

PERSONALS.

W. S. Cain, M.P., presided at a recent temperance meeting in London and W. E. Abel made the address.

Mrs. Langtry and the Duchess of Montrose have joined John Strange Winter's No-Crime League.

Mr. Olney, who is to be Mr. Cleveland's Attorney General, is a six-foot and weighs over 200 pounds.

David H. Smith, son of the Mormon prophet, Joseph Smith, has been an inmate of the asylum for the insane at Elgin for seventeen years.

Queen Victoria, Princess Christian, and Princess Beatrice will each contribute at least one original literary work to the women's exhibition at the World's Fair.

Rudyard Kipling's father expresses the opinion that one of the best pieces of work his son has done, is a sketch that is "absolutely photographic in its distinctness."

Emperor William lately sent one of his photographs to Baron von Lathour, for the latter Minister of Justice, on which was inscribed "Nemo me impunee laesit."

The Italian Princess Vicovaro, daughter of Lorillard Spencer of New York, not long ago received a letter at her villa near Lugano, Switzerland, saying that if \$3,000 were not deposited in a certain bank by a fixed time her villa would be blown up.

Genert in India. The Banjaras occasionally keep dogs, and it was, we believe, a Banjara dog which gave rise to the Berchert legend of India.

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ASSASSINATE MUTUAL PRINCIPLES.

Record of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association.

E. B. Harper, President.

Sixty Millions of New Business in 1892.

Death claims paid in 1892, \$2,705,000.00. Total death claims paid, \$1,903,000.00. Reserve or Emergency fund, \$3,371,303.59.

W. J. McMurtry, Manager for Ontario, Mail Buildings, Toronto.

The Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association held its two-fifth annual meeting in New York on Wednesday the 25th of June in the business offices of the institution in the Post building, and the gathering was one of the largest in the history of the association.

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A DRUID FUNERAL.

Strange Rites on a Hilltop in Wales.

Far away seem the times and the rites of the Druids; even under the mistletoe at Yuletide—the Time of Yowling.

There are legends and customs and songs and social religious rites preserved unchanged from the days of Arthur and Merlin and Taliesin.

The death has just occurred at Llantrisant of Dr. William Price, who held the distinguished office of Arch-Druid of Wales.

He was something more than ninety-three years old, and might have passed for one of the old-time bards who perished in King Edward's days, so rugged and antique was his appearance.

His appearance, his seven years ago, it may be remembered, an infant that had been born to him in his old age, and his body was publicly cremated by him with Druidical rites.

The ceremony took place on the summit of a high hill at Caerlan, the very spot where the body of the infant had been burned.

Several hundred tickets were issued to the friends and former patients of Dr. Price to witness the burning.

But public curiosity rose to so high a pitch that, to avoid being overwhelmed by a mob of sightseers, it was at the last moment decided to change it to 7 o'clock in the morning.

No morning garb was its early hour the strange procession made its way to the hilltop.

The closest friends of the deceased Druid were attired in the ancient costumes of the Welsh people.

The body of Dr. Price was clothed in the Druidical robes he had worn in life, and then placed in a coffin of perforated sheet iron.

On the hilltop two stone walls had been built four feet apart, each being about ten feet long and four feet high.

A number of iron bars extending from one to the other formed a rude grating between them some distance above the ground, and upon these bars the coffin was placed, the head being toward the east and the feet toward the west.

A clergyman of the Established Church was present and read the ordinary service for the dead in Welsh.

The vestments of the Church contrasted as strangely with the Druidical garb worn by some of the attendants as did the words of the Prayer-book with the strange rites.

Some slight changes were made in the service, as the body being "consigned to the flames."

Then under and over and all around the coffin was piled a great lot of wood, perhaps a whole cord of it, and to this were added several tons of coal.

Many gallons of paraffin oil were thrown upon it, the thoroughly saturating the entire pile.

Then, at about 8 o'clock, two of the closest friends of the late Druid came forward from the throng and applied torches to the wood, one at each end of the mass.

In a moment it was all a raging furnace, and the hill literally flared like a volcano.

A brisk breeze was blowing, which fanned the fire and carried the flames high into the heavens.

For many miles the strange spectacle was clearly seen, and thousands of people came flocking thither from all parts of Glamorganshire.

Seven or eight thousand of them gathered in a ring about the pyre, as close to it as possible, and watched it with eager interest all day long.

Some hours after dark that evening the flames had died down and there was only a dull glow from the coals.

Then with long looks they dragged the coffin from the furnace, when it was discovered that it had been literally burned through in many places, and when the lid was uncovered the receptacle was absolutely empty within the faintest trace within of the remains.

The coffin was subsequently conveyed on a bier, followed by an immense crowd, and deposited on the couch in the deceased's residence where a few days previously he had breathed his last.

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It was Ben Johnson, we believe, who, when asked Mallock's question, "Is life worth living?" replied, "That depends on the liver." And Ben Johnson doubtless saw the double point to the pun.

The liver active—quick—life rosy, everything bright, mountains of trouble melt like mountains of snow.

The liver sluggish—life dull, everything blue, molehills of worry rise into mountains of anxiety, and as a result—sick headache, dizziness, constipation.

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