

ECHOES OF THE WEEK

Canadian.

Small pox is epidemic at Victoria, B. C., and there are twenty-five cases of the disease reported.

Farmers living in the vicinity of Beaver Lake, near Kingston, say there is some kind of a serpent around there that is killing off sheep.

Miss Bessie Turner, aged 14, daughter of Robert Turner, carpenter, was drowned in the canal while bathing Friday evening at Brantford, Ont.

Mr. Matthew Patton, a much respected farmer, who has resided at Rocklyn, township of Euphrasia, Ont., for many years, has committed suicide by taking a dose of poison.

Recently the grave of Robert England, at Port Dover, Ont., who died about eight years ago, was found to have been despoiled, the body removed and a whiskey bottle and a match box left in its place.

At Leeds, Megantic County, on Saturday, two girls named Miss Woodside and Miss Renkin were killed by lightning. They were alone in the house scrubbing the floor near the stove when they were struck. They were found in a kneeling position with scrubbing brushes in their hands by Mrs. Woodside and one of their brothers.

The shortest Parliament that ever sat, met in the reign of Edward I, and sat one day; and the longest was in the reign of Charles II, which met and sat for seventeen years. What a picnic some of our Ottawa representatives seeking increased indemnity missed in the time of Charles II. History would have recorded their salary in great big letters.—Quebec Telegraph.

A wedding of somewhat unusual interest took place Saturday at the Queen's Avenue Methodist parsonage, at London, Ont., when Mr. Wm. Webb, a well-known citizen, who is in his 88th year, was married to Mrs. Way, a widow of 46 years. The ceremony was witnessed by only a few friends of the contracting parties, and was performed by Rev. Mr. Boyd. Miss Boyd was bridesmaid, and Mr. Thomas Breton, of Bruce street, was groomsmen.

About noon on Tuesday a man who attempted to board a freight train on the G. T. R., three miles west of Iroquois, Ont., missed his footing and fell under the rear car, the wheels of which, passing over him, nearly severed his legs from his body. He was brought to the station by a subsequent train and died soon after. He conversed freely after he was brought in, and said it was entirely his own fault. He had no friends in this country but a brother-in-law named John McGlade, living at 505 William street, Montreal, whither he was travelling when the accident occurred. He had a travelling companion, was well dressed about 35 years of age. He asked for a priest, but none could be got to reach him in time. It turns out that the man's name was D. McCarthy, who worked for a time with Mr. O'Hara, florist, of St. Antoine street, this city.

American.

Three convicts in the Alton prison, named Krueger, Klatte and Menzel, Monday overpowered and murdered the warder and escaped. They are still at large.

The Building Trade Council of Chicago has sent a congratulatory telegram to the Pennsylvania strikers and advised them if necessary to call upon them for financial aid.

The powder explosion at West Berkeley, Cal., Tuesday proved to be not nearly so disastrous as regards loss of life as was at first supposed. Six lives are now known to have been lost, three whitemen and three Chinamen.

Shortly after 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon an explosion of gas occurred in No. 1 colliery of the Kingston Coal company at Edwardsville. After the accident Nathan Lamaraux, of Dorrancton, was found among the debris burned to death and Thomas P. Davis so badly injured that he cannot recover.

The Argentine torpedo catcher Rosaline has foundered in a storm off the coast of Uruguay. The officers were saved, but the crew, numbering 70, are missing. The Argentine ironclad Almirante Brown and the cruiser Veinticinco, which were en route to Spain, are missing, and it is believed that they foundered in the same storm.

Hot slag was dumped into a swamp near the Pennsylvania Steel works on Wednesday, causing an explosion. Three men were seriously hurt. One Louis Hunter, colored, who was terribly mangled, died in the afternoon.

A Springfield despatch says: The most destructive tornado which ever visited this section of the country struck the south-eastern portion of the city, the resident portion, this morning at eleven o'clock and completely demolished about thirty residences and partially ruined over a hundred more. But two persons are possibly fatally injured, but the loss in property is appalling.

A conservative estimate places the loss at between \$150,000 and \$200,000. The tornado was fully a mile long from west to east and three blocks wide.

European.

Two passengers have been killed and eight injured by the derailment of the Berlin express train near Rostock.

A school building was destroyed by fire at Berkhamstead on Wednesday. Eight children perished in the flames.

During a row between soldiers and Socialists in a beer garden at Nuremberg, one of the soldiers received stab wounds from which he will die, and the others were more or less severely injured.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: On Friday 190 new cases of cholera and 32 deaths were reported in Astrakhan, 63 cases and 16 deaths in Saratoff, 180 cases and 37 deaths at Baku, six deaths in Tiflis and nine new cases in Tauris.

An official telegram from Ha-Foi, Capital of Tonquin, to Paris, says that a French convoy fell into a Chinese ambush near Boole, that Commander Bonner, Capt. Charpentier and ten men were killed and several others were wounded.

Fourteen deaths, attributed to cholera, were reported in Paris on Sunday. Prof. Peter, of the Necker Hospital expresses the opinion that the prevailing malady is the Asiatic cholera. On the other hand, Dr. Prendergast and others who have had wide experience in the East, are equally positive that it is not Asiatic cholera.

There is widespread rioting in Spain against the Octrai duties. At Selva in the province of Tarragona the Octrai offices were burned to day by a mob. The collector and the employees of the offices when they rushed from the burning building were stoned and several of them were badly injured. The rioters, flushed with their success at the Octrai offices, made an attack upon the town hall and carried it by storm. The mayor fled, but was wounded by the rioters. The mob took full possession of the building, forced open the safes and destroyed many documents. The police were powerless and the troops were called upon to suppress the disorder. The rioters showed an inclination to resist the soldiers, but the latter fired upon them, killing several and wounding many others.

English and American Land Owners

There is a constant feud between the suburban residents and the Sunday excursionists. The suburban resident goes to New York in the morning and goes back in the afternoon, except on Sunday, when he stays at home. It would suit him if the Sunday train service were almost entirely stopped, except one morning train out into the country and one evening train back to let his personal friends go out and spend the day with him. The Sunday excursionist represents to him a concentration of the destructive forces of mankind, so he goes to Tuxedo or Wave Crest or some reservation where excursionists are not permitted to go, and when he gets rich enough he builds a place in the midst of grounds wide enough to hide him from the road, and puts out watchmen to prevent people he does not want from coming in and tramping on the grass.

This is more an American than an English feeling. In England almost all of the show country places are open to visitors under restrictions which are generally observed. It would be regarded as an improper and unsocial thing for an Englishman with a fine country place to drive people off the grounds. Instead of that he welcomes visitors and provides guides to take them around and look after them.—New York Sun.

Men and Machines.

I made one of the crowd at the last Mechanics Fair, and, with the rest, stood gazing in wonder at a perfect machine, with its soul of fire, its boiler-heart that sent the hot blood pulsing along the iron arteries, and its thews of steel. And while I was admiring the adaptation of means to an end, the harmonious involutions of contrivance, and the never bewildered complexity, I saw a grimmed and greasy fellow, the imperious engine's lackey and drudge, whose sole office was to let fall, at intervals, a drop or two of oil upon a certain joint. Then my soul said within me, "See, there is a piece of mechanism to which that other you marvel at is but as the rude first effort of a child—a force which not merely suffices to set a few wheels in motion, but which can send an impulse all through the infinite future—a contrivance, not for turning out pins or stitching button holes, but for making Hamlets and Lear. And yet this thing of iron shall be housed, waited on, guarded from rust and dust, and it shall be a crime to so much as scratch it with a pin; while the other with its fire of God in it, shall be buffeted, hither and thither, and finally sent carefully a thousand miles to be the target for a Mexican cannon ball."—James Russell Lowell.

THE SPORTING WORLD

LACROSSE.

There were two matches on Saturday in the Senior Lacrosse League—Montreal-Shamrock and Toronto-Cornwall—both of which gave rise to some surprises. Montreal has had extremely hard luck this season, losing so many of her old players, and it was not expected that Saturday's team would show up to any great extent, but the way the young players acquitted themselves against such an exceptionally fine team as the Shamrocks now put in the field was indeed a surprise. It goes to show that with a little more experience the Montreal club may regain her old supremacy. Although the Shamrocks took five games to one it was no criterion of the play which during the majority of the games was anything but one-sided. The Montrealers have a reliable defence and as good a little goal-keeper as ever stood between the poles.

Cornwall whitewashed Toronto, taking six games to none, and thus are in a better position in the league than they were a week or two ago, having won one and no defeats to their credit.

The following is a summary of the other games played:—
Montreal Jr. vs. Beaver—Won by the Beavers.

Victorias vs. 2nd Gordons—Won by the Victorias, three straight.

The Red Stars took three straight from the Emeralds.

Mechanics defeated Cote St. Paul three straight.

Heavy slugging and spirited playing marked the lacrosse game between the teams of the Manhattan and Staten Island Athletic clubs for the Hermann Oelrichs trophy on the Staten Island grounds at Livingston Saturday. There was blood in the eyes of the players on both teams when they lined up for work, and when it was all over there was not a little of the blood on the battle ground. Several of the players also had broken limbs. Among those who will bear souvenirs of the contest are Moser, who had two nails knocked off his right hand; Telford, who collided with Bush and had his eye polished a heavy black and completely closed; Anderson, who had his shoulder dislocated, and Davis, who had his nose split. Staten Island came off victors.

QUOITING.

Teams from the Montreal and Caledonia Clubs played a friendly game Saturday. There were eight players a side and the Caledonians were defeated by 152 points. Mr. W. Gilmour acted as referee in a very impartial manner. The return match will take place on July 30th.

CRICKET.

Mr. George S. Patterson, representing Philadelphia, has concluded the arrangements in regard to the Halifax tournament. The Germantown club will send a team there to play from July 25 to the end of the month. On August 1 the tournament between Halifax, Canada and Philadelphia will start and continue for a week, each team playing a two-day match with each other.

Capt. Luard, son of Gen. Luard, who was commander of the Canadian forces a few years ago, has been coming to the front on the crease lately. In the match Surrey vs. Gloucestershire, finished last Wednesday week, which the champions won by eight wickets, having made 326 in their first venture, Capt. Luard, for Gloucestershire, made 75 not out in the first, the best innings of the match, and 49 in the second.

THE RING.

Joe McAuliffe, the San Francisco heavy-weight, is now charged by the sports with throwing his fight with Joe Goddard.

Recent advices from Australia state that Griffs, the champion featherweight of the world, failed to stop Mick Ryan in 9 rounds at Melbourne.

Jack O'Brien, the English middleweight, who is to fight Bob Fitzsimmons, will sail for New York to-day. Bobby Habbijam, one of the best known sporting men in London, will accompany him.

There was a boxing entertainment in this city on Monday evening, the principal item on the programme being a set-to between Dick Guthrie and Frank Taylor. After one or two minor sparring bouts had gone off successfully the event of the evening was proceeded with, but the police put a stop to it at the close of the second round. The fight was awarded to Frank.

James Wakely, the Sixth avenue saloon keeper, on Monday deposited on behalf of John L. Sullivan's backer the third \$2,500 section of the \$20,000 bet hanging on the result of the big battle at New Orleans on September 7. Wakely, who was accompanied by his sporting side partner, Phil Lynch, expressed surprise at the absence of Corbett's representatives with their \$2,500 share of the big wager, and to relieve him the wires were set going. The following was sent to Corbett at Asbury Park: "Your third

deposit due to-day. Sullivan's money up. Answer." Corbett's pertinent reply was that he had deposited \$2,500 with Phil Dwyer, the final stakeholder, on Saturday, as the articles of agreement called for.

BASEBALL.

A league match took place on Saturday between the Hawthornes and Montrealers on Logan's Farm. It was a rattling good game throughout and the Haws got there by a score of 6 to 3.

The Clippers journeyed to Farnham on Saturday to play an exhibition game with the local club and got a terrible roasting, the score standing 16 to 4. They could do little against the pitching of Woods, an old Clipper boy, who struck out no less than 14.

MISCELLANEOUS.

"Fred" Johnson is now trying to arrange a match with "Johnny" Van Heest. The English champion thinks he can defeat the crack Western pugilist and can find backing for \$2,500.

The California Athletic club passed a resolution at a recent meeting not to allow any of the pugilists admission to its entertainments, excepting those who act as seconds and attendants of the principals.

A bicycle rider wheeled a quarter-mile in 28.45 seconds at Hartford, Conn., July 4. This beats all time at the distance made by a trotter or pacer, and possibly the mile harness record may yet be eclipsed by the silent steed.

A novel road race was ridden in France recently. The contestants were all mounted on pneumatics and the course was sprinkled with nails, the purpose being to puncture the tire if possible and make the riders repair them on the road.

Baron Hirsch, who gave his turf winnings last year to the London hospitals, has just handed a further sum of \$35,000 to the medical charities of the metropolis, the amount representing the greater part of the stakes won during the present season by the Baron's filly La Fleche, winner of the One Thousand Guineas and the Oaks.

"Tim" Keefe, the veteran pitcher, has been given the usual ten days' notice of his release by Harry Wright, manager of the Philadelphia Baseball club. On what grounds the club has decided to dispense with Keefe's services is not known. It is rumored that Harry Wright has picked up the axe and is cutting salaries in twain. Great dissatisfaction exists among the players and Hamilton states that this is his last year on the ball field.

A special cable to the N. Y. Sun says: "English rowers are just now very much humbled, and are looking around for revenge. The cause of this is their defeat in the diamond skulls at Henley, when J. J. K. Ooms, of Amsterdam, Holland, beat all the crack English amateur scullers. The Dutchman's victory was so decisive as to leave no chance for the belief that it was a fluke. He beat all his adversaries by nearly a quarter of a mile, rowing through rough and smooth water with ease. The next best man in this race was a Frenchman named G. MacHenry, who also distanced all his rivals, and an Irish doctor named S. M. Boyd, fairly distanced the pick of England's amateur rowers."

The Cremation Idea.

It seems to be gaining favor in the United States very quietly, but surely. There are now thirty-one cremation societies in the country, most of which have a furnace and mortuary chapel of their own. The organizations are more numerous west than east, and in the north than in the south. In the south there are only three cremation societies, one at Louisville, another at St. Louis and a third at New Orleans, where, on account of the swampiness of the soil, tombs for ordinary burial are built above ground. California alone has three crematory societies. The cremationists are going to hold a national convention of their own this summer at Detroit, at the same time as the meeting of the American Medical Association. Then the quickest and least disagreeable way of turning a corpse into harmless smoke and ashes will be discussed.

Up to the present time nearly 800 bodies have been incinerated by the New York Cremation Society alone since the beginning of 1886. One argument in favor of this method of disposing of the dead is its cheapness, the cost of an average cremation funeral being less than forty dollars. The medical profession throughout the country very generally favors it for sanitary purposes.

One Use for the Onion.

A very convenient mucilage can be made out of onion juice by any one who wishes to use it. A good sized Spanish onion, after being boiled a short time, will yield on being pressed quite a large quantity of very adhesive fluid. This is used quite extensively in various trades for pasting paper on to tin or zinc, or even glass, and the tenacity with which it holds would surprise any one on making the first attempt. It is the

cheapest and best mucilage for such purposes, and answers just as well as many of the more costly and patent cements. Some of the cements sold by street flakers at ten cents a bottle consist of nothing but onion juice and water, and the bottle and cork cost a great deal more than the contents.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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