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Flour Meeting.—There was a meeting of between one and two hundred persons who are determined to procure flour at fair prices, in the vestry of Rev. Mr. Taylor's church, last evening. Mr. Charles Searle was chosen an agent for the organization. He will start to-morrow for the West, and will endeavor to obtain the best flour that may be secured. Mr. Noah Steadman, Fairhaven, has been chosen an agent for a similar organization in that town. He will shortly proceed to the West to make the necessary purchases. We wanted to encourage these movements, but the people should not stop here. They should form organizations to secure provisions of all kinds, and the Government has been designated, let it be both boldly and earnestly pushed forward. It appeals to every citizen, and should receive the countenance and support of all. [New Bedford Standard.]

AN UNEXPECTED PUNISH.—Speaking of the tendency of temperance tracts to upward themselves on previous examples of the blighting effects of drink, a correspondent of the *Liverpool Advertiser* says:—"The predilection was mainly attracted the evening at a temperance meeting. A person in the hall got up and said, 'My friends, three months ago I signed the pledge' (Clapping of hands and approving cheers). 'In a month afterwards, my friends, I had a bag in my pocket, a thing I never be- lieved in' (Clapping and loud cheers). 'I snatched months' friends, I had got a gun coat on my back, a thing I never had before' (Cheers and clapping, &c. loud). 'I bought a coffin for my friends, I bought a coffin.' The audience was going to cheer, but, stepped and looked serious. 'My wonder,' continued the lecturer, 'my friends bought a coffin—well, my friends, I bought the coffin, because I felt pretty certain that I kept the pledge another fortnight I should have won.'"

Up to Louis XVI. the etiquette of the Court of France decreed that when the Sovereign's wife was *en route*, she took the right hand of the Sovereign in public. Accordingly, on Tuesday, the Empress had the right hand place in the carriage when visiting some wounded soldiers at the Bazar de la Patrie.

A Quebec paper states that the good old Barque, William and Ann, built in London in the year 1769, which vessel actually conveyed General Wolfe at the time of the siege of Quebec, is now in existence, and is classed in Lloyd's register book as A No. 1, (second class) and yet is almost a century old.

AN AERONAUT SUPPOSED TO BE LOST.—On Tuesday afternoon of last week, Mr. Winchester made an ascension in a balloon from Norfolk, Ohio, and on the Friday following he had not been heard from. The balloon took a north easterly direction, and it is feared that the daring voyager either descended in Lake Erie, or the intense cold of the upper regions froze him to death. When he started, he said he intended to go higher and farther, than any aeronaut had ever dared to think of going.—[Boston Journal.]

been found that the gus- have given way after a very limited number of shots, and thus need frequently to be replaced. In a 24 pounder, the pressure of the explosion is 72 tons on each square inch, which is ten times the force of the tensile resistance of a square inch of the metal. The additional strength has been obtained by the large thickness of iron forming the breech, and the tenacity of the manufacture has consequently been to increase the disproportion between the thickness of the muzzle and the breech of the guns. The result appears somewhat clearly, however, that cast-iron is not the best material of which to make artillery, not having sufficient power to resist the repetitive action to which it is exposed, especially in single operations. Experiments have been made, by Mr Nasmyth and others

when bored and finished. The manufacturers express themselves confident, as to the result. The advantage which the gun is expected to possess over our present artillery may be gathered from the following differences in the material:—This cast steel is estimated to be four times the weight of the available iron now used by the Russians, who in this as in other matters, have left us in the rear. It is also much less liable to granulate and become weak and useless. If the experiment succeeds, it cannot fail to be of immense advantage both in siege and field operations, for the lightness and ductility of the material. Another feature, especially important, is Sheffield in connection with the manufacture of it that it will open up a new branch of trade in the town at this crisis, far the present, of considerable magnitude; and, along with

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informed journals than itself of its flattering insinuations to the City of St. John, and the inhabitants along the "Valley route," of the one being the grand terminus, and the other the possessors of the Line through their properties, cajol the Public into believing that the present administration is not "drifting" the Country into worse than a state of bankruptcy—a loss of character and fair fame—swindling and "repudiating" Province.

be raised?—Companies are scouted because the E. & N. W. Company (which was in reality a myth and no company at the company and contractor being synonymous), has failed; and the Corrier itself points to Government Bonds or Debentures as the surest and readiest mode of procuring the requisite capital.—We therefore ask where it is expected that such Debentures are to be negotiated? or what hope or prospect is there of our being able to realize them at all, in the face of the want of faith and common honesty which the Government have displayed with regard to the issues of Debentures and Land pledged by the Legislature to the St. Andrews & Quebec Railroad, and in consideration of which the English Shareholders have subscribed and paid their money.

We shall return to this subject again, and in the meantime would earnestly urge upon the constituency of every county, to look well into the doings of the Government, and to direct and force their Representatives in the ensuing Session to rid the country

We trust the enterprising proprietors will see their way clear to reconstruct this valuable establishment without loss of time, so that among the many milling establishments in the Province we shall have one at least for the manufacture of the indispensable article of

To the Editor of the "Standard":

Yours,
JUSTICE.

The propeller Arctic and the bark Re-

On the 4th Sept. the bark *Rescue* narrowly escaped shipwreck by coming within a iceberg, which she hit bulwarks, and, carrying her bow overboard. The two vessels were fast in the great pack for some days, and though they were frozen in for the winter but got free.

Last winter was unusually severe in the Arctic regions. Many natives perished from exposure and starvation, and had to eat their dogs—the extreme cold having prevented the usual hunting expeditions.

“Left New York May 31.—Arrived i
Lievely, Isle of Disco, Greenland, July 5.—
Coasted along the shores of Greenland, from

Relapse, de Peterhead, bound to Cumberland Inlet; had taken three fish; all hands well and arrived at Lively on their return from having entirely circumnavigated the North-west waters as far as the ice would permit. On 13th Sept. they were found by Kane and his associates, excepting the three who had died at Sechart.

Awful Ravages of Cholera.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES.—Two towns burnt.

about five o'clock this evening, with California dates to the 20th of September, and up

The San Francisco papers give full details with the names of the victims. Out of the whole number of deaths there were but five among the cabin passengers. The victims were chiefly Irish and German passengers. A passenger on board the Uncle Sam says the panic on board was dreadful. Wives abandoned their husbands, and husbands their wives, while both abandoned their children.

The Dillan difficulty had at length been

Loss of Whaling Vessels.—The whaling ships *King Fisher* and *Enterprise*, of New Bedford, have been lost near Buossolo Strait. Vessels and cargo a total loss. The ship *Jefferson*, of New London, was lost on Cape Elizabeth, and *Edgar*, of Cold Springs, on Lona Island. The loss of fourteen whaling ships this season is reported, but no names are given. Another ship was seen off Long Islands, bottom up, could not make out her name.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.
 Dates from Honolulu are to the 25th
 August. The "Polynesian" published officially at

The people of Honolulu have decided erecting a column to the memory of the late Kamehameha III; subscription lists have been opened, and the funds necessary were rapidly being subscribed.