

CLEANINGS FROM LATE PAPERS.

PERILOUS POSITION OF ST. PETERSBURG.

It is melancholy to contemplate the constant danger in which this brilliant capital is placed. If Mr. Koul's picture is not overcharged, the occurrence of a strange westerly wind and high water, just at the breaking up of the ice, would at any time suffice to occasion an inundation sufficient to drown the whole population, and to convert the entire city, with all its sumptuous palaces, into a chaotic mass of ruins.

HUNGARIAN RELIGION.—Kossuth and Pulezky are both residing in London with their families.

Kossuth's two sons, aged 10 and 13 years, are attending school. The family live in a very plain and economical style. Pulezky and his wife, by their joint writings, it is stated in a London letter, have made this year about \$2000.

A British peer, when dining with the Queen, was challenged by a royal duchess to take wine with her. His lordship politely thanked her grace, but declined the compliment, stating that he never took wine.

(From the Heris Guardian.)

Mr. Holloway's Newspaper Museum.—At Mr. Holloway's establishment, near Temple Bar, there is the most extensive, the most complete, and the most extraordinary collection of Newspapers in the world.

contrast to the arrangements at the British Museum. Any Gentlemen from the country wishing to look at newspapers from any part of the globe where newspapers are printed, may by calling at Mr. Holloway's, be instantly put in possession of the requisite intelligence.

ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATIONS IN A COAL PIT.—On Saturday, Professor Airey, the Astronomer Royal, paid a visit to the colliery district of the Tyne, in pursuit of curious and important astronomical observations.

NOTHING GROWS IN VAIN.—The National Intelligencer says:—We understand that an enterprising German is about to secure a patent for his discovery of flax, or its equivalent in fifteen different kinds of common weeds.

From late American Papers.

PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—Members of Congress are now too well paid. There are perhaps thirty men in the two houses who are worth more than the regular pay; but the great majority don't know how to extra \$3 dollars per day anywhere else or we should have not eight months' sessions.

RECOVERED TREASURE.—On Saturday last there was deposited at the Mint in Philadelphia, about five thousand dollars worth of the melted gold taken from the recently raised wreck of the unfortunate steamer Erie, which was burnt and sunk on Lake Erie some thirteen years ago.

CHIEF MILK.—A New York milkman, who testified before the Still-Slop Investigation Committee, made the following very candid avowal:—"Some," he said, "he sold for four cents per quart; some for five; and some for six; if people wanted cheap milk, he put in water."

DISTRESSING CALAMITY AT LOUISVILLE.—A most distressing calamity occurred at Louisville, Kentucky, on the last Sabbath, from the blowing down of the Third Presbyterian Church, during a terrific storm which occurred about noon, whilst the congregation were assembled.

THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW BRUNSWICK have lately appointed Dr. Ryerson a Commissioner to inquire into the management of King's College, Fredericton, with a view to its improvement. The other Commissioners are the Hon. J. H. Gray, of St. John; and J. W. Dawson, Esq., the late active Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia.

could some disturbance in the assembly, and most of the persons rose to their feet, some jumping out of the windows next where they were sitting.

Mr. Morrison said he had not time to recover from the effects of the gust of wind that struck him with particular fury, before there was a cracking sound over head, and in a moment after the tempest blew open the door with such violence, the walls had fallen in. Immediately about the point in which he was standing the plastering was not broken, and to his right several old ladies escaped unhurt.

CALIFORNIA.

The markets at California have continued much depressed, and most of the staples are declining.

The Hook Farm Digger tribe of Indiana a few years ago numbered over five hundred: at present there are but fifteen living.

Two Frenchmen were drowned in a mill pond above Foster's bar, California.

A band of robbers have been organized near Sonoma, and a part of them have gone on to Martinez for the purpose of murdering and robbing.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.

The Polynesian, the first steamship from the Sandwich Islands had arrived at San Francisco in 14 days from Honolulu, with dates to July 29.

The Russian frigate Diana cruising off the islands. By the last arrival, it will be remembered, we had intelligence that the Russian frigate Diana, of sixty guns, left Honolulu on the 14th of June, on a cruise, supposed to be to the northward.

Arrangements have been made between the Governments of the United States and the Sandwich Islands to incorporate them under the Union. It is alleged that the time of effecting these arrangements is favorable, as England and France are too deeply occupied with the Russian war to disturb the same.

Private accounts from Maine state that in the vicinity of some of the burning forests, quite a number of persons, chiefly females have become insane, in consequence of excitement, the result of a belief that the general conflagration in the woods there is a sign of the speedy ending of the world in accordance with the prediction of the Millerites.

The City Authorities of Boston have decreed that all the names of secedents, who come to Boston and get drunk and are arrested, shall be published.

SALARIES OF COLONIAL GOVERNORS.—A return of the names of all Governors and Lieutenant-Governors of the British Colonies, with the amount of their salaries, dates of their appointment, &c., has just appeared. There are 45 places at which we have Governors, Lieutenant-Governors, or persons acting in that capacity. Their aggregate salaries amount to £116,846 per annum.

The highest salary is £7,000, which is given in two cases only—viz, to the Earl of Elgin, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of Canada; and to Sir G. W. Anderson, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Ceylon. From this point they range downwards as low as £200, which is the salary at Montserrat, Nevis, and Heligoland. There is one £6,000 salary, to James Macaulay Higginson, at the Mauritius; and £2,000 is given at Jamaica, to Sir H. Barkly, at Gibraltar, to Lieutenant-General Sir E. G. Gardiner; at the Ionian Islands, to Sir H. G. Ward; at the Cape of Good Hope, to

Lieut-General Colburn; at New South Wales, to Sir C. A. Fitzroy; and at Victoria, to Captain C. H. Ross.

THE ALAND ISLES.

These Islands form an archipelago, situated at the extremity of the Baltic, at the entrance of the Gulf of Finland. The group is composed of 7 islands occupying an area of 90 square kilometres, with a population of 15,000 inhabitants. The island of Aaland, properly speaking, which has given its name to the Archipelago, is 9 leagues in length and 7 in breadth, and has a population of 10,000 inhabitants.

SWEDISH SMITH'S WRIT.—One of our London contemporaries, in noticing a new edition of the Rev. Sydney Smith's Works, thus takes occasion to speak of the incompetency of his wit to accomplish his work as a minister of Christ.

OBJECT OF LIFE.—Remember that God sent you into the world for religion. We are but to pass through our pleasant fields, or our hard labours; but to lodge a little while in our fair palaces, or our meaner cottages; but to bait in the way at our full tables, or to spare diet. But then man does his proper employment, when he prays and does charity, and moderates his unruly appetites, and restrains his violent passions, and becomes like to God, and imitates his only son.

An imposing scene—a mock action.

We gave in our last, a copy of the Treaty which was signed by Lord Clarendon to Sir Governor of New Brunswick. We have seen that the noble Lord's New Brunswick having by Legislature in its last Session that the Treaty would be signed by the Americans as a condition; or, that the Treaty would be signed by the Imperial Government immediately into operation, seems to have considered Law as a matter of course.

NEW DIV.

A Charter having been given of the Sons of Temperance, Wm. Ryan, settlement, King's County, under the No. 28, the ceremony of the 14th inst. assisted by Mr. P. W. P. Georgy.