

The first of June was the day upon which the union of the Methodist bodies in one body called "The Methodist Church," took legal effect. From this time forward there are no Primitive Methodist, Methodist Episcopal, or Bible Christian denominations or churches, all being merged along with the Methodist Church in Canada into "The Methodist Church."

On the evening of June 2nd, at Chepstow, eight miles from Walkerton, Henry McNab, twenty years of age, was seriously stabbed by Frank Niemer, a youth about the same age. Whilst people were engaged in attending to McNab, Niemer got away. McNabb is dangerously wounded.

At Priceville, about 1.30 a.m. on the morning of June 2nd, a fire was discovered in the carriage and paint shop owned by Wm. Watson & Son, the building being soon enveloped in flames. Loss about \$2,000.

At Simcoe, between 12 and 1 o'clock on the morning of May 29th, a fire broke out in Finlay & Co.'s brewery in this town, totally destroying the building with the exception of one wing used as an icehouse, together with all the machinery and a good portion of the stock.

The Dominion Government has paid over to the Nova Scotia Government \$1,400,000, the price of the railway from New Glasgow to Canso, and their interest in the Pictou branch of the Intercolonial.

Hon. Wm. T. Pipes, Premier of Nova Scotia, has been nominated by the Liberals for Cumberland County in the House of Commons.

The residence of Rev. S. H. Wrema, at Butternut Ridge, three miles from Havelock Corner, N. B., has been destroyed by fire, the family having a narrow escape.

UNITED STATES.

Farmers in Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia are rejoicing over the excellent crop outlook.

The observance of Decoration Day in the United States was more general than at any time within ten years.

The United States Greenbackers have nominated Gen. Butler for President, and West, of Mississippi, for Vice-President.

At New Haven, Mrs. James Hall, who was married three months ago, hanged herself on the 2nd inst. Cause unknown.

At New Orleans on the 1st inst., a sailing boat on Lake Borgue with eight persons aboard, upset. Three were drowned.

At Washington on May 31st, the banking house of D. W. Middleton & Co. suspended. The proprietors have made assignments. Considerable excitement prevails in the place. The liabilities are unknown. The bank had a capital of \$40,000. The suspension was caused by a heavy and immediate demand for cash.

Gen. O. E. Babcock, engineer of the fifth lighthouse district; Levi P. Luckey, his chief clerk; and Benj. P. Suter, of Washington, were drowned on May 31st in Mosquito Inlet, off the coast of Florida.

The scaffolding in the tunnel of the South Pennsylvania Railroad near Tionier, Pa., fell down on May 29th. Nine men were instantly killed, and eleven wounded. There are slight hopes of their recovery. A large force was excavating the tunnel a hundred feet from the main entrance when the heavy scaffolding gave way and crashed down upon the men.

At Albany, N. Y., on May 30th, insane from the loss of a bank book, a woman murdered five of her children, and with the other threw herself in front of a train and was killed.

The body of a girl aged 16 was found near Pleasanton, Kas., on June 2nd, and near by the bodies of two children and a woman, hidden under the brush. The affair is shrouded in mystery.

On May 30th near McBride, Mich., two boilers in a saw-mill owned by Wood & Thayer, exploded, killing Wesley Ammon, a new man, and M. Matthews; and severely injuring Chas. Sawers, Peter Cramer and Jos. McCullough.

Three men, rescued by the schooner Addie Jordan from the shipwrecked schooner Mary Vancleft, which sunk off the coast of Georgia last Wednesday, report the Captain, Fred Small, Mate Albert Grant, and seamen Nathan and Isaac Robinson, drowned.

At New York, George Keller's ice-houses were burned on the 2nd inst. Loss, \$50,000.

At Brooklyn, N. Y., on May 29th, the sash and blind factory of Richard Whipple was burned. Loss \$35,000.

At Rockton, Wis., on the 2nd inst., the North-Western paper-mill was burned down. Loss, \$50,000.

A cloud burst near Visalia, Cal., on the 31st ult., and swept away the house of Peter Stewart and all its inmates, consisting of himself, wife, mother, two children, and R. Weisner, a sheep herder. The bodies of Stewart, his mother and one child were recovered. The house was dashed to atoms.

At Wilmington, N. C., the steamer *Wave* sank on the 2nd inst. Ned Beebe, a colored cook, Lucy Graham, a colored passenger, and Empie Hill, a white passenger, were drowned. The accident was caused by the shifting of the cargo.

A four-sett mill at South Barre, near Worcester, Mass., called the Ware River Mill, was burned to the ground on 2nd inst. by an incendiary. Loss, \$100,000.

At Aurora, Ill., while Otto Hope's cattle were feeding on M. O. Fletcher's land, on 2nd inst., Fletcher and his sons attacked Hope and his hired man, killing the former and mortally wounding the latter.

Through unskilful tapping of a blast in the Cleveland, O., Rolling Mill Company's new furnace, on the 2nd inst., fifty tons of melted metal rushed out, overspreading everything in the vicinity, and fatally burning Frank Fanta and Dennis Bryan. Both men were shockingly mutilated.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Mr. D. L. Moody, the other evening announced the illness of Mr. Ica D. Sankey, which is of so serious a nature as to make it necessary for him to return home.

Sir Henry Bartle Frere, late Governor and Commander-in-chief at the Cape of Good Hope, is dead.

Mr. James Payn, the celebrated novelist, has written a new story entitled "The Talk of the Town." It will appear as a serial simultaneously in English and American papers.

London is wild with excitement over a series of dynamite explosions that destroyed valuable property and injured a number of persons. The detectives have discovered no clues of any value.

A Cork despatch says Jno. Creed, farmer, was shot dead recently near Millstreet by Moonlighters. Two other persons were wounded.

The French Government proposes to celebrate the centenary of the commencement of the French revolution in 1789 in an imposing manner. It has also been resolved to make especially brilliant the exhibition to be held in Paris in 1889.

The concession granting the right to lay a cable between Portugal and America has been transferred to the American and British Continental Cable Company. The first section of the cable to St. Michael's, the largest of the Azores, in the Atlantic Ocean, will be laid in September.

A Vienna despatch says a serious electoral riot occurred in Klausenberg the other day. There were many acts of violence, including stone-throwing. Sixty persons were injured.

A serious fire has occurred at Phumpank, the capitol of Cambodia, a whole quarter outside the French concession being destroyed. One hundred and five houses belonging to the King were burned, and three persons perished.

News has just been received from London that there was a violent earthquake on May 19 on the island of Kishn, near the mouth of the Persian gulf. Twelve villages were destroyed, 200 persons killed and many others injured.

A Shanghai despatch says the recent Franco-Chinese convention meets with but little favor in many quarters. Forty-seven petitions for the impeachment of Li Hung Chang have been sent to the Emperor. Li Hung has asked permission to retire from public life.

Facts and Opinions.

The proposal to have a wine room in the Art Club at Boston has been defeated by a majority of 363 to 68.

Eleven hundred liquor sellers of New York have had their licenses revoked by the excise commissioners for violating the excise law.—*Censor*.

The liquor traffic is the source of untold evils. It is a blight and scourge that touches every interest of the State, of society, of the family and of the individual.—*Cimeter*.

We believe the end of the century will see Prohibition adopted over nearly our whole country, and that by the help of a large portion of our adopted citizens who were at first hostile to such legislation.—*N. Y. Independent*.

To be successful, Prohibition must be enforced by law; law must be enacted by the Legislature, and carried out by the Executive power; to have a Legislature and Executive willing to do this, they must be elected with that understanding. That brings the question into politics, and shows the fact that Prohibition can never be successful without a powerful political party behind it.—*Home Gazette*.