

Death of Mr. Peter Brown.

(From the Globe.)

It is our painful duty to record to-day the death of Mr. Peter Brown, well-known throughout Canada for nearly a quarter of a century in connection with this and other public journals. For a year past Mr. Brown had been in very feeble health, resulting from an attack of congestion of the lungs, from which he never fully recovered; and yesterday, in consequence of a return of his ailment, he sank peacefully to his death at the 79th anniversary of his birth, and the 50th of his marriage.

Mr. Brown, in his earlier years, was a merchant in the city of Edinburgh, Scotland, and an active politician on the Liberal side in the days of borough-reform agitation. He emigrated with his family to New York in 1836, where he resided for five years. While there he contributed to the editorial columns of the New York "Albion," and afterwards became editor of the British Chronicle. While in New York he published a volume that attracted much attention at the time, under the title of "Fame and Glory of England vindicated." It was intended as a reply, and it proved a most successful reply, to the well-known production of Mr. C. Edwards, "The Shame and Glory of England." In 1843, at the solicitation of the prominent ministers and members of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, Mr. Brown consented to remove to Toronto and establish the Toronto Banner as an independent organ of liberal Presbyterian views in Church and State. The first number appeared on the 18th August, 1843, and the journal was successfully maintained for many years under Mr. Brown's editorship with great vigor and ability. From 1844 up to 1849, he also contributed largely to the columns of the "Globe."

It may not be for us to speak publicly in praise of one so dear and so beloved. And yet, ought his literary associates of many years, who knew him well, be debarred from laying a tribute on the bier of one so prominent among Canadian journalists, to the uprightness of his character, his love of justice, his hatred of wrong, his clear judgment, his many firmness, and his genuine kindness of heart? Mr. Brown was possessed of a large and generous mind—ever on the side of freedom. He was a good classical scholar, and an earnest student to the last week of his life. He was an accurate historian, and especially in the constitutional and biographical history of the past century he was thoroughly versed. As a writer, he was vigorous and logical in thought, bold in expression, but ever, even in the heat of controversy, kind and courteous in his language. There are hundreds yet living in the backwoods and towns of Canada who talk with enthusiasm of his editorials in the "Banner," in the controversy of days by.

No man is exempt from weaknesses. Mr. Brown did not possess the faculty for business detail, and his proud spirit unfitted him for meeting difficulties which the lack of that faculty entailed. He had, however, the unpeakable happiness before his death, of knowing that the end and aim of his life was accomplished, and the sacred obligations of former years entirely requited. Through the trials of life he held fast by the Christian's hope, and he died peacefully and happily, resting with assured confidence on the atonement of his Redeemer.

Mr. Brown's partner in life preceded him to the tomb a year ago; but he leaves behind him a large circle of fondly attached children and grandchildren, to cherish his memory with gratitude and pride. And we venture to believe that few citizens of Toronto have carried with them to the tomb more sincere respect and kindly remembrance than does he who has just departed from among us.

Not Easily Frightened.

The shepherd's wife, who attends to the wants of a flock of Birkhill, Scotland, is a character worth knowing. She is strong-minded and strong-voiced; and a number of authentic anecdotes are told of her prowess. The following is one of the best.

Her house is solitary, no other dwelling being within miles of it, and during the day, when her husband and son are on the hills, she has sometimes strange visitors for the road passing the door connects the east with the west of Scotland in that district. When the Hawick branch of the North British Railway was making, navies often passed this way from the Caledonian line towards Hawick, and of these she generally had a call. A solitary Irish man came one day when she was alone, saying a little girl, a grand child. After lighting a pipe, and staring round him for a time, the following dialogue ensued:

"Well, missus," said he, "you have some mighty nice hams there."

"Nice hams," was the dry response.

"Faix, I think I'd have one, missus."

"Ye'll no get one, my man."

"Pat, nothin' at all, put his foot upon a stool for the purpose of taking one down from the ceiling, where they hung, and he did so boldly, for he saw no one was in the house but the woman and child. With a stern face, however, she suddenly stepped before him and said:

"Did any body ever come in here?"

"The devil a one," was answered defiantly.

"And the devil a one'll see ye gang out again! Bring me the axe, lassie!"

In a moment the blackguard was out at the door and off leaving her to enjoy a hearty laugh at the success of her ruse.

A REMEDY FOR MELON BUGS.—A gentleman who has had much experience in raising melons, informs us that the best thing to keep bugs from the vines is—

Sulphur, 1 tablespoonful.
Yellow soap, 1 tablespoonful.
Cayenne pepper, 1 tablespoonful.
Mix the whole with half a pint of flour, and apply to the plants when they are moist.

GLANDERS.—The following paragraph occurs in Dr. Dadd's new book on the Horse:

"Whoever undertakes to attempt the cure of this awful malady must remember that he is running a great risk of losing his own life, for the absorption of the least particle of the virus will cause death in one of the most horrible of all forms; and many cases are on record going to show that whole families have been destroyed by absorbing the glandered virus."

"This smacks of heaven!" said a youth as he kissed the maiden's cheek. "Well, you're plenty of lip, I'm sure!" replied the maiden. "Yes and you're plenty of cheek," responded the youth, as he repeated the declaration.

What is the difference between a gambler and a bill-sticker? Ans.—A gambler is a card-player, and a bill-sticker is a placarder.

What is the difference between a devoted cousin and a doing father? Ans.—One is a loving lover, and the other is a loving son.

What is that of which there are only two in every year, and yet there are two in every day in the week. Ans.—Vexation.

A Famous Land.

If there be a part of the world which ought to tempt the traveller, it is assuredly that region of Asia which lies between the Caspian and Black Seas. Tradition declares it to be the cradle of the human race. Here, as the Persians and Armenians, was the Garden of Eden; here, as every one knows, stands the mighty Ararat, from which mankind spread after the deluge. Here are the bones and most undeniable physical evidences of that astonishing catastrophe. Here hunted the Biblical Nimrod, here Noah planted the vine. Here languished Prometheus chained to the rock, with vultures ever gnawing at his liver. Hither sailed Jason and Argonauts, and hence departed the enchantress Medea. One of the rivers of this region still bears the name of Cyrus the Great. Alexander of Macedonia is a household word among the Caucasian villagers. Hence flowed Greeceward that stream of gorgeous fables which widened into Hellenic mythology. Here Pompey conquered, and the soldier died in vain. Here Gregory preached, and Tamerlane and Genghis Khan spread havoc; the Turks uprooted the Genoese on these shores, to be themselves uprooted in due time by the more opportune Russians. Over the Caucasian wall, at the dread hour when Allah's time shall sound, Gog and Magog shall cross to put an end of Islamism on earth, and destroy the kingdom of true believers. When the Russian czar away the Georgian throne, 1809, learned men at Tiflis exclaimed in their anguish that the fallen monarchy had existed without interruption since the time of Abraham; there is good historical evidence to prove a line of kings extending over a period of 2,245 years.

The Army of the Potomac.

The most extraordinary event in the military history of the present moment is the retirement of General Hooker from the command of the Army of the Potomac. While the generals of the army in the west have met with a series of successes, and the victorious through whole regions of country in rebellion, driving the rebel forces before them, the Army of the Potomac has not yet had a general able to lead it to victory. With the finest material of which any army was ever composed, it has been sadly deficient of leaders. It is the opinion of many persons that had that army been led by European generals of experience, the probability is that Richmond would have long ago been occupied by Federal troops, and the Confederacy by this time almost at an end. Why Hooker resigned is at present a mystery. Whether he lacked confidence in himself, or had lost the confidence of the Executive, or whether he found his plans frustrated by the War Department, or himself the object of jealousy on the part of rivals, nothing is known by outsiders. Every one is amazed at the retirement of a leader of an army in the face of an invading force.—Witness.

News by the China.

Paris papers announce that merchandise consigned to Mexican ports occupied by the French will be subject to only half import duty.

It is reported that the Galway contract is at length signed.

The steamer Southern which attracted suspicion and was searched at Hartlepool in the belief that she was intended for a southern cruiser, was loading at Liverpool for Nassau and was vigilantly watched.

A requisition to the Lord Mayor of London was being signed, urging him to call and preside over a meeting to petition Parliament to promote the restoration of peace in America.

Spence, the Southern financial agent, had resumed letters to the Times. He contends that the North has effected little or nothing as yet, and the policy of exhaustion will affect the North worse than the South.

The Army and Navy Gazette says there is no use in being impatient, the civil war will last a long time yet.

Polish affairs are debated in the House of Lords.

Stratford de Redcliffe had little faith in diplomatic measures.

Russell said that the notes of the three Powers were despatched to Russia on the 17th.

Malinesbury and Chelmsford attacked the Government for a rupture with Brazil. Russell defended his course.

The Queen of Prussia had arrived at Windsor.

The King of Sweden had congratulated Napoleon on the fall of Puebla.

The Council of the Austrian Empire was opened by a speech from the Emperor, giving a satisfactory exhibit by the nation.

It is probable that the answer of Russia to the three Powers will be eagerly canvassed. Some rumors say it will be favorable; others the reverse.

A Cabinet Council was held yesterday evening.

An influential deputation has waited on the Chancellor of the Exchequer, requesting the establishment of postal service between Australia and Panama.

Czarnow, 20—Wellenski with 140 Polish insurgents, sent out their way through 6,000 Russians by whom they were surrounded.

Bones and his followers have had a skirmish with a cavalry force at Gory. The losses on both sides were trifling. Bones was surrounded.

The Council of the Don are discontented, and intend to return to their own country with the large quantity of booty they have obtained by pillage.

Frankonski having recovered from his wounds has been executed by the Russians at Lublin.

Mr. Radwell has been arrested at Lough.

A SLAVE CAPTURING HIS MASTER.—A Vicksburg correspondent of the Post, giving an account of the late fight at Milliken's Bend, mentions the following: "Among the incidents of the fight worthy of note was the capture of a rebel soldier by one of Col. Lieb's men, who cried out to him, 'Hold on dar and put down your gun, or I'll shoot.' The rebel surrendered unconditionally; but, after identifying his captor, said to one of our officers that he protested against being held as a prisoner."

He said the officer: "It's good enough for you to guard you. And Jim, [addressing the soldier] if he don't behave himself, shoot him down." The dusky warrior kept a close eye upon his prisoner, but refused to hold any conversation with him, or answer any of his questions as to when he enlisted, or how he dared to level a gun at his master."

The wheat crops never looked better than they do this year, and our remark is equally applicable to all the crops. It is a circumstance worthy of remark that the fall wheat in some instances have been "tender," spring wheat also looks exceedingly well, and there are better prospects of a hay crop than there have been for some years.—North East Hope Correspondence of the Stratford Beacon.

Mr. Abbey, shipbuilder, of Port Robinson, died suddenly on Monday morning. He went to bed in apparent good health on Sunday evening, and was found a corpse the next morning.

Capture of a Wagon Train within fifteen miles of Washington.

A letter dated Georgetown, D. C., Sunday afternoon, says:—

On the Rockville pike toward Frederick, about three miles this side of Rockville, the rebels, I overtook a train of 140 wagons (all six mule teams) under charge of Capt. Page, who was proceeding toward Frederick. When within three-quarters of a mile of Rockville, Capt. Page rode ahead to the front of a hill, and halted. Soon he saw a force of one hundred rebels on the rise at the edge of the town. They sent out scouts, who advanced rapidly to within six hundred yards, and then quickly deployed into an open field on their left, while their main force lay behind the hill. The scouts then rode a few yards nearer, and fired a few shots at us. Capt. Page ordered the teamsters to turn about.

The rebels soon saw the turning wagons, and came down with lightning speed upon the unarmed teamsters, firing as they came. The train, at the head of the train which turned first, came down at a thundering rate of speed upon those in the act of turning, taking off wheels, breaking the tongues, upsetting sometimes half a dozen wagons, and then themselves becoming a total wreck. The rebels in the meantime spurred for the rear of the train, which turned first, came down at a thundering rate of speed upon those in the act of turning, taking off wheels, breaking the tongues, upsetting sometimes half a dozen wagons, and then themselves becoming a total wreck. The rebels in the meantime spurred for the rear of the train, which turned first, came down at a thundering rate of speed upon those in the act of turning, taking off wheels, breaking the tongues, upsetting sometimes half a dozen wagons, and then themselves becoming a total wreck. 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