

EVENTS.

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REASON

We are not taught to reason. We do not learn to reason. It would seem to be advisable to have incorporated in our public school curriculum a clearly defined system which would have for its object the cultivation or development of our reasoning powers. We seldom treat to a course of reason the great public events which attract our attention from day to day. The same is more or less true of events with which we personally have something to do. In matters affecting ourselves, however, there is always the ego to be considered and as a consequence the absence of reason or consideration is not as apparent as it is in matters with which we are not personally concerned. In matters of public interest we are often if not usually biased. We are taught to believe in the right or wrong of a question or subject and to furnish little or no reason in approving or condemning it. This is true of religion; it is particularly true of politics. The Canadian parliament opened last week. Doubtless the usual number of measures will be introduced and carried out during the session. Some of these measures will be good; others will be bad. But do not condemn them all because of a few and do not approve of them all because of a few. Separate the chaff from the wheat. Sink party prejudice. Render praise where praise is due and condemnation where condemnation is due. But in order to do this one should acquaint oneself with the subject and then reason as to its merits and demerits. Above all one must reason. One may do so often with merely superficial knowledge of the subject. Do not say "that is a bad measure," simply because you have all your life been allied to the conservative party; and do not say, "that is a good measure," simply because you have all your life supported the liberal party. It is a duty which one owes to oneself and to ones country to keep posted on public questions and to speak of them in a fearless and unbiased light.

A LAMENTABLE CAREER

Bettina Girard, an actress, died the other day after an eventful career. Her motto was—"A short life and a merry one." Born of rich parents Bettina Girard was prominent in the social life of her native city, Baltimore, and also of Washington and Philadelphia. She was pretty and vivacious and attracted many admirers. She married a man of her own social equal but shortly afterwards was divorced. Then she went upon the stage and during her career was married seven times. Perhaps the only man who ever loved her was her last husband. He met her when she was a society debutante and followed her through thick and thin. She spurned him almost until the last. Time and again has Bettina Girard been rescued from the slums of New York. On each occasion she would straighten up a bit and secure an engagement, for she had talent and notwithstanding her dissipation—what was worth more—beauty. A few years ago she announced her intention of leading a decent life and lived up to her promise for a time, but at length he again fell a prey to strong drink and died the other day from its effects. Her husband

was devoted to her to the last and did all in his power to dissuade her from her pitiful course.

MR WHITNEY'S ARGUMENTS

Some of Mr. Henry M. Whitney's arguments on behalf of reciprocity are savoring to the people of New England. Here are some of the most exquisite—

"The population of the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Quebec is equal to the whole population of the state of Massachusetts. And what effect think you, it would have upon the commerce of the city of Boston if we were freely allowed to trade with that number of people. We want these people to bring here the products of their different localities: their butter, their cheese, and their eggs, their lumber and their fish anything that they raise in these localities we want them to bring over here in exchange for your boots and shoes, your dry goods, your furniture and the products of other climates that they will find here. We want that trade, but not only that, for we want the trade of that great section of the country growing up to the northwest of us."

LIKE MANY OTHERS

Mr. Whitney, leader of the Ontario opposition made a speech at Nanapanee a few nights ago in which he declared that his party would not countenance a violation of the liquor license law and added that it would grant licenses to only those who would enforce the law. After delivering his oration Mr. Whitney returned to his hotel and drank a hot scotch or two, after hours with a number of friends. The proprietor of the hotel was subsequently fined for selling Mr. Whitney liquor after hours. What do you think of this?

An exchange says that Governor Snowball was present at the opening of parliament in his official uniform. It's lucky for our governor that Earl Grey has no Major Maude dangling at his coat tails.

Hard Palpitation at Night

Rattles even the strongest man, but to the average woman it is a taste of general purgatory. Take a little Nerviline in sweetened water and away goes the palpitation. You'll be saved lots of worry by keeping Nerviline on hand, which is a treasure for all sorts of pains and aches. Nerviline cures headache, stomach and bowel troubles quickly. Costs 25c for a large bottle.

Janeville

We had quite a fall of snow one day last week which made the roads very bad.

The Craquet train was not able to make her regular trip on Saturday last on account of the storm and scarcity of coal. The mails came by train.

We are sorry to note the illness of Mrs. James Barry.

Mr. Cecil Gray spent part of last week with friends in Janeville.

Mr. Wm J. Crawford spent last Saturday at his home in Bathurst.

Mr. John Scott spent a few days last week with his mother Mrs. J. Barry.

We are very sorry to note the illness of Mr. Spurgeon Scott.

Mr. Timothy Connelly intends to spend the winter months in Janeville.

Miss Laura Dempsy spent part of last week with Mrs. E. L. Caie.

A. J. W. McKenzie spent last week in Newcastle.

Mr. Ed Scott was the guest of H. A. Caie on Thursday night.

What has become of our Clifton Correspondent? Does he think it too cold to write?

Young Ladies, Read This.

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A FIRE ALARM

Result of Lunatic's Attempt to Burn Lockup on Sunday

For some time past a man by the name of McCauliff who is mentally deranged, has been confined in the town lock-up. On Sunday evening he tore up the mattress in his cell and thrust it through the bars in an endeavor to put the pieces in the stove. Some of the stuff ignited and fell to the floor. A barrel of coal and a chair were quickly in flames and an alarm was sounded which threw the different congregations into confusion. The fire was soon extinguished however, before much damage was done. The unfortunate was placed in another cell for the night and a strict watch kept on him. He was taken to his home in Alberton, P. E. I. this week.

TOKIO, Jan 13.—The Japanese armoured cruiser Tokiwa, captured in the sea of Japan, Jan 11, the British steamer Rosely, loaded with coal consigned to Vladivostok.

BATHURST MARKET.

(Corrected each week by W. J. Kent & Co.)

Butter	.....	18 to 21
Eggs Fresh	.....	25c
Pork (Fresh)	.....	6 1/2
Pork (Salt)	.....	8 1/2
Beef (Fresh)	.....	4 1/2 to 5
Mutton	.....	10c lb
Geese	.....	75 to 85c
Ducks	.....	12c a lb
Turkeys	.....	15c
Hay	.....	\$12 1/4
Oats	.....	45c
Wool	.....	22c lb
Cranberries (Cape Cod)	.....	15c a qt
Tallow	.....	5c
Hides	.....	4 1/2c

NEW ZEALAND GEYSERS.

Among them is said to be the biggest stone in the world. Yellowstone park is reported to have the most magnificent geysers in the world, but their reputation is based upon the statements of travelers who have never been to New Zealand and who know nothing of its natural wonders.

Leaving Auckland by a fast express train, a journey of eight hours brings one to Rotorua, where may be seen the most splendid geyser which is probably to be found anywhere in the world. To give one some idea of the magnitude of the geyser I need mention only the height of some of the surrounding objects. Over the "Inferno crater," which contains a seething lake of water, is a small shelter shed 400 feet above the plain. The surface of the water in the geyser basin when at rest is about forty feet below this point. The height of the eruption must often be about 500 feet. This is by no means exceptional. Higher "shots" have been recorded. I have myself seen a shot computed at 1,200 feet. Some months ago the area of the basin was measured in a small boat by a Mr. Bokeridge and a guide. They found that the area is about two and a half acres, from which it may be inferred that this geyser may well be called the largest in the world.

The geyser plays about twenty-two times each month, is very erratic and gives no warning when it is about to erupt. The theory is advanced that the basin is somewhat like a funnel and that when the water and stones are ejected the larger stones return and jam in the neck, thereby choking the outlet, so that an enormous pressure of steam must shift them. When the pressure is sufficiently great to blow out the obstructions it naturally would eject water to a great height. The theory, however, is at best rather fanciful.

This geyser is not the only one to be seen in the vicinity. Others may be mentioned, such as the Pohutu, Wairoa, Feather, Papakura and others, besides mud volcanoes—Scientific American.

POE AND POVERTY.

The Poet Was Born to Need and Left It as a Legacy.

According to Charles Marshall Graves, writing in the Century, the poet Poe was two years old when his mother, a gifted actress, was living in Richmond in the direct want.

Mrs. Poe's last stage appearance was in the Richmond theater in October, 1811. The theater burned on Dec. 24, and seventy-eight people perished with it. Poe's father had died in the spring, and Mrs. Poe and the baby poet and his younger sister went to live on Main street, in the Bird in Hand region, in a tenement cellar perpetually wet by the Shockoe creek, which then flowed through the middle of the street. Here the wretched woman contracted pneumonia and died. And from the cellar the future poet, described as a "baby skeleton," was rescued by Mr. Allan.

Sixty years and more later Rosalie Poe, the poet's younger sister, appeared on Richmond streets in poverty as bitter as her mother's had been to get a few coins by selling photographs of her brother.

The man who was perhaps America's greatest poet and certainly one of the few poets who have vitally influenced the literary art both in prose and verse was born into the most wretched poverty and left need as keen behind him.

Forgot His Own Tongue. A traveler in arctic Siberia, Mr. Vandertop, a gold hunter, told the following of his return to civilization: "I found that half a dozen of the officers and men of the steamer which my employers had sent for me had come to hunt me up. The captain dismounted, and I tried to address him in Russian, but he said, 'You forget that I speak English.' Now, it may seem scarcely credible, and yet it is true, that for a few moments I was totally unable to converse with him in my native tongue. I had not used a word of it in conversation for months, and my low physical condition acting on my nerves confused my mind, and I spoke a jumble of English, Russian and Korak. It was a week before I could talk good, straight English again."

Hard to Move in Russia.

An American wished to move from the Hotel Europe, the principal hotel in St. Petersburg, to a smaller hotel around the corner. He came down with his bag packed ready to go. "Sorry," said the manager, "but you cannot leave this hotel or register at another hotel until we get your passport from the police, and that will take a day and a night. You must go through exactly the same procedure as if you were leaving the country."—World's Work.

Mending Amber.

To mend amber requires a certain amount of care, though the process is a simple one. Apply some linseed oil to the edges, and then hold the broken parts over a gas jet, covering the rest of the amber meanwhile with a cloth. As soon as the oiled parts become sticky with the heat press the edges which are to be united together and hold them very carefully till cold.



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