WHY ENGLAND ACTS.

Great Britain's Defence of Wady Halfa

Is a Sympathetic Movement In Behalf of Italy It May Involve Serious Consequences — The Advance Upon Dongola —How the Transvaal Pot Boils—Parliament is Dull Just Now.

New York, March 15.—Mr. Isaac N. Ford cables from London to The Tribune: It is in Africa, not in America, that shots are fired which involve serious consequences. The Italian defeat at Adowa has kindled the fires of fanaticism in the deserts, and made expedient a British demonstration of military force on the Nile. The defence of Wady Halfa by an advance to Dongola and the expulsion of the Dervishes seem a sympathetic movement in behalf of Italy, rather than a necessary precaution for the protection of Lower Egypt. Yet Lord Wolseley, who attended the last Cabinet meeting, must have advised it, and he knows the Nile valley and understands how explosive is the Madhist enthusiasm after a victory. It hardly seems possible, although the day's Times plainly foreshadows it, that the occupation of Dongola points the way to the reconquest of the Soudan. In that event, Gordon's death would be avenged through Italy's reverses England surely renders a great service to Italy's demoralized forces by this timely movement, which may tend either to quiet or to excite the Dervishes around Kassala and Suakim

The pot in the Transvaal is still simmering, and Mr. Chamberlain has full occupation in keeping it from boiling over. President Kruger is apparently anxious to come to England, but suspicious that the Jameson trial has not been undertaken with sincerity. How long the Bow Street enquiry will last nobody ventures to forecast, but another adjournment on Tuesday is probable, and the case may drag along for weeks, until the officials return from South Africa with the testimony for which they were sent. Why there should be protracted delay in securing the committal of the accused for trial is inexplicable. The impression is general that the Government are more anxious to make a show of prosecuting than to convict the raiders. That may be an unjust suspicion, but it is not an unreasonable conclusion.

Parliament is the dullest show in London, the bores being prominent in debate and divisions devoid of interest.

GRAVEYARD INSURANCE CASES.

Messrs. Alger, Hortop and Brown Will be Tried at Whitby This Week.

Whitby, March 15.—(Special.)—The Assizes open here to-day before Justice Falconbridge; and George E. Alger, Joseph Hortop and Nicholas C. Brown will be tried on a charge of attempting to defraud the Home Life, Equitable and Ontario Mutual Insurance Companies by insuring the life of Alger's wife, when the woman, who is now deceased, was known to be on the brink of the grave.

All the prisoners were allowed out on bail after the preliminary examination, but it is confidently expected that they will be present at the trial. Alger, who was out on sureties amounting to $4000, was said to have left the country, but he has lately been in the vicinity of Whitby.

Dr. Francey, the Crown's most important witness, has since the developments at the preliminary investigation, been practising his profession at Blind River, where he has built up a good practice. He is in Whitby to give evidence at the trial. Mr. W. R. Riddell, will represent the Crown, while Mr. R. C. Clute will act for the defence. It is possible that the grand jury will indict other men who are said to be mixed up in the alleged attempted fraud.

THE INQUEST WILL OPEN TO-DAY.

A Coroner's Jury Will Investigate the Brockville Tragedy.

Brockville, March 15.—The developments in the condition of Chief Rose are such as to give the physicians in attendance great hopes of pulling him through all right. In coughing he raised one of the shot which entered his breast. All the other wounded men are doing well. Lapointe is improving steadily. He has not displayed the least signs of insanity since his arrest. Constable Tinsley gives his version of the shooting. He says that his shot at Lapointe was not only fired before the latter's gun was discharged, but that it found its mark as he intended. He shot to kill. A large number of witnesses have been subpoenaed for the inquest on the murdered man Moore, which will be held on Monday night.

Powder Explosion in B.C.

Rossland, B.C., March 15.—A disastrous accident occurred at the Centre Star Mine yesterday from the explosion of two boxes of giant powder. As a result four men are already dead and two more fatally injured.

The dead are: Thomas Gibbons, Joe Doolan, Dan Lynch, Mike Gavigan. The injured: Ed Shanahan and Mike Brooks.

The buildings in the vicinity were badly shaken and considerably damaged. No blame is attached to the management, the accident being due to the men's carelessness.

FOR MEN OF WAR.

An agency is to be opened in Omaha for the purpose of enlisting recruits for the Cuban insurgents.

The Chinese Government has purchased eighty thousand Bavarian rifles of the type of 1884 for a dollar apiece.

It has been definitely decided to send an expedition of eight thousand colored troops against the dervishes of the Soudan.

The defences in Esquimalt are again being strengthened. Sev new heavy breech-loading guns hr just arrived from England.

Goderich veterans of 1866 had a camp fire at the Point Farm Hotel to commemorate the anniversary of their calling out, March 9.

The Marquis of Lansdowne, the Secretary of State for War, has finally declined to allow the formation of a "Regiment of Gentlemen."

A strong force of Dervishes has made an attack upon Sabderati, between Kassala and Agordat. The Italian force being greatly outnumbered retreated to the hills.

The veterans in Guelph, who turned out under Col. Higginbotham to repel the Fenians in 1866, celebrated the anniversary by a supper on March 9.

One of the first acts of the Marquis di Rudini was to cable to General Baldissera, the new commandant of the army in Africa, the assurance that the new Ministry would uphold his campaign and furnish him with all the troops needed to prosecute the Abyssinian campaign to a successful issue.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

Guelph Chief Magistrate reports only five convictions during the last quarter.

Leonard Brown and Divid Lawr have been convicted at Whitby of criminally assaulting a little girl.

Dr. Arthur Dueshon, the so-called millionaire murderer of St. Louis, convicted of killing his wife and baby in St. Louis, has been sentenced to be hanged on April 22nd.

Charles Stern, a fugitive from American justice, was arrested while boarding a steamer at Halifax for Liverpool. He had nearly $20,000 cash, jewels and securities in his possession.

William A. Shoemaker, counsel for H. H. Holmes, the Pietzel murderer, has been suspended from practising his profession for a year for inducing a woman to sign a false affidavit in the case.

It is now believed that Mr. Frank W. Brown, collector of taxes for the Town of Sault Ste. Marie, who was found dead in his office, was murdered, as two bullets had passed through his heart.

Dr. Peters, the African explorer, was accused in the German Reichstag on Friday with causing a negro and negress to be hanged, while he was Imperial Commissioner in Africa, because they had taken a fancy to each other, of which Dr. Peters, himself being intimate with the negress, disapproved.

THE DEAD.

Jacob Neads, an old resident of Bowmanville, is dead, aged 85.

Mrs. Houck, an old and benevolent resident of Whitby, is dead, aged 68.

Mrs. Antoine Bruyea of Deseronto, while in a drug store, dropped dead.

The death is announced of Mr. Peter Nisbet, a resident for over 50 years of Dunbarton, aged 88.

The death rate in London last week was 21.7, the largest record for any week since July last.

Dr. Rowe, editor of The American Field, one of the most prominent writers on field sports, is dead.

LOCAL SUMMARY.

ATHENS AND NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES BRIEFLY WRITTEN UP.

Events as Seen by Our Knight of the Pencil.—Local Announcement Boiled Right Down.

Bullis' saw mill is now running on full time.

Mrs. J. Patterson, Reid street, is on the sick list.

There is scarcely a vacant house in the village at present.

In the Bullis' mill last week 33,000 feet of lumber was cut.

The ice bridge still holds good between Brockville and Morristown.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Wood, of Elgin, spent Sunday with friends in Athens.

Missionary services will be conducted in the Methodist church on Sabbath next.

Mr. Geo. Lee has entered the employ of Mr. H. H. Arnold as junior clerk.

Miss May Berney has been confined to the house for a few days with la grippe.

Saturday last was the day appointed for opening the new Hornerite church at Lombardy.

Miss Clara Stevens left Athens on Monday on a visit to her sister and aunt in Montreal.

Mr. Edgar Laraguay intends moving to his residence on Wellington street the first of the month.

Wellington Kilborn is moving from Athens to Plum Hollow, having rented the farm of J. Knapp.

Soundings are still being made through the ice at Brockville for the international bridge piers.

Harry E. Bywater, proprietor of the Westport "Mirror," gave the REPORTER a call on Saturday.

The machinery for J. E. Knapp's creamery at Plum Hollow has arrived and been placed in position.

Wall paper for everybody—over 100 different patterns of new wall paper, just opened at H. H. Arnold's.

Robert Trickey, wanted at Delta for burglary, is reported to be in the Watertown hospital suffering from frozen feet.

W. A. Whitney, Iroquois, formerly of the collegiate institute staff, Morrisburg, has purchased the Iroquois News.

Dr. C. G. Giles, of Guthrie Centre, Iowa, who was dangerously sick with pneumonia is reported as rapidly improving.

Dr. Harte has removed his office from the Karley block to the residence formerly occupied by Dr. S. S. Cornell, Main street.

Special services are being conducted by Rev. J. M. Hagar this week, assisted by Rev. Mr. Williams, of Gananoque east.

Wm. Beach, one of the oldest inhabitants of Athens, is on the sick list at the residence of his son-in-law, S. Rosenharker.

The big sleeve seems doomed. Letters from Paris declare its downfall to be not a matter of the future but of the actual present.

The Washington government has authorized the distribution of the medals and awards won at the Chicago exhibition in 1893.

Miss Nellie Bolger, of Baldwin's Corners, and Miss Kate Bolin, of Plum Hollow, were guests of Mrs. E. Laraguay, Henry street.

It is said that the village of Westport will apply to the Counties Council at the June Session for incorporation as a village municipality.

Harlem and vicinity will be heard from in the columns of the REPORTER, as we have secured a good, wide-awake correspondent for that place.

Mr. Wm Mott, who has been confined to his room for the past two months, is, we are glad to report, able to be around the house again.

Carpenters are busy this week fitting up the east half of the old post office building ready for occupancy by A. M. Chassels, merchant tailor.

Rev. Wm. Poyser occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church here on Sunday the Rev. J. M. Hagar preaching anniversary sermons at Delta.

The sale of the household effects of the Armstrong house, advertised to take place on the 14th, has been postponed until the 21st at 1 and 7 p.m.

Sad news reached Athens on Tuesday of the death of one of Delta's most respected ladies, Mrs. George Stevens, mother of Mr. Alex. Stevens.

The wife of Mr. Sterling Wiltse, who resides near Wights' Corners, died on Saturday last, and was placed in the Athens vault on Monday. The funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church by the Rev. J. M. Hagar. Mrs. Wiltse has been a sufferer for years, and her death was not unexpected by her relatives. Her maiden name was Wiltse, her friends residing in the neighborhood of Lombardy.

Wm. Davis, who started a shoe shop in the Dowsley block a short time ago, has secured the services of the best shoe repairer ever employed in Athens. He has also put in a manufacturing Singer sewing machine, and is now ready to make or repair boots, shoes or rubbers in a manner never before attempted in this village. If you don't believe it, call in and look at the work being done.

Byron W. Loverin, of Greenbush, took orders for over $160 worth of Mammoth Early Flint Ensilage Corn in the Townships of Bastard and South Crosby in less than ten days. The seed was grown by him from a few pounds purchased last spring. Besides furnishing an immense crop of ensilage, this species if properly cultivated will produce enough seed to supply three or four farms the following season.

The Pembroke Observer of last week says: Mr. Murray's team of young moose were out on the streets yesterday hitched to a sleigh They went along very quietly, indeed, almost too much so, and appeared to answer the rein as obediently as a well trained horse. They trotted some while on Main street, but were very cool about it, and on the whole would apparently have preferred to walk. They are sleek and handsome and well mated as to size and general appearance.

Philip P. Slack, our west end baker, is dangerously ill.

Miss Bertha E. Loverin, who has been visiting friends in Prescott and Iroquois for several weeks, returned home on Tuesday evening of last week.

Geo. C. Smith is busy putting in a new corn and cob grinder at Parish's mill. The capacity of the old one was not sufficient for the amount of work required.

It is said that the Rathbun company will put a boat on the Gananoque-Brockville route next season with a carrying capacity of 100 passengers, besides freight.

Rev. J. J. Cameron, Presbyterian, exchanged pulpits with Rev. J. A. Kennedy, Baptist, on Sunday morning the Rev. Kennedy taking the Toledo appointment.

Orangemen are making preparations for the mammoth demonstration in Napanee on the 12th of July. All lodges between Cobourg and Brockville will be invited.

The inspector of the Leeds and Grenville House of Industry is advertising for tenders for the required quantity of beef and bread for 1896. Posters giving full information have been sent broadcast.

A son of Daniel Norris, who died at the residence of Mrs. A. C. Brown on Wednesday last, arrived in Athens from Vermont, and took the body of his father home for interment.

H. H. Arnold has just placed in stock the largest and best stock of painted window shades, window poles, and wall paper ever brought to Athens. Don't buy until you see his goods and get prices.

Wm. Hillis moves to Athens this week, while John Livingston takes his place at the home farm and S. Hanton leaves the Hillis' house in Athens to take charge of the farm vacated by Livingston.

The success attending the graduates of the Brockville Business College is very marked. For business training or a shorthand course this college is unsurpassed. Term opens after Easter holidays, April 13th.

The pupils of the Athens high school will give a public debate and entertainment before the Easter holidays. As the admission has been placed at the nominal price of 10c., there will no doubt be an overflowing house.

W. C. Fredenburgh will establish an electric light system in Westport some time in May next, as he has secured over 250 lights at 2½ cents per light, which he thinks will yield him a fair rate of interest on his investment.

A remarkable discovery was made in the hematite mines, Madoc, by Chas. Wellington. It was the peice of a tusk of an animal, evidently a mastodon, and was taken from a distance of thirty-two feet down into the solid rock.

We regret to learn that Mrs. W. G. Parish has found it necessary to go to the general hospital, Brockville, for treatment for an ailment with which she is troubled. She will be under the special treatment of Dr. C. M. B. Cornell.

The genial occupant of "The Hermitage" at Charleston lake invited his friends to a "log bee" one day last week. A large number of men and teams were engaged drawing saw-logs to the mill, and all felt as merry as if going to a "rale ould Irish weddin."

Building operations will be brisk in Westport this coming season, and a large number of private residences will be erected. We do not know of a vacant dwelling in the village. Several parties who wished to take up their abode in the village could not get residences.

A prominent physician claims that there will be no diphtheria, scarlet fever nor worms for children if they eat plentifully of onions every day, especially when there is scarcity of fresh fruit. He buys the onions by the barrel for his young folks, and they are served in every imaginable form.

By the agreement entered into between Brockville and the electric street railway company, the company is to have a twenty years' franchise, and is authorized to construct a single track iron street railway. Construction must be commenced before Oct. 7th next, and one mile completed within a year from that date.

A nervy thief has been operating in the Aultsville neighborhood. He awakened a farmer one night and asked him to help capture a pig that had escaped from his sleigh. The farmer lent the aid requested, and the next morning discovered that he had helped to load his own pig into a thief's sleigh.

A Kansas man has patented a paper brick which he says will work a revolution in the pavement of streets or the building of walls. It is made of straw and wood pulp. It is made the same as brick at one half the cost. The inventor says that with the straw that annually goes to waste in Kansas, he can pave the streets of every town in New England.

A copy of the Walnut "Bureau" to hand this week contains the result of the recent town elections in Walnut, Iowa. Our old friend A. E. Kincaid, formerly of this town, was a candidate for councillor and polled the largest vote of any, and the vote was the largest in years. Canadians, and especially Athenians, take a front rank in any community in which they make their homes.

The Westport "Mirror" says: "Mr. Ross of the Athens brick and tile yard, waited on the committee of Knox church, Wednesday, with samples of brick. The committee were well pleased with the Athens brick, and it is altogether probable that Mr. Ross will receive the order." Everybody who has seen or used the brick or tile made at the Athens yard speak highly of it, and the Westport people cannot get a better quality for the money in Canada.

We want a good reliable correspondent in every locality in Leeds county. There are only a few places now in the county that are not heard from occasionally, but we wish to have every section represented, therefore any person willing to act as our correspondent in places where we have none, have only to write us and we will send them a supply of stamped envelopes and stationery. All of our correspondents are at liberty to solicit subscriptions and retain 25 per cent. for their trouble.

5,000 Deacon Skins wanted at the Athens Meat Market by Wilson & Son. 2m

The new moon would rock one way as well as the other, thus plainly indicating a very dry month or a very wet one, depending altogether on the opinion of the person doing the prognosticating.

Pure, rich blood is the true cure for nervousness, and Hood's Sarsaparilla is the one True Blood Purifier and nerve tonic.

On account of funds accumulating quickly, will lend money on real estate at the very lowest rate—$12,000 on hand now. Mortgages also purchased. JOHN CAWLEY, Athens, Ont.

You may have the very article
That people dearly prize,
But how are they to know it
If you do not advertise?

The Rev. Wm. Wright of Athens, is in Ottawa this week attending the meeting called by the Metropolitan to elect a Bishop for the new diocese of Ottawa.

CASH.—$8000.00 worth of crockery china and glassware at Bankrupt prices Sale continues for a short time only —T. W. Dennis, Tea Store and China Hall, Brockville, Ont., nearly opposite the Revere house.

There is a vacant stool in the REPORTER office and an empty chair at the Editor's fireside. After six years of faithful service in the office of the REPORTER, Miss Sadie Johnston resigned her position on Thursday morning, much to the regret of the staff and family of the proprietor. In all that long time Miss Johnston has never been absent from the office by reason of illness, nor been charged for lost time because of holidays taken. It has ever been a rule of the office to do unto others as we would wish to be done by; consequently if there was any extra time work to be put in it was always cheerfully performed, and if the hands employed wanted a day or two off for pleasure or recreation, it was just as cheerfully conceded.

The prize list of the Unionville fair will be issued from this office in a couple of weeks. As nearly 1,000 copies will be printed and distributed amongst the best class of farmers in Leeds and Grenville, it is one of the best mediums of advertising to be found anywhere. A full page advertisement in this prize list has been placed at the very low price of $3 00 or $1.75 for half page. These prize lists are distributed by mail to every member of the agricultural society, and are preserved for constant reference during the season. Persons having any specialty to advertise to the farmers of these counties should avail themselves of this opportunity and send in their orders at once Remember we have the largest stock of cuts for illustrating ads of any office in the country, the use of which will be given free to any one ordering an ad in the prize list.

Will Report When Necessary.

ATHENS, March 17, 1896.

Editor Reporter.

SIR,—Please allow me space in your paper that is welcomed in every home to say to Mr. Burgess, of the Brockville Orphans' Home for Scotch children, that when my girl, that I have in care, does not do what is right in character, I will inform him of the fact, as I consider myself more lady-like than to class myself with those that have made their names very unchristian like.

MRS. DELORMA WILTSE

Lapointe's Victims.

News: The Brockville tragedy still continues to attract attention. A gentleman who knows the prisoner well says the first symptoms of his insanity date back to the month of September, 1894. Up to that time he was as rational as any body. One day while cutting corn on the farm, a peculiar sensation came over him. Quitting his work, he returned to the house and seizing a rifle advanced towards his sister, Mrs. Lee, who had not spoken to him for a couple of years previous. Lapoint made her exchange words with him at the point of the rifle. He then signified his intention of shooting several persons in the vicinity, and said he would burn the barns on his brother-in-law's property. His whole mania seemed to be for shooting some one. It was only after a good deal of persuasion on the part of relatives that the rifle was laid aside on the first occasion of his insanity being noticeable. On the following month he was examined by Dr. Horton, who pronounced him insane, and advised his removal to the asylum. Though his actions ever were peculiar, he made no particular exhibition of himself until August 22 of last year, when he visited Mr. M. B. Stack's hotel at Lyn and made an attack upon the life of the proprietor. A friend of Lapoint's who happened to be along with him at the time, grabbed the revolver from the crazy man just in time to save Mr. Stack's life. Lapoint then drew a dirk from his hip pocket, whereupon Mr. Stack made his presence very scarce. It appears prior to this, Lapoint had made frequent threats to take the life of this gentleman He also threatened to kill several members of the Masonic lodge in Lyn, saying that the members of that order were against him. Mr. Stack has been in constant dread of Lapoint, and, in view of this, Stack, for the past year, has slept with a loaded gun in his room in order to be prepared for an unexpected assault. Lapoint visited Stack's hotel several times within the last year. He was in Lyn three times last week but did not get any whiskey at Stack's hotel. It was not an uncommon thing to see him in the village for the mail, as he only lived a few miles distant.

Chief Rose's condition is still precarious. He is in charge of Drs. Vaux, Brown and Cornell. All possible means are taken to care for the wounded chief.

The Indian Dixon is still seriously ill. The shot lodged in the vicinity of the left lung are very dangerous, and his advanced age is apt to militate against his ultimate recovery.

Officer Tinsley is still in the General Hospital, under Dr. Harding's care, and, although in no immediate danger, is suffering from severe wounds.

Mr. Jas. Boyd is still at St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, where he will remain for a few days. Dr. Webster reported him as a good deal better yesterday, no alarming symptoms having developed

For a man who was terribly wounded, Lapoint is doing remarkably well.

Thomas Deveruax is able to be about again The shot passed through his cheek and lodged in the jaw, making a very painful wound.

Daniel Norris, whose death was announced in last week's REPORTER, came to this county from Baston, Vt., about two years ago. Here he was known as a man of intelligence, exemplary in character, of industrious habits, and very reserved. He made many friends, but no confidantes, and it was only when assured that death was near that he gave the address of his son, Frank B. Norris, who is connected with one of the Vermont railways. This son arrived on Thursday morning and conveyed the remains home. From him it was learned that deceased had been a well-to-do business man, and being forced to make an assignment had come to this county with the hope of being able to make sufficient money to settle the claims against his estate. His business transactions here will be arranged by his son sometime during May or June. Besides his wife and family, the mother of deceased, aged 85, mourns his death In the deep grief they are now experiencing they have the sympathy of many residents of this section.

REV. GEO. E. HARTWELL.

The reverend gentleman whom the above cut faithfully portrays is well and favorably known throughout this county, his boyhood's home. The severe trials which he and the missionaries associated with him were called upon to undergo during the recent anti foreigner riots at Chen-tu awakened a deep, anxious interest throughout all christendom. For several months little has appeared in the public prints regarding the actual condition of affairs in that part of China, though it was known that steps were being taken to secure the punishment of the rioters and reestablish the missionaries in the city from which they were so summarily ejected last summer. A letter dealing with the work of the American Commission and the reception of the missionaries on their return to Chen tu appears on the third page of this issue. Mr. Hartwell evidently entertains a high opinion of Chinese diplomacy and thinks the Commissioners were overmatched, but concedes to them great credit for having secured the opening to foreign trade of the important province of Hunan.

Hockey in Brockville.

On Saturday last the following members of Athens hockey team went to Brockville to play the return match with the Coll. Inst.: A. Johnston, J. J. McCaffery, A. Thomas, J. Bellamy, H. Sharman, M. Edgar, M. Davison. The game was fast from start to finish, and though the score was given as 4 to 3 against the visitors they have every reason to be satisfied with the game they played that night. The Recorder credits McCaffery and Thomas with having done the best work for Athens, and for Brockville says that the work of Simpson and Ritchie was "something of a revelation to the visitors." Well, not much of a revelation if they have seen those young men play in the St. Lawrence team, and are also familiar with the playing of "Mickey" George, another student (?) of the Coll. Institute.

The Close Season.

When the question of amending the fish and game regulations comes up for discussion in the Legislature (nearly an annual occurrence), every individual that bobs for bullpouts or snares suckers raises up his voice and is prepared to say just when the close season should begin and end. The existence of so much positive, specific knowledge naturally results in a great difference of opinion, and the Commissioners and Legislators have our heartfelt sympathy in their periods of trouble and tribulation. We catch bullpouts ourselves sometimes, and so feel qualified to speak on this subject. It is urged by some that the close season should begin a month earlier than at present. With this view we are fully in accord, as it would relieve our conscience of the severe strain to which it is subjected every spring when the black bass get on our bullpout hook. Yes, gentlemen, start the close season on April 15, and cut off fifteen days from the other end of it, so that anglers may legally enjoy a little of the fly-fishing.

DULSEMAIN.

MONDAY, March 16.—A number from here attended the opening of the new high school at Gananoque last week.

Miss Hattie Johnston, of Malakoff, was the guest of Chattie Sliter last week.

A. E. Sliter was in Toronto last week attending the grand lodge of Select Knights.

W. H. Ferguson, of Junetown, was here last week visiting his brother, J. M.

Miss Annie Slack, of Gananoque, is spending a few days here with friends.

Truman Cowan, wife and baby, of Charleston, are here visiting friends

E. Cross, of Wilstead, Miss G. Peck, of Ebenezer, R. Donovan and sister, of Moortown, were recently the guests of their cousin, Miss L Cross.

Cyrus Cross is laid up with sciatica rheumatism.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

Gananoque is to have a new wharf to cost $4000.

Kingston Board of Trade objects to the bridging of Detroit River.

The tailors of Kingston are angry because estimates are being received from outside places for the supply of uniforms for the 14th Battalion Band.

The merchants of Barcelona have agreed not to sell American products in the event of President Cleveland approving of the Cuban belligerency resolutions.

The British imports from Canada in February were four and a half times greater than the imports of February of the previous year. The imports for January and February were two and a half times greater than for the corresponding months last year. The exports from Great Britain to Canada increased 21 per cent. in February.

FRONT OF YONGE.

MONDAY, March 16.—Could the Soperton correspondent inform us of the whereabouts of Mr. William and Jane Washburn, son and daughter of the late Senecca Washburn, who formerly lived in that vicinity, on the old estate at the corner?

The political crows are now celebrating the death of many old horses,

The McIntosh correspondent wishes to know the difference between a Kaintuckey mule and an Afrigan goat. Just here we may say that his question requires a private reply. But in the meantime he will be so kind as to give the history of the mule and also that of the goat. It is not within our province to write natural history, even had we time and space, but if the quill-driver would visit the residence of W. McAvoy he could get an object lesson on the animal regarding which he seeks enlightenment.

It must be a foolhardy sort of man who would for a moment think of taking and holding the town of Brockville for any length of time with a double-barrelled shotgun, and had that filibuster who invaded Brockville committed that murderous act in some of the states of the union his earthly career would have been very short.

WHEN TO GIVE UP.

An Interesting Fable of the Tramp and the Housewife.

One day a Tramp who hadn't had anything to eat or drink for several years, and was consequently feeling about used up, came along to a farm house just as the Wife was pouring milk from a pan into a dish.

"I pray thee give me a quaff of that milk," said the Tramp as he looked as bad as possible in order to work on her sympathies.

"We don't feed Tramps here!" was the brusque reply, as she looked at the caller with stony eyes.

"But, my dear madam, I am perishing while you have plenty. Have mercy, I pray you!"

"That milk is for the dog," she said as she placed the dish on the earth. "If you are thirsty, go drink at the horse pond."

"And you will not even give me a quart of skimmed milk to keep the lamp of life alight till I strike a job?"

"Get thee hence!" she commanded in reply, as she looked around for the axe handle.

"I go, Mum—I go, but—"

"Here—what's the matter of the dog!" shouted the woman ere the Tramp had reached the gate.

"He's evidently swallowed sumthin' that astonished him, Mum. Say! Have you any paris green in the house?"

"I have."

"Don't you keep it on the shelf over the milk?"

"I do, and, alas! I see how it is! The milk has been poisoned and the dog is a goner!"

MORAL

"When you want a thing and want it bad," said the Tramp as he calmly pursued his way, "then is the time to let somebody else have it!"

Something Like a Miser.

Some rather good stories are told about a very wealthy old miser, who lives in one of the English northern counties.

Some years ago, evidently in a weak moment, he gave £10,000 or £12,000 towards the support of a foreign mission, and since then numerous people have called upon him, with the object of obtaining subscriptions.

On one occasion two ladies succeeded in gaining admittance—a by no means easy task, for every visitor is closely questioned through a little aperture in the door before the bolts are drawn—and were ushered into a room and left alone for about a quarter of an hour.

At the end of that time the "gentleman" of the house entered the room, and glancing at the table said:

"Who stole my pin?"

One of the ladies blushed, and said she had taken it to fasten her bonnet-strings.

"Then out you go! Anyone who would steal my pins has no right in my house," and he unceremoniously elowed the ladies out.

His stock of underlinen, it is said, consists of two shirts.

He, of course, wears one while the other is being washed. On one occasion he said to the laundress, "I think eight cents is rather too much for washing and ironing a shirt. Can't you charge less?"

"No, sir," replied the laundress. "Eight cents is my charge, and you see I have a long way to come for your shirt, and then I deliver it when it is washed."

"Ah, to be sure! Now, how much less would you charge if I changed my shirt at your place?"—Tit-Bits.

An Important Point.

"Now, Freddie, the moment you're naughty, Louise will put you to bed."

"Say, ma, which of us is to decide if I'm naughty?"

The Clerk's Mistake.

A commercial traveler at Liverpool has "taken a rise" out of the clerk at a certain leading commercial hotel. One day last week he entered the office and, banging his fist on the desk, demanded angrily:

"Why didn't you have me called at 6 o'clock?"

"I did," calmly replied the clerk.

"You did not, sir."

"I tell you I did."

"You did not, sir, and I can prove it."

"All right, go ahead; but you can't prove it."

"Yes I can."

"Prove it, then."

"Well, you did not have me called at 6 o'clock because I did not leave word to be called at all," and the commercial man grinned and looked for the clerk to blush and apologize.

But he looked in vain. A little thing like that wouldn't bother a hotel clerk. —London Telegraph.

A Queer Situation.

Applicant—No; I didn't git no fixed wages where I was last. I worked on time.

Business man—Were you discharged?

"Yes, sir. I expected to be there for years, but they discharged me in three years for bein' good."

"That's strange. Where did you work?"

"In the penitentiary."—Philadelphia Record.

Queer Combination.

The man behind—Pardon me, miss, I can see nothing owing to your hat.

The woman in front—True! There is nothing owing. I have paid for it in full.—Philadelphia Record.

Long-Drawn Out.

She—Kiss me once more.

He—I am afraid I won't have time, I must leave in half an hour.

THE SERENADE.

Oh, bear with me, my sweet, my sweet,
While I my banjo play;
Plunky-te-plunk.
My heart is lying 'neath your feet,
Trample it not, I do entreat,
There's love for you in every beat,
So cast it not away.
Plunky-te-plunk.

Bear in bushes (sotto voce)—
I'll bear with you, my sweet, my sweet,
And on your banjo play;
Plunky-te-plunk.
My work I'll make both quick and neat,
And chew you both to sausage meat
To those who love 'tis such a treat,
To with each other stay.
Plunky-te-plunk (please omit flowers.)
—TRUTH.

The Ruling Passion.

A retired Humorist one day ventured into a cotton mill, and while in an unguarded moment he was explaining some of his post-mortem jokes to an innocent operative, he was drawn into the ponderous gearing and dreadfully crushed. They combed what they could of him out of the machinery and spread the effects on the floor.

"Who is it?" was the anxious inquiry as the crowd gathered around. Nobody could answer.

Then the eyes of Humorist slowly opened and his lips moved.

"There is good reason why nobody recognizes me," the Humorist painfully whispered.

A systematic bystander bent down his ear.

"Why is it?" he asked.

"Because," explained the Humorist, seeing an opportunity to steal home, "because I have been traveling in cog."

And then a smile like a summer cloud played for an instant over his features and he was gone. He never spoke again.

That was one satisfaction.—New York Recorder

How Girls Love Their Father.

Tipple—Harry proposed to me last night.

Sibyl—Yes, he told me he was going to when I refused him.

Tipple—Then I understand what he meant when he said that, outside of one gigantic piece of folly, he had led a pretty blameless life.

A Fit.

A London medical expert says that an excellent test of whether or not a man is sober is to ask him to repeat the sentence: "The artillery extinguished the conflagration cart."

A St. Petersburg dispatch says that two hundred fishermen belonging to Reval, with their horses and carts, have been blown out to sea on a piece of floating ice.

Albert Bright, aged 26, was killed at a barn-raising on the farm of Hugh Russell, in the Township of Bosanquet. He was to have been married soon.

A quantity of wreckage of the steamer Marsala, from Hamburg, February 29, for Boston, was picked up on the west shore of Guernsey.

Four men were killed and one injured by the blowing up of an engine on the Delaware, Susquehanna, and Schuylkill railway, near Hazleton, Pa.

As a result of a heavy snowfall, lasting three days, followed by a sudden thaw, floods in many parts of Austria have caused great destruction of property.

Eugene J. Pelletier was accidentally shot by Ernest Trojand at Windsor. Pelletier was engaged to be married to Trojand's sister and she was present when the fatality occurred.

Diphtheria is ravaging some of the homes of Williamsville. Five children have died in three families.

Rev. G A. Anderson, English Church pastor on the Mohawk Indian reserve, near Deseronto, Ont., died Friday.

Mrs. James Hollinger has just died in Hungerford Township at the age of 77. She was the mother of 12 children.

Mrs. Sylvester Sliley of Belleville is dead, at the great age of 93 years. She had resided in Belleville over 60 years.

William Burdick, formerly a well-known pool and billiard player, has died at Peterboro after a long illness.

William L. Greene, formerly traveling passenger agent for the Canadian Pacific railway in New England, died in Buffalo.

Mr. John Bailie, for many years secretary of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society of Toronto, died after a protracted illness.

Isaac Cartmer, postmaster of Milton West, Ontario, died at his home much respected by the whole County of Halton. His funeral was a very large one.

CASUALTIES.

John Wickem was almost instantly killed by a locomotive at Bowmanville.

George Morgan, a private in Wolseley Barracks, London, has been pronounced insane.

Maggie Desbane, aged 16, of Belmont Township, was killed by a tree felled her brother, Joseph.

"God's American Volunteers."

New York, March 14.—"God's American Volunteers" is the name of Commander Booth's new organization of seceders from the Salvation Army. The name was decided on to-day, and announced to the newspaper reporters by Commander Booth himself. A standard has also been designed for the G. A. V.

Canty, the Fenian, Is Dead.

San Francisco, March 15. Major John C. Canty, the Fenian leader, died in Oakland yesterday. Canty assisted in planning the invasion of Canada by Irishmen in 1866. When the cause was lost he fled to New York. The English Government placed a price upon his head and confiscated his Canadian property, valued at $30,000. Canty was hunted by detectives for many years in the East, finally coming to California to live.

Purified Blood

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The Grunt of the Pig.

The continual grunting of the pig is of interest as revealing something of the conditions of life of his wild ancestors. A herd of swine scattered in the long grass or among the brockens of a European forest would soon lose sight of one another. But the grunts of each would still advertise his prescence of his neighbors, and so not lose touch with the main body. Then there are grunts and grunts. If one of my readers will imitate the ingenious Mr. Garner and take a phonograph to the nearest pigsty he might get material to make up a book on the language and grammar of the hog. However thick the jungle, the wild pig could, by taking note of the pitch and emphasis of the grunts to right and left of him, tell pretty much what his hidden colleagues were thinking about.—North American Review.

Army Cycles.

The cycles in use in the French army are to be provided with an electric light, which can be turned on and off at will.

Posted on the Ring.

"Strange," remarked Mrs. Brown. "I have rung at Mrs. Smith's door three times this week, and I didn't succeed in arousing any one. I suppose the family is out of town?"

"Possibly," replied Mrs. Jones; "but Mrs. Smith was telling me just now that she could tell your ring among a thousand."—Spare Moments.

To Rent.

Dwelling and shop to rent on Main Street occupied by Mr. Chassels, merchant Tailor. Possession given 1st of April next.
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