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USEFUL INFORMATION.

DECEMBER.

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Moon's Phases.

Calculated for Mean Time at St. John's, Newfoundland.

Full Moon..... 4th, 0.45 a. m.
Last Quarter..... 11th, 6.23 p. m.
New Moon..... 19th, 3.9 a. m.
First Quarter..... 26th, 0.34 p. m.

Wholesale Prices Current, St. John's.

BREAD—Hambro' No 1, 33s. 0d.; No. 2, 28s. 0d.; No. 3, 23s. 6d. Local No. 1, 26s.; No. 2, 23s. 6d.; F. C., 22s. 0d.
FLOUR—Canada Superfine, 40s; New York Extra, 38s; to 39s. Superfine States, 34s. 6d. to 35s. 6d. No. 2 do 30s. 6d.
CORN MEAL—20s.
OATMEAL—Canada, 33s 6d.
PEASE—22s.
BUTTER—Canada, and Nova Scotia, 1s 1d to 1s 2d.
CHEESE—10d.
ILAX—9d. to 10d.
POKE—Extra prime 80s; prime mess, 90s to 92s 6d; mess, 92s 6d to 95s.
BEEF—37s 6d to 47s 6d.
LARD—American and Canadian 7d. to 8d.
ROM—per Imp. gallon 7s. 10d.
MOLASSES—2s. 8d.
SUGAR—Muscovado, 45s. to 50s.
RICE—21s to 22s 6d.
COFFEE—Green, 1s. 3d. to 1s. 6d.
TEA—Congou and Souchong, ordinary broken leaf, 1s. 7d. to 1s. 9d.; fair to good, 2s. to 2s. 6d.
TOBACCO—1s. 7d. to 1s. 8d.
KEROSENE OIL—2s.
LEATHER—American Sole, 1s 4d to 1s 5d.
CORDAGE—per cwt. 65s.
SALT—per hhd. Foreign, Liverpool, 7s. 6d.
EXPORTS.
Cod Oil, £36. Cod Liver Oil, 4s 6d.
Codfish—Large Merchantable, Medium, 21s; Small, 20s; Madeira, 18s; West India, 17s; Salmon, 100s.
BANK RATES.
Exchange on London, 20. Canada, par. Nova Scotia, 1/2 per cent. discount. United States Gold, par.

NOTICE.

172 WATER STREET, 172
JAMES FALLON,
Tin, Copper and Sheet-Iron
Worker,

BEGS respectfully to inform the inhabitants of Harbor Grace and outports that he has commenced business in the Shop No. 172 Water Street, Harbor Grace, opposite the premises of Messrs. John Munn & Co., and is prepared to fill all orders in the above lines, with neatness and despatch, hoping by strict attention to business to merit a share of public patronage.

JOBGING

Done at the cheapest possible terms.
Dec. 13. tff

COMMERCIAL BANK OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

UNSIGNED printed forms of £5 Notes of this Bank, numbered 6001 to 8000 inclusive, dated Saint John's, 1st July, 1867, having been lost from on board the steamer *Gaspé*, wrecked at Langlais Island, near St. Peter's, in the month of June, 1872; some of which have been put in circulation with the forged signatures of "R. Brown, Manager," and "Henry Cooke, Accountant."
I hereby caution the Public from receiving any £5 Notes of this Bank so numbered, the Bank not having issued any £5 Notes exceeding number 6000.
R. BROWN, Manager.
St. John's, Sept. 24, 1873.

NOTICES.

SAILMAKING.

The Subscriber

BEGS respectfully to acquaint the Shipowners and public of Harbor Grace and the outports that he has taken the Workshop lately occupied by Mr. Robert Morris, No. 10 Victoria Street, where he is prepared to perform all work in the above line in a satisfactory manner, and hopes by strict attention to merit a fair share of public patronage.

GEORGE CARSON.

May 23. tff.

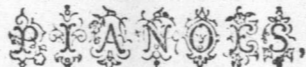
C. BREAKER, Sailmaker,

WOULD respectfully intimate to the Shipowners and public of Harbor Grace and vicinity that he has taken the Loft lately occupied by Morris & Parsons, (opposite the premises of Messrs. John Munn & Co.) where he is prepared to make and repair SAILS of all shapes and sizes in a manner calculated to afford general satisfaction, and with the utmost despatch.
April 25. tff.

PIANO TUNING!

Mr. J. CURRIE,

TUNER AND REPAIRER OF



IN returning thanks for past favours I beg respectfully to solicit a continuance of the same. All work executed punctually, and satisfaction guaranteed. CONCERTINAS also repaired. Satisfactory references as to ability will be given on enquiry. Order left at No. 170 Water Street will receive immediate attention.
Dec. 17. tff

BLACKSMITH & FARRIER,

BEGS respectfully to acquaint his numerous patrons and the public generally, that he is EVER READY to give entire satisfaction in his line of business. All work executed in substantial manner and with despatch.
Off LeMarchant St., North of Gas House.
Sept. 17.

FOR SALE.

LUMBER!

—BY—

H. W. TRAPNELL.

Now landing, ex "Atalanta," from Port Medway, N. S.:

0 M. Seasoned Prime Pine BOARD

30 do. Hemlock do.
20 do. No. 2 Pine do.

E. W. LYON

Has just received a large assortment Coloured French Kid

Gloves

Which he offers to the public at VERY LOW PRICES.
July 9 tff.

W. H. THOMPSON, AGENT FOR

Johnson's Anodyne Liniment

HARBOR GRACE MEDICAL HALL, W. H. THOMPSON, PROPRIETOR

Has always on hand a carefully selected Stock of

**DRUGS, MEDICINES,
DRY PAINTS,
Oils, &c., &c.,**

And nearly every article in his line that is recommendable:

Gallup's Floriline for the Teeth and Breath
Keating's Worm Tablets
" Cough Lozenges
Rowland's Odonto
Oxley's Essence of Ginger
Lampough's Pyretic Saline
Powell's Balsam Aniseed
Medicamentum (stamped)
British Oil, Balsam of Life, Chlorodyne
Mexican Mustang Liniment
Steer's Apodiloco
Radway's Ready Relief, Arnold's Balsam
Murray's Fluid Magnesia
" Acidulated Syrup
S. A. Allen's Hair Restorer
Rossiter's
Ayer's Hair Vigor
" Sarsaparilla
" Cherry Pectoral
Pickles, French apers, Sauces
Soothing Syrup, Kaye's Coaguline
India Rubber Sponge, Teething
Sponge, Tooth Cloths
Nail, Shoe and Cuticle Brushes
Widow Walch's Pills Morrison's Pills
Cockle's " Radway's "
Holloway's " Ayer's "
Norton's " Parsons' "
Hunt's " Jaynes' "
Holloway's Ointment
Adams' Indian Salve, Russia Salve
Morehead's Plaster, Corn Plaster
Mother's Feeding Bottles
Bond's Marking Ink, Corn Flour
Fresh Hops, Arrowroot, Sago, Gold Leaf
Nelson's Gelatine and Isinglass
Bonnet Glue, Best German Glycerine
Lime Juice, Honey, Best G round office
Nixy's Black Lead
Roth & Co.'s Rat Paste
Brown's Bronchial Troches
Woodill's Worm Lozenges
" Baking Powder
McLean's Vermifuge
Lear's India Rubber Varnish
Copal Varnish,
Kerosene Oil, Lamps, himnies, Wicks,
Burners, &c., &c.
Cod Liver Oil,
Fellows' compound Syrup of Hypophosphites
Extract of Logwood, in 1/2 lb. boxes
Cudbear, Worm Tea, Toilet Soaps
Best Perfumeries, Pomades and Hair Oil
Pain Killer
Henry's Calomel Magnesia
Enema Instruments, Gold Beater's Skin
Fumigating Pastilles, Scitlitz Powders
Furniture Polish, Plate Polish
Flavouring Essences, Spices, &c., &c.
Robinson's Patent Barley
" Groats

All the above proprietary articles bear the Government Stamp, without which none are genuine.
Orders will receive careful and prompt attention.
Sept. 7 tff

SPANISH VICE-CONSULATE,
Harbor Grace, Sept. 6, 1873.
The undersigned is instructed by the Consul General of Spain for the British North American Provinces to notify, that certain Customs' Regulations in respect of the admission of Merchandise into Spain and her Colonies have recently been issued, particulars whereof can be obtained at the Vice-Consulate.
The Vice-Consul of Spain for the District of Harbor Grace,
T. HARRISON RIDLEY.

BLANK FORMS
Executed with NEATNESS and DESPATCH at the Office of this paper

W. H. THOMPSON, AGENT FOR

**Fellows' Compound Syrup
OF
HYPOPHOSPHITES**

Aug. 23, 1873. tff.

IMPORTANT TO THE Citizens of Newfoundland.



THE CONTINENTAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK,

IN order to complete their line of Agencies from London to San Francisco, California and to extend universally the benefits and advantages offered by their Company and to place within reach of all the means of making provision for the Widow and the Orphan have decided on establishing Agencies in

St. John's and Harbor Grace, Newfoundland.

The CONTINENTAL beyond all comparison the most successful and most popular Company ever established in Europe or America. It has only been SIXTY YEARS in existence but at its organization men of enlarged views and great experience in Life Insurance, were placed in its management, who, having discarded all useless and annoying restrictions, and adopted all the improvements known in Life Insurance—many of them original with themselves, it at once received, and continues to receive a support unprecedented, and it now stands far ahead of many companies TEN YEARS older than itself. It has issued over FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND POLICIES, and has over \$6,750,000,000 assets, all securely invested, as required by law, in Bonds of the United States, Bonds of the State of New York, or in Real Estate. For that portion invested in Real Estate, it holds in all cases Double Security. So popular is its management and so great the public confidence that there are only Two Companies in the World that now approach it in the amount of business done.

By the Laws of the State of New York Life Insurance Companies are not allowed to do Fire Insurance or any other business, the importance of which law cannot be over-estimated by all who desire to protect their families by Life Insurance, and who do not wish to have their funds put in jeopardy by Fire Insurance.

By the Laws of New York Life Insurance Policies are held sacred to the families of the insured, free from the claim of Creditors.

The CONTINENTAL issues all kinds of Policies, viz: Ordinary Life, Endowment, Joint, &c.

All losses in Newfoundland will be paid at the Agency here without subjecting claimants to the trouble and expense of going to New York.
All Policy holders can vote and are eligible to office.

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Agent for Northern District, Newfoundland
Aug. 23, 1873. tff.

Correspondence to the New York World. CUBAN MASSACRE.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, Nov. 10.

Great excitement prevails in Kingston over the capture of the steamer *Virginus*, which left this island with consular and custom house clearances for Limon Bay, Costa Rica. So far as it is actually known in Jamaica the circumstances and locality of the *Virginus's* surrender are not known as no telegrams to or from this to Santiago relating to this subject have been permitted to pass out of the telegraph office there. We only know from telegram from the governor of Santiago addressed to the Spanish consul at Kingston that the *Virginus* had been captured on the 31st October, and on the 5th the leaders of the expedition—Ryan, Del Sol, Cespedes, and Veronra—were shot. Every effort to elicit facts through the cable have proved abortive, and this heightens the excitement and gives circulation to false reports and purely imaginary stories to increase the distress of those who had the misfortune to have relatives on board the *Virginus*.

There was no concealment made of the actual errand of the *Virginus* while she was here—it was notorious. The officers had dancing parties on board, and public meetings were held in honor of Cuban independence, at which the consignee of the *Virginus* occupied the chair. The steamer was repaired while in port, and coaled at the expense of the Cuban refugees. The *Virginus* first attempted to effect landing on the 28th October (three days after she left Kingston). She was driven off by the Spanish troops and chased by a Spanish frigate, but escaped and reached Port au Prince on the 27th. While there several of the Jamaica mechanics (all colored) on board became greatly alarmed after the chase and ran away, but they were hunted up and dragged from their places of concealment, and delivered over to the officers of the *Virginus* by whom they were taken on board again and put in irons, and so forced to go on this perilous adventure.

The acting British Consul at Santiago (Mr. Robert Macdon) being cut off from all immediate communication with the British Consul General at Havana, (in consequence of an interruption on the cable between Santiago and Bahama), Commodore De Horesy despatched the *Niobe* at midnight on the 7th, to inquire into matters, and to advise the consul (if support was necessary) to request delay in the carrying out of any hasty sentence that might be passed upon the Jamaicans who were captured, up to this moment nothing has been heard of the *Niobe's* arrival, and a rumor gains circulation that in consequence of the strange silence the Commodore intends to proceed there himself to day.

Captain McArthur, of the British sloop *Brilliant*, which arrived here on the 22nd instant, having left Santiago de Cuba on the evening of the 5th, reports that just before the *Virginus* was captured, Veronra advised the firing of the powder magazine and the consequent blowing up of the vessel rather than she should fall into the hands of the Spaniards, but the captain persuaded and convinced General Veronra that being under the American flag and in neutral waters they would not dare touch any man on board. Veronra and his brave followers the *reupon* became satisfied, and shortly after, an officer from El Tornado boarded the *Virginus* and demanded her papers. The officer after inspection, stated that they were correct, but made all on board prisoners. Veronra replied that he was a prisoner because there was not an English or an American man-of-war near to witness this scandle on the laws of nations. He added that he could have blown up the vessel with all on board, but he had not done so since her papers were correct and she had not been seized in Cuban waters. The American flag was, he considered, their protection, and he surrendered, he said, under protest on that flag but believed he would be victimized, since the Spanish Government all along hated him.

Captain McArthur witnessed the execution of Ryan, Veronra, Jesus del Sol, and Pedro Cespedes, and gives the following account: On the morning of the 5th they were removed to the place of execution, about a mile from the jail. The four victims were surrounded by a strong escort of Spanish soldiers. Veronra and Ryan, calm and collected, marched amid the yells and vociferations of the infuriated Spanish rabble. Arrived at the place of execution, they forced Cespedes and Jesus del Sol to kneel, in which position they were shot in the back. The soldiers next directed Ryan and Veronra to kneel in the same way, but they refused and were seized and thrown down, handcuffed all the time. The two victims begged their tormentors to allow them to die standing, and having offered further resistance, they were murdered standing. Ryan was not instantly killed. A Spanish officer stepped forward and