

ON THE WORLD.

APPENINGS OF THE WEEK IN BRIEF.

from points of Interest in difrts of the World Domestic and ign events—The Dark and Sunny Side of Life

RECEIVED.

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hatch says the shareholders

Iron & Steel Company

led an issue of five million

for establishing a ship-

starchy the coroner's jury

the case of Joseph Lau-

of the hands of man-

extenuating circumstances.

Dec 27 (Special)—A subpoena

issued for the examination of J.

Conservative candidate, who

claiming the Nipissing seat in

one, owing to an alleged wrong-

ness of the election.

Thursday last at the residence of

Charles Dakin, Gondola Point,

where, Josephine Sumner, was

married to Mr. Henry Empe-

ried in Redversville, Ont. The ceremony

was performed by Rev. G. O. Gates, in

the presence of a few intimate friends

and family. The happy couple were

attended by many guests and hearty con-

gratulations. After a wedding luncheon,

they set on the Pacific express for a

tour through upper Canada, where Mr.

Dempsey is engaged in fruit raising.

Dec 27 (Special)—The tramp

and Murphy, arrested some days ago

was this morning tried before Judge

Mine on the charge of larceny and

perjury, and committing an indecent

assault on Adam Tremblon at the rail-

way station.

The accused was found guilty and was

sentenced to four years imprisonment in

Dechester. He was taken to the peni-

tentiary this afternoon by Policeman

Stephens. Murphy is an old offender, but

is already serving two years at Dor-

chester for stealing a pair of lumbermen's

boots from C. S. Chapman & Co's store.

He belongs to Halifax, N. S., the name

Murphy is supposed to be an alias.

Winter Port Notes.

The R. M. S. Lake Champlain, Captain

Stewart, sailed for Liverpool via Hal-

ifax Saturday morning.

The Head line steamer Malin Head for

Head and Dublin, sailed from Saint

John Saturday evening with a full cargo.

The Donaldson line steamer Anarchytha

has Glasgow, arrived Saturday evening

at No. 4 berth, Sand Point. She

carries a fair inward cargo.

The Manchester liner, Manchester

leader, from Manchester via Halifax,

arrived yesterday and was docked at the

C. R. terminus. She has a fair in-

ward cargo. There is a large quantity

(freight here for her.

Sold At Last.

Peller (opening his pack)—I have here,

an improved rat-trap which

St. Catharines, we have with him a

are also troubled with rats.

"Which can be used for cracking

—

"We never eat nuts." Adjusted in this

—

"We always buy our coffee roasted."

—

"Just so. Reversing the wires that form

an upper portion, and bringing down the

the legs into, we have a device for holding

when cooking."

"We never eat eggs."

—

"And by holding the wire loops, as you

see doing now, it makes a handy ar-

rangement for holding a small mirror."

—

"Have'n't the slightest use for such a

—

FOREIGN.

Observation

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NEGLECTED OPPORTUNITIES.

South Africa Can Produce More than Gold or Diamonds.

There is No Good Reason Why Ships Should Always Return Empty from Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Durban, Delagoa Bay—Men of Brains and Enterprise Needed.

To the editor of the Telegraph:

Following up my letter of 27th ult., it

has been suggested by me that a few

remarks on the general industrial and

possibilities of South Africa, might be

of interest to a number of your readers.

This suggestion is responsible for the

present letter.

It is difficult to be able to skirt the

fringe of so vast a subject, in a letter of

this kind, will readily be granted. My

endeavor will merely be to give a sketchy

outline of things from my own personal ex-

perience, naturally leaving out the more in-

tellectual and independent reader to his own

conclusions.

In my last letter, I mentioned that ships

were sent to the coast, and returned empty,

practically so. The country, therefore, is

not a producer. The question, "Why?"

is naturally suggested. The answer, in my

reply, I can only refer you to my previous

expressed opinion, of the correctness of

which, I am humbly convinced, is a

fact which has been previously dis-

proved by several others. I fancy, the

whole thing has been forgotten now.

Previous to my departure for the west

coast, a year ago last June, I was offered

the management of a coal company then

in process of formation by a few Glas-

gow gentlemen, and a Dutch gentleman.

The land lay in the upper colony, and

with the winter months was obtainable

for \$15,000. The coal was within eight

feet of the surface, and the site con-

veniently near to a railway. The ar-

rangements fell through owing to the

unfavorable sentiment.

At the time, I went very carefully into

the matter, and the conclusion I arrived at

was that the mine was, metaphorically

speaking, a gold mine.

Along some parts of the Cape govern-

ment territory, the coal outcrops for

miles.

South African coal is not equal to

the coal of the English factory good.

It will sell you at 10s. 6d. per ton, and

the profit would amply make the mine

owners of this country. I have seen actual

figures. There is any amount of it in certain parts.

With these few instances, I will pass on

to agriculture.

In the case of, I emphatically affirm,

and without hesitation, that South Afri-

can farming has not yet had anything like

the proper attention. The farmers of the

west coast, no account be taken as a criterion

of future possibilities.

Turning first to the principal in the

case of the Dutch. One generation has

learned the methods of their ancestors and

their general modes of operation, would

give their children a bad example. I shall

quote a few facts to illustrate this.

I had occasion to visit a Dutch farmer,

about two days' ride from Cape Town,

and on my arrival found him thrashing

grain. The following was his method of

procedure:

A circle of earth is beaten hard, and

generally smeared over with a mixture

of cow dung, mud and water, the same

as used for the floors of their

houses, and a very fine floor is thus

made. On this circle, the grain is

trampled to a depth of about 18 inches.

It is then raked up to a six or eight

feet, or such miscellaneous assortment

of quadrupeds as the farm may supply,

generally four in number, and sometimes

more, are driven round and round, over

the grain, for an un-

reasonable time; then the straw is

trampled with a heavy roller, and the

Horrible Mutilation.

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