

CALENDAR FOR APRIL

Calendar table for April 1876 with days of the week and dates.

First Quarter, 1st d. 11h. 57m. a. m. Full Moon, 3th d. 3h. 24m. p. m. Last Quarter, 16th d. 4h. 23m. p. m. New Moon, 24th d. 2h. 49m. a. m. First Quarter, 30th d. 6h. 13m. p. m.

Amherst Gazette.

AMHERST, N. S., APRIL 14, 1876.

Death of A. T. Stewart.

The wealthiest merchant in America has gone to his rest. After an illness of nearly three weeks, of inflammation of the bowels, Alexander T. Stewart died at his marble mansion, New York, on Monday last.

He was born a few miles from Belfast, Ireland, on Dec. 12th, 1803. His father, who was an extensive land-owner, died when the child was but three days old, and the many orphans, he owed much to the pious traits of character which afterwards distinguished him.

He received a liberal education, and had entered Trinity College, Dublin, with the intention of entering the ministry, but afterwards changed his plan and at 16 emigrated to America, without any special letters of introduction.

At 16 he was in a bad way, but he recovered, and he was engaged in the business of a commission merchant, and he was successful in his operations, and he was not only a successful merchant, but he was a successful speculator.

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deed it illegal for one engaged in trade to hold it.

He was a man of great foresight, of exact discipline, but above all, of untiring diligence and devotion to business. He is credited with being, beyond most men, instrumental in making New York the emporium it is, and in introducing the upright system of undeviating prices.

That he was not uncharitable may be illustrated by one instance of his generosity which we remember. During the famine in Ireland he sent there a cargo of provisions costing \$20,000, and gave 139 young emigrants a free passage to New York in the vessel.

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HARPER'S MAGAZINE for May is a bright and beautiful number, closing the Fifty-second Volume of this popular periodical.

The Number opens with an illustrated article on Southern Colorado, in connection with the recent explorations of Lieutenant Wheeler. Mr. Loring contributes an exceedingly interesting paper on Major Andre, illustrated with entirely new pictures from Dr. Hanna's rare and valuable collection.

The subject of Household Art, so admirably treated by Moncure D. Conway in former numbers of Harper, is resumed in the present number. The first of a series of illustrated papers on "Modern Dwellings; their Construction, Decoration, and Furniture," is contributed by H. Hudson Holly, the well-known architect, and is profusely and tastefully illustrated.

Including three of Woolf's humorous sketches in the "Dweller," this number contains eighty engravings.

The Publishers announce the commencement of a new serial story in the June number, by Mrs. Dinah M. Craik, entitled "The Laurel Bush: an Old-fashioned Love Story."

Mrs. BRY'S CHILDREN.—On Wednesday Mrs. B. distributed English children to the following persons at the stations named. Col. Lauris was prevented from coming by severe illness.

Wentworth.—Boy to John McInnis, Wallace Ridge.

Greenhill.—Boy to A. F. Tanner, Greenville Crossing.

Thomson.—Girls to Mrs. Margaret Conn and C. J. O'Brien, Pughwash River; to A. S. Ross, Victoria.

Atkin.—Girl to Jos. M. Layton, Parrishboro; boy to J. A. Allen, Amherst.—Boys to Alex. Campbell, Salem, J. F. Layton, Amherst, Wm. Angus, Goose River; girls to Wm. Angus, Goose River, John Phipps, Amherst.

PARRISHBORO.—On Sunday last, just before close of morning services, St. George's Episcopal Church was discovered to be on fire. An alarm was promptly given, and some parties ascended the roof, chopped a hole through it and succeeded shortly in extinguishing what had threatened to be a very serious fire. Some buckets were thrown down rather successively, and one struck Mr. Heav, but inflicted no serious injury.

We had on some day an alarm of fire from Elijah Spence and a slave of fire from the Ambrose Drug Store. Both extinguished without damage.

On Wednesday, packet from Hantsport, Capt. Newcomb, 56 lbs. salsaparilla, arrived by morning tide, and sailed by p. m. tide for Windsor.

AMHERST ACADEMY.—The following averages were made during the past month by pupils in the Preparatory Department, Mr. D. B. McKean's teacher:

Add Parly - 88.31
Ella Chapman - 85.24
Sherman Rogers - 75.23
William Welsh - 75.05

In marking, 50 denotes fair, 60 to 75 good, and above that superior, 100 perfect. Parents should refer to the papers with which all pupils of the department are furnished at the end of each month.

On Saturday last, Mr. Thomas Ibbotson, Esq., in the office of W. M. Mullerton, Esq., attempted to make off with a deed which he claimed as his, when quite a lively tussle ensued, in which the lawyer advocated his cause with such force as to compel his opponent to relinquish his grasp on the coveted document. Mr. Ibbotson will have to answer at the next sitting of the Supreme Court.

Notwithstanding the depression of the notes, Messrs. Smith Bros., Halifax, have during the past year erected an additional warehouse, which with a large portion of their former premises will be exclusively devoted to wholesale staple and fancy dry goods. This firm has a high reputation, and, as one example of business sagacity, advertise in such papers as the GAZETTE.

The Home Circle Minstrel Troupe announces by posters, &c., its first performance, to be given in Mason Hall on Tuesday evening next. We have seen some of its programs rehearsed and have no doubt the performance will give every satisfaction. It has secured the services of Mr. McGrath, of the Dorchester Dramatic Club, who is excellent in Dutch Comedy.

A SPECIAL SESSION was held in the Court House on Tuesday, to consider two road reports. One, on the new road from Macdon Street to the old post road, near Col. Bennett's, was confirmed. The other an alteration of road between Barronfield and Minutia, was deferred until the General Sessions.

We are glad to say that the report of the Rev. Dr. Tupper's death, published in morning papers is incorrect. A letter received by his son here yesterday states that his health is considerably improved. Dr. Charles Tupper visited him on Monday and Tuesday, and left on Wednesday for Ottawa, via St. John, N. B.

MAMMOTH OX.—We saw Messrs. B. B. Buckley & Co.'s big ox weighed yesterday. His weight is 2720 lbs. raised by foot. He is six years old, with grey hair, Mr. George Riter, Westmorland, and is probably the largest in the Dominion.

It will be seen by Dr. Campbell's card that he has returned to his native county. He was a student with Dr. Dakin, of Pughwash, and spent some time in the Amherst Drug Store. We learn that his examinations were highly creditable.

Rev. S. D. Yates will preach in Ref. Presbyterian Church in this place next Sabbath morning, and at Warren at 3 o'clock, p. m. of same day.

Next Sunday will be Easter.

Correspondence.

We usually know a considerable degree of attention for the expression of correspondents' opinions on matters of public interest, but we cannot assume any responsibility for those who are not qualified to write on such matters.

SIR.—While rain and snow fall, and the ground freezes, you will never see good roads through Amherst, until they are covered with broken stone or good gravel.

To the Editor of the Amherst Gazette.

SIR.—Being in want of a few tomato and cabbage seeds, and very early spring, I called at the Amherst Drug Store where I not only got them but was shown by Mr. Fuller the largest and best assortment of fresh garden and flower-seeds I have seen for a long time.

To the Editor of the Amherst Gazette.

SIR.—I see in your issue of March 31st, your correspondent signing himself "Zidon" is adding to the questions of the former correspondent. Please inform him that the Game Laws he writes about have nothing more to do with the Dominion Fishing Act, as respects its officers, than the man in the moon.

As respects the band of desperados who sets nets at Barron's Point, the meshes of which are not of any size, I may say that they compare favorably in measurement with other nets. They also catch large shad as well as small.

Last year I bought eight without being asked when, after being dressed (his and tall taken off) nearly filled my fish barrel. Small ones were caught in all sizes. I have seen very much smaller shad caught in waters in the adjacent county than ever I saw here.

"Lidon's" half barrel, or 167, were "picked" the Fishery Officers cannot help it. The shad did not run through twenty strings of nets below, for nearly all are caught on the flood tide, while all the strings below catch on the tide going out.

If you can spare space for this too long letter, you will very much oblige Yours, &c., DAVIE CORBERT, Fishery Warden, Amherst Point, April 11th, 1876.

Cumberland County Lodge of B.T.

The Worthy County Lodge of Cumberland convened in Quarterly Session with Scotch Lodge No. 140, at Port Phillip on Friday, 31st March, at 11 o'clock, a. m., with a fair representation from different sections of the county.

The foremost session was principally occupied in appointing Committees to report in different sections relative to the best means to be employed in establishing Juvenile Lodges, and making primary Lodges interesting and profitable.

The afternoon session was more largely attended, and an excellent and highly interesting meeting was the result. The various Committees then submitted their reports, full of job, deep-toned, temperance sentiments, calling forth remarks from a number of B. T. advocates the topics contained in said report. Several other matters of importance were under consideration and acted upon. A public temperance meeting was held in the evening, when the W. Co. Chief, prof. Bro. Amos Hunter, was called to the chair and made a few remarks respecting the object of the meeting, after which there were speeches from the following Bros. Dr. E. Kennedy, F. W. Smith, Wm. Dickie, H. Anderson, A. Mills and A. Chisholm. The house was well filled, and good feeling for the Cause of Temperance prevailed throughout the meeting.

At the conclusion all present expressed their extreme gratification for the manner in which they were entertained by the members of Scotch Lodge.

The next annual session will convene with Heathen Lodge No. 137, Pughwash on the last Friday of June, at half-past ten o'clock, a. m.

S. J. HERRICK, W. C. Secretary, Goose River, April 6th, 1876.

Mr. EDITOR.—X. Y. Z., in your last issue, seems desirous of conveying the idea to your readers that, forsaking other christian churches and uniting with Baptist churches, men follow the command and example of Christ.

True, there are some fortunate enough to get permanent situations and good pay, and who can do here much better than elsewhere, but at present the chances are against it, for 80 one. Good men have to do what there are men for every job, outside of permanent situations, and my own experience goes to prove it.

Owing to the heavy rains the prospects of a good crop next harvest are excellent, and as California depends largely upon her agricultural resources, this has a tendency to brighten the time, but even should the present crop be a failure, the surplus of working men would be more than equal to the occasion.

Another fact that Nova Scotians seldom think of is "Cheap Chinese Labor," "John" can work for comparatively nothing, as it takes but little to keep him, his rice and clothes being imported from China. They even undertake female servants, and soon become very handy at house work, cooking, washing, etc. They are a very industrious class of people, but of very filthy habits.

To purchase a farm in California it takes a little fortune. "Land Monopolists" owning and holding large tracts of land until they increase in value are regarded, to a great extent, the settlement of some of our finest valleys. At present we can only look ahead and wish for the time to come when such a drawback shall cease.

In mining operations it now requires money to prospect the hills; and grave mining in this vicinity, in ravines, bars and benches, that have been so rich in any place in the known gold regions of the world, and worked over and over again, must be set aside by miners and left for John to work, while miners must now go on the mountains, where untold wealth has never been disturbed and where a large amount of capital is required to develop.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I wish to warn all not to be too hasty in leaving good homes and good situations in the hope of finding better in California. There are thousands to-day wishing themselves back in the Province. My advice to all is, be contented where you are and let better alone. There are 20 feet of snow here now; we expect to see bare ground in July.

Yours, &c., T. S. P.

Shrew Items.

The price paid by Lord Duplin for Petrarch, the favorite for the two thousand and guineas and Derby, is not exactly known; some turf authorities giving it as £10,500 and others as £3,500.

An abduction is reported in New York of two children named Julius and Francis, who are fond of horses, by Wood, eight years. The wife of Frank Cook, who arrived on Wednesday from Germany, has also mysteriously disappeared.

John E. Shawhan, a San Francisco stock speculator, has built a stable at a cost of \$100,000, chiefly to gratify his wife, who is fond of horses. It contains a parlor handsomely furnished for her use; and the carriage and harness rooms, stalls and other apartments are finished in fine woods.

A Parisian dressmaker named Danglard has sent invitations to all her acquaintances to call and inspect the magnificent bride trousseau which she has made up for one of the Rothschild heiresses. Her saloon are said to resound with incessant exclamations of admiration from the throngs of ladies.

The bill for the construction of the Royal Albert Bridge across the St. Lawrence at Montreal having been withdrawn, it is now proposed to tunnel beneath the river. This would not, of course, interfere with navigation, which was a great objection to the erection of the bridge.

Halifax papers state that it has been discovered that Archibald Paterson, Inspector of Inland Revenue, had forged the names of his brothers, W. A. Paterson, M. P., and A. H. Paterson, of Truro, and Charles Graham & Co., of Halifax, on notes amounting to between eight and ten thousand dollars. He left Halifax on Tuesday last, and is believed to have fled to the United States. The forgeries were committed to enable him to carry through the banks a debt which has been pressing upon him since his failure some years ago. He was formerly a member of the Legislative Council, was very well connected, and stood high in religious circles.

Tax Exemption of Yachtmen.—On Friday night, at about twelve o'clock, the lava began to overflow, and a long snake-like rivulet took the direction of Pompeii. The eruption was hardly expected, for the smoke and vapor emitted by the crater for some months past in great abundance had somewhat abated. On Saturday a tremendous column of white vapor towered over the abyss, and the reflection of the burning furnace from underneath on the scathery cloud gave a splendid crimson tint, dying out into the most delicate pink. Large quantities of cinders and lapilla have been thrown up. There is reason to believe that the eruption will be a long one.—Manchester Guardian, March 28.

Four-in-hand of Whales.

PREPARING TO DRIVE ACROSS THE OCEAN IN THREE DAYS.

Capt. Elijah Williams is a weather-beaten old sailor who lives on the north shore of Long Island. For over thirty years he was engaged in the whaling trade, and was known as one of the most successful captains in the trade. He is a bachelor, and his homestead—which looks as weather-beaten as himself—stands at the end of a creek, miles away from any habitation. "Old Elijah" as he is called—is known to be eccentric; but some years ago when he put down fence at the mouth of the creek and was seen in a little boat all the day long, talking to himself, the neighbors thought he had gone crazy. Last summer a lady from the city determined to pay him a visit. Capt. Elijah at first threatened to put her out of the house, but after a while he took her across to the whaling room, which he had arranged to be a magnificent passage, that leads to the steering wheel which is immediately over the cutter, and through this the whales will be driven by long reins. In this will also be placed the loisting apparatus, which will hook and unhook the whistles. From midships at the deck is covered with a poop deck, and on that a premeditated will be arranged. The poop will be arranged into a gorgeous saloon, large enough to seat comfortably 250 people; under that again is the dining-room, which is as large as the saloon above; this is further extended by a magnificent dining room, ladies' parlour, etc., and the hold below contains 250 elegant bunks. Under the slanting deck are the provision room, galley, men's apartments and store rooms. The Capt. will have only to carry passengers in first-class, and will only charge \$50 in gold, or \$72 for the round trip.

Capt. Williams then led the way to his whale barn, which is a regular building under water, with pine plank divisions and floor for the five mottos. The divisions are regularly closed every evening, the whales going out and returning before dark. "Brandy" is, of course, the captain's favorite, and occupies a small neat room. On the table, as he had gone to such expense in building the house under water, the captain stated that the whales had almost been blinded by the mud near shore, and that he had built the barn so that no impurities could enter. In the morning, as soon as the doors are opened, they go as far out as the fence, and remain there almost all day.

Swell Weddings.

The approaching Easter weddings are the subject of much pleasant gossip in fashionable circles. One of the prettiest will be that of the Viscountess Mandeville to Miss Xuega del Valle. The Viscountess is a son of the Duke of Manchester of England, and only knew the lady a few weeks before he became engaged to her. She is justly called one of the most beautiful women in America. Her beauty is of the Spanish type, and she is all, stately, and remarkably graceful. Her trousseau will be magnificent, and most elaborate ever prepared for an American lady, and the gossip says the house that is to prepare it has a carte blanche order for \$75,000. The wedding will take place in May at Trinity Church. Four of the prettiest belles in society will be bridesmaids, and an English nobleman will be "best man," groomsmen being dispensed with. The Bishop, the Potter and the Rev. Morgan Dr. will perform the ceremony. The Duke of Manchester and family are expected from England about the 15th of April.

The next swell wedding will be that of James Gordon Bennett to Miss May. Several churches have been designated by the bridesbodies for the ceremony, which will take place the third Wednesday in April. Miss May belongs to the Boston family of that name, and is a very pretty young lady—fresh, witty, and what English call "clever." Her elaborate trousseau will be as grand and elaborate as any undiminished by money can make it. Mr. Bennett is having his fiancée at Newport prepared for his future mistress, and is also building a large steam yacht. His entertainments during the summer are looking forward to with much interest and pleasure by his friends and associates. Mr. Bennett is probably the richest young man in New York. His income from the Herald is over half a million, and he has the rest of his house at Fort Washington and a hotel which he lately bought in Paris in addition. He has a sailing and steam yacht, town and country houses, no less than twenty thoroughbred horses, packs upon racks of hounds, a dozen carriages, a four-in-hand coach, ponies, and a newspaper.

The Dynamite Fiend.

A London despatch says the result of the investigation into the dynamite explosion at Bremerhaven some months ago fully confirms the name, antecedents and connections of William Thomas, published some time ago in American papers, to the following effect: "That his real name was Alexander Keith, Jr., that he was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, that he was a staunch friend of the South during the civil war; that he harbored and aided blockade runners and became one himself, and that he absconded from Halifax in 1864 with \$150,000 or \$250,000 entrusted with him by confederates to buy provisions for the Southern Army. The report states that the amount entrusted was equal to the larger amount above mentioned, and included \$32,000 insurance on the steamer "Caledonia" lost at sea. Keith subsequently lived in New York as Alex. King Thompson, but the connections there are unknown. In 1868 he appeared at Highland in possession of \$80,000. He married a Mrs. Cecily Ryan. A Confederate colonel named Snodgrass some months before had been arrested and taken to St. Louis where the matter was compromised. He came to Europe with his wife. Keith was a nephew of the late Hon. A. Keith, of Halifax.

A very important invention of a comparatively recent date is that of Mr. R. Smith, of Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec. It makes paper boxes of all sorts from pulp, in a single piece and without any seam. The machine automatically, the box never having to be touched by the workman's hand, until it comes out a perfect article