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MISCELLANEOUS.

The office of the *News-Letter*, Belfast, Ire., was "wrecked" by a mob on the 2nd July.

The first newspaper in Cyprus has already been brought to light in the Greek language under the name of that Island.

In Dublin, Ire., £700 damages were awarded to Teresa Harwood for breach of promise. The defendant was a compositor named Grace.

Since the sale of newspapers has become free in France, the venders have increased in Paris alone one thousand fold, and are making money.

The *Christian World* announces that it will shortly put up new Marinoni machines. The paper will also be enlarged and the present price of one penny will be adhered to.

Messrs. Collins and Co.'s paper works at Darwen were almost completely destroyed by fire. The damage is estimated at £30,000.—*Liverpool paper*.

A sad drowning accident occurred at Whitesands, near Plymouth, when Mr. E. Spender, chief proprietor of the *Western Morning News*, and two of his sons, were drowned while bathing.

Dr. Thomas Thomson, for some time superintendent of the Botanic Gardens at Calcutta, and one of the authors of Hooker and Thomson's *Flora Indica*, died at Calcutta on the 18th of April.

The circulation of Russian newspapers may be estimated from the fact that the busiest news-vender in St. Petersburg does not, on an average, sell more than 250 copies each day, and that

there are only twelve newspapers in the Russian capital.

Fired by emulation of the New York *Herald* and the London *Daily Telegraph*, the *Moniteur Universel*, of Paris, has dispatched Mr. Soleillet, a French traveller, to prosecute some investigations in Equatorial Africa in the footsteps of Stanley.

The death of Mr. Henry Skiddy, a reporter on the Liverpool, Eng., *Daily Post*, is announced. Mr. Skiddy was connected with daily journalism for over twenty years in England, Ireland and America, and succeeded in winning the respect and esteem of his colleagues.

At a final meeting of the Executive Committee of the Caxton Celebration, August 2nd, in the library of the Bank of England—Sir Chas. Reed presiding—Mr. Hodson, the hon. secretary, announced that the clear balance amounted to £1,116 3s. 2d., which was directed to be handed over to the Printers' Pension Corporation.

Prince Bismarck has announced to the veteran German liberal Arnold Ruge, who has been living in Brighton, England, for many years, that a pension of 3,000 marks a year will be paid to him out of the German Treasury. Ruge was in 1848 the editor of the *Réforme*, and while the state of siege was existing, the paper was seized, and its type, presses, etc., confiscated. He was afterward mixed up in the Dresden insurrection, and found shelter in England, where he has remained ever since.

The *Journal für Buchruckerkunst*, in commenting on the statement that Jenny Hirsch, of Boston, date 1696, was the first female compositor, quotes Bernard's "*De l'Origines et des Débuts de l'Imprimerie en Europe*," that Domenico de Piastoria, abbot of the Rippoli Monastery at Florence, employed the nuns as compositors between the years 1476 and 1484, and proving thereby that the "women compositors" question is of a more remote date—in fact, somewhere near forty years later than the discovery of printing itself.

A dollar bill (either U. S. or Canadian currency) enclosed in an envelope with a registration stamp on it (costing two cents in Canada and ten cents in the U. S.), and addressed to this office will secure the *Miscellany* for one year.