

NEWS ITEMS.



Latest Despatches.

taking his advice he got into the steamer, having swam over seven miles in an hour and five minutes. He did not appear in the least tired, but his legs were numb. When he got all right he actually had the pluck and desire to continue his feat, but the water being very rough it was considered a physical impossibility for him to continue his task. He then went below, and the Palmerston steamer direct to Calais, arriving at three p.m. Just before going into harbor Johnson appeared on deck again, and with his brother jumped into the water, and performed various aquatic tricks. Having got into town, the party went to the hotel, and Johnson appeared upon the scene without showing the least signs of fatigue."



HARBOR GRACE, OCTOBER 4, 1872.

We are now enjoying our "Indian summer," which, if not injurious to the potato crop we could wish prolonged. The fear is, however, that the heavy sultry atmosphere of the last week is injuring the crop. The suggestion to get potatoes out of ground as soon as possible is a wise one.

We learn that the S. S. "Eagle," on her voyage from New York to St. John's, went ashore at Chance Cove, Cape Race, but was got off after throwing over part cargo. Several ocean steamers have been wrecked at this locality where a FOG WHISTLE is much wanted. The Dominion coasts are being well supplied with these necessary safeguards; it is time that some measures were taken to extend a like protection to the commerce of this country.

We are glad to notice that the rate of postages between Newfoundland and the Dominion is to be reduced one-half. The tax on newspapers is excessive, and should be wholly removed. Papers can be sent to England free, but are taxed 4 cents to the Dominion—that is 2 cents each to sender and receiver. This matter should be agitated until redressed.

"YOU'RE ANOTHER!"

We will furnish the "STAR" for 12 months gratis to the person who explains to our satisfaction the meaning of the words, "a very pretty looking vessel."

OUR ILLUSTRIOUS (?) contemporary, the "Standard," informs us in an advertisement under the head of "Millinery and Dressmaking," that "Having had many years experience in the best establishments in this country, Mr. R. is prepared to execute all orders with neatness and despatch." Probably Mr. R. is able to prepare all tiny ware for "daily news."

JUDGING from the LEADER in Wednesday's "Standard" we should say the editorial chair—like the "Standard's" "Judge and Bar"—is in a "disabled condition."

CROW PICKERS.

BY "AULD REEKIE."

In winter, when the snow doth fall, Alike on ignorance and all; In summer, when all leaves are seen, The Standard's heat is ever green.

H. C.

(For the benefit of your readers "Auld Reekie" must explain that H. C. is HAPHAZARD CHRONICLER.)

"Auld Reekie" has a word for the chiel who daffly thinks all wisdom lies in a nut-shell, i. e., his cranium. This mentor of the Standard has for years been mooning it over "banks and braes," or fixing off rotten potatoes in the valleys; cramming a patient suffering people with his stale see-saws. The funny chiel is now talking another long job in hand: he is going to stay the tide with his old broomstick and enforce silence to listen to his twaddle. Such a rattle of ugly adjectives as he gives way to in last Standard gives this chick the jaundice, the sound of which he has not heard since he turned his father's fanners winnowing wheat "lang syne." The chiel gloats over a "paur body's misfortunes" as if failure in effort were a crime. He should be cannie in touching family misfortunes and "let sleeping dogs lie," or I'll ken a thing and read a chapter he has forgotten. "Failed in several trades." What has his—the chiel's—history been but one long continued failure? In sheer pity "Auld Reekie" leaves him to his morbid sensitiveness and potato tops. "Auld Reekie" kens you chiel kens a' about his Rise and Progress as he does about the new News that lashed him yesterday and was humbly complimented for doing the thing so well. I pity him. No matter. I know he is "a threat of a demon." "Auld Reekie's" advice to the chiel is in two words—hook it.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—It is reported that Lord John Russell is preparing a review of the proceedings and award of the Geneva Arbitration.

The Chambers of Commerce in several leading cities of England have adopted resolutions, congratulating Her Majesty's Government, on the happy termination of the Alabama arbitration, and copies of the resolutions will be forwarded to the government of the United States.

Mr. Foster, in an address at Bradford, and Mr. Lowe at Glasgow last night, rejoiced in the final settlement of these claims.

The Prussian government has stopped the pay of the Bishop of Ermeland.

Gambetta's tour in France continues to excite great enthusiasm.

The Austrian Arch Duke Albrcht, reported dead, is recovering.

The population of Metz has decreased 23 since the German army occupied it. Migration is all to France.

LONDON, 28.—The heavy gales experienced for days on the British coast continues. Some damage done to shipping.

The health of ex-Empress Charlotta is improving.

Carlsl Seballo, with 830 men is besieging Puigcerda, in the province of Gerona.

The Portugese colony on the African coast, is very unsuccessful, and the colonists threaten to return.

The international peace Congress in session at Lugnan this week, adjourned yesterday.

Garibaldi, in a letter to the Congress, denounces Thiers, and his policy towards Italy in terms of great severity. He also alludes to the settlement of the Alabama controversy, heartily approving the Arbitration.

The authorities at London detained a steamship which was to have sailed to day, with a number of emigrants for Canada, because it is now too late for their departure.

New York, 28.—Gold 113 3/4. Exchange 7 1/2.

MONTREAL, 30.—The Daily News and Northern Journal, both of Montreal, are defunct.

It is reported that Sir John Rose will be the next president of the Montreal Bank.

LONDON, 30.—Espartaco has resigned his position as President of the Spanish Senate.

The French government condemns Gambetta's course in addressing the people in the provinces. His speeches are considered indiscreet, and ill-timed, and calculated to agitate the country which needs repose.

The Pope to day, went beyond the Vatican for the first time since the occupation of Rome by the Italian government. He proceeded to the Porta del Lecca, and by that gate walked into the gardens.

LONDON, Oct. 1.—Lord Rederdale, has written a letter, condemning the conduct of the government representatives in the Geneva Board of Arbitration, where he says, the interests of the country were sacrificed to those of the Cabinet. He demands a full explanation of the reasons which prompted the representatives to act as they did.

NEW YORK, 1.—It is rumoured that Boss Tweed has fled, and escaped suits pending against him, which were to have commenced yesterday.

A furious gale has been prevailing on Lake Ontario, and some wrecks are already reported. On Lake Erie, several disasters are reported, some of which were attended with loss of life.

Great excitement exists in the oil regions of Pennsylvania. The suspension of work is general, and the price is already advancing. Violence has been used against those who refuse to stop work.

The Secretary of the Treasury has ordered the redemption of 1,000,000 of three per cents. The journeymen tailors of Philadelphia are on a strike.

The National debt was reduced in September to nearly ten and half million dollars. Gold not quoted.

"Standard" do Thine Own Work.

The gentle editor of an exchange makes the amende honorable in the following elaborate style:—"There is a fly in our office—one particular, aggressive fly—distinguished from his brethren by a pertinacity and untiring energy that, if properly directed, are enough to make him Premier. Other flies we can dispose of by whisking a paper at them, or put them out of the window. But this fly we can't manage. We don't like to kill flies; there is something so confiding about them, that it seems like a breach of hospitality to kill them. That fly tumbles into our inkstand, crawls out, and dries his little feet by walking over our paper as we write. The compositor has hard work to decipher our manuscript sometimes. And in this connection, we would make a slight correction. In the present number of our paper "A.R." calls the Hon Mr. H. C. "an unprincipled demagogue," he should have said "a high-toned patriot." 'Twas the fault of that fly. The brother of the Hon. Mr. H. C. came up town this morning with a new and substantial looking cane and reminded us of the misprint."

The Sultan of Zanzibar.—The Sultan of Zanzibar, the sovereign of that seaport town in West Africa now so well known as a rendezvous for African explorers, having written a letter to Sir Henry Rowlinson, announcing his good-will toward the Livingstone relief expedition, and his intention to afford it material aid, has been elected an honorary member of the Royal Geographical Society.

New Use for Kerosene Oil.—We hear from New Zealand of a new use for kerosene oil. Internally administered, it is said to be a cure for chronic rheumatism. Dr. Kemp of Wellington has administered it in his practice with gratifying results. The dose was a tea-spoonful in a wine glass of water, every other night, and it produced no unpleasant symptoms whatever. His success may induce other physicians to make a trial of it, but no one should take it unless by medical advice.

Napoleon and Eugenie.—Napoleon and Eugenie are terribly annoyed by bores, who run after and stare at them with brazen effrontery. Even at the British Association meeting at Brighton the other day, they were not exempt from intrusive impudence. They had no sooner taken their seats than the May or appeared, and first introduced himself, and then planted his wife down beside the distinguished party. In consequence of these annoyances, the imperial party contemplate another removal.

Ozone.—Ozone is oxygen gas in an active or peculiar electric condition, the presence of which in the atmosphere is believed to be advantageous to health. Considerable interest, therefore, attaches to the following account of observations recorded in the Journal of the Scottish Meteorological Society: "When the air had a pleasant sharpness to the feelings, exercising, as it were, a stimulating influence on the spirits, the largest quantities of ozone were obtained. On the other hand, when the air was close, and seemed to exercise a slightly depressing influence, little, if any, ozone was detected."

The German Band.—The German Band, who played at the Jubilee, are having a row in Berlin upon the division of the money made in the United States. Herr Saro, the leader, claims so large a portion as his share that the matter and the money is now in the hands of the authorities, with some prospect that the latter may appropriate the whole amount for the benefit of the public service. Later accounts state that the difficulty between Herr Saro and the members of his band, regarding the distribution of the money, has been amicably settled. Each member has received about a thousand dollars as his share of the proceeds.

Prussian Commissioners Investigating American Fisheries.—The Prussian Government have recently sent to this country a Commission consisting of Dr. Otto Finsch, curator of the Bremen Museum, and Dr. Phil M. Linde, co-editor of the Bremen Wisser Zeitung, with instructions to make a thorough investigation of the inland fisheries of the United States and the means employed in the artificial propagation of salmon, trout and other fresh water fish, it being the intention of the Prussian Government to inaugurate a general system by which all the depopulated streams of Germany shall be restocked. The Commissioners arrived in this city last week, and immediately put themselves in communication with Mr. E. A. Brackett of the Massachusetts Board of Commissioners on Fisheries, who has furnished to them drawings and descriptions of the hatching apparatus employed in this State, and of his patent fish-ways, which they pronounced superior to any which they have seen in Europe. On Friday last they visited Bedford in company with Mr. Brackett, and examined the operation of the fish-way, with which they were greatly pleased. They go hence to California to examine the salmon fisheries of the Pacific coast.—Boston Journal, Sept. 11.

Terrible Prediction.—The author of La Prusse et la Russie, dedicated to Prince Bismarck, "Geneva," prophesies that the terrible experiences of the year 1870-71 were but the prelude to a struggle far more momentous, which will deluge Central Europe with blood, and that within the present decade. It is not difficult to divine from the title of the pamphlet between what races and for what objects such a contest will commence. Prussia and Russia must eventually (according to the author) grapple together in mortal combat for the supremacy in Central Europe, and both are silently preparing for the ordeal. Inasmuch as the anti-German tendencies of the Czar are well-known, the author of this work affirms that the death of the Czar would be the signal for an immediate outbreak of war, if indeed circumstances do not bring it about during the lifetime of the present Emperor, who is supposed to wish for the continuance of peace, so long as his subjects refrain from forcing him into an opposite policy. The part which Poland will take in the conflict between her partitioners and oppressors is anxiously reviewed and considered in the pages under notice; the establishment of a

new kingdom of the now divided sections of that unhappy land is deemed to be a certain result of such a struggle, as equally in the interest of either combatant, the want of immediate power being felt by both the giant nations of the North.

Sounds of the Sea.—When a shell is held up to the ear there is a peculiar vibratory noise, which children assure each other is the roar of the sea, however distant they may be from it.

Philosophically investigated the peculiar sound thus recognized is a phenomenon that very much perplexed learned gentlemen for a long while. The experiment is easily made by simply pressing a spiral shell, common in collections, over the cerebra of either ear. If a large shell the sound is very much like that of a far off cataract. Now what causes it?

Every muscle in the body is always in a state of tension. Some are more on the stretch than others, and particularly those of the fingers. It is conceded that the vibration of the fibres of those in the fingers being communicated to the shell—it propagates and intensifies them, as the hollow body of the violin does the vibration of its strings, and thus the acoustic nerve receives the sonorous impressions. Muscles of the leg below the knee are said to vibrate in the same way, and if conducted to the ear produce the same result.

Vulgarity.—We commend the following extract to the thoughtful study of the young. Nothing is so disgusting and repugnant to the feelings of the noble and good as to hear the young, or even the old, use profane, low or vulgar language.—The young of our towns are particularly guilty of profanity. In our day it seems the "boy" does not feel himself a "man" unless he can exel in this great sin. We would guard the young against the use of every word that is not strictly proper.—Use no profane expression—allude to no sentence that will put to blush the most sensitive. You know not the tendency of habitually using indecent and profane language. It may never be obliterated from your heart. When you grow up you will find at your tongue's end some expression which you would not use for any money. It was used when quite young. By using care you will save yourself a great deal of mortification and sorrow. Good men have been taken sick and become delirious. In these moments they used the most vile and indecent language imaginable. When informed of it after restoration to health they had no idea of the pain they caused; they had learned and repeated the expressions in childhood, and though years had passed since, they had been indelibly stamped upon the heart. Think of this, you who are tempted to use improper language, and never disgrace yourselves.

Steamer "Linda."—We are happy to state that the indomitable energy and perseverance of the owner, N. K. Clements, Esq., have at length been successful in getting the Linda off the shore at Cranberry Head. Her bottom having been temporarily patched up, and aided by a large number of empty casks and pumps, she was got afloat on Thursday evening last, and at once taken in tow by steam-tug G. W. Johnson to this harbor, where she now lies at Clements' wharf. She is not so badly damaged as was generally supposed, and in a few days she will be put on the Marine railway for repairs. The engine will be put in thorough order by Messrs. Burrell, Johnson & Co., and improvements will be made in it which are expected materially to increase its power and the speed of the vessel. The work both on the hull and machinery will be vigorously put through, and it is confidently expected that the Linda will be on the route between Yarmouth, Boston and St. John before the close of the present season. We are assured that no pains or expense will be spared to put her in thorough sea-going condition, to improve her passenger accommodations, and to render her in every way as efficient as possible for her intended service.

Lynch Law in Kansas.—On Thursday night last, in Hays City, Kan., there was done a deed of fearful note, and this was the done in the manner of its doing:— A few days before one Jack Wright went to Hays City from Dodge City, the prospective terminus of the Atlantic, Texas, and Santa Fe Railroad, to buy some lumber for building purposes. In one of the low doggeries with which Hays City abounds he met one McClelland, a resident of Ellsworth, and familiarly known as the wickedest man in the State. Both parties had been drinking and both were stimulated to jealousy by the presence of a frail if not fair one, in the person of Nettie O'Baldwin. Words ensued, and then McClelland loudly asserted that the only object which he had in going to Hays City was to kill Jack Wright, and that now was the appointed time. In a moment, amid a frightful din of profanity and remonstrance, pistols were drawn, and their short, sharp crack announced that murder was being done. McClelland's first shot pierced Wright's stomach, and he fell to the ground mortally wounded.

His death wound, however, did not prevent him from firing on and wounding McClelland. One ball took effect in the desperado's head, another in his left hand and a third in his abdomen, all three wounds being severe, but not necessarily fatal. In a moment the fight was

over, and in less currence, Wright prisoner and the having departed Clelland's wound placed in jail, the building used as fastened to his was fastened to the building. T in a similar man "Pony" Donov warning to leav had treated with had been territ affray and the cious knots of n ners, muttering fians would not alive, or, indee er day.

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