

THE STAR.

subscribed their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

(Signed) CHARLES H. RENOUF, Act'g Coroner, (L. S.)
JOHN CLARK, L. S.
PIERCE WHELAN, L. S.
PETER McDONALD, L. S.
GEORGE HATTON, L. S.
JAMES BURKE, L. S.
WILLIAM CORBET, L. S.
EDWARD BURKE, L. S.
HUGH McGOFF, L. S.
PATRICK POWER, L. S.
PIERCE RYAN, L. S.
JOHN SMYTH, L. S.
WILLIAM SINNET, L. S.

At six o'clock p.m. of the same day, the body of Patrick Geehan, placed in a plain coffin, was borne from the cell which he had occupied, and was deposited in the grave near the North-west corner of the building.

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HARBOR GRACE, JULY 9, 1872.

By the schooner "Laurel," Trapnell, Master, from Labrador, we learn news has been received to the 28th ult. Elsewhere than in the Straits of Belle Isle, on the French Shore, but little had been done, although caplin had been early on the coast. Appearances were promising—salmon abundant. The season could only be said to have commenced, and with variable winds prevailing from the eastward, as stated, we hope for cheering accounts by next arrival. From the westward we have no late news beyond the accounts brought by boats returned from the neighborhood of Mistaken Point with full fares taken on the jigger. In this Bay and head of Trinity there has been nothing done with hook and line. At the best there is nothing to boast of, but everything to stir up fishermen to increased perseverance.

THE S. S. "Mastiff" sailed for Labrador on Saturday morning—Mr. Ridley with a few friends being passengers. On her return—probably in about ten days hence—we hope to have full details of the progress made in the prosecution of the voyage on the coast.

It is matter of gratification to find the building of our new Custom House progress so rapidly. The edifice will be one of ample dimensions and more suitable than the old one for the requirements of the commercial community. The architect, Mr. Nevill, of St. John's, deserves credit for the scientific disposal of the ground allotted for the purpose, and it is also very pleasing to find Mr. Burridge, the contractor, so anxious to push the work forward, both speedily and substantially. Mr. O'Connor, the foreman, taking considerable share in the execution of the work. The new building (being erected on the old site) will, when finished, have a splendid appearance. Its length, as will be observed, is forty-two feet and breadth twenty-three feet. On the ground floor will be a ware-room twenty feet by fourteen feet, and a kitchen fourteen feet square, besides every accommodation for the officials. Upstairs, the office is twenty feet by fourteen feet, and is to the east, the private office, on the west, being fourteen feet square. The landing will be very commodious, its width being ten feet. Mr. Burridge kindly sanctioned us a view and description of the plans, and we assure our readers that the erection will greatly enhance the appearance of the district. The structure is of granite and American pressed brick, the margins of the building being of the former and the body of the latter. The front will present a fine effect, there being a good display of granite, and a large mahogany door will give it a solid appearance. The front will have five windows, and the gables a similar number, so that light and sunshine will not be without beneficial effects on the spirits and health of the employees. We would like, on its completion, to have to record the presentation of a fine naval uniform to each of Her Majesty's boatmen here.

We are surprised that our cotemporary, the "Chronicle," should require to ask us of the "Osprays" inefficiency for the Labrador Mail service. It is fun for us to observe that that organ is prepared to prove her EFFICIENCY. We intended to convey the impression that, being found slow and in an unseaworthy state (both in hull and machinery) last summer, she would not again be selected, seeing that many really good vessels are obtainable.

As per advertisement in another column, lovers of our country will gladly read of the proposed collection of the resources of the colony. Minerals, and other curiosities, such as workmanship, will have due attention. We trust the ladies of Harbor Grace and neighborhood will not be behind our fair friends of the metropolis. The exhibition, which will take place in September next, must meet with the appreciation of all right-thinking individuals; and, if receiving a proper share of attention, it will not fail to be one of great interest. The Rev. Mr. Botwood, of St. Mary's Church, St. John's, deserves, and will please accept, our heartfelt appreciation of the difficult enterprise he has entered upon.

THE British Bands have caused quite an excitement in Boston. Their musical efforts astounding even professors. They will give concerts in the principal cities for charitable objects, and undoubtedly great financial success will mark their "march."

WE thank our Boston friends and correspondents for their kindness in favoring us with important communications as to the Musical Jubilee, and quote for our readers the following laughable

INCIDENTS:

There were some really comical incidents at the Coliseum yesterday. There is no place where a man will show the worst side of his nature more than in large crowds, and this was especially the case at the concert yesterday afternoon. Men, women and children would stand up and even stand on the seats to see what could be seen just as well by sitting. This course on the part of some of those who paid their dollar and were determined to see everything regardless of the comfort and wishes of others, to say nothing of their rights, brought out considerable fun at their expense.

One person who it is said would consider that he was insulted if any one should insinuate that he was lacking in true gentility, stood up in one of the galleries yesterday to hear and see the Kaisers. An old gentleman, who sat directly behind the individual, politely requested him to be seated, as by doing so all would have an even chance. The stampee only deigned to give a contemptuous stare at the old gentleman, and slowly folding his arms, turned about and continued to stand, much to the annoyance of those in the vicinity. Soon the boys took up the cry of "Down in front!" then they commenced to lampoon the one who stood up, using all sorts of expressions, alluding to him as "the man with wings on the sides of his head," and calling attention to the poor fit and cut of his coat. These remarks were followed by roars of laughter and more gibes and geers at his expense. A man who undertakes to brave out the geers of a crowd at a time like this generally gets no sympathy, and has to bear no end of ridicule. The face of the individual bore an expression not unlike that worn by Fox's martyrs in woodcuts of ancient date, while his whole bearing seemed to express a determination to see it out despite the clamors of those behind him. There was a short lull in this storm, and the stampee undoubtedly presumed that he had gained the day, but such was not the case. The boys were busy in trying to hatch up some other, more than ordinary scheme to "make that head go down." A coup d'etat was necessary, and a burly South ender solved the problem. Some one had managed to find one of the rags with which the army of washerwomen had cleansed the seats just previous to the opening of the Coliseum. The rag consisted of two-thirds of an old pair of pantaloons, and was just moist enough to stick. The rags were bundled together, raised aloft and hurled by a brawny arm at the caput of the offensive individual, taking him just abait the right wing, and giving a report similar to the sound of a pile driver. This produced the desired effect, and "Baldy" stood down amid roars of laughter.

In the easterly balcony several ladies attempted to have their own way, notwithstanding the persistent shouts of those about them, to "Sit down!" "Down in front!" &c., accompanied by volley after volley of paper pellets. One lady in particular defied the crowd, and held her ground (bench) for several moments after the orchestra had commenced playing. At last one of the ushers persuaded her to be seated.

In the west balcony, near the stage, one gaunt, tall specimen persisted in standing and craning his long neck over the edge of the balcony, despite the shouts and peltings of those behind him, "Down front!" "Sit down!" "Give us a chance," had no effect; and then sarcasm was tried. "Put on your hat and stand up, so we can see." "Won't some gentleman please knock that man down?" "Throw him over the balcony." "Oh, let the hog alone he's a pig and can't help it," were the cries, and aided by a shower of peanuts, orange peel, banana skins and paper wads, were finally efficacious in seating the obdurate individual.

Then there was the woman who would persist in rising, and would remain in a standing position during the most interesting periods of

the concert. There were many cases of this in the house yesterday. Many of the parties who stood seemed to have lost all sense of decency and good breeding.

Ushers rushed frantically hither and thither and tried orders, persuasions and entreaties, but with no effect. The obnoxious parties would stand and obstruct the vision of others who were more modest, in spite of all that the ushers could do to prevent it. In the parquette a man refused to be seated when asked to do so by some of the audience, and even when told to do so by one of the ushers. Presently a member of the police force came through the crowd and told him to be seated or leave the house. He then turned to find his seat, but it was taken, and he was compelled to stand back in the lobby, and the general verdict of the crowd was: "Good enough for him."

THE following are the scores made by the Alexandra and Victoria Cricket Clubs at Alexandra Park on Wednesday last:—

ALEXANDRA.	
1st INNINGS.	2nd INNINGS.
Yoddall, b. Nelson..... 4	Elliot, b. Nelson..... 1
Brown, b. Sprague..... 1	Emerson, run out..... 6
Jarvis, b. Nelson..... 1	Jarvis, b. Nelson..... 0
Paterson, b. Nelson..... 3	Yoddall, b. Nelson..... 0
Murphy, run out..... 11	Paterson, b. Nelson..... 0
Rutherford, b. Sprague..... 4	Rutherford, b. Nelson..... 0
Emerson, run out..... 1	Murphy, b. Nelson, c. Sprague..... 0
Allan, run out..... 0	Sprague..... 0
Alexander, b. Nelson..... 0	Allan, b. Nelson, c. D. Taylor..... 2
Elliot, not out..... 2	Brown, b. Nelson..... 0
Munn, b. Nelson..... 0	Alexander, not out..... 3
	Munn, b. Nelson, c. H. Peach..... 1
Byes 15, leg byes 1	
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Total..... 43	Byes 8, leg byes 3
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	Total..... 28

VICTORIA.	
1st INNINGS.	2nd INNINGS.
D. Taylor, b. Paterson..... 5	H. Peach, b. Paterson..... 1
Nichole, b. Yoddall..... 11	S. Taylor, b. Yoddall..... 10
Morrison, run out..... 7	c. Paterson..... 0
Nelson, b. Paterson..... 1	D. Taylor, b. Yoddall..... 0
c. Murphy..... 1	dall..... 0
Badcock, b. Paterson..... 1	A. Peach, b. Yoddall..... 0
Duguid, b. Yoddall..... 5	Nelson, run out..... 7
Sprague, b. Paterson..... 0	Gould, b. Yoddall..... 2
S. Taylor, b. Paterson..... 4	Badcock, b. Paterson..... 7
Gould, not out..... 0	Duguid, not out..... 7
A. Peach, b. Paterson..... 0	Morrison, b. Yoddall, c. Allan..... 4
H. Peach, b. Paterson..... 2	Sprague, not out..... 0
	Byes, 5 leg byes 1..... 6
	Total..... 37
Byes..... 2	
Total..... 38	

ROADS.

"Do I sleep? do I dream?
"Do I wonder and doubt?
"Are things what they seem?
"Or is visions about?
"Is our civilization a failure?
"Or is the Revenue played out?"
Brown.

It cannot be denied we have excellent material in this country for roads. Everywhere within easy access will be found the very best top-dressing. The main street of Harbor Grace is well designed—raised in the centre and gently sloping on either side. All that is now required is a good coating of gravel to cover the stones beginning to protrude. As a rule, drains are much neglected. No road is complete without efficient drains on either side. I often wonder that our supervisors do not order cutting down the summit of hills as well for improvement as for material afforded. They prefer going half a mile—it may be—for what they might get on the spot, the use of which would not only be equal to any other, but would also serve to deduce irregularity and render the road more level. I notice that our main street, in the neighborhood of Bear's Cove, is getting very bare; now is the time to give it a covering. All credit is due to the late Chairman, Mr. Moore, for the skill displayed in its construction; it is hoped his successors will not neglect the repairs necessary to sustain what he so well planned. Contracts, in general, do not insure the best style of roads. It is a common practice to pile on yellow clay, merely because of convenience, without regard to durability; this is a mistake. Made roads should be dressed with good gravel, thus insuring their improvement. There is something astonishing in the little being done considering the large sum available for this service. It is hard to say where the fault lies—but it does rest somewhere. The question is whether we are advancing in the matter of roads or otherwise: whether orchards are being cultivated—model farms stocked—horses foddered—gay larks wheeled about the country on official "benders"—and thus the money absorbed that should go into the pockets of operatives! Many roads are hard to travel. That from Hearts Content, I think, particular-

ly so, for the reason that most travellers from thence look worn and seedy. Gasping for breath as they haste to catch the "Lizzie" for St. John's, they generally look "dour" spectacles. I know the road is hilly, but this does not account for the remarkable depression manifested by those undergoing the fatigue of a journey from Hearts Content. Let inspectors look to this matter, for it is deserving of their best attention. How many hard roads there are to travel! Men have much to do in roughing roads for themselves. Selfishness largely influences us all—the effects of which will be sure to blunt the finer feelings and arouse a principle opposed to peace and true happiness. I have known persons made quite unhappy because the day was cloudy and they could not spread fish or go for a walk. This was very foolish, but not nearly so absurd as the couple who refused to be married because forsooth—it was thundering, I fancy an earthquake would not have prevented my being married on the day appointed—unless my place were vacant, or the lady had jilted me, which the sex never do except in their dreams, tho' it must be confessed they have astonishing facilities in sleeping romances. If you ask me who invented dreams, I would say woman! And this I would conclude from the fertility of their imagination, because, I believe, a woman can imagine anything except that she is unattractive; because to do so would be to go against nature, and they are all natural to "a degree." I am wandering into forbidden paths, beyond the jurisdiction of our Inspectors of Roads, and must go to bed.

HEATHEN CHINESE.

July 9.

(From the Public Ledger, July 2.)

Yesterday morning Patrick Geehan suffered the extreme penalty of the law for the murder of Garrett Sears. The execution took place in the yard Westward of the Penitentiary, in the presence of the High Sheriff, his deputy and a few members of the Legal and Medical Profession and of the Press. The unfortunate man has enjoyed good sleep all ever since his confinement, and has partaken of his meals heartily; and on Sunday night, though he knew it to be his last night upon this earth, he slept as soundly as usual, and rose early yesterday morning apparently quite refreshed.

At an early hour he was visited by his Confessor, Revd. Dr. Howley, and Revd. Mr. Doughty, who assisted by four Nuns also present, continued to pray with him until past seven o'clock, when Mass was celebrated and the prisoner partook of the Sacraments. Father McGrath entered the prison shortly after. The hour of execution having arrived the prisoner was asked if he had anything to say. He replied that he had not, that he "was prepared, and the sooner it was over the better." His arms were then pinioned by the executioner, with a sash of white calico. When this was being done Geehan expressed a desire that his arms might not be too tightly secured, as he wished to shake hands with the Nuns. He then bade them farewell, and immediately afterwards was conducted by the priests from the prison, through the side door into the yard. On coming out into the yard he glanced round him at those present, and then, drooping his head, moved on with a slow and steady step to the scaffold, up which he ascended, and on to the drop, having been escorted thither by the clergy. The few persons present followed, filling in the line of procession, all with uncovered heads, in which state they remained until some time after all was over. He was dressed in prison clothes, his face was a livid white, and his hair quite grey, which had become so since his condemnation; but his quiet demeanour, and marked docility, appeared to give expression that he was either perfectly resigned to his fate, or that he was callous and indifferent of the fearful doom that awaited him. The rope having been adjusted, and his arms and legs firmly bound, he turned to the clergy and bade them good bye, then the cap having been drawn over his face, he stood erect, without a move, calmly awaiting his doom. The signal was given to the executioner by the waving of a white handkerchief, the bolt was drawn, and the wretched man was immediately ushered into eternity.

It is the opinion of the medical gentleman present that death ensued instantaneously and without the slightest susceptibility of pain. There was no motion of the body, other than a slight quivering caused, it was said, by the excitement on the nerves, all of which which had ceased in about thirty seconds.

After the body had hung the usual time prescribed by law—thirty minutes—it was lowered into its coffin, and conveyed into the cell recently occupied by Geehan, and upon examination by Drs. Crowley & Simms, these gentlemen pronounced life extinct, and signed the necessary legal papers to that effect. The scaffold was erected in a yard adjoining and Westward of the Penitentiary. An inquest on the body was holden yesterday afternoon. Dr. Renouf acting Coroner, when a verdict in accordance with the facts was rendered, and the body interred in a grave within the prison yard at the North West corner of the Penitentiary. There were not more than 20 or 30 persons present outside of the Penitentiary gate; but several groups could be seen from the prison yard, on the hill side to the North of Quidi Vidi Lake. We concur with the Chronicle that "the Sheriff and the officials of the prison deserve

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