

WEEKLY MONITOR.

Local and other matters.

The billiard saloon opened in this town a few weeks ago, has collapsed.

Ice in Halifax harbor was reported last week.

The Rev. Dr. Pushon has recovered his health, and is at work again.

Three Buks are now in full operation in Annapolis Royal.

Edward's and Couper's Grand Variety Entertainment takes place in Victoria Hall to-morrow evening.

Judge James has received his commission, and has taken the qualifying oath.

During the past year, 113,978 passengers from foreign ports were landed in New York.

Ten Gloucester fishing vessels and ninety-eight seamen were lost in December gales.

A new Baptist Church has been erected and tastefully finished at Grafton, West Cornwallis.

Counting the electoral vote has attracted a great crowd to Washington.

The Union of the Maritime Provinces just now is a subject of newspaper discussion.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the "cold Friday" in 1861. Ever since it has been an iceberg floating on the sea of memory.

In consequence of the favor with which American (i. e. Canadian) beef is met with in England, butchers are reducing prices to six cents a pound.

The Boston Board of Trade has memorialized Congress and appointed a Committee to visit Washington, in furtherance of reciprocity with Canada.

The engine and boiler house of the Spring Hill Mines was destroyed by fire last week. Prompt measures have been adopted to repair the injury.

One of the Boss Tweed gang, Woodward, has made a compromise with the city of New York, and last week restituted \$102,801.06 in cash to Comptroller Kelly of that city.

At New York on Tuesday, John James was sentenced to 35 years in the State Prison, J. McCarthy to 20 years and James Riley to 18 years for outrageous burglaries in Astoria, L. I.

FATAL BURNING AT WOODSTOCK.—Mrs. John Tobin, aged 81 years, was found dead in her house near Woodstock, N. C., on the 19th inst. Her clothes caught fire and she was burned to death.

Thirty persons in Leeds recently attended the wake of an Irish girl who died of typhus fever. Every one of them has since been sick with the fever, and nine of them have died.

Latest advices in Havana report that a difficulty has arisen between the Government of Hayti and the French Minister. The Government repudiates the loan made by the Frenchmen to President Domingue.

THE SENATORSHIP.—We are informed that two vacant Nova Scotia Senatorships have been filled by the appointment of Ald. L. G. Power, of Halifax, and R. P. Grant, Esq., of Pictou.—Acadian Recorder.

The French government has dismissed several Mayors for attending masses in memory of Napoleon III, and decided to treat severely all officials participating in Bonapartist demonstration.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Several articles on hand from correspondents. Josie must not feel chagrined at us for delaying the piece of poetry sent in by her. It will appear shortly.

Montenegro, in reply to Midhat Pasha's despatch to treat direct for peace, accepts the proposal to negotiate and requests the Porte to state the conditions it will accord as a basis of negotiation.

There is great excitement here over the discovery that a number of corpses have been stolen from the Roman Catholic cemetery. Out of one week's corpses in the dead house, the contents of four coffins were missing. An investigation will be held.—Ottawa Telegraph.

DONATION VISIT.—The Baptist Parsonage in Clementsport, was made vocal on Tuesday, 30th ult., by the happy greetings of members of the Clements Baptist Church and Congregations, and other friends in their desire to make Rev. W. Parker and wife happier and richer by their presents and gifts. After a good tea had been enjoyed, Deacon J. E. Potter called the attention of the guests to the fact that \$56. had been donated to Mr. Parker and \$11. to Miss Parker.

The Pastor of the Church expressed his gratitude for the gift, and wished for the donors the best blessings of this life and the life to come.

The Rev. G. D. Cox made a very appropriate and impressive speech after which Rev. M. Normandy offered prayer and the friends left for their respective homes expressing their best wishes for their minister and family.—Comm. Messenger.

POVERTY ON THE NORTH MOUNTAIN.

We are informed that there is considerable destitution, and want on the North Mountain, Kings County. A gentleman who was there a few days since, informs us that many families have not tasted bread for five or six weeks, but are living off of potatoes and shore herring.—Windsor Mail.

OTTAWA, Feb. 1.—The Manitoba Legislature opened yesterday. The speech from the throne expresses thanks to the Dominion Government for the grasshopper relief fund, and congratulates the country on the progress of the Pacific Railway.

The public accounts show that the expenditure of the Province was within the revenue.

We have received from Mr. W. H. Marcon, Seed Merchant, Guelph, his Illustrated Seed Catalogue and Guide for 1877. It is very neatly got up, and we would recommend our readers who are in want of fresh reliable seeds to send for a copy. Mr. Marcon's reputation as a Seedman stands high, as shown by the many testimonials received by him. We notice that he is also manufacturing Bone-Dust for manures.

At Santa Barbara, the winter watering place of Southern California, the people are eating strawberries and ice cream, linen dusters are worn, and says the "Press," "Over a dozen divers were having a dive this morning from the spring boards and ladders at the new bathing house. The water is as warm as it was last August."

Professor Pratt, the horse instructor, who has created a public sensation in Halifax and elsewhere, is in this town. He has gathered interested audiences around him to hear his lectures, and witness his skill in educating the most refractory and vicious horses into docility. He gave his initiatory lecture on Monday afternoon. Free exhibitions every afternoon and evening are given. It is well worth any person's time to attend.

HOME MANUFACTURE.—We have seen a pair of skates made by Mr. William Burns at Carleton's Corner. In shape, substantiality, elegance and finish they are equal to those that are sent forth from the Starr Factory. They were not made for sale, but for his own boy. A mechanic who aims to turn off thoroughly finished work, and succeeds in doing so, merits corresponding patronage.

The "Times" Belgrade correspondent says:—"It is quite possible Russia may make no opposition to Serbia's concluding peace, with the intention of declaring (in the event of war) that Serbia is virtually Turkish territory, and invading Serbia through the Timok and Morava valleys, and pushing on to Lophia. In such case all the Servians worth having could join the Russian ranks without the Serbian Government committing itself in favor of either belligerent."

On Wednesday, 24th inst., the inhabitants of Margareville and vicinity presented the Rev. Robert Stewart with \$88. After partaking of a delicious tea served by the Ladies in the Harris Hotel, in their inimitable style, the company assembled in Mr. Margeson's Hall, when the Reverend R. Stewart and W. Hall addressed a large and attentive audience on the subject of christian mission. It is worthy of notice that this was third occasion within a few weeks, on which the good people of this locality contributed to the support of Gospel ordinances. Their contributions taken in the aggregate must consequently have amounted to nearly \$300.00. If we take the sum given and the spirit manifested as a criterion, we may safely conclude that their motto is, "never to weary in well doing."—Communicated.

THUNDER TILT.—It would appear that this gentleman got into a little trouble during his visit to St. John, and was arrested in Fredericton for debt on a billable writ issued at the instigation of Mr. Geo. A. Knodell, printer of this city. Of course Mr. Tilton procured the necessary bail. Mr. Pugsley made application to Judge Waters to-day to have the proceeding set aside, and his Honor appointed Friday for the hearing of the arguments. Mr. John A. Wright appearing for Mr. Knodell.—St. John Globe.

Both Beecher and Tilton are men of brilliant talents; but perhaps there are no other two men living more troubled and restless spirits than they. While they go from place to place as popular lecturers their antecedents in reference to one of the most abominable scandals that ever disgraced social and religious life, will be kept fresh in the memory of men—aye of women too.—Ed. Mox.

SERIOUS AFFAIR.—An affair occurred on the Neck Road, about 4 miles from this town, last Sunday, the facts of which, as near as we can gather, present an extremely ugly aspect, and there is reason to fear that the circumstances may become still graver. Two families of Small, living near each other, have for a long time been on bad terms, and for some time the feud has been increasing in virulence, and on Sunday last it appears to have reached a climax. On that day a son of John Small, in passing the homestead of Thomas Small, observed through the window the latter sitting on the porch, and picking up a rock he cast it through the window with great force, but missed his mark, and instead of striking Small, the stone struck his daughter on the head, breaking the skull. The deed was a recklessly brutal one, and if, as is the opinion of one of the medical men, the consequences will be serious, the consequences will be serious to all concerned.—Digby Courier.

Telegraphic News.

Special Despatches to the Morning Chronicle.

EUROPE.

The "Standard" of Constantinople asserts that the Prince of Montenegro declares it impossible to entertain direct negotiations for peace, as his subjects would deprecate him if he did.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Peace negotiations between Turkey and Serbia are reported at a standstill.

Midhat Pasha has expressed his intention of making arrangements for the return of Bosnian refugees in Austria, who number 80,000, and are in the greatest distress.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" says the results of the German election are deeply discouraging to the supporters of the empire. Bismarck will still be able to command the majority, but only by the must skillful maneuvering.

The tone of the French and German press is that of the days preceding the last war.

UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The officers of the suspended Security Life Insurance Company have been indicted for perjury and embezzlement.

The British steamer "J. B. Walker" arrived at Newhaven on Friday, to take an enormous cargo of munitions of war for Constantinople. The cargo which left there Dec. 25th, reached Constantinople in 31 days.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—President Grant has sent a special message to Congress, urging a speedy resumption of specie payments.

The electoral commission has agreed to sit for five hours on Saturday, on the question of its authority to go behind the returns, examine their validity, and take testimony upon the conduct of the returning Boards.

Charles O'Connor, for Democrats, and E. A. F. for Republicans, will speak on Monday.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 5.—The steamer George Washington, of the Cromwell Line, which left Halifax 19th January, for this port, went ashore and became a total loss. All hands drowned. Fourteen bodies have been washed ashore. The only cabin passenger on the ill-fated vessel was Mr. W. Archibald, eldest son of Mr. Thomas Archibald, of this city. There was one steerage passenger, named James Powers.

A TURKISH FAMILY.

We were fortunate enough, while abroad to become acquainted with a Turkish family whose home really seems like a home. The members of the household consist of the Effendi, his wife, an aged mother, three or four daughters and as many sons. A kindly feeling exists between them all. The father and mother consult each other in all matters concerning their children's welfare; the daughters are bright, cheerful, happy girls, and seem to acquiesce most good humoredly and without a shade of regret, in the household rules made for them by their parents. They take great pride in helping intelligently in household matters. They spin their own yarn, choose their own colors and making their own striped patterns, they embroider open work flowers in satin-stitch, in colored silks on handkerchiefs and waistbands, and make a quantity of the fashionable and pretty trimming called oiyah. Nor do they disdain to do plain needlework. They have a fair knowledge of poetry and music. They are also very clever confectioners, and make a variety of sweets. Helwa, a dish which resembles, when it is properly made, semi-opaque white glass, in shape, broken pieces, and is very luscious to the taste, is one of their favorite offerings to strangers; mahalab, a sort of stiff ground rice-pudding, delicately flavored, and served cold, is another. But indeed, their ingenuity and willingness to do it would seem impossible to tire out when employed in the duties of hospitality. The family is not unique in its characteristics or pretensions. It may be taken as the true type of what a Turkish family, living in simplicity and according to the rules of their religion, really is, and entirely free from intrigue and moral taint.—Exchange.

THE CHURCHES OF MOSCOW.

The wealth and splendor lavished upon these churches is inconceivable. The silver in them can be weighed by the ton. The silver altar and screen in the church of Our Lady of Khan is 36 feet high and 20 feet broad; and the chancel rail of solid silver; and the single sarcophagus of St. Alexander Nevsky weighs 3,250 pounds of silver. The great churches within the Kremlin at Moscow are crowded—bursting, as Dean Stanley expresses it—with untold wealth and magnificence of gems and pearls and gold and silver. A single robe of the great Patriarch Nikon is covered with large pearls, whose weight is sixty pounds. The relics of saints—bones and hair—of the Archangel, where they were buried previous to the reign of Peter the Great, and the church of the Annunciation, where they were baptized and married, are in fact gorgeous museum of objects connected with the present worship and the past ecclesiastical history of the Church of Russia.—Churchman.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 25.—The ice embargo of this port was raised yesterday for the second time this winter. The mild weather and the tempered winds have weakened the hold of the ice. On Saturday three hundred vessels of all classes were in Annapolis harbor, including steamers, ships, barques, brigs, schooners and puffers, a larger fleet than ever harbored there at any previous time. From Greenbury's Point to Annapolis, a distance of three miles, the vessels were so thickly stuck that one could walk from deck to deck to the city. On Sunday some of the square riggers left for Baltimore, and there are fifty or more barques, brigs and large class schooners awaiting a chance to come up. Nearly all the large vessels are foreigners, under the Italian, Norwegian and British flags.

The total State debts of the world were in 1875 \$2,505,000,000.

Of this, England owed more than half, and the United States about 15 millions.

In 1815, after the close of the great wars, the total was \$1,530,000,000. Of this England owed about 900 millions.

In 1848 there was a considerable increase and the debt was \$1,715,000,000.

The war in Europe, and the United States availed enormously. In 1870 it had grown to \$2,565,000,000. To-day it is supposed to be \$4,577,000,000, and now there is danger of another great increase of debt.

ROCKS IN THE ATLANTIC.

A correspondent of the London Times says of a letter which appeared in that journal about rocks in the Atlantic, that it recalls vividly to his mind a very near escape from being wrecked on the Virginia Rocks, on September 1, four years ago.

We had a very bad passage from New York and while on the banks of Newfoundland the breakers were discovered by Captain Munroe, a passenger, who was engaged walking for exercise on deck. I am confident we were not more than 300 yards off the rocks, and had it not been for Munroe we should have been lost. What I want your attention drawn to is the stupidity of captains of ships not believing there are such rocks in the Atlantic; but I think I can get witnesses to prove what I say is correct—namely, Col. Nassau Lees and others—who were conversing with me at the time. When we arrived in London we presented Captain Munroe with a piece of plate, and Mr. Penbody, who was also on board, gave him a check. These rocks are marked in all charts; but having occasion to cross over this year, and while speaking to the captain of the ship, I declare the man positively asserted that there were no such rocks at all, although I tried in every way to convince him of the fact. Might not these rocks account for many losses in the Atlantic? I have heard that these rocks can be crossed over in smooth weather, but I should be sorry to try it."

HALIFAX PRODUCE PRICE LIST FOR THE WEEK.

Butter	per lb.	\$0.22	\$0.23
Eggs	doz.	21	22
" (domestic)	doz.	18	19
" (foreign)	doz.	11	12
Pork	doz.	7	8
Beef	doz.	05	08
Lamb	doz.	06	07
Mutton	doz.	06	07
Veal	doz.	05	06
Chicken	pair.	30	40
Turkey	doz.	18	19
Geese	doz.	50	55
Hay	ton	14.00	15.00
Straw	doz.	9.00	10.00
Oats	bus.	45	50
Potatoes	tbl.	6.00	6.00
Potatoes	tbl.	6.00	6.00
Socks	doz.	2.00	2.25
Yarn	doz.	60	60
Wool	doz.	25	35
Woolskins	doz.	40	50
Potatoes	bus.	55	60
Turnips	bus.	25	30
Carrots	bus.	35	35
Parsnips	bus.	35	40
Apples green	tbl.	2.25	3.00
" dried	tbl.	07	08

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SERVICES ON SUNDAY NEXT.

Episcopal Church, 11 a. m., 7 p. m.

Methodist " 3 p. m., 11 a. m.

Presbyterian " 11 a. m., 7 p. m.

Y. M. C. Association, Prayer Meeting, in the Basement of the Methodist Church.

BIRTHS.

DENISON.—In this town on the 31st of Jan., the wife of Dr. J. Denison of a daughter.

HAWKSWORTH.—Near this town on the 31st ult. the wife of Mr. James Hawksworth of a son.

MARRIAGES.

MORE.—FITZPATRICK.—At Lawrence town, by the Rev. Mr. Durkee, on the 1st inst., Mr. David J. More, of Bridgetown, and Miss Susan, youngest daughter of the late Samuel Fitzpatrick, of Williamstown.

HENDERSON.—MORRISON.—At the Methodist Parsonage, Hillsburg, on the 1st inst., by Rev. W. Sargent, Mr. Henderson, of Dumbarton, Scotland, to Miss Alice May, daughter of Jas. H. Morrison, Esq., of Hillsburg, Digby Co.

New Advertisements.

Valuable Lot of LAND FOR SALE.

THE Lot of Land belonging to the subscriber, being part of the Farm formerly owned by Jacob Darling, deceased, containing 61 ACRES, will be offered at PRIVATE SALE until the 15th February next.

If not sold before that day it will then be offered at AUCTION, at the American House, Lawrence town, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

This lot of land is too well known to require description.

Mrs. R. D. BALCOM, Lawrence town, January 13th, 1877. 31 42

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NOTICE.

ALL persons having legal demands against the Estate of SOLOMON MILBERRY, deceased, will hand them in to the Executor within nine months, duly attested. All persons owing paid estate will make immediate payment to

WALLACE PHINNEY, Executor. Victoria, Wilmot, Dec. 18th, 1876. tbn37

Dental Notice.

Dr. S. F. Whitman, Dentist, WOULD respectfully inform his friends that he is now in BRIDGETOWN,

to fill engagements previously made, persons requiring his professional services will please not delay.

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