

WEEKLY MONITOR.

Local and other Matters.

Rat skins are an article of commerce at Fort Dodge, Iowa, where one sealer has bought 35,000 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 in side of five feet, and cost but four dollars a day for fuel and attendance.

The little boy, Wm. Dillon, who was resuscitated with a bribe outside the Academy of Music on Friday night, died on Monday evening. Before his death the Stipendiary 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 re-building of the Church in which the entertainment was held. The amount realized was \$11.00.

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

The "Times" despatch from St. Petersburg says at 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 wide-spread than for many years before, over forty persons have been noticed standing up for prayer at one time, quite a number of converts 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 strung 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 find its natural food to be insects. These animals also destroy mice, as well as beetles, 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.

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 with which they have yet been visited. The fire originated in the grocery store of Messrs. T. A. Gavaza & Sons, and bursting through the top it soon spread to the building adjoining on the south side, (formerly the Post Office) whence 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.

THE LOSSES.

Messrs. T. A. Gavaza & Sons lost two buildings valued at \$1000 each, on which we are informed there is \$1600.

Telegraphic News.

Special Dispatches to the Morning Chronicle EUROPE.

insured. The stock in the grocery store is reported to be insured for \$2000; and the stock in the liquor store, being part of the old Post Office, over which Mr. Ropp had charge, is also reported to be insured for \$1000, the policy having arrived on Saturday night. Thos. Colins, who had a shoe maker's shop in the rear of the old Post Office building lost everything, no insurance. Messrs. Pickles & Mills lost a building valued at \$2200, on which \$1000 was insured, and their goods damaged and burnt to the extent of about \$1500, on which was an insurance of \$1000.

Gavaza's new building was also much damaged and scorched, as well as the furniture of James V. Gavaza; but this damage is fully met by an insurance of \$4500 on the building, \$1000 on the furniture, and a reported \$3000 on the stock.—Communicated.

Justice is about to hope to overtake the party who threw the brick at the boy Willie Dillon. The deed has been traced home to a young man named Mathew L. Henry. He is supposed to be somewhere in the vicinity of Digby, having been traced that far. Below give a description of him:

The fugitive is about 22 years of age; height, 5 ft. 8 in. 5 ft. 9 in; slim and active; smooth face, boarish appearance; an eruption on chin and cheeks; grey eyes; and brown hair, with a tendency to curl; thick lips; prominent teeth; complexion dark; eyes brown; when smiling, wore a dark coat and dark pants; generally worn, when last seen, an imitation Astrachan cap; but when last seen had on a cloth cap, such as worn by sailors and fishermen.—Chronicle.

A HUGE PETITION.

A petition emanating from Haste County, thirteen feet in length and two feet broad, containing the signatures— is to be presented to the House of Assembly asking for consideration and aid to a railway project, a branch line of fourteen miles, from Elmwood to East Gore. The facts set forth in the petition may be summarized as follows:—The line proposed, 14 miles in length, would render the railway almost entirely void of engineering difficulties. It would open up a country rich, not only in agricultural capabilities, but also abounding in fine lumber, cord wood, brick clay, iron ore, coal (a seam 23 feet thick at the outcrop) and stone, etc. It has not cost a huge amount of money, states, considered by men competent to judge as equal in quality to the best Welsh roofing slate. So far as we know this is the only extensive deposit of roofing slate discovered in the Province, and if its extent is anything like as great as reported, it ought to become a very valuable resource. We have no objection to the right of proper communication with the railway, its development will be attended with great difficulty. We understand that the contractor for the new Penitentiary Buildings at Sackville, N. B., recently visited and examined the slate quarry, and not only expressed a favorable opinion of the quality of the slate, but intimated the possibility of finding the building for which he has the contract. The obstacle to carrying out the idea, is the difficulty of conveying such a bulky article fourteen miles to Railway communication.

We do not know what consideration the petitioners have given to the cost of the petition, or the present financial condition of the Province; but we think it will be a pity if, by a combination of effort something cannot be done to develop such valuable resources, mineral and otherwise, as are shown by the petitioners to exist in the country which would be opened up by the proposed railway. In our opinion, the most important of the resources enumerated, the petitioners also claim that East Gore will be a good point to start from in the event of a railway extension to Maitland, becoming a possibility at some future day. It was expected the petition would be presented to-day; if not it will be presented to-morrow.—*Chronicle.*

The Toronto "Monetary Times" in an article on the Pacific writes the following warning:—

"We feel ourselves compelled, in the name of the public interest, to remonstrate against the conduct of any expansion which would increase the permanent mischiefs of our country. We specially

warn the government with regard to the Pacific. We have already gone so far as to see what a prodigious extent of expenditure would certainly grow if we once entered seriously upon its prosecution."

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The retiring President gave a State dinner to his successor last night.

To avoid interregnum, Chief Justice Waites today, at noon, administered the oath of office to President Hayes at the presidential mansion.

Arrangements are nearly completed for the impressive inaugural ceremonies on Monday.

YARMOUTH.

The Atlantic Insurance Company held its eleven annual meeting yesterday, dividing their assets among the first fifteen shareholders, per share, among them one hundred and fifty shareholders, payable on the 1st of June.

This above is about sixty-five per cent. of the net premiums for the year, which has been one of the most successful since the company was founded.

Yarmouth, March 3.—The Pacific Insurance Company held its annual meeting yesterday and brought down a balance of twenty-eight thousand dollars, or one hundred and forty dollars per share to its two hundred shares, payable on June 1st.

This is the best dividend sheet yet submitted by this company.

THE WINDSOR AND ANNAPOLIS RAILWAY COMPANY.

A petition signed by Mr. DePasse, the commissioner and attorney of the above Company, was presented to the House yesterday by Mr. Longley. It prayeth that the bill to authorise the Government to take steps to procure the loan of \$200,000, in order to commence the construction of the first section of the line, which is now in progress.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

To be sold at Public Auction, on

Wednesday, 14th March, 1877,

at the Auction Room, PARADISE, at

10 a.m., the following stock:—

1. Yoke Oxen, 3 years old; 1 do., 4 years old;

1 Horse, 4 years old; 6 Cows with Calf, 6 Sows

with Pig; 4 Litters of young Pigs, about a

month old; 1 Boar, 3 Stags, 1 Fox, 1 Stoat,

2 years old.

Tame—All sums over \$2.00, eight months credit with approved security.

ALONZO DANIELS.

P. S.—If the 15th should prove stormy, the sale will take place the next day after.

Feb. 27th, 77.

The subscriber change in his

BUSINESS,

must request that

all parties indebted

to him settle

their ACCOUNTS

for past favors, and

as I am about

making some

March 1st.

J. W. TOMLINSON.

P. S.—Customers will find my stock as cheap

for cash or prompt pay as any in the County.

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Lawrenceston, Feb. 2d, 1877.

The great desideratum of the age is the

PERPETUAL INK STAND!

TRY THE

DUFFERIN FLAT 12'S

AND THE

ACADIA TWIST

TOBACCO.

And you will not want any

better.

R. B. MACKINTOSH & CO.

Proprietors, Halifax, N. S.

Oct. 17th, '76. '77

SERVICES ON SUNDAY NEXT.

Episcopal Church,..... 10 a.m.

Methodist "..... 11 a.m.

Presbyterian "..... 11 a.m.

Y. M. C. Association, Prayer Meeting, at the Baptist Church..... 7 p.m.

For sale to all Druggists and Medicine Dealers.

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