

THE CIVIL WAR IN MEXICO.

A Mexico letter says a decisive battle resulting in the defeat of the Government troops, took place 110 miles from that city, Nov. 13th. Both sides fought desperately until 3 p. m., when Diaz's troops began to yield before Alatorre, who was commanding the Government forces. Just then a column of Diaz's troops reached the rear of Alatorre's forces and poured in a galling fire, turning the battle and leaving Diaz and Gonzales victorious. The Government troops lost 2,700 in killed and wounded, all their arms, ammunition, artillery, etc. Diaz lost 1,400 in killed and wounded. Alatorre fled to the City of Mexico, and reported to Congress on the 20th that to continue the struggle against Diaz would be to buy vainly shed blood.

That night President Lerdo with a few followers and \$23,000 dollars found in the Government pawn shop, and were last heard of in the State of Michoacan, with an escort of fifty.

The City of Mexico for three days was almost in a state of anarchy, but Diaz entered on the 24th and assumed the reins of government. Capitalists cheerfully gave him a loan of \$500,000, and on the 25th gave him \$135,000 cash towards that loan. It is believed that Inglesina will be recognized and installed as President.

A Blackmail Caught in his Trap.

The successful prosecution of a blackmailer ought to be told near and far, so as to stiffen the hearts of the timid and open the eyes of the unwary. Some time ago Miss Marion Ward, a wealthy lady of Milton, Vt., received a letter, the writer of which threatened to turn her buildings or take her life unless she inclosed \$1,500 to Geo. Hunt, Keosauke, N.Y. Miss Ward handed the letter to her attorney, upon whose advice an answer was written. Communication was had with the Postmaster at Keosauke and the Sheriff, in consequence of which the person who called for the letter was taken into custody. The trial was brought to a close, and the man has received sentence of five years in prison. In the course of the trial it appeared that his true name is John Garland, that he formerly lived at Keosauke, Vt., and that he had served a term of eight years in the State Prison at Windsor for horse stealing.

Mrs. Maria Evans Lewis, best known to the world under the nom de plume "George Eliot," is the wife of Mr. George Henry Lewis, the celebrated English reviewer and philosopher. Previous to marrying her, Mr. Lewis was married to a Jewish lady, which connection proving an unhappy one, he obtained from the English courts, what is known as a separation from bed and board—but not a final divorce, which would annul his legal obligation to her. It was under this disability that he married Miss Evans in Switzerland, and when the couple returned to England, the friends of both refused to recognize the marriage. But a few years ago the first Mrs. Lewis dying, the second marriage was solemnly recognized in England.

It appears that the Oregon Secretary of State acted under Governor Grover's orders in delivering the official certificate to Mr. Corbin, whose rights in the electoral college was doubtful. The Governor was burned in effigy, and his house was guarded.

The Prince of Wales was 35 years old the 9th inst. Queen Victoria was 57 when he was born, and is now 57. Her chance of 22 years more of life is good as his. She is in better health to-day, of better habits, and she belongs to a long-lived race.

The Security Life Insurance and Annuity Company of New York city is insolvent and has been so for some time past, and it will be wound up at once. It is claimed that its affairs are in a lamentable condition. The officers are not charged with misappropriation of funds, but as the New York Times puts it, "merely with committing perjury in swearing to a falsified statement to sustain a rotten corporation, that they might get it into a state of solvency."

The Democratic House of Representatives, in session at Columbia, has instructed the judiciary to open my campaign and proceed against D. H. Chamberlain for treasonable acts in usurping the government of the State.

General Ringer has informed a committee from the Democratic House, that the President recognizes Chamberlain as a Governor, and Chamberlain recognizes the Republican House, and any attempt on the part of the Democrats to enter the House, will be resisted by the United States troops.

Mr. Krupp, the German iron and steel manufacturer, has given to the Washington museum a large part of the articles, which made up his display at the Centennial Exhibition.

There was a strong gale on the Atlantic coast and cautionary signals continue.

The storm at Toronto on the night of the 16th inst., was severely felt throughout the Province, and serious damage was reported to shipping and Wharf property.

In New York on the 17th inst., there was a remarkable fall in the temperature, the thermometer ranging at distant points from 30° below zero to 15° above.

At a recent meeting of a society composed of men from the Emerald Isle, a member made the following motion: Mr. President—I move ye! whitewash the ceiling green in honor of the old flag.

The Standard.

SAINT ANDREWS, DEC. 29, 1876.

CHRISTMAS.

The season now closing has been fraught with trials, difficulties, and disappointments. The great depression of business and the consequent scarcity of money, has been felt by us all—yet we have much to be thankful for, and should rejoice at the present festive time, looking confidently forward with bright hopes to the "better times," of which there are promises in the coming year, as from all parts we hear the pleasing notes of a revival of business; glancing then, at the bright side of the near future, and as Christmas will have passed ere another issue of the Standard, we embrace this opportunity of tendering to its readers, the compliments of the season, and wish them all a right

"MERRY CHRISTMAS," with abundance of good cheer.

LATEST NEWS.

The news from the United States is meagre. The Presidential contest is still carried on, it is claimed by the Republicans that Gen. Hayes is elected by a majority of one; and secludes were fired on the event, which however is disputed on strong grounds by the Democrats who hold that Gov. Tilden will occupy the chair on the 4th of March next.

The Eastern Question is dragging its slow length along. It was believed that the formal conference would commence this week. Serbia has requested Russia to commission Gen. Ignatieff, to represent her at the conference.

Turkey is engaged making extensive war preparation.

The cold wave of last week passed over the Northern States accompanied by a strong gale.

The relief found for the sufferers by the Brooklyn fire had reached \$24,278, and was daily being increased.

Mr. Gov. Tilden and wife were at Ottawa, last week.

No MAIL.—The trains failing to connect yesterday, no mail arrived last night. The train did not leave this morning; the storm having blocked up the railway lines. A mail is expected by stage this evening.

MONDAY'S evening mail did not arrive by train until 2 o'clock on Tuesday morning; and the Postmaster was kept in the office from that time until 4 yesterday afternoon.—Rather long hours.

The Stores are putting on their Holiday garb, among them we notice Messrs. Odell & Turner's large establishment, where many beautiful articles are handsomely arranged. A notice of their Christmas Sale containing new and elegant novelties, is published in another column.

"Mrs. Maggee's Millinery Rooms," which are a marvel of display, and the "Albion House" is also tastefully set off.

CHRISTMAS BEEF.—The Messrs. O'Neill have their market well supplied with Beef, Mutton, lamb, fresh pork, fowl, etc., for Xmas. They have also a choice lot of groceries.

Mr. Wm. Morrison has fitted his grocery and liquor store for the Christmas holidays, and is ready to wait upon his customers.

The Public Schools Examination will take place on Thursday and Friday next, 21st and 22nd instant. We hope the parents of the pupils will attend.

We are happy to notice that George D. Street, Esq., who has been confined to his house from illness for some days, is out again.

Mrs. Campbell, wife of our respected Postmaster, we are pleased to state, is recovering from her severe attack of illness.

Rev. Mr. Mitchell of Montreal, has accepted the call of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in St. John.

We recently saw some very fine lettering and gilding executed lately by Mr. Charles Kennedy, which will compare with any in this Province.

WHAT fertile geniuses the Maine people are, they appear at advantage beside others, as they project new industries and employ their time in turning as the English have it, "no honest penny." During the past week the farmers and others in some parts of Maine have been shipping ever-

greens to New York for Xmas decorations, and doing quite a thriving business in that line. Another branch of business is catching and forwarding "frost fish" trapping rabbits, and sending them also to market.

THE WEATHER.—Cold, Snow, Gales and Rain, are the best words to describe the weather for the past week. On Tuesday it blew a gale from the south-east during the day. Wednesday and Thursday were fine, Friday the Mercury began to fall, Saturday a snow storm came on which lasted until evening, when one of the coldest nights set in. So intense was the cold with a strong westerly wind, that in many houses flowers and other plants were frozen. Sunday was cold, Monday the heaviest fall of snow took place; about 8 o'clock rain commenced to fall with a south-east wind, but early on Tuesday morning the wind veered round to the north-west, and it became decidedly cold, but clear and comparatively pleasant. The going is reported good.

BEAUTIFUL CHROMOS.—The publishers of "Our Home Companion and Canadian Teacher," have sent us two Chromos, "Lake Maggoice" is in oil, and "Love is as a Thread," is in crayon. They are without any exception, the best and most artistically finished pictures given as premiums in the Dominion; and it is surprising to us, that the Publishers can afford such valuable pictures without extra charge. "Lake Maggoice" is intrinsically worth the subscription price of the Magazine; which of itself is cheap at \$1.50 per annum. The work contains 32 pages of closely printed matter in active form, neatly bound in double cover. We are authorized to act as agent, and can recommend this Magazine.

"FAMILY HERALD AND WEEKLY STAR," is one of the best family papers in the Dominion, it is in truth a real newspaper; all its departments are made up with ability and care, and the paper already enjoys an immense circulation, 135,000 readers. The price is only \$1.00 each to clubs of five. Read the advertisement on first page.

VICK'S FLOWER SEEDS, for 1877 is a beautiful, got up and excellent work of reference for all who love flowers—and who does not—in it, the names and prices of all flowers, shrubs, plants, flower and vegetable seeds are given, and we cheerfully recommend the seeds as being what they are represented, indeed, the best seeds on this continent. Address, JAMES VICK, Rochester, N. Y.

MANUFACTURE OF STARCH.—The County of Annapolis, Me., has seven Starch factories, which during the season of 1876, manufactured, according to the North Star, 1,480 pounds. This not only affords an excellent market to the farmers for their potatoes, but also a good home market and a fair profit to the manufacturers. The people of that section of country show an enterprise and a desire to help themselves worthy of imitation to other more favored localities.

GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN of South Carolina is a Massachusetts man. The rest of the prominent actors in the political drama—Governor Stearns of Florida, Governor Packard of Louisiana and Governor Grover of Oregon—are all from Maine. If the Pine Tree State cannot furnish a President, her sons, at any rate, wherever way the scale may turn, will have good deal to do with making one.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST.

It is morally impossible to arrive at any correct idea as to who is elected President of the United States for the next four years. Men in influential newspapers and leading men of each party differ so widely as to the result. Even in the South and in House of Representatives, the views are so directly opposite, that the best informed are nonplused. One fact cannot be denied, that is, the Republican party have determined at all hazards to place Mr. Mr. Tilden in the Presidential Chair; while it is admitted by some of their own supporters, that Mr. Tilden is elected, and of course the Democrats claim that he has been triumphantly elected. While it is probable there has been improper proceedings by each party; still it will be admitted that the Republicans have promised a much greater amount of deception and illegality, even tyranny, than their Democratic opponents. The papers report that Gen. Grant has become such an out and out supporter of the Republicans, as to use his authority as a military head, and to send troops to carry the election in one State at least, and to prevent honestly elected Democrats to enter their chamber and conduct the business of the Legislature, and has determined to place Mr. Chamberlain as Governor of Columbia, S.C., while it is an established fact that Hampton has been fairly elected. As we said at first it is impossible to arrive at a correct conclusion while the accounts are so contradictory. It appears to be the office holders, who fear the loss of their salaries, and perhaps speculations fought and bled for their country during the war as patriotically as the Republicans.

We are informed that the connection between the N. B. & C. Railway and the New Brunswick Railway is to be finished as fast as the work can be completed. Many from this section, will take this route in summer, to visit

Fredericton, and arrive there the same day.

GENERAL GRANT says the cry of "frost" comes with an ill grace from the Democrats considering how they carried New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Mississippi, North Carolina and Arkansas, and attempted to carry South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana. This is what he told Representative Hewitt at their recent interview.

SEVERAL MEN have gone to the woods, since the swamps have been frozen and there is snow enough for hauling; the number of men, however, is we learn much smaller than in former years. The wages of lumbermen is much lower this season than in 1875, the principal cause being the flatness of trade.

THE "BELLE BROWN" is to be laid up in winter quarters this month, and the Strand will take her place until the spring, and proceed up the river; as far as the ice blockades will permit.

ALONG THE ROUTE of the Shore Line in Maine, towns and the people have subscribed \$475,000, leaving \$85,000 to be raised by mortgage. Estimated cost of the line \$7,000 per mile.

The thermometer fell a few within the last few days that we can mark it down to 0.

THE LEGISLATURE will meet for the despatch of business on the 1st January.

A NEW FETTER WHEEL.

The "granger" is now the object of a new swindling dodge, which deserves the palm for ingenuity. A substantial looking person, perhaps with a companion or two, drives up to the door and announces himself as a large butter dealer, or agent of some large concern. He inspects the granger's dairy and stock of butter, critically, and finally enters into a contract, to buy all the butter the farm can produce at some exorbitant figure say fifty cents a pound. The reason he gives is that butter is on the rise, supply is limited, and demand never so heavy, he is willing to pay to insure a good stock, etc., etc. Then he departs, and the granger revels in dreams of affluence.

In about a week, along comes a herd of milch cows on their way to some other village. They stop to rest near the granger's house. He is especially interested in cows just at present, as of course anxious to secure his dairy facilities, and so he talks about purchasing to the drover.

The drover don't want to sell these animals at a cheap stock—can command fancy prices—all butter come, etc. Granger bids high—higher, and finally, as a great favor, is permitted to buy a few animals at an exorbitant figure. Then the drover moves on. After a while the granger discovers that he has purchased some very indifferent beasts. He also learns that several of his neighbors have done likewise, under like motives. But neither he nor his neighbors ever hear of the butter dealer's again.

CRACKING WOOL.—M. C. Hamelrath announces that he has succeeded in making the following improvement in the process of wool cleaning, which consists in dissolving in 65 gallons of hot water, 20 lbs. of caustic soda of 65° to 70° Baumé, and then adding 22 lbs. of white resin or colophony, boiled for half an hour. This must be done in an enameled metal or wooden vessel. The rest of the process is as usual, the wool being rinsed in water after cleansing. The quantities given above are about sufficient for 2 tons of wool, but this depends upon the quality of the latter.

A COAL DEALER'S LOG.—A well known Memphis coal dealer, not long since, had a big dog of wonderful sagacity. He (the dog) stayed around the coal yard, and whenever a coal cart was hauled on the scales, the dog always took a stand under the wagon like a coach dog. He weighed nearly one hundred pounds, and was weighed as coal thousand lbs. of times, and nearly every coal consumer in the city purchased that dog at so much per barrel. The practice went on for months, and was only discovered by a funny accident. A negro wanted a barrel of coal, and wheeled a hand-cart with coal on the weighing scales. The clerk in the office worked at the scales, and, halloed through the window, "take out a lot of that coal." The negro did so, and kept on until all the coal was out of the cart. The clerk tried the scales again, but the pointer indicated too much. "Take out more coal," shouted the clerk; "don't you have a load of coal on that cart." "Look hyar, boss," replied the negro, "the coal is all out, and I'll have to lighten it." Then the negro looked under the cart, and seeing the big fat dog at his post, exclaimed: "Lord God, mussy, you're selling me that dog for coal." The dog was missed in a few days, and was found dead on the scales, the animal having taken some poison accidentally, but he came back to die at his post. It was a fine example of faithful unto death.

Correspondence.

Kerosene Oil.

Mr. EORRIS.—During the cold snap on Saturday night, a glass lamp of good quality was extinguished in a room which had a fire in it until after ten o'clock. On Sunday morning, I found the oil congealed in the lamp, and fully

one third of the supposed oil water which had frozen, and burst the lamp. Can you inform me, are our importers imposed upon by Yankee Manufacturers, and have purchasers to pay 50 cents a gallon for oil one third nearly being water.

Yours,

[NOTE.—An accident of a similar nature occurred with us, and upon enquiry, we learned from good authority, that it is a fact, that some U. S. firms do mix their kerosene with a certain proportion of water. This is on a par with "wooden Nutmegs."—Ed. Standard.]

RECEIVED.

At Christ Church, Fredericton, on the 12th inst., by the Rev. G. G. Roberts, Rector, George W. I. now, Esq., of Bangor, Me., to Sarah Emeline, daughter of James S. Beck, Esq., Auditor General.

DIED.

On the 12th after a long illness, which he bore with Christian resignation, Mr. CORNELIUS SNORT, aged 75 years, a native of the County Tyrone, Ireland, and for sixty nine years a resident of St. Andrews, where he leaves a wife and family, with many friends to lament their loss.

At St. John, on the 15th inst. Eliza B. aged 18 months, daughter of D. J. McLAUGHLIN, Jr., Esq.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

UNTIL further notice, mails will leave the Post Office, St. Andrews, every day (Sundays excepted) at five a. m. for St. Stephen and St. George.

On TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, the mails for East and West will be sent by stage to St. Stephen to be forwarded thence by train, on these days—the return mail will be due here about 7 p. m., on the other days at 4 p. m.

The mails from St. George will be due daily at 4 p. m.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays the mails for East and West will close at 6:30 a. m. and be sent by train from the Depot at St. Andrews.

The return mail will be due at St. Andrews by train the same evening at 2 p. m.

Mails for Grand Manan, Campbellton, Indian Island, and Deer Island, will be closed and dispatched every Thursday at 2 a. m.

The return mails for the Islands are due every Friday.

The office will be kept open an hour after the arrival of the mails in the evening for delivery, unless they should arrive after 10 p. m. in which case no delivery will take place until next morning.

By Order, G. F. CAMPBELL, P. M. P. O. St. Andrews, 8 Dec. 1876.

NOTICE OF SALE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that by virtue of a Power of Sale, contained in an Indenture of Mortgage, dated 1st of March 1870, and made between Messrs. McNeill & Co. of St. George, County of Charlotte, and Province of New Brunswick, of the one part, and Messrs. J. G. McNeill & Co. of St. George, County of Charlotte, and Province of New Brunswick, of the other part, registered in the Records of the County of Charlotte in Book 14, page 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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JOHN R. HUGHES, W. H. WHITLOCK. St. Andrews, Nov. 17, 1876.