

Upon visiting the Assembly on Tuesday evening last, the scene which presented itself to our view, was one which as a native of the country and a British subject, we blush to describe—the subject before the house being that which has principally occupied its attention during the present month, at an enormous waste of both the public time and money, and which is still pending, and presents a fair specimen of the reckless policy which has characterized the present government since its accession to office, and affords to the country an ample and significant warning of what may be expected in the various governmental departments, during the rule, however brief, of the present inimitable administration.—The subject to which we refer is that of the appointment of the officials of the house, upon which a lengthened debate has arisen, in consequence of the unjust and oppressive policy proposed by the government—namely; that of displacing those, who not alone have held office under the late house, but have also been in attendance with their wonted punctuality, since the opening of the present session, and the appointment in their stead, of strangers, persons untried and unknown, as to ability for the discharge of their respective duties. This policy has already been carried out with regard to the official reporting staff of the Assembly, a reporter of eight years standing having been excluded, whilst a junior has been retained and three inexperienced hands added to the staff, the whole being under the supervision of a man, who seven years since was 'displaced' for his infirmities, 'by those very parties who have now placed him in his present position'—However, 'revoqueons nos moutons,'—upon entering the house, we, as before mentioned, beheld a scene, truly disgraceful in its features, and which could not fail to recall to our mental vision, the picture of a Junta in one of the disorganized, and chaotic republics of South America, but entirely unworthy of a deliberative Assembly in any British dependency. One of the members for Burin in the course of his observations, took occasion repeatedly to hurl some charges against the hon. and venerable leader of the opposition. Upon Mr. Bennett rising in his place, to rebut one of these charges, Mr. Ayre reiterated his statements which Mr. Bennett again denied, upon which he was called to order by the Speaker. Mr. Bennett replied that he was in order, having risen to repel an accusation made against him by the member for Burin. The Speaker next, most emphatically ordered Mr. Bennett to sit down, and upon that gentleman not immediately complying, rose from his seat in a most furious and unbecoming manner, threatening, if not sustained by the house, to leave the chair, at the same time in a most excited manner, ordering the Sergeant at Arms, to call in two policemen for the purpose of removing Mr. Bennett from the floors of the Legislature. The police accordingly appeared at the bar. The Speaker and his friends however, most fortunately for themselves, appeared immediately to comprehend the dangerous and ridiculous position in which they had been placed, by the conduct of the Speaker himself. Upon the appearance of the police at the bar, Mr. Little immediately observed 'call in the police if you dare, Mr. Speaker.' The Speaker however, probably thinking discretion the better part of valor, did not dare. Thus ended, what may be justly considered, one of the most disgusting scenes, which could possibly disgrace a British legislature. The debate was resumed, and Mr. Bennett for the remainder of the evening repeatedly defended himself against the unfair assertions, so recklessly and unscrupulously hurled against him by his opponents. Mr. Parsons took the floor shortly after seven, (at which time we left,) occupying as we learn, the time of the house in a most effective speech until 1 a.m. on Tuesday morning, when after making one or two appointments, most unaccountably adjourned until the 9th prox. "Coming events cast their shadows before."—[Courier, Feb. 28.]

The gentlemen employed in the new translation of the Bible for the Church of England have got as far as the twenty-fifth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. They will have finished their work in about two years.

Edward S. Stokes says that he has a comfortable berth as book-keeper in the hospital. His hair is very much altered, it was sparsely tinged with grey during the period of his incarceration in the Tombs, is now almost entirely white. His eyebrows seem to have changed their color, and his face looks haggard and careworn. He wears a negligently well fitting suit of stripes, at his own expense to measure. Instead of regulation cow-hide shoes, he has velvet slip pers. From the moment of his taking up quarters in prison, his health has been somewhat precarious; and thus far he has, because of that reason, escaped the necessity of sleeping in one of the forbidden cells.

GENERAL ITEMS. CURIOSITIES OF JOURNALISM.

How they read newspapers. Uncle Ned first hunts up a funny thing, then laughs with a will. Aunt Sue first reads the stories, then turns to the marriages, births and deaths. The laborer looks only at the wants, hoping to find a better opening in his business. Miss Flora seeks out the new advertisements to ascertain the newest importations in bonnets and kids. Mr. Pleasure Seeker turns to the amusement column, and decides which entertainment will afford him the most enjoyment. Miss Prim drops a tear—first over the marriages, then over the deaths, for says she, one is as bad as the other. Mr. Politician commences with the editorial, then scans the telegraph, ending his perusal with the speeches quoted. Mr. Professor slowly examines the editorial, its rhetoric, syntax and logic, then glances at the correspondence, finally returns to his Latin, and quickly forgets what he has read. Mr. Marvellous looks for the accidents, murders and deaths, reads the Court record, and ends with the stories in search of something sensational. But why extend the list? Each individual reads for himself, and if each does not find a column or more to his particular taste, the paper is insipid, the editor lazy, and deserving of censure.

A WIFE MARKET. At a recent baptism of fifteen infants at the Foundling's Home, in New York the officiating clergyman, Dr. Mc Murdy, gave an account of the disposition made of foundlings in Rio Janeiro. He stated that there the girls were retained in their homes until they became of a suitable age to marry. When a number of them were regarded as fit subjects for the matrimonial market, their names are published in the city papers, and opposite each one the sum that the Home proposed to give her for her dowry. This sum varies according to the ability of the institution and the looks of the young woman, and is derived from bequests to the home. If the girl is beautiful she gets a nominal sum only; if ugly, she is handsomely provided for.

Young men who desire wives make application to the Superintendent and give the proper references. After examination regarding their character, a day is appointed for a sort of review, and the young men are admitted to the Home, in the waiting-room of which are ranged the girls in a circle. They make their selections, and if the young ladies are satisfied the marriage takes place. Dr. McMurdy declares that, as a rule they make the best wives to be obtained.

In the village of South Windham, Connecticut, small pox has attained the dimensions of a plague. Nearly every family has one or more cases, several deaths had occurred; the village physician was down with the disease; nurses were needed, all places of business were closed, the trains rushed by without stopping at the station, and communication with neighboring communities was cut off.

Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, is gradually recovering from the grief of her widowhood. For a long time after the death of the Prince Consort she could not bear to touch a piano; nor did she allow one to be opened in her presence. Now she has resumed her old accomplishment, and plays duets with her last remaining daughter, the Princess Beatrice; and Gounod has arranged some of the music of 'Joan of Arc' as a duet for the Queen and her daughter.

Colonel McNeil, formerly of Lord Lisgar's staff, who was Sir Garnet Wolseley's second in command and who was severely wounded in a bush fight with Ashantees, had the honor of dining with the Queen and Royal Family, a few days ago. He has been appointed aide de camp to the Duke of Edinburgh.

In the fact that Dr. Livingstone recently died in Africa we have a refutation of the argument against Stanley that he probably found only the Doctor's memoranda, and forged letters from them. Stanley did not make a happy impression in America, but he doubtless discovered Livingstone.

A new plan is to be tried with Michigan convicts. Striped garments are to be abolished. The prisoners are to be allowed to correspond with their friends. Those who are uneducated are to be taught; and, when liberated, each man is to receive a suit of clothes, ten dollars, with whatever he has earned by over-work.

Marionets with 22,000 troops confronts main body of Carlists. General engagement in imminent.

A REMARKABLE CASE.

A very remarkable trial for murder is now in progress at Lewiston, Me. The prisoner is named Lowell; the victim is his wife. They lived somewhat unhappily and had many quarrels. One day, about four years ago, he took her for a drive, and since that day she has not been seen. Last fall a man lumbering in the woods came upon a skeleton. The head had entirely disappeared, and exposure to the weather had greatly damaged the clothing. It was the skeleton of a woman; and the leaves with which it was covered had partially preserved the dress, so much so, indeed, that the dressmakers that made it has been able to identify it. Lowell had meanwhile married another wife with whom he was living contentedly when arrested for the murder. A great quantity of circumstantial evidence has been brought up against him, the identification of the headless body appears so complete, and letters written after his wife's disappearance purporting to be from her, have been identified as his. The theory of the defence is that the woman had a husband previous to her marriage, and that she has gone away with him.

WEDDED UNDER DIFFICULTIES. Yesterday evening, a loving but poor pair managed, after considerable trouble, to be made one flesh. The bride was a young and buxom widow living in this city, and the groom of a bachelor on the shady side of forty, who lives at one of the coves to the westward. They decided that hiring a carriage to convey them to the minister was an unnecessary extravagance, and accompanied by a couple of friends started to walk to his residence. After they had prowled about the streets for some time they mutually discovered that none of them knew where the clergyman that they had agreed should have the job, lived, but on making inquiries were directed aright, and in time arrived at their destination. But their troubles were not quite ended yet. The groom pulled from his pocket a licence which he handed to the clergyman who, on reading the document, discovered that it was dated several years back and authorized the would be groom to marry another woman than the one that stood before him. The bride was horrified—or had not he protested that he never loved till he met her? and he—well his feelings may be imagined but not described. The bride got sulky and declared that she would not marry such a perfidious wretch; she was glad she had found him out before it was too late. Then she had a hysterical fit. On recovering, however, she agreed to wait while the man went to his lodgings and got the new licence that he had bought for her—he had brought the wrong one by mistake—and then she would marry him. He went off procured the right paper and returned, and the two were made happy about two hours later than they would otherwise have been.

The Manager of the Quebec and Gulf Ports line has received a letter from Mr. D. McIntosh, J. P., Pleasant Bay, C. B., coast, giving dimension of a mast and a yard found there, and supposed to belong to the ill-fated steamship "Picton," but it appears that they do not in any way correspond with what she carried. Captain Dick is of opinion that they belong to some ship of 700 to 800 tons, and not to a steamer.

BIRTH. At Carbonara, on Friday the 20th ult., the wife of R. M. Nelson, Esq., M.D., of a daughter.

DIED. At Bay Roberts on the 15th ult., much and deservedly regretted, Mr. Thomas Kelly, aged 29 years. The deceased was the youngest son of the late John and Jane Kelly of that place.

At St. John's, on the 24th ult., (her birthday,) Emily Georgina, daughter of the late George H. Evans, Esq., of Laminia, aged 18 years.

At same place, on Wednesday last, 25 ult., Henry W., infant son of Mrs. Wm. Bulley, aged 18 months.

At the Parsonage, Belleoram, Fortune Bay, Nfld., on the 2nd ultimo., Arthur Leonard, infant son of the Rev. John Bishop, aged 1 year and 9 months.

At Woolwich, England, on the 17th January, Jane, widow of the late Colonel Collington, R. A. and daughter of Captain Cooke, R. N. C.

SHIP NEWS. PORT OF ST. JOHN'S, ENTERED February 21—Micmac, Glass, Greenock—Baine, Johnston & Co 23—Tigress, Bartlett, Cow Bay—Harvey & Co CLEARED. February 21—P. erless, Noel, Demerara—Harvey & Co Annie L, Drake, Boston, T N Molloy & Co 24—Eudoia, Rhodes, Barcelona, W Griewe & Co Feb 24—Britannia, Europe—P & L Tessier Mary Lizzie, Europe—P & L Tessier Eric, Europe—Baine, Johnston & Co

A CARD. SPANISH VICE-CONSULATE, Harbor Grace, Jan. 26, 1874. DURING my absence, Mr. ROBERT BADCOCK, Jr., will attend to the duties of this Vice-Consulate. The Vice-Consul of Spain, T. HARRISON RIDLEY.

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