

Mr. Pyne, the hero of Liddinny Castle, has "stolen away," eluding the police sentries. The police are scouring the country for him.

King Humbert, of Italy, has contributed \$4,000, and the Pope \$600, to a fund for the relief of sufferers by the recent earthquake in Calabria.

Col. King-Harman, Under Secretary for Ireland, in response to an appeal from his tenants, has offered a 40 per. cent. reduction of rents.

It is reported a fight between Sullivan and Mitchell will take place in a large farm outhouse in Kent Co., England. Tickets are selling at \$2.75 each.

The disease of the Crown Prince of Germany has again taken an unfavorable turn, and Sir Morall MacKenzie had hurriedly left England for San Remo.

The death of Prince Ching, father of the Emperor of China is reported. He exercised great influence at court, but his death will cause no alteration of policy.

Gold has been found at Dolgelly, N. Wales, to the tune, if the report is correct, of 6 oz. to the ton, and 150,000 tons of gold-bearing material has been exposed.

An immense fuss is still being made in England over Sullivan, the prize fighter, in which the Prince of Wales has figured, he having had Sullivan introduced to him.

An emigration return for 11 months shows an increase to Canada of over 14,000 and to the States of over 57,000. The return shows a total increase of emigration of 64,940.

It is reported that Mr. Gladstone is going to the continent shortly. He is suffering more or less from a catarrhal affection, which gives him trouble in the head and throat.

The London correspondent of the Liverpool *Mercury* writes that he has it on the best authority that Mr. Parnell is suffering from internal cancer, and that an operation is possible.

The *Correspondence de L'Est* states that Russia has agreed to accept the Duke of Gothland, the second son of the King of Sweden, as a candidate for the throne of Bulgaria in place of Prince Ferdinand.

Colonel Eardley Maitland, C. B., Royal Artillery, who has some connections in this Province, has been granted the temporary rank of Major-General while employed as Director General of Ordnance Factories.

Prince Barclay-de-Tolly, son of the well-known General, has been struck off the Russian army list for having christened his child after the Lutheran rite. Such is the state of religious toleration in the dominions of the Czar.

A third cargo of Canadian cattle has arrived at Aberdeen. 265 animals sold at an average of £10 9s. The sale is expected to cover expenses. The second sale gave a profit of £40. This has not a very promising appearance.

Colonel (and Local Major-General) Sir Geo. Stewart White, K. C. B., V. C., commanding the Burmah Expeditionary Force, has been promoted to the substantive rank of Major-General for "Distinguished Service in the Field."

Lord Dalhousie's life was insured for about \$200,000. His four younger sons will be well provided for, as under the Scotch law of entail, the free, (i.e., the net,) rental of the settled estates during the next three years will be laid aside for them.

The latest reports from Europe seem to indicate that the anxieties and jealousies of Austria, Germany, and Russia are for the present modified, and it is probable the advance of the winter season will also tend to discourage belligerent tendencies.

At a convention of landlords at Dublin, the agent of Lord Lansdowne advocated State advances to the landlords to enable them to pay mortgages, accepting rentals as security. Mr. Everard favored the proposal, and said it was the landlords last chance.

M. Jules Ferry was shot at and wounded by a man named Aubertin or Bercklein on Saturday. Mr. Ferry's wounds are not serious, and he has received any amount of congratulations on his escape. The would-be assassin is a lunatic revolutionist.

The Marquis of Clanricarde is showing a bad spirit as an Irish landlord, and from a correspondence published by Sir M. Hicks-Beech, it appears that the latter, when Chief Secretary for Ireland, made considerable efforts to modify the Marquis' harsh action.

It is reported that the Pope will refuse to see the Emperor of Brazil, if the latter visits King Humbert. It is probably a *canard*. Such a course would be quite out of keeping with the tact of His Holiness, and with the broad statesmanship he has always manifested.

The English Government has requested Mr. Morrison, leader of the Crofter movement, to go to British Columbia and report upon the suitability of the country for the Crofters. If the report is favorable the Government propose to assist the Crofters to emigrate.

Who is she? Of course "she" is at the bottom of it. More than one in the case of the forged letters foisted on the Czar. The Countess Walkenstein Trostburg, wife of the Austrian Ambassador at St. Petersburg, the Countess Pritwitz, wife of the Emperor William's Grand Chamberlain, and the Countess Perponcher were the conspirators.

Says the *British American Citizen*:—"The Lewis Crofters take their starvation very sweetly. They killed a good many deer before the sheriff arrived, but submitted the moment he put in an appearance. They fired their guns into the air at his orders, then sat down on the grass, respectfully took off their bonnets while he harangued them in Gaelic on the sinfulness of shooting Lady Matheson's deer."

## A VALIANT FIGHT.

HOW ROCHESTER, N. Y., WRESTLED WITH THE TELEPHONE AND WON!

Rochester, N. Y., is the only city in the United States which does not generally use the Bell telephone.

On the 20th of November, 1886, about seven hundred subscribers hung up their 'phones, and they have been hung up since!

It is the most noteworthy fight with a corporation ever known.

The cause of it was the attempt of the local Bell company (whose officers all lived in another city) to exact a rate per message from the subscribers, instead of a "flat rate." The people resisted it, the courts sustained the position that the license was revokable at will, the Common Council revoked it. The company ignored this action, and, without permission, erected poles in the streets, and strung additional wires; but the courts held that this was unlawful.

According to the message rate, a house like H. H. Warner & Co., proprietors of Warner's safe cure, who were among the heaviest patrons, would have to pay something like \$1,000 a year for the same telephone service as before.

For a city of 125,000 people, Rochester has made a good many sensations. Sam Patch and his deadly leap, the Fox sisters' spiritual rappings, Seward's "Irrepressible conflict" speech, Susan B. Anthony's attempt to vote, the cometary discoveries of Dr. Swift, of Warner's observatory, have each made the city the "talk of the world"; she leads in the manufacture of proprietary medicine, and her immense nursery, shoe and clothing interests puts her in the front rank.

The origin of one of her greatest industries is interesting. About ten years ago one of her foremost citizens was stricken down in the very height of a successful business career, with what his doctors said was an incurable disease. They gave him up to die. He then used what is now known as Warner's safe cure, and since then has developed as the world's great champion of the people against the assumed monopoly of physicians over the treatment of disease.

His fight, too, has been a determined one, and as successful as determined. To-day, he is the head of the largest proprietary medicine business in the world, having branch houses and laboratories in London, England; Toronto, Canada; Melbourne, Victoria; Sydney, New South Wales; Frankfurt, Germany; Prague, Austria; Rangoon, Burmah.

Many foreign governments will not permit the manufacture and sale of proprietary medicines of any name or nature until their formulae, value and harmlessness are by them established, after the most searching scientific inquiries. In every case Warner's safe cure has passed examination with the highest satisfaction to the government chemists and analysts, and the sought-for permission has been granted which no other American has before secured.

This confirms the magnificent reputation given it by leading physicians, ministers, senators, congressmen, lawyers and ladies of the world. "Its secret of success," says the leading physician at Clifton Springs, N. Y., sanitarium, "is the simplicity of its com-

pounds and the proportions in which they are compounded."

"How do the people get on?" The universal verdict is:—"We don't miss the 'phone, except to our profit!"

There has been practically no break in the united opposition begun last November.

The American is getting to be quite as tenacious of his personal rights as against conspiring monopolies as is the typical Englishman, and this Rochester telephone episode is a noteworthy illustration of the fact.



## MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa, until Noon, on FRIDAY, 20th January, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, once per week each way, between

HALIFAX AND LOWER PROSPECT, under a proposed contract for three years and 11 months, from the 1st February next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen, and blank forms of Tender may be obtained, at the Post Offices of Halifax and Lower Prospect, and at this office.

(CHAS. J. MACDONALD,  
Post Office Inspector.  
Post Office Inspector's Office,  
Halifax, 25th Nov., 1887.)

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As one of the best in the district.

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