

the course of the Tichbourne trial for information in reference to the wreck of the Bella and the possibility of the wreck having been visited by the Osprey previous to its discovery by the Kent.

The Bella, whose remains were thus discovered, was a British clipper ship which left Rio Janeiro on the 20th April, 1854, for New York. She had 4,300 bags of coffee and 900 logs of rosewood—her cargo being valued at about \$80,000.

There never was, as far as we can discover, a three masted schooner or any vessel of large size of this name which ever bore the American flag.

The British ship Osprey, Captain Tomlinson, was in the port of New York in the spring of 1854. She was cleared hence by Messrs Cock & Smith on June 1, 1854.

It was undoubtedly the appearance of this ship at Melbourne which suggested the cunning story, but its falsehood is easily shown. She was here the month of May, clearing only the first of June, and could not therefore have been on her way to Melbourne, in latitude 21 South, on the night before the 26th of April.

If this be the Osprey that is held to have rescued the heir of the Tichbornes, and, as no other Osprey can be heard of this must be the vessel referred to, the falsity of the claim to have been rescued by her is apparent, as it must have been fully two months after the loss of the Bella when the Osprey sailed from St. Stephen for Melbourne.

CUBA.

HAVANA, July 25, 1873.—The Republica Espanola (newspaper) publishes an appeal from the Republicans, addressed to Citizen General Pieltain denouncing the meetings which have been lately held for the ostensible object of ameliorating financial and commercial affairs in the island.

The conservatives are termed the enemies of the Republic, and the services of the republicans, whose numbers are not to be despised are offered to the Captain General.

The address concludes thus:—Command us and you will find us full of courage, ready to combat for liberty, order, the integrity of the soul, justice and right.

A despatch from Puerto Principe says a division of Spanish troops were recently surprised by the insurgents. A sharp skirmish followed, when, reinforcements arriving the enemy was finally compelled to retire.

A fire in Hyde Park, Boston, on the night of the 26th ult., burned the large store of J. W. Doves. The loss is \$2,000.



HARBOR GRACE, AUG. 20, 1873.

A FRIENDLY match of Cricket was played at Alexandra Park yesterday, between a Scotch eleven and the same number of natives, resulting in a victory for the former.

WE understand that the children of the Wesleyan Sabbath Schools in this town will enjoy their annual picnic at Alexandra Park to-day.

THE New York "Herald," of the 2nd inst., in alluding to the Cable celebrations recently given at Hearts Content, observes:

"The Cable celebrations at Hearts Content, given on Monday in honor of the seventh anniversary of the opening of telegraphic communication with Europe, may have been very enjoyable to those present; but in order that it might have been shared in enthusiastically by the public at large, one pleasurable item should have been added to the programme.

On Monday the 11th inst., an inquest was held before Dr. Renouf, Coroner for the central district, at the house of Mr. Maurice Goff, in Casey's Lane, in view of the body of Patrick Lawlor, aged 49 years, fish cutter, a passenger, in the schooner Memento belonging to Edwin Duder, Esq., which left here on the 19th June last, bound to Rose Blanche for a cargo of fish.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[TO THE EDITORS OF THE STAR.]

DEAR SIRS,— "Such shameless bards we have; and yet 'tis true, There are as mad, abandoned critics too."

In the Standard of Saturday last, I notice an effusion from the pen of a literary mandrake, who vegetates under the nom de plume of "An Old Quill."

"Heavens! how the vulgar stare! how crowds applaud! How ladies' read, and literati laud!"

Commencing in a strain of glaring pseudology, the puerile writer, after exhausting the limited store of biographical knowledge forced into his obtuse cranium by the powerful influence of the pedagogic ruler, quotes a passage from "Gray's elegy," which he has, doubtless, often applied to himself, and then, very presumptuously, offers what he considers a "few suggestions" to your correspondent, by way of advice.

Perhaps this Johannes factotum has been induced to launch forth on a literary career, by an incentive like the following:—

"How often have I thought, within that circle of neglected triflers, who seem to have been born in caprice and bred in indolence, there may exist some mind formed of the finest mould, and wrought for immortality; a soul swelling with the energies and stamped with the patent of the Deity, which, under proper culture, might perhaps bless, adorn, immortalize, or ennoble empires; some Cincinnatus, in whose breast the destinies of a nation may lie dormant; some Milton 'pregnant with celestial fire;'" some Curran, who, when thrones were crumbled and dynasties forgotten, might stand the landmark of his country's genius, rearing himself amid regal ruins and national desolation, a mental pyramid in the solitude of time, beneath whose shades things might moulder, and round whose summit eternity must play!"

And fancying himself a "mental pyramid," ventures before the public in the hope of acquiring literary fame, with just "enough of learning to misquote," and without sufficient experience to enable him to give his remarks the appearance of common sense.

This miserable manikin and despatched, owl-like visitor of deserted ruins, whose ghostly figure—at unseasonable hours—has scared many a peaceful citizen and caused the dogs to make "night hideous with their dismal howls," advises your

* Antiquated misses.

correspondent to "choose some simpler subject in future." Does he imagine that I am at a loss for a subject? Poor simpleton! I would not be a very simple subject for an effusion, entitled, "A Burlesque on Man"—to introduce by way of illustration! Well, then, if an interview can be obtained with the "Old Quill," alias "Young Hermit," and a few additional particulars secured regarding the effect of the Canadian climate on this rara avis in terra, I will endeavor to prepare a short treatise on the above named subject.

"Alas! 'tis true he has gone here and there, And made himself a motley to the view."

Perhaps, I may succeed in ascertaining the real name of the "Old Quill," and by announcing the same to your readers, satisfy the curiosity of the public.

In conclusion, I would advise the ladies, when they again require a champion, to state their grievance to some gentleman worthy of their esteem and confidence, and not trust the vindication of their cause to a creature whose mental organization strongly recommends him to a prominent position in the Lunatic Asylum.

"Full many a flower is born to blush unseen, And waste his sweetness on the desert air."

Yours, &c., AN AMATEUR QUILL DRIVER. Aug. 19.

[FOR THE HARBOR GRACE STAR.]

CRICKET.

A friendly match was played at Alexandra Park yesterday, between a Scotch eleven and the same number of Natives, resulting in the defeat of the latter by the overwhelming majority of one innings and five runs.

The Scotch eleven, having won the toss, went to the bat, and on the whole played well. Youdall made a good stand for 11, and Paterson, by some beautiful play, run up the handsome score of 27.

The Natives then went to the bat, when A. Rutherford succeeded in making 17; after which the wickets fell fast, as the batters did not seem to relish the bowling of Cathrae and Nelson, and were all disposed of for 46.

The players then adjourned to the tent, where they refreshed the inner man with a few of the good things of this life. This pleasing part of the programme was soon got through with, when the Scotch eleven—being 63 ahead—again sent their opponents to the bat. They proved a little more troublesome than in the first innings, Wood playing well for 11, A. Rutherford again making a nice score of 15, and Squarey following with 11.

The fielding on the whole was very good, that of Taylor especially so; and the bowling of both Cathrae and Nelson deserves special mention.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Youdall, Nelson, Longwill, Paterson, Taylor, Jarvis, Simpson, Bannerman, Morrison, Cathrae, Simpson, Byes, Leg byes, Wides, No ball.

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ONE OF THE SCOTCH ELEVEN.

THE shipping business and coal trade is unusually brisk at the ports of Cape Breton this season.

Latest Despatches.

TRIESTE, Aug. 8.—An attempt was made to-day to assassinate Prince Nicholas, 1st Hospodar of Montenegro; he was severely wounded in the face.

Valencia has surrendered and Carthage's submission expected immediately.

LONDON, 9.—Cholera has disappeared from Vienna.

PORTLAND, Me., 19.—A great fire occurred here. Loss one million dollars.

GOLD 115. LONDON, 10.—A rumor was current last night that the "Great Eastern" had recovered the 1865 cable.

The report that Ayrton, late Commissioner of Public Works, is to succeed Monsell, Post Master General, is incorrect.

The statement that an attempt was made to assassinate Prince Nicholas is contradicted.

German Commanders of naval force have received fresh instructions from Berlin to prevent the surrender of Spanish Men-of-War captured by them.

The Junta has embarked for Carthage. Foreign Consuls at Carthage had taken refuge on board frigates.

NEW YORK, 11.—Total loss by Portland fire, is estimated at \$650,000. Insured \$20,000.

GOLD 115. LONDON, 12.—The celebration at Londonderry passed off without serious disturbance.

Daniel O'Donoghue, M. P., for Tralee has been appointed governor of Croylon.

Bilbas, is besieged by Carlists. Mrs. Don Carlos has taken the field with her husband. Immense enthusiasm.

NEW YORK, 13.—The court martial in the Modoc case, sentenced all the Modocs to be hanged.

GOLD 115. OTTAWA, 13.—Parliament met this afternoon. The speaker did not enter the Commons till near 4 o'clock.

The Governor-General arrived at the Senate Chamber, and dispatched the Usher of the Black Rod to summon the Commons. As soon as the speaker took the chair, Mr. McKenzie rose to question of privilege, and moved in effect, that to prorogue the House was a violation of the Constitution and subversive of the liberties of the people.

The Usher of the Black Rod then entered, and the Speaker rose and followed him out. A perfect storm of yells and hisses from the opposition benches greeted him, and amidst indescribable confusion he left the Chamber with the ministers and a few followers. The rest of the Commons kept their seats and did not attend the summons from the Senate Chamber to prorogue.

In the speech from the throne, the Governor-General said:—"I have thought it expedient in the interest of good government to order that a commission should be issued to inquire into certain matters connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway, to which the public attention has been directed, and that the evidence adduced before such Commission should be taken on oath. The Commission shall be instructed to proceed with the inquiry with all diligence and to transmit their report to the speakers of the Senate and of the House of Commons and to myself. Immediately on receipt of the report, I shall cause Parliament to be summoned for the despatch of business, to give you an early opportunity of taking such report into consideration; meanwhile I bid you farewell."

NEW YORK, 14.—The Jamaica cable has been repaired, and there is now direct telegraph communication as far as Trinidad.

It is rumored that Metz will be restored to France through the influence of Russia.

The Carlists captured Vergara, and claim this success the most important of the campaign.

OTTAWA, 14.—The feeling is that the opposition are going too far. The Governor-General was justified in prorogation, and made an able reply to the opposition memorial.

NEW YORK, 14.—The missing German steamer "Amdt" has arrived.

A violent storm is raging along the coast of the middle States. Much damage in Washington. Rail communication with the north entirely suspended.

GOLD 115. LONDON, 15.—It is stated that De Chambord resolved to accept a constitution for France prepared by himself and members of the Right, and will rule by the will of God and the good will of the people.

Proclamation of Monarchy will be made in six weeks.

The Carlists captured Berga. It is reported that the crew of the British steamer "Deerhound" seized

by a Spanish man-of-war, for landing arms for the Carlists, will be tried for piracy.

OTTAWA, 15.—The Royal Commission to try the Government Pacific matter consists of Judges Day, Draper, and Houlett.

Lord Dufferin left for Halifax. NEW YORK, 16.—Grant is pleasuring in Maine. Gold 114.

NEWS ITEMS.

OCEAN TRANCIT.—A problem, wholly international in character, has been submitted by the Dominion government to those best qualified to furnish a practical solution of it—namely, the steamship owners, captains and builders.

In March last; Mr. Sanford Fleming submitted to the House of Commons of Canada a report upon the practicability of materially shortening the lines of communication between America and Europe. The matter was duly referred to a committee of inquiry, and there is hardly a doubt but that the result of their investigation will prove the correctness of Mr. Fleming's theory, if not the full advantage of his proposed route for reducing the time for the transit of mails and passengers between London and New York to seven days.

It is undeniable that Canada the grand highway to Europe. Her Atlantic coast is but a four days run from the Irish coast, and the largest class of steamers can penetrate inland, nearly nine hundred miles to this port (Montreal), while ships of 1,000 tons burden will soon be enabled to navigate the whole length of the St. Lawrence, by means of its auxiliary canals, and passing through Lake Ontario and Welland Canal to Lake Erie, proceed to the limits of lake navigation at Chicago or Duluth.

The purpose of Mr. Fleming's plan is to push the railway system of the Continent to the very furthest jumping off place on the Atlantic coast, which he considers to be St. John's, N.F., from which point to Valencia Bay, Ireland, is only 1,640 miles.

Comparatively trifling ferry over which tiptop ocean races would travel in 100 hours. From thence to London (by rail to Kingstown steambot to Holyhead and rail thence to the metropolis) is a jaunt of sixteen hours. On one side of the water there is a gap to be filled between the present terminus of railway travel and the proposed ferry gates at St. John's. A branch from the main lines from New York to Montreal and Quebec must be built, say Sherbrook to a point on the Gulf of St. Lawrence known as Shippegan. Her passengers, and mails would take a steamer to St. George's harbor, directly opposite, on the Gulf coast of Newfoundland and by the time they get there they will find a first class road, equipped with Pullman's progressive palaces, to flash them across the 250 miles width of the island to St. John's. It is 906 miles from New York to Shippegan and 500 from Shippegan to St. John's, and the time allowance for the ocean express from the Vande-built depot to the steamer for Ireland is 55 hours. Add this to the 116 hours required to perform the trip from St. John's to London and we have a total of 171 hours for the whole journey, or seven days and three hours actual time.

SHIP NEWS.

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