

On the 22nd inst., Mr. Barron, West-Commissary for this place, took Stead's steamer and went out to the wreck of the brig Imperal. He was too late to do any good. He should have gone on getting the first indications of the disaster.

Captain F. Foley has been here mining prospecting. He has got some splendid specimens of silver, lead and copper. It is not easy to say if the quantity is large, but the quality is very superior.

The people of this coast are calling loudly for Lighthouses on Cape George, Bush Head, Cape Gregory and Bonne Bay Head. There is also an unmistakable clamor for representation. The people here consider that the Government are treating them very unfairly.

A New Line of Steamers.—There is a movement on foot here to attempt the establishment of a line of steamers to ply from Sydney to Channel, thence to Codroy, Bay St. George, Bay of Islands, and Bonne Bay, and several other ports of call down the Straits of Belle Isle. The energetic Father Sears is the prime mover in the matter.

The Co-operative Society of Bonne Bay has so far been a decided success. They had two schooners loaded with provisions and other goods entered here yesterday. Great advantages are expected to accrue to the co-operatives from their new movement.

OTTAWA, Dec. 3. The government intend declaring Monday as a holiday as Christmas comes on Sunday.

Among the notices of application to Parliament are the following: For an act to incorporate the Nova Scotia Railway Company, with power to acquire existing lines of Railway in Nova Scotia excepting the Intercolonial. For an act to construct a railway on Cape Breton and establish and maintain ferries and steamboat communication between Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and the United States.

The Ontario Government have recently effected an important timber sale in the Muskoka and Parry Sound districts. The sale consists of seventy-two Berths containing 1,281 square miles, at prices which averaged about \$600 per square mile, including ground rent and dues. The gross proceeds of the sale will reach \$777,176. The decided success of this sale and the unprecedentedly high prices realized may be learned by a comparison of the sales of 1872, when the average prices reached less than \$200 per square mile. It was undoubtedly the largest and most successful sale of the kind ever held in Canada.

The advocates of an act to legalize marriage with a deceased wife's sister are preparing for another application to Parliament to pass the measure. It will be remembered that last session the Bill was carried in the House of Commons by a vote of 140 to 19, but was rejected in the Senate by a vote of 31 to 30. The chief argument used in the Senate was to give the people more time to consider the propriety of making such a radical change in the law. The object having been accomplished and the agitation having been renewed, it is likely to succeed this winter.

NEW YORK, Dec 13. President Arthur's Message to Congress has been received with general satisfaction. It is civil all round except to the Mormons whose suppression the President desiderates. It recommends the abolition of internal revenue taxes except such as are levied on spirits and tobacco. It speaks strongly in favor of Civil Service Reform. Journals hitherto unfavorable to the President approve of the Message. Among other paragraphs is one referring to future elections of President and Vice-President. The "Stalwart" party in the House of Representatives managed to get the speaker, Keifer of Ohio. This is consoling Conkling and his friends. The Republicans have a fair majority in the House and a majority of two in the Senate. It is expected that in a few days the Cabinet will be reconstructed.

LONDON, Dec. 13. A fire broke out in the Prinz theatre, Vienna on the evening of Dec. 6th just as the curtain ascended upwards. Two thousand persons were in the audience, and when the flames burst out around the stage on which were two hundred performers, a tremendous rush was made from all parts of the house to escape. Many of the panic-stricken leaped from the windows while the shouts and shrieks of those unable to escape were heartrending. During the greatest excitement the gas meter connected with the theatre exploded, causing total darkness. At midnight 300 dead bodies had been recovered and several hundred more left in the building, which was wholly wrapped in flames. It is now known that the loss of life is upwards of 500. The crowds in the galleries pressed in their despair towards the doors and crushing each other, prevented most of the number from escaping. Smoke and fumes completed the work of death, within five minutes after the first alarm had been given. The firemen still worked with torches on the lower parts of the house. At present, it is considered unsafe to enter the uppermost gallery, where the dead lie in great masses.

The total number of victims recovered after the theatre fire in Vienna is placed at 794, of which 144 have been identified.

Holloway's Pills and Ointment.—Indigestion, Coughs, and Colds.—In diseases of the throat and chest, so prevalent in our changeable climate, nothing so speedily relieves, or so certainly cures, as these inestimable remedies. These disorders are too often neglected at their commencement, or are injudiciously treated, resulting in either case in disastrous consequences. Whatever the condition of the patient, Holloway's remedies will restore, if recovery be possible, they will retard the assuming symptoms till the blood is purified and nature consummates the cure, gradually restoring strength and vital nervous power. By persevering in the use of Holloway's preparations, tone is conferred on the stomach and frame generally. Thousands of persons have testified that by the use of these remedies alone they have been restored to health after every other means had failed.

AGENTS FOR HERALD The following gentlemen have kindly consented to act as our agents, all intending subscribers will therefore confer a favor by sending in their names and subscriptions that they may be forwarded to this office.

- Brigus—Mr. P. J. Power, School Teacher
Bay Roberts—Mr. G. W. R. HIERLHY
Heart's Content—Mr. M. MOORS
Bell's Cove—Mr. Richard Walsh, Post Office Little Bay
Twillingate—Mr. W. T. Roberts.
Fogo—Mr. Joseph Rendell
Tilton Harbor—Mr. J. Burke, Sr.
King's Cove and Keels—Mr. P. Murphy.
Boavista—Mr. P. Templeman
Catalina—Mr. A. Gardiner.
Bay des Verdes—Mr. James Evans
Collier—Mr. Hearn
Conception Harbor—Mr. Kennedy
HARBOR MAINE—Mr. E. Murray.
SALMON COVE—Mr. Woodford
HOLYROOD—Mr. James Joy.

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THE CARBONEAR HERALD "Conest labor—our noblest heritage" CARBONEAR, DEC. 30, 1881

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS—

We wish you, every one, readers gentle, and very many returns of the festivity. Be a "Merry New Year" also in store for yourselves, your families, your friends, and your enemies too, if you have had any. It is not properly imaginable that you have any now; for Christmas and its associations send all malice, disturbance, detraction, ill will, and social hostility to the Limbo of things forgiven and forgotten. "Peace on earth" is breathed from Heaven; and he who obstructs its diffusion here below is a fraud on Christianity. Let him not be even named amongst you, for ill, or for worse, since in good he has no part.

No festival celebrated by the Church, not even the Annunciation or the Resurrection, is fraught with so many pleasing recollections, or brings more vividly before our minds the ever beneficent work of redemption. "A child is born to us this day" seems a simple message; but its import has changed the face of the earth. All the consolations of religion, and other consolations are not worth the trouble of search—are conveyed in the expression. Every soul that was resigned, holy, patient and cheerful, since the sun first shown in Eden, was so blessed solely because that child was that day born in a manger at Bethlehem. Every spiritual good flows from the same source, and is effect of the same cause. If we today are not immersed in all the

hideous idolatry of the gentiles of old, we owe the better circumstance to the birth of the Man God on the first Christmas morn. We rejoice, therefore, and all men of good will are glad exceedingly, when the anniversary recurs which recalls our thoughts to the infancy of the christian era. And our joy ought to be such as of its own nature characterizes the meaning of the festive season. We do not celebrate carnival of the moderns, or sturnalina of the ancients. We celebrate Christmas happier than either and immensely more sacred.

One year closes and another is ushered in. Old Time is renovated in the recent birth, all his former children having passed away to the realms of memory perhaps of regret, or perhaps happily of pleasing reminiscence. Let the dead bury the dead, and men begin life anew. Time, long as it may be, is always too short for rancorous recollections, or uncharitable sentiments and feelings. The hand of goodfellowship must be clasped in friendship, not alone by one or more, but by all. Christianity has but one hearthside, to which all its children congregate, however various their personal idiosyncracies, their personal avocations, their peculiar conditions in the framework of society. The New Year invites them all is Spirit and in Truth to join, without a jarring discord, a spiteful ejaculation. And may the union be of hearts, not merely of words. May we do unto others what we would wish others to do unto us; and we shall realize to the full the import of the joyous salutation:—"A Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year."

Correspondence

(To the Editor of Carbonear Herald.)

WHO IS TO COMMAND OUR SEAL FISHERY.

I to-day commence a subject which is of the greatest importance to the people of both Carbonear and this town. Why is the prosecution of the seal fishery taken out of the hands of men who so successfully prosecuted this fishery for upwards of a quarter of a century? Why, I would ask, were the old standing captains removed and their places filled by men of less experience and less seafaring ability, and in fact less men in every respect? This may appear to be an absurd and impertinent question; but I maintain it is neither, for while the steamers were the absolute property of John Munn & Co., there is a debt which that firm owe to the men who by the sweat of their brow and the risk of their lives made it a firm, and it is unfair to bring in men who have never contributed to the laying of a brick in their stores or a plank on their wharves. This is why my remarks are not impertinent. Why have those men brought in to fill the place of men who have actually killed more seals than any others in this Bay. We consider it an injustice to Harbor Grace, as the dismissal of one Captain means the dismissal of two or

three hundred men. \* The places of some of these will be filled by persons who have never seen Harbor Grace before, Harbor Grace will not at present admit of any importation of men for the prosecution of the seal fishery, of course the men are not to blame, but John Munn & Co. ought to be "just before they are generous" and not take the head out of the mouths of men who have well fed that firm for the past twenty-five years. Take, for instance the case of Captain Thomey who have been for many years Commodore of Munn's fleet, and is upwards of 35 years prosecuting the fishery as sealing master, during which time he landed more seals than any other man in Conception Bay, making in all but four, what may be considered bad years, and always prosecuting the cod fishery to a large extent with marked success, and this man's steamer will be commanded by men 150 or 200 miles distant from Harbor Grace. I could mention many other men whose circumstances are the very same as the one above referred to. I will return to this matter in a future issue at some length, and in conclusion I invite the views and opinions of other correspondents on this matter, as it is one which ought to be fully and freely discussed, for on it depends either the rise or fall of a certain portion of the principal men of Harbor Grace.

Yours, &c., A PLANTER. Harbor Grace, Dec. 28.

Local and other Items.

We feel certain that a great change must sooner or later take place in the general working of Postal Departments of this country. Commencing at the General Post Office, we find cause for complaint as well as in many outport Departments. We could call up several instances in which those are to blame; but as it would entail the mention of several names of persons we withhold for the present for the purpose of getting consent to use the names of the parties aggrieved by the action of certain officials in that Department. We refer principally to the delivery of newspapers, and the Herald in particular. Complaints come from various quarters to the office, and, of course, the postal department never receives any blame from the parties complaining, but all the blame rests on our shoulders. While in St. John's a short time since we were met by a subscriber who asked us why his paper did not come to the Post office, we informed him that his paper was posted at Carbonear two days previous and that it must be in the Post. He said he was at the office twice and was informed that it did not come. We proposed to try the third time, and done so with success. The paper was headed out to us, but, alas! it presented the appearance of being read over the dinner table, and the label presented the appearance of being removed, this accounted for its non-delivery. We would have then and there laid the matter before that zealous officer, Mr. LeMessurier, but for the complainant requesting us to pass it over for that time; since then several other complaints have been received from different places and we can get no satisfaction and give less. As we do not know much of the many outport departments we can say but very little, but what we do know we in future intend to say publicly, and the following facts with regard to the juggling Post office of Western Bay goes to show that everything is not O. K. as a general rule: The mail arrives at Western Bay at 10 or 11 p.m., instead of 3 or 4 p.m., it is perfectly asorted for the post-mistress, who, by the bye, is unable to read, but places them in a variety

of jugs arranged for the purpose, each jug bearing a different appearance, and in this way the letters are delivered to their owners, each jug signifying a persons name, viz., James Crammy, the popular merchant, is blue jug, Mr. somebody else red jug, and so it goes on. This is no doubt a nice state of affairs in this age of progress. There cannot be again repeat, half enough of care taken in the delivery of letters and papers.

TO CORRESPONDENTS:

FREEDOM.—Your letter about the Permissive Bill received too late for publication this issue, but will appear in our next.

Since the Herald's last appearance Mr. "Elector" says he never paid postage on a letter to the Telegram. Well if he did not it was meant for him to allow the firm to pay the postage and use their name too. We hope to hear from you again soon through the firm Mr. "E."

The Bazaar in connection with the Methodist Church, was opened in the Orange Lodge on Monday last and has been a grand success. On Monday night the proceeds amounted to £80.

The "Elizabeth Jane," Capt. Westcott, arrived to Messrs. J. & R. Maddock on Friday last, with a cargo of coal from Sydney.

Horace Greeley's bad penmanship has passed into a proverb. No description of it without a fac-simile of the writing could convey any idea of its illegibility. It is charitable, however, to the old philosopher to suppose that the fault lay with the pens he had been accustomed to use, but what a world of grief and trouble would have been saved to the compositors if he had written his editorials with an Esterbrook Falcon Pen.

OBITUARY.—We notice with regret the announcement of the death of Mr. Arthur Duder, son of the late respected Edwin Duder, merchant of this city. His friends must have heard of his death with mournful astonishment, as his illness was very brief in duration. The sad event occurred at noon on Wednesday.—Advertiser.

The enterprise of the house of Messrs. Harvey & Co., is adventuring a large shipment (3000 drums) of merchantable shore codfish to Brazil by steam. The shipment goes by the Bahama to Halifax, and will be transhipped on board steamer there for Pernambuco.—Advertiser.

Several vessels are now overdue at this port: among them, and the longest out, are the Rose of Torridge, Lady Mary and Brunette. Of the schooner Lady Mary from London no reasonable hope can be entertained. The other vessels have probably become dismasted, and put back to Fayal or some other landfall.—Ibid.

The Messrs. Hayward were informed by telegram on Saturday night of the foundering of their schooner Harriet at sea, and of the rescuing of her crew and their safe landing at the port of Madeira. The particulars of the rescue are not given, and the telegram contains no details of the date or other circumstances of the shipwreck.—Ibid.

PROGRESS OF RAILWAY WORK.—The locomotive is accomplishing splendid work, and has already pushed its advantages two miles beyond the sober and silent solitude of Ann's classic demesne. The line is now completely equipped with ties, and ballasting is complete about eight miles from the terminus. The locomotive engine has proved to be a very effective one and is doing its work with admirable efficiency.—Ibid.

The festive season have so far passed very quietly in this town; but very little drunkenness and fighting is to be seen in our streets. We regret to say we cannot say the same for Harbor Grace, or at least the River Head. Since Saturday night last several persons have been severely beatea in the neighborhood of Courages Beach and Sheeps Head. At Spaniard's Bay a row occurred, and the house of Mr. J. M. Cleary, licensed publican, was surrounded by a mob, for what purpose we have not ascertained. On yesterday we were informed that Mr.

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