

Local and other matters.

Rat skins are an article of commerce at Fort Dodge, Iowa, where one dealer has bought 25,000 within a few months.

A lecture in aid of the poor is soon to be given in New York, to which the poor are admitted free, but the rich will be charged a package of clothing for distribution.

Paris has new steam cars on the streets that seat forty persons, run ten miles in an hour, can be stopped inside of five feet, and cost but four dollars a day for fuel and attendance.

The boys, Wm. Dillon, who was recruited with a brick outside the Academy of Music, on Friday night, died on Monday evening. Before his death the Spondiany Magistrate went to the house and took his deposition.

The Victoria (iron) bridge across the St. Lawrence river at Montreal is more than a foot shorter in winter than in summer, and were not this change provided for, something would have to break.

The Oyster Supper and Refreshment Table, held at Middleton on the 26th, was attended by a large number of persons interested in the rebuilding of the Church in which the entertainment was held. The amount realized was \$114.00.

The benefit of strikes is forcibly illustrated by an English paper, which says that the strike that took place at the South Yorkshire mines, a year ago, cost 12,000 working men turned out about \$1,250,000 and entailed a loss of over \$700,000 on the railroads that carried coal to market.

The "Times" despatch from St. Petersburg says that an extraordinary council of Ministers, yesterday, the Czar presided, and Ignatieff was present. It was decided to demobilize the Russian army when peace is signed between the Porte and Servia and Montenegro.

NARROW ESCAPE.—On Monday evening the Albion Hotel kept by Mr. G. W. Wade, had a narrow escape from destruction by fire, in consequence of a lamp setting fire to a window-hanging. The speedy application of a few buckets of water saved a serious loss of property.

The special meetings held last week in the Baptist Church are being continued this week. The interest manifested is more widespread than for many years before, over forty persons have been noticed standing up for prayer at one time, quite a number of works have been made and the good work still goes on. Two services each day after noon and evening are being held.

The steamship "Victoria," of the Anchor line, which recently arrived at Glasgow from New York, reports having encountered terrific weather, and during one night's storm there appeared straggle all over the trucks, yards and stays of the vessel, at a distance of two or three feet apart, large balls of phosphorescent fire, giving the ship the appearance of being covered with Chinese lanterns, though the light was far more brilliant. Occasionally one would fall and burst with a loud report, and soon all disappeared as suddenly as they came.

A correspondent of the "Practical Farmer" comes out strongly in favor of the "despised skunk." He has watched its habits for twenty years, and finds its natural food to be insects. These animals also destroy mice, as well as erickets, grasshoppers and grub worms. He had a field of corn eaten by the white grub. He afterwards found numerous small round holes where these insects were taken out by the skunks and devoured. He found the same results at other times. He thinks the skunk stands first on the list of insect destroyers. What animal will not have a friend after this?

FIRE AT ANNAPOLIS ROYAL.

At about three o'clock last Sunday morning the cry of Fire! Fire! broke the placid air, and roused the citizens of Annapolis to fight and subdue the largest and fiercest conflagration which they have yet been visited. The fire originated in the grocery store of Messrs. T. A. Gavaza & Sons, and burning through the top it soon spread to the building adjoining on the south side, (formerly the Post Office) thence it crept on to the new store of Messrs. T. A. Gavaza & Sons, and threatened it with black ruin to which it would have most certainly been reduced, had it not been for the sturdy little fire engine and the brave firemen. On the north side of the grocery store, the flames spread to the building owned and occupied by Messrs. Pickles & Mills, which was soon reduced to ashes, thus in a few short hours three buildings were totally destroyed and only a comparatively small portion of the goods and merchandise, with which they were filled, saved, and that in a damaged state.

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A VERITABLE PIRATE.

That the days of piracy have not altogether passed away is proved by a recent occurrence in the West Indies, reported by Capt. Wilson, of the brig Albion, which arrived yesterday from Cienfuegos. Three days after the Albion left port, and when 30 miles North of Gen Bay, Bahamas, a low rakish-looking schooner with no top-mast, passed her. Shortly after this the Albion came up to a Spanish brig which had left Cienfuegos before the Albion, for Spain. Capt. Wilson learned from the Spanish captain who was greatly excited, that the strange craft had signalled him, and that when he hoisted a boat's crew came on board and took possession of what he wanted. The captain of the Spaniard asked Captain Wilson to remain by his unit morning as he feared another visit from the stranger. When last seen by the Albion the piratical craft was making for another Spanish vessel which was to be leeward and had been signalled. Capt. Wilson believes the vessel to have been seized by the Cuban rebels, who were making war on all Spanish vessels they fell in with.—Halifax Chronicle.

LOST OVERBOARD.

A letter received in this city from Capt. Mosher, of the barque Shiela, of St. John, N. B., states that the mate, Mr. Duncan McKegan, of Sydney, C. B., was washed overboard and drowned, on the twenty-second of November, while the vessel was on the passage from New York to London.—Chronicle.

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MARRIAGE.—At Margretille, Jan. 25th inst. Herman Hall, only child of James G. Herman and Matilda Rong, aged 4 years and 1 month.

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