

stake. Our maiden effort in the way of a National Song, should be pretty spicy. We hope if a man is appointed to write one, it won't be the poet who writes "Impromptu lines" about it in the "Recorder."



HARBOR GRACE, DECEMBER 17, 1872.

We believe the Government has made arrangements with the Montreal Ocean Steamship Company (Allan Line) for a fortnightly service direct with England.

This is a great step in the right direction, and cannot fail to be of immense benefit to this country.

As per notice in our advertising columns, the annual examination of the pupils attending the Harbor Grace Grammar School, J. J. Roddick, Esq., Principal, will take place on Friday next.

The noble cause of Temperance has indeed of late been making rapid strides in the various districts of the country. We hail the fact with delight, and hope that ere long that darkness and isolation which is in a great sense imposed upon us by King Alcohol may be forever banished.

Some few weeks since J. J. Stewart Esq., G. W. C. Secretary of the Independent Order of Good Templars in Nova Scotia, arrived here, commissioned by the Grand Lodge of that Province to institute subordinate Lodges in Newfoundland.

A Grand Lodge of the Order of Newfoundland was established here last evening, having jurisdiction over all good Templar Lodges throughout the Colony.

The establishment of this Order at this particular juncture cannot fail to have a very beneficial effect upon the cause of Temperance reform in this country.

[FOR THE HARBOR GRACE STAR.] The English Rose.

The Scotch exalt the Thistle, Its prickles sharp and keen; The Irish praise the Shamrock, Its leaves of tender green;

The Scotchman speaks with swelling pride Of the Thistle's hardy front, Which oft the tyrant's power defied

But the Rose has shone in splendour O'er many a well-fought field, And Britons, often conquerors, Are seldom known to yield.

Nor only o'er the warrior ranks, She proudly lifts her head; But in the nobler walks of peace, She ever first doth tread.

Then let us fondly cherish The loveliest flower that blows, And high o'er all exalt her, Our fair, OUR ENGLISH ROSE!

LOCAL ITEMS.

We thought we were likely to hear little or no more of that "Ginx's baby" about whom there was so much hubbub here some months ago; but Ginx was not to be so summarily laid.

In our present number is concluded the report of the trial in the important case of the Queen vs Kenny. By the facts elicited in the report of the proceedings in this case, we have an additional proof of that disinterested zeal and activity which have upon so many occasions, been the distinguishing characteristics of our Volunteer Fire Brigades.

We learn that Kenny, who was put upon his trial in the present term of the Supreme Court and found guilty by a Jury of his country, for incendiarism, was sentenced yesterday morning to twelve months' imprisonment.

THE Havana correspondent of the New York "Herald" says: "Twenty-five Chinese, belonging to the estate of Manuela, near Sagua, barbarously hacked the administrator, Don Facunda Garcia, to death with their rude hoes. Garcia defended himself, killing one and wounding three of his aggressors, but was obliged to succumb.

Latest Despatches.

TORONTO, Dec. 11.

Among the measures to be brought forward by the Local Government of Ontario is a more liberal homestead law; also a measure to relax the stringency of the division court. These are thought necessary to attract immigration.

MONTREAL, 11.

The Provincial Synod of the Anglican Church is in session here. Steps are being taken to appoint a missionary Bishop for Algoma.

QUEBEC, 11.

In the Legislature yesterday, it was announced that Mr. Cauchon had resigned his seat to avoid further unpleasantness. A vote was given on an amendment to the independence of the Parliament Bill, which was decided by the speaker, casting his vote against the government.

LONDON, 10.

Striking gas stokers in London have been sentenced to six months imprisonment.

The telegraph wires in Ireland, prostrated by the recent gales, have not yet been restored.

The steamer "Sir Francis" resumed her voyage from Queenstown for Boston on the 9th.

A deputation of moderate Republicans waited on Thiers yesterday to express apprehension that he was leaning too far forward to the party of the Right. The President in response, assured them that he would uphold, firm and unshaken, the policy announced in his message at the opening of the session.

LONDON, 11.

Consols 91 1/2; Breadstuffs firm. Paris was visited yesterday by a terrible gale. Several buildings were demolished. Others damaged.

NEW YORK, 11.

The Fifth Avenue Hotel was damaged by fire last night to the extent of \$1,000,000. The domestics who occupied the upper stories were unable to escape, owing to the burning of staircase. Twenty-two dead bodies have been recovered, sixteen in one room and six in another, with probably all lives lost. Most of the men burned are beyond recognition.

Mr. Gaston has been re-elected Mayor of Boston by a plurality of 352.

NEW YORK, 12.

The burning of the upper portion of the Fifth Avenue Hotel last night was attended with fearful loss of life. The charred bodies of eleven female domestics have been recovered. Only a few of whom were sufficiently preserved to be recognizable. Several others were badly injured in making their escape. The fire broke out in the servant's quarters and immediately cut off all escape by the stairways. The Hotel was damaged to the extent of \$125,000.

Latest.

LONDON, 11.

Gambetta and others have issued manifestos, calling for an immediate pacific dissolution of the Assembly, and that new elections be held. It also demands that the Right opposition to the Assembly be rendered involubly inasmuch as the principal of universal suffrage will otherwise be in danger.

It is now believed that the movement for dissolution will obtain 250 votes. The Assembly has assigned the discussion of the question of its dissolution to Saturday next. Indications are strongly against the succession of the extreme Left.

The Versailles "Egotite" has been suppressed for violating the Press law. Bismarck will return to Berlin between the 15th and 20th inst.

The wife of Disraeli is seriously ill.

LONDON, 12—p. m.

No hopes are entertained for the recovery of the wife of Mr. Disraeli.

A special dispatch from Paris to the "News" says the gales in that city on Tuesday last, were dreadful. Versailles was also visited by a hurricane. The damage to property was very great, and several persons were killed in both cities. The ship "Franklin" which sailed

from Hamburg several days ago for San Francisco with a large number of emigrants, stranded on an island off the Netherlands in the North Sea, and went to pieces. Eighty persons are known to have perished.

NEW YORK, 12.

Governor Lewis, of Alabama, yesterday sent the Sheriff to take possession of the capitol in which the so-called "Capitol Legislature" is in Session. The Sheriff was arrested by the Senate for contempt, but subsequently released. Great excitement prevailed and an intervention of the Federal troops was feared, but it was not made. The matter is still in abeyance.

NEW ORLEANS, 12.

The troubles look more serious. Warmouth sent a message to the Legislature bitterly denouncing the opposition; he also issued a proclamation forbidding citizens to recognize the Institute Hall Legislature. The militia will only obey Governor Warmouth.

NEW YORK, 12.

Gold 112 5/8. Edwin Forrest, the eminent actor, fell dead in Philadelphia to-day, while dressing.

MONTREAL, 12.

The Kingston "Wig" reports on good authority that Sir Francis Hincks has resigned his portfolio as Finance Minister, but that it will not be accepted till the House meets.

A CURIOUS RELIC.—I have now before me, writes a correspondent of the New York "Observer" a memento, and to my family a monitor. This "relic" is a silver spoon, and its history is this: Three centuries ago the ancestry of our family lived in Paris. The family had in their employ a man servant who was most faithful to all his duties, and, as the sequel will show, suffered not the dictum of his spiritual custodian to withhold certain knowledge from the family in which he lived. The servant was a Roman Catholic, the family were Huguenots, or of the Reformed Church. Now the occasion that led to the expatriation of that family was this. The servant returned from church in a marked depression of mind, so much so as to be noticeable by every member of the family. Being required to give an explanation, he stated that a secret had been imparted to him at the church, to divulge to no one who was not a Catholic and to be in readiness to act when the signal was announced. Upon that information, the family in question made a hasty departure, that very night, resting some seven miles from Paris, until the day dawned. It was a beautiful morning, but the flying multitudes gave them unmistakable evidences of the truthfulness of their servant's story, and they hastened on to the seacoast, and from thence to this country. The Massacre of St. Bartholomew was the secret and this spoon is part of the goods the family carried away in their flight.

MERLE D'AUBIGNE.—The last hours of D'Aubigne are thus described:

"Immediately upon the conclusion of the Conference he resumed his professional labors, and lectured regularly for three weeks. He delivered his last lecture on Saturday, the 19th, within forty hours of his death. On Saturday he was at the Pelisserie church where he partook of the communion, and on leaving the church before the rest of the congregation, he said 'that he did not wish to hear the voice of men, Jesus having spoken to his heart.' He spent the afternoon and evening at home with his wife and five of his children, choosing for their evening reading the Missionary Intelligence published at Lausanne by our brethren of Condo de Vaude. He conducted the family worship as usual, after which he vividly enjoyed the singing of two well-known English hymns: 'All hail the power of Jesus' name,' and 'Come, thou long expected Jesus!' which prayer, in his case, was to be granted before the next morning's light. He then directed to his son a letter for the 'Semaine Religieuse' (one of our weekly papers), upon the death of the Countess of Shaftsbury. This was his last act. Working to the very last hour in his Master's service, he retired to rest in his usual health and in good spirits, his heart full of kindness for all around him, and remarking simply about some passing occurrence 'that the things of this world had no longer a claim upon him.' He fell asleep and before morning his soul had cast off the earthly coil."—[Halifax paper, Nov. 30.]

THE Legislature of Massachusetts, has passed the Bill authorizing the loan of twenty millions of dollars, by the city of Boston to the fire sufferers.

NEWS ITEMS.

On the last voyage of the schooner "Eugene" from St. Stephen, N. B., to Hyannis, Mass., with a cargo of railroad sleepers, she encountered a severe gale, and the captain found it necessary to leave the vessel to. While in this position a sea boarded the vessel, carrying overboard a part of the deck load, which carried with it the cook. The rest of the crew did not observe the accident, and were not aware of his condition until they heard him astern of the vessel. The mate being disabled, the captain and the two men left on board lowered the boat with much difficulty, when the captain, taking one of the men with him, left the schooner in search of the cook, whom they found in about thirty minutes clinging to a sleeper.

During this time the schooner was drifting fast to leeward, and when they got the man in the boat only the masts of the schooner could be seen from the boat; but by perseverance and good management, in two hours the captain got his boat alongside the schooner. The sea continued so rough they found it impossible to hoist the boat, as she kept filling as fast as they could bail. They therefore had to secure her astern and tow her full of water. The cook, on recovering the next morning, found that while in the water he had lost his wallet containing between one and two hundred dollars, his summer's earnings. The next day, the weather having moderated, they hauled the boat alongside and bailed her out, and in the bottom of the boat they found the wallet containing the money lost by the cook.

POSTAL CONVENTION.—Late New York advices inform us that a postal convention has just been concluded between the United States and Newfoundland, to take effect on and after Dec. 1, 1872. The rate of postage is reduced to six cents per half ounce and under; prepayment is compulsory. The United States postage on newspapers is two cents each, and on pamphlets, periodicals and other printed matter and patterns or samples the rate is two cents for each two ounces. These amounts must be prepaid on matter sent to Newfoundland from the United States. The same rates as above, except on letters, are collected on all matter from Newfoundland when delivered in the United States, without regard to what may have been prepaid there. Each country collects its own postage on all matter sent or received, and no accounts are kept between the two.

In a neighboring city, says the New York "Ledger," the Chief of Police and one of his detectives have been indicted for complicity in the robbery of a bank. The charges against them are explicit. It is alleged that they furnished the necessary information to professional burglars, and, in fact, "put up the job." It was estimated that the amount of the plunder would be three millions of dollars, and the Chief of Police was to have six hundred thousand dollars as his share of the "divide." What are we coming to!

The steamer "Iceland," from England, bound to Pictou with a general cargo, went ashore near Port Mulgrave, Straits of Canso, on Wednesday. The tug "Dragon" from Pictou has gone to her assistance. The "Iceland" is owned by the Montreal and Newfoundland Sealing Company.

VIOLET ink is found to fade soon after its use. A San Francisco merchant filled up some certificates of stock with it, and placed them in a window. One sunny afternoon he noticed that every trace of the figures and dates had disappeared. A commentator on this occurrence—some frigid old bachelor, we presume—suggests that for lovers letters this liability to fade would be no objection to the ink!

It is announced that the famous—or rather infamous—gambling-houses at Baden-Baden are to be closed by the government of the Grand Duchy at the end of the present year. In common with the whole Christian world, we rejoice at this evidence of real progress and true reform in Germany.

THE Editor of an exchange says:—"We have heard of small-pox being communicated by handling greenbacks. The editor of this paper has been vaccinated, and none of our friends need apprehend any fatal results to us from handling greenbacks. Therefore they may safely send their subscriptions right along."

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PIA Mr. J TUNER A

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