednesday. A woman living in the lower part of the city named Meyer, who from ill treatment of her husband, had become disgusted with life, attempted to make away with herself in the following very unique manner: She took a six-pounder cannon ball which her husband had brought from Vicksburg as a relic, and which had been lying on the mantel-piece for years, and having a rather indistinct conception of the terrible effects of the projectile and the manner of using it, at length hit upon an idea; she went to Edward's grocery and purchased fifty cents worth of powder, returned home, and procuring a breakfast plate she placed it on the floor. She then poured the gunpowder on the plate, and put the cannon ball on the top of the powder. Having thus got her artillery into position and everything in readiness, she then sat down over the loaded plate, and with a burning taper in one hand fired the powder. The effect of the explosion may be imagined. The exploding powder burned and blackened the woman's lower extremities, while the ball, which she vainly expected would end her miseries, did not stir from its position. The unfortunate victim of this insane attempt at self-destruction is lying in a precarious condition from the effects of her foolhardy attempt upon her own life.

Beggars are generally good at inventing appeals to public sympathy; but we think the following the most irresistible we ever heard of. A Parisian beggar accosted a gentleman with, "I am poor, monsieur, but I am religious. I want but one of the saving virtues. I have faith; I have hope; it remains with you to give me charity."

THE CHINESE IN AUSTRALIA.
The *Melbourne Argus* of May 27, says that during the month a party of Chinese, accompanied by a European, have been busily engaged visiting cemeteries in the country districts, exhuming the bones of deceased Chinamen, for the purpose of transmission to China. The bones, after exhumation, are carefully counted, to ascertain that none are absent, and are tied up in parcels, labelled, and inclosed in boxes with a quantity of written papers, and a pack of Chinese playing-cards. Incense and perfumed papers are kept burning during the ceremony. The number of skeletons which have thus been taken away is very great.

THE OPINION ELSEWHERE.—In Montreal, Mr. Brown's efforts to win back South Ontario, although unsuccessful, are looked upon by Reformers as giving him new claims to the gratitude of the party. The *Daily News* [Conservative] speaks of Mr. Brown's defeat with regret, and says:—"There has been so much corruption in the Government of the country that a man with the strength of purpose possessed by Mr. Brown, is an absolute necessity in our Parliament."

HEIFER LOST.

STRAYED from a field adjoining Mr. Sleeman's Old Brewery, on the Waterloo Road, a two year old heifer, white, with red spots. Any person finding her will be rewarded by the owner.

C. WILSON, Waterloo Road. Guelpb, 24th August, 1867. 3din

DOG LOST.

LOST on Thursday evening a small black and tan dog, with white spot on breast. Answers to the name of "Carlo." Any one returning it will be suitably rewarded.

JOHN MCNEIL, Quebec-St. Guelpb, Aug. 24, 1867. 4tf

Insolvent Act of 1864,

AND AMENDMENTS.

In the matter of **RICHARD HARPER,** the younger,

AN INSOLVENT.

A Dividend sheet has been prepared subject to objection, until the twenty-eighth day of September, 1867.

EDWIN NEWTON, Official Assignee. Guelpb, 24th August, 1867. 2w

LOT FOR SALE.

FOR sale, a valuable lot on the main street in the village of Hanover, on the Durham Road, with a Blacksmith's Shop, 24x36 ft., and a Dwelling House attached 18x24 ft. Will be sold cheap, and on reasonable terms. The owner being a wage-gatherer would like to sell to a good blacksmith. For particulars apply (post-paid) to

JAMES C. CLARK, Hanover P. O. July 18th, 1867. (3m)

FARM FOR SALE.

FOR sale, a first-class farm, being the North east half of Lot No. 10, 2nd Con. of the Township of Pilkington, containing one hundred acres, with about 80 acres under cultivation, well watered, and good buildings thereon. By future moderate. For further particulars apply to

WM. RENNIE, Fergus, Ontario. Fergus, 6th Aug., 1867. 4m

COW STRAYED.

STRAYED on the 7th instant, a three year old cow, color red and white, with heavy horns standing well up. A reward will be given for her recovery.

ANDREW SIMS, Lot 25, Con. 5, Eramosa, Ont. P. O. Guelpb, 22nd August, 1867.

WATER POWER IN ROCKWOOD FOR SALE.

FOR SALE, Water-Power in Rockwood, close to the G. T. Railway Station, having 10 feet fall on the main stream, close to the principal street, and in the midst of the village, and being at the head of the other dams, controls the supply of water to the three other mills, and has a never failing supply of water at all seasons. By future purchase the supply of water can be raised indefinitely. Apply personally to

HENRY STRANGE, Rockwood. Rockwood, 20th June, 1867. 713-4f

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SOUTHER RIDING OF WELLINGTON.

To the Electors of the South Riding of Wellington.

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with the unanimous request of the delegates of the Reform Convention of the South Riding of Wellington, I am a candidate for the representation of this Riding in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

My residence amongst you extends to nearly a quarter of a century; and having for the greater portion of that time taken an active part both in municipal and political matters, my antecedents are consequently well known to most of you; and therefore, only briefly state that, in the future as in the past, I will give a hearty support to the Liberal party—to whose long, consistent and faithful advocacy of their principles we are chiefly indebted for the great constitutional changes we are now about to enjoy—believing that their principles and policy are the best adapted to promote the general interests and prosperity of the country.

I have been an earnest and zealous advocate for the Confederation of the Provinces, and now heartily rejoice at its final consummation. I feel deeply grateful to our beloved Sovereign the Queen, and the British Parliament, for so cheerfully conceding to us the new Constitution for the Government of the Dominion of Canada.

I rejoice in our new Constitution, because it gives us entire control of our local affairs, recognizes the just principle of Representation by Population, and consolidates these hitherto isolated Provinces into a nation—strengthens the ties between us and the mother country, and increases our power of defence against invasion.

Holding these views, I shall ever be ready—whether in or out of Parliament—to heartily co-operate with all true lovers of our country in advancing such measures as are calculated to perpetuate and extend our Union, until the whole of British North America, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, shall have been joined in one grand confederation.

Regarding the working of our new Constitution, I am decidedly in favor of a pure party government as being, in my estimation, the best adapted for the proper carrying out of the British system of Responsible Government.

I am opposed to Coalition Governments for ordinary administrative purposes, as being reckless and extravagant, and more prone to error and corruption practices, as their history both in Great Britain and Canada abundantly testifies. But while sincerely holding these views, I wish it distinctly to be understood that I shall discontinue anything like faction, and shall resolutely oppose every measure calculated to excite a rancorous, virulent state of party feeling in the politics of our new Dominion.

The new Constitution provides that the Legislature of the Province of Ontario consist of the Lieutenant Governor and one House, styled the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, composed of eighty-two members, five of whom shall form the Executive Council. Thus the Assembly shall have exclusive powers to legislate on the following subjects, namely:—The raising of revenue by direct taxation, the establishment and tenure of Provincial Offices, the management and sale of the Public Lands, the establishment and maintenance of Asylums, Hospitals, &c., the Municipal Institutions of the Province, the management of all local Public Works, Incorporation of Companies with Provincial objects, all matters relating to property and civil rights, the administration of justice both of civil and criminal jurisdiction, and all other matters of a purely Local or Provincial character. These subjects have a wide range, including as they do the whole of our internal government; and just in proportion as they are well or ill administered, so shall we have contentment and prosperity as a people.

I regard the immediate settlement of our Wild Lands as a subject of paramount importance, and one that has been too long neglected. I shall give a hearty support to any liberal, well digested measure that has this object in view, and the encouragement of immigration to the Province.

Our new Municipal and Assessment Acts, although in many respects improvements on previous legislation, are still defective in several points. I shall give these matters my careful consideration, so that I may be prepared to aid in their improvement.

To the many other subjects that will engage the attention of the first House of Assembly of Ontario, and the various questions that must of necessity from time to time arise, I shall be prepared to give a careful and dispassionate consideration, and decide in all cases to the best of my judgment, ever keeping in view the general interests and prosperity of the Province at large.

I will advocate the most rigid economy in all the departments of the Government, consistent with the efficient administration of the public service, and shall oppose all unnecessary expenditure of the public funds.

The question of Defence belongs exclusively to the General Government, but I will heartily co-operate with your representative in the Commons to promote every prudent measure for the proper defence of the Dominion.

Gentlemen, should you honor me with your confidence, I shall endeavor to discharge the responsibilities devolving upon me as your representative faithfully and honorably to the utmost of my ability.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Your most obedient servant,

PETER GOW

Guelpb, 6th Aug., 1867.

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