

## THE GATHERING OF THE CLANS.

The Caledonian Games on the Montreal Lacrosse Grounds—Good Sports, Large Attendance and Magnificent Weather.

The twenty-seventh grand annual gathering and athletic sports of the Caledonian Society, were held Saturday on the Montreal Lacrosse Grounds. Everything conspired to make the gathering one of the most successful in the annals of the Society. The weather was magnificent, the competition between the athletes was close and exciting, the attendance was large and enthusiastic, the programme was carried out with the utmost despatch, in fact the arrangements in every respect were perfect. A large number of prominent citizens were on the grounds and the shady corners were filled with the fair sex. Among those present were—Lt Col John Fletcher, C.M.G., Lt Col Campbell, Angus Grant, Esq., Wm. Angus, Esq., W. Wilson, Esq., A. G. Hodges, Esq., Jas. Stewart, Esq., Alex. McGibbon, Esq., Ewan McLennan, Esq., D. E. Bowie, Esq., Chief McKinnon, of Belleville.

The following sports and games were concluded as we went to press.

1st. Quoits—There were six draws in this game, and the places have not yet been fixed. 2nd. Throwing heavy hammer, 16 lbs; four competitors—1st, Donald Dinnie (Scottish champion), 95 ft 10 in; 2nd, D. C. Ross, Louisville, Ky, 94 ft 6 in; 3rd, M. McDonald, Toronto, 91 ft 5 in.

3rd. Throwing light hammer, 12 lbs—1st, D. Dinnie, 121 ft; 2nd, D. C. Ross, 112 ft; 3rd, M. McDonald, 110 ft 6 in. There were four competitors.

4. Putting heavy stone, 21 lbs.—There were five competitors. 1st, D. C. Ross, 36 ft 6 in; 2nd, A. McDonald, Belleville, 35 ft 10 in; 3rd, Donald Dinnie, 35 ft 9 in.

5. Putting light stone, 14 lbs.—Five competitors. 1st, D. Dinnie, 48 ft 3 in; 2nd, A. McDonald, Glasgow, 45 ft 6 in; 3rd, D. C. Ross, 44 ft 8 in.

6. Tossing the caber.—Four competitors. 1st, D. Dinnie, 40 ft 6 in; 2nd, D. C. Ross, 39 ft 5 in; 3rd, E. W. Johnson, Hamilton, 39 ft 4 in.

7. Throwing 56 lb weight—1st, D. Dinnie, 24 ft 9 in; 2nd, D. C. Ross, 24 ft 2 in; 3rd, E. W. Johnson, 21 ft 11 in.

8th. Running hop step and jump; four competitors—1st, M. McDonald, 43 ft 8 in; 2nd, Alex. Miller, Montreal, 42 ft 8 in; 3rd, J. Cole, Montreal, 38 ft 6 in.

9th. Running long jump—1st, M. McDonald, 19 ft 11 in; 2nd, E. W. Johnson, 18 ft 10 in; 3rd, Alex. Miller, 18 ft 8 in.

10th. Running high leap; six competitors—1st, E. W. Johnson, 5 ft 6 in; 2nd, D. C. Ross, 5 ft 5 in; 3rd, M. McDonald, 5 ft 3 in.

11th. Vaulting with pole; four competitors—1st, A. Miller, 8 ft 7 in; 2nd, A. Muir and Johnson, 8 ft 1 in.

12th. Shetland Pony Race—1st, McGibbon's "Lad Macdonald," 2nd, Hogan's "Trouble."

13th. Two-mile Race; six competitors—1st, George Irvine, 2nd, Joe Lefebvre; 3rd, White Eagle.

14th. One-mile Race; six competitors—1st, T. W. Moffat; 2nd, J. Baird.

15th. Best Piper (Highland costume)—1st, Piper Matheson; 2nd, Piper-Major Neil.

Highland Fling (Highland costume)—1st, A. R. Macdonald, Jr, \$10; 2nd, Roland McDonald, \$5; 3rd, R. P. Niven, \$3.

Chillie callan—A. Niven 1st, \$10; R. P. Niven, 2nd, \$5; A. R. McDonald 3rd, \$2.

Best dressed boy (Highland costume)—Colin Duguid, 1st; W. A. Hastie, 2nd; Frank Fraser, 3rd; Richard Smeal, 4th.

16th. Mile race (open).—This event brought out White Eagle, Lefebvre, Irvine, Miller and Macgregor. Irvine and Miller started first and second place and were displaced by White Eagle on the hill, who took a strong lead on the down stretch, Irvine second, Lefebvre third, and White Eagle maintained his advantage through the second lap.

On the third lap Irvine came up fast and easily passed the leader, flowing off again when he got in front, and entering the fourth lap Irvine had a lead of four yards, running well within himself. Lefebvre then came up and pushed the leader hard, but could not displace him, and entering the last round White Eagle came on with a rush past Lefebvre, proved for Irvine, shot his bolt, and fell way off to the rear. Meanwhile, Lefebvre crept up again, but could not catch Irvine, who finished first in 4:55; Lefebvre second, Macgregor third.

Quarter-mile hurdle Race—F. J. Anderson, Montreal, first, \$10; E. W. Johnson second, \$5; D. C. Ross third, \$3. No time taken.

Boys' Race—T. McDonald first; White Eagle, Jr, second; C. Neville third.

Hurdle Race—W. Dewitt first; Jas. Burchell second; H. Dewitt third.

Bicycle Race—T. C. Holden first; J. Lowe second; W. J. Farquharson third. Messrs D. W. Allan, A. T. Lase and G. R. Starke also competed.

Amongst the many valuable prizes offered for competition, those for the one mile amateur race are worthy of special notice. The first prize, which was won by Moffat after a pretty race with Baird, in a splendid gold medal, presented by Mr. W. Wilson, ex-President of the St. Patrick's National Association. It consists of a gold shield, encircled with a wreath of the typical plant of Auld Scotia, very finely chased, on the obverse side of which are grouped three athletes in the act of running, and on the reverse being engraved the following words: "Presented by William Wilson, J.P., to the Caledonian Society for one mile race won by—"

The second prize is another medal presented by Mr. W. S. Walker, jeweller, which is in silver, encircled in a wreath of gold of laurel and thistle being combined, making a most beautiful and effective design. Two contestants are represented on the obverse, and, as in the other case, on the reverse, is an inscription as follows: "Presented by W. S. Walker, jeweller, won by—"

The other prizes were also very substantial, aggregating in value some \$750. Excellent service was rendered by Messrs. Board and McDonald in the way of distributing good food, the breezes from which were coolly appreciated.

A HEAVY LIST OF PARICIDES FOR 1882.

1882 has been a shocking year thus far for paricides. Guy Smith, the Missouri boy just convicted of murdering his father, does not stand alone except for youthfulness. In January a protracted quarrel between Jared Smith in Bloomington, Ind., and his wife and two sons culminated in his being shot by his son Dan, aged 19, after which Dan and an older brother threw the body into a well. In February, Solomon Richards, of Charleston, Mass., was shot and killed by his son, a young married man. The murderer claimed that his father had abused his mother. There was some evidence that he slew his father to get the farm. In the same month James G. Allison was hanged at Indiana, Pa., for the deliberate murder of his father. The father and mother were on bad terms, and the son sided with his mother. He was 30. Later in the month, Charles B.

Gillen, aged 17, shot his invalid mother in her bed at Macomb, Ohio. Having had a dispute with her, he went into another room, got a pistol, and killed her. It was also in February that John Lapshin, who lived twelve miles from John Rapids, Iowa, was shot by his daughter, aged 20. The girl's lover, to whom the father objected, furnished her with a pistol, and her mother and younger sister were in the plot. They had been intending to kill John, but neither the wife nor the younger daughter could muster up courage to do it, so they sent for the older girl, who was away. A somewhat similar crime occurred in May, in the same State, near Muscatine. A man named McMonomon was shot by his young son, his two daughters, both young, being parties to the crime. They said they wanted to have things their own way at home, and they couldn't so long as the father lived. They planned that the youngest sister should confess that she killed her father, their idea being that her sex and age would save her from severe punishment, and so all would escape. But the plot fell through. On the 4th of July, Frank Dagon, of Harwinton, Conn., pushed his father backward, breaking his neck, because he was not allowed to take the horse for a ride.

## THE MILITARY EXPEDITION.

(London Telegraph, July 22.)

On enquiry at the War Office last night we were informed that the whole of the arrangements for the despatch of the British expedition to Egypt had been completed so far as that department is concerned. The command has been filled, and all the most important staff appointments given away, the departmental officers have been warned for service, and everything is in readiness for the machinery to be put in motion as soon as the Admiralty has provided the necessary transport for the troops.

Final orders were issued from the Horse Guards yesterday for the following regiments to be in readiness to embark for Egypt as soon as transport is provided, viz:—

Household Cavalry (three squadrons). 4th Dragoon Guards. 7th Dragoon Guards. 19th Hussars.

N Battery A Brigade, R. H. A. G. Battery B Brigade, R. H. A. A Battery 1st Brigade, R. A. D Battery 1st Brigade, R. A. N Battery 2nd Brigade, R. A. O Battery 2nd Brigade, R. A. C Battery 3rd Brigade, R. A. J Battery 3rd Brigade, R. A.

A Troop Royal Engineer Train. C Troop Royal Engineer Train. No 24 (Field) Company Royal Engineers. No 26 (Field) Company Royal Engineers. Railway Park. Field Park.

2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards. 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards. 1st Battalion Scots Guards. 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment (Royal Irish Regiment).

42nd Regiment (1st Battalion Royal Highlanders). 50th Regiment (1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment).

84th Regiment (2nd Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment). 87th Regiment (1st Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers).

53rd Regiment (1st Battalion Shropshire Light Infantry). Commissariat and Transport Staff. Nos. 10, 11, 12, 15, and 17 Companies. Eight Field Hospitals.

Two Bearer Companies Army Hospital Corps.

The Admiralty commissioners sent out a circular yesterday inviting tenders for steamships as transports on monthly pay for two months certain. Two classes of vessels are asked for—one for stores, mail, and the other for carrying troops. Of the latter class the impression is that from fifteen to twenty steamers will at least be needed.

A large number of vessels were offered yesterday afternoon, and amongst those accepted and ordered for survey to-day are the following:—"Holland," 2,462 tons; "France," 3,238 tons, both belonging to the National Line Steamship Company; "Calabria," 2,031 tons, Telegraph Construction Company, formerly owned by the Cunard Company; "City of London," 3,400 tons; "Viking," of the "Tower Hill" and "Ludgate Hill," each 4,300 tons registered.

It is stated that the reserve to be called out will be limited to those men who have been transferred to class 1, on or after January 1881, before they had completed twelve years' service. The necessary order-in-Council summoning the men to join the colours not later than August 2nd will, it is added, be issued as soon as possible after Mr. Gladstone's statement to Parliament on Monday.

FRIGHTFUL STEAMBOAT EXPLOSION.

SEVENTEEN PERSONS KILLED AND FORTY-SEVEN INJURED.

Cairo, Ill., Aug. 7.—The steamboat "Gold Dust" blew up, was burnt to the water's edge, and sank two hundred yards north of Alton, Kentucky. Seventeen persons were killed so far as known and forty-seven wounded. The captain and twenty-eight others were rescued. The vessel was carrying a large number of passengers and a large quantity of goods.

Hickman, Ky., Aug. 8.—The steamer "Gold Dust" exploded her boiler just after leaving Hickman, Ky. A person was killed and 17 are missing. A boat was landed in an eddy just above the town, and through the exertions of citizens the cabin passengers, officers and crew, were rescued before being removed to the more comfortable places. The following were injured:—Capt. John McCord, slightly scalded; F. T. Gray, pilot; S. Price, mate; John Langlois, clerk; Mr. Ingram, clerk; Mr. Travis, barkeeper; Phil. Daniels, watchman; John O'Neil, Tom Beck, deck hands; Dick Phillips and Jim Porter, two passengers; two cabin boys, three firemen, barbers, ten deck passengers and Mrs. Thompson, cabin passenger, severely scalded; D. Dunham, second mate; P. Delord, clerk; James Monahan, sailor; James Nichols, baker; Mrs. Bodge, Thornton and two others slightly scalded, one cabin passenger, one deck passenger, fireman, two coal passers, eight rounders, four cabin boys, James Lewis, cook, missing; Bill Ingraham, Wm. Travis, the cabin watchman; P. Coleman, deck passenger, and John Joy, roundabout, have died.

THE CANADA ATLANTIC RAILWAY.

Ottawa, Aug. 4.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Canada Atlantic Railway Company, held to-day, a resolution was passed authorizing a special general meeting of the shareholders to be held on the 29th of August, to consider and determine upon the issue of the first mortgage bonds to the extent of \$15,000 a mile, the leasing in perpetuity of the Province Line Railway in the State of Vermont, and the issue of preference stock. The president submitted the following report:—"To the directors of the Canada Atlantic Railway Company—I beg now to submit to you a report of progress made since last meeting, in constructing the railway from Nation River to Ottawa. As stated in last report two trains were running each way from Coteau to Casselman. I have now to state that the road is constructed and ballasted

one-half mile of the Rideau River, and the bridge over the Rideau River and Rideau Canal will be fully completed within three or four days. The road is now graded to the line of Elgin street in this city, and the ties will be laid on this portion at once, and the ballasting of the whole line to Ottawa will be completed next week. As early as arrangements can be made, two trains each way per day will be run to Montreal. It is expected that the time through to Montreal will be made in three hours and a half, each train carrying mails. Immediate arrangements will be made for carrying freight between Montreal and Ottawa. All of which is respectfully submitted. E. McGillivray, president."

## THE NEW FRENCH CABINET.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE "PERSONNEL" OF THE "LONDON TIMES" COMMENTS.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—The new Cabinet is officially announced as follows:—Duchere, President of the Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs; Fallieres, Minister of the Interior; Derville, Under-Secretary of the Interior; Daves, Minister of Justice; Duvaux, Minister of Public Instruction; Thord, Minister of Finance; Billot, Minister of War; Jaureguiberry, Minister of Marine; Cocheret, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs; De Maury, Minister of Agriculture; Piere Legrand, Minister of Commerce and of Colonies of Public Works.

Duchere will read a declaration in the Chamber on Tuesday, regarding foreign affairs. He will state that the new Ministry do not wish to revert to the past; that they accept the vote of the Chamber on the Egyptian credit, and desire the maintenance of peace. Should any incident occur compromising the dignity of France, they will forthwith convolve the Legislature, to concert with it upon measures necessary under the circumstances. Regarding home affairs, he will state that the new Cabinet will take the vote of the Chamber as the basis of their policy.

London, Aug. 8.—The Times says:—"The new French Cabinet is decidedly in favor of Gambetta's Egyptian policy. It is not a strong Ministry nor can the friends of Republican institutions in France look upon it with much satisfaction."

TOUCHING INSTANCE OF A SISTER'S LOVE.

It is a practice amongst young girls in the south of France and in Brittany to come on the days of a fair to sell their hair to merchants, who afterwards export it to all parts of the world. It is generally with great reluctance, and only when driven by necessity, that the poor girls submit to this separation, which brings them, when the hair is of the finest quality, about a dollar and some yards of cheap colored cotton.

In 1870 there was a family of field laborers who managed to eke out a poor subsistence for themselves in their native village. The family consisted of the parents, three sons, and a daughter of twelve, who had beautiful auburn hair.

The war broke out, and the eldest son joined the army. His departure was a cruel blow. He was very much attached to his young sister, and she was inconsolable; when she did not weep, she seemed to be plunged in a reverie.

At the first fair that was held in the neighborhood, she presented herself to a dealer in hair. She displayed her flowing and abundant locks, whilst her face was bedewed with tears.

"How much?" inquired the dealer. Her sorrow choked her to that degree that she could hardly give her answer: "At least twenty-eight sous."

The merchant guessed that there was some mystery. He was a kind-hearted man, and not wishing to take advantage of the girl, he gave her the highest price that was usual, one dollar. This caused a flash of pleasure for a moment to light up the countenance of the child; but at each cut of the scissors amongst her tresses, a bitter sigh escaped from her breast. Resuming her simple head dress, she withdrew, holding her dollar fast. She then ran to a grocer's and bought lamp oil for twenty-eight sous, gave the balance of her treasure to a poor blind man on the way and returned to the village.

Not far from her home an ancient bridge crossed a little mountain stream in a single arch. On the parapet at the entrance of the bridge was a Madonna venerated by the whole country. In the niche, a lamp was kept constantly burning, either for a newborn child or for a person in agony. The little girl filled the glass with oil, and every day she returned to replenish it. She had sold her hair in order to devote the proceeds to this work of piety. On the battle-field might not her brother at any moment be in his agony?

The war came to an end. The young soldier returned home safe and sound, and yet he had fought bravely. When kissing his sister, he noticed that her hair was gone, in which he had taken very great pride. When he asked her about it, she cast down her eyes.

God and the Blessed Mother have protected you and have brought you back safe, that is all I cared for. My hair will grow again. The young man could not answer, but he wept as he kissed his little sister again and promised to be with her at her next Communion.

No doubt in England the recent death of Mulhar Rao, the deposed Gaikwar of Baroda, a principality of western India, will excite many reminiscences. Seven years ago he was suspected of complicity in the attempt to poison Col. Playre, the British Resident. The inquiry into the matter resulted in a disagreement of the commission, which was composed half of English and half of Indian officials, with the Chief Justice of Bengal presiding. But Lord Northbrook, at that time the Viceroy, deposed the Gaikwar by proclamation, on the ground of general misconduct. This act seemed rather summary, but no doubt Mulhar Rao was a great scamp, squandering money out of his subjects and wasting it in extraordinary prodigality. Rarely does even a fully civilized prince make himself a greater nuisance, so that it was probably a relief when he was deposed.

A distinguished foreigner who is stopping at one of the leading hotels was called upon yesterday by a prominent naval officer, and, according to the forms made and provided by good society, the latter sent up his card by the bell boy. When the pasteboard was presented to the eminent alien he screwed his glass into his eye and gazed at it intently. He readily comprehended the name of the visitor, but continued to curiously scrutinize one corner of the card. Finally he turned to a gentleman present and with a most mystified air said: "Vat'es zees?" pointing to the characters on the corner. "That?" said the gentleman; "why, that is 'U. S. N.' It stands for 'United States Navy.' Have you never heard of our navy?" The representative of an effete monarchy rubbed his chin thoughtfully and then exclaimed: "Caramba! Nevalre, by Gar!"—Washington Republic.

## OBITUARY.

Princess Roland Bonaparte is dead.

Mr. Osgood, Postmaster of St. Johns, Que., died at that town on August 3rd.

The death is announced of Mr. Jos. E. Bonneau, Registrar of Dorchester.

Joseph Dollger, a prominent brewer, died in New York, Aug. 6th, aged 63 years.

The wife of Frederick Douglas died at Washington, on August 4th, of paralysis.

Rear-Admiral John O. Beaumont (retired), died at Newmarket, N. H., on August 3rd, aged 61 years.

The sudden death is reported of Mr. Melville Dechene, formerly merchant at St. Roches des Anulais.

A wealthy farmer of Lewis named Nolin, died suddenly at his residence on the evening of July 31st.

Major Blum Millie, a well-known citizen of Montreal, died in that city on August 2nd in the 26th year of his age.

Arthemus Hale, the oldest ex-member of Congress, died at Bridgewater, Mass., on August 3rd, aged 98 years.

Major George S. Leblond, the well-known hotel man, died at the Sturtevant House, New York, on August 12th, of rheumatism of the heart.

Captain Robert Smith, of Nova Scotia, and manager of the steamships Lunenburg Mills, British Columbia, died on July 31st of heart disease.

Mr. Beverly R. Jossett, Clerk of the Black Rod in the New Brunswick Legislative Council, died at Fredericton on August 4th, aged 79 years.

Engene Kimball, billiardist, who recently played at the Casino in New York, died at Rochester, N. Y., on August 2nd of congestion of the lungs, aged 31.

The death is announced of Hon. Mr. Gaudet, Legislative Councillor, and of Hon. Jas. Harvey Price, formerly Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Old Province of Canada.

Word has been received in Toronto of the sudden death at Providence, B. I., of Samuel R. Warren, organ builder, of the former city. He was favorably known in Montreal, where his remains will be interred.

The funeral of the late Postmaster Osgood, of St. Johns, Que., which took place yesterday, August 4th, was very largely attended, there being representatives from Montreal, the Eastern Townships and New York State. Flags were displayed at half-mast, and the whole business portion of the town was closed during the service.

Hon. Adam Hope, Senator of the Dominion Parliament, died in Hamilton, Ont., on Aug. 7th, in the 70th year of his age. The deceased was born at East Lothian, Scotland, in January, 1813. In 1834 he emigrated to Upper Canada and entered the office of Young, Wier & Co., merchants, Hamilton.

Mr. Hope began business in St. Thomas in 1837, and served as a private in a volunteer company in the rebellion which broke out in that year. He removed to London, Ont., in 1845, and subsequently to Hamilton in 1865, where, as in London, he became largely engaged in mercantile business. He held a number of important positions of public trust, and at the time of his death was President of the Hamilton Provident and Loan Society and a director of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. In 1877 he was called to the Senate. Mr. Hope was a Liberal in politics.

THE LATE REV. FATHER BILLON.

A SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

The deceased was 63 years of age, having been born in 1814. He originally belonged to the Archdiocese of Paris, France, and was occupied in the earlier years of his ministry in conducting the education of a number of young men, one of whom has become the Archbishop of Rheims. In 1841 Fr. Billon entered the Seminary of St. Sulpice, where he successively taught the natural sciences and Holy Scripture. After passing nine years in this renowned institution, he came to Canada in 1850 and was given a professorship in the Montreal College, and subsequently passed over to the Grand Seminary. He was finally sent to the Parish of Notre Dame to fill the place of the late Rev. Mr. Poirault, and took charge of the spiritual direction of the pupils of the Orphan School, which he held until his late illness. His remains have been brought to the city, and the funeral obsequies have been fixed for 8:30 to-morrow morning in Notre Dame. They will be on a grand scale, as the united clergy of the Diocese, who are now in retreat at the Grand Seminary, have signified their intention of assisting at the service. All the children of the schools are also invited, and especially the members of the choir.

DEATH OF MRS. POWER.

HER FUNERAL AT NAMOURAFA.

The deceased lady was the widow of the late lamented Judge Power, of Quebec (well known to the Irish of that city). The funeral service was celebrated in the beautiful Catholic church of Riviere du Loup on 3d August. The body was interred in the vaults of the church. The pall-bearers were the Hon. Chief Justice Meredith, of Quebec; Hon. Mr. Justice Taschereau, of the Supreme Court, Ottawa; Judge Henri Taschereau, of the district of Kamouraska, and J. B. Chaboulin, Esq., N. P. Riviere du Loup.

The chief mourners were her son, Mr. A. Power, her brother the Rev. Abbe Gaspere, her sons in law Mr. Edward Murphy and Mr. George Duvall; her brothers in law, William Fraser Esq., Seigneur of Riviere du Loup, and the Hon. Judge J. T. Loranger, two of her grandsons, W. S. Murphy and Arthur Tache, several other members of her family. A large and respectable number of the townspeople attended the funeral and service, thereby evincing the respect and esteem in which the deceased lady was held for her many exemplary virtues and amiable qualities.

Mrs. Power was the guest of her brother-in-law, William Fraser, where she had arrived in perfect health only a couple of weeks before her death.

The deceased lady was well known in this Province and highly respected. Her family was one of the most remarkable instances, and, perhaps, one of the earliest, of the good results of an intermarriage between prominent Irish Catholic and French families.

There was considerable excitement among the telegraph operators at Pittsburg, Pa., on Thursday, owing to the prospect of a general strike of operators of the Western Union Co., in consequence of a strike at Denver. Pittsburg is the headquarters of the Executive Board of United Telegraphers of North America, and the Brotherhood of Telegraphers, numbering altogether 18,000 operators. After considerable discussion by the board the strike was postponed, but it was decided to sustain the Denver strikers.

Rev. D. C. Hanselman of the Disciples Church, Canton, O., is on trial before a Committee of preachers, charged by three female members of the congregation, with hugging

and kissing them and attempting other improprieties. One woman says that after Hanselman performed the funeral services of her husband he called at the house and suddenly kissed and embraced her several times. Hanselman alleges blackmail, and produces letters from the husband of one of the accusers offering a settlement for \$300.

## SHOT BY HIS SISTER.

Sad Ending of a Happy Bride.

Sometime ago a young man named Vallee, living on the shores of Lake Superior, came to St. Henri to marry one of its fairest daughters. The match was generally considered a good one, both parties having a sufficiency of this world's goods. Last Sunday morning the third call for the marriage was given in the Catholic Church of St. Henri. Vallee after the service returned to his boarding house, where two of his sisters were staying with him, in order to be present at the bridal ceremony, which would take place at their family circle, a new and beautiful sister. Vallee, as is usual among young men living in the States, had in his possession a fine self-loading tarantula revolver. In order that no accident might occur through an undue handling of the dangerous weapon, he took it into the yard of his boarding house immediately after Mass, and, as he thought, fired off the contents of the barrels into the stump of a tree. He then entered the house, and meeting one of his sisters, playfully showed her the weapon. She shuddered at the sight of the instrument of death, and in a voice full of terror begged him to take the deadly weapon out of her sight.

He laughed at her fears, and snapping the trigger three or four times showed her that her fears were groundless. Encouraged by his example and reassured by his actions, she timidly took hold of the pistol. Under his directions she was shown how to pull the trigger and fire off the weapon. Young Vallee was standing opposite his sister when he was delivering his instructions. The young girl pulled the trigger and was horrified to find a loud report, and see her brother sink to the ground groaning. It seems that young Vallee did not empty all the chambers when he took the pistol into the yard to fire it. He took the fatal oversight to be attributed to an accident, which it is thought by the highest medical authorities, will deprive young Vallee of life, and leave his bride to weep over his grave.

The bullet entered the right arcula, and describing a complete semicircle came out on the left side of the abdomen after having pierced the stomach. Dr. Hingston was at once called to the bedside of the unfortunate young man, but could express no hopes of his recovery. It is needless to add that the victim's sister is overwhelmed with grief and is almost in as bad a state as her unhappy brother.

ROUND THE WORLD.

A St. Louis jury decided that a drowned drunkard came to his death "while in a fit of voluntary insanity."

Considerable consternation has been caused by the appearance of the phylloxera at several points in the canton of Neuchatel and Geneva.

Dyman B. Goodhue, a St. Louis druggist, is white and his wife is black. He is suing for a divorce, not on account of the difference in color, but because she treats him cruelly. He bore with her loquacity, he says, as long as she struck him only with her open hands, but when she threatened to use her nails he moved for a separation.

An officer of one of the ships at Spithead having occasion to send his country house in great haste, departed a senior on horseback with a letter. After delivering it, and being refreshed, the far went to the stable to prepare for his return. A bystander observed to him "that he was putting the saddle on the hind part before." "But how do you know," said Jack, "which way I am going to ride?"

John Broughan's Wit.—The late John Broughan was well known as a wit, and his replies were always on the spur of the moment. At a banquet in New York he was seated next to Coroner Croker. A toast was proposed, and Broughan asked the coroner what he should drink it in. "Claret," said the coroner. "Claret?" was the reply, "that's no drink for a coroner there's no body in that?"

Slightly mixed was the despatch sent to the Mayor of Cincinnati on the night of the November election in 1860, by the late William Dennison, then the Governor of Ohio. The Nell House, Columbus, was on fire, and the place was poorly supplied with fire-engines, and this was the way in which the Governor asked for help and told the news at the same time:—"The Nell House is on fire. Lincoln has carried Ohio by 50,000 majority. Send two fire-engines to put it out."

An old man was invited by an artist to look at a large landscape, in which a statue of Aquinas was introduced in the foreground, with his urn and trident. After looking at it for some time, the old man turned round to the artist with a very impressive countenance, and uttered these remarkable words: "That is the most natural thing I ever saw?"

"I thought the scenery might recall some recollections of—'Pebaw?'" broke in the old man, "that's the scenery that strikes me; it's that fellow there with the pot and eel-spear! That's the most natural part of the picture."

The tiny little English sparrow is getting to be unpopular here. It is charged with being a fraud and a nuisance, and is said to be of little practical use that it is not to be compared in that respect to our native robin, in spite of the latter's depredations on the farm. There are army worms and caterpillars enough in the country to give all the sparrows business all summer, but they stay about the towns and cities picking up what they can find. They swoop down on the feeding ground of domestic fowl, follow picnic parties for crumbs, flock over to Long Island and New Jersey to forage, and come back quarrelling and fighting. What is worst of all, they have driven the native birds out of the city.

On Monday the circumstances under which Lieutenant Perry, of the 3rd Battalion Rifle Brigade, committed suicide in the Beggar's Bush Barracks were investigated by a coroner's jury. It appeared that this young officer—was only 26 years of age—had served in the Afghanistan War and had only recently come to Ireland. His services in this country were known as "protection duty" in the Loughrea district, and the evidence showed that it was very distasteful to him, and