NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK

IMPORTANT EVENTS IN FEW WORDS FOR BUSY READERS.

A Complete Record of the Busy World's Happenings Carefully Compiled and Put Into Concise and Attractive Shape for the Readers of this Paper.

IN GENERAL.

A million whitefish fry were placed in Hamilton bay the other day.

The Sun Life Assurance Co. has declared its half-yearly dividend of five per cent.

Mr. A. E. Dixon of Peterboro' has presented that town with three acres of timber land, to be used as a public park.

The dead body of a male infant was found in Carling's creek, London, near the brewery. There is no clue to the parentage of the child.

On Easter morning the Czar found on his breakfast table an exquisitely painted egg, which contained a small silver dagger, two ivory-like hands and a slip of paper bearing the words:—"Christ has risen; we also shall rise again."

Maude Lawlor, aged 10, from Brantford, went to Buffalo expecting to meet a relative named William Smith. He failed to put in an appearance, and the police have taken the child under their protection and will try to find her friends.

The details of the calamity that has befallen the island of Zante show that since the beginning of April there have been a total of 100 earthquake shocks, averaging five each day. It is now known that 150 persons lost their lives in Monday's disaster.

The failure is announced of the Australian Mortgage Bank, with liabilities amounting to [illegible] The deposits amount to nearly $1,000,000. The failure was due to the heavy withdrawal of deposits. The bank was incorporated by act of council in 1868. Its paid-up capital was stated as $704,894.

CASUALTIES.

Two men were killed by an explosion of glycerine at Emporium, Cameron county, Pa.

The British warship Nile has been injured in a collision with a torpedo boat off the coast of Malta.

Near Kingston, Lester McCrimmon, a sailor, was knocked off the schooner Fleetwing and was drowned.

The big whaleback steamer Pillsbury, of Toledo, is sunk in Lake Erie near Turtle island light. No particulars.

Robert Essop, aged 25, of Creemore, was drowned in the Shawanga river, 20 miles north of Parry Sound. He was standing on a jam of logs which gave way.

Fourteen men working on the waterworks at Milwaukee were drowned on Thursday. The fierce gale drove the water into the intake well, which they were bricking up.

Nine men working in the Silver Bow shaft of the Butte and Boston Mining Company at Butte, Mont., were suffocated from a fire which started in the timbers of the pumping station of the 500 feet level.

Nelson Chambers, whose family lives in Amherstburg, and C. Jones, residence unknown, were killed by an explosion on the steamer Choctaw on Lake St. Clair Wednesday. Two other members of the crew were badly injured.

CRIMINAL.

Rohle and Pallister, two murderers under sentence of death, have escaped from Sing Sing prison.

Donald Robertson, sen., of Carleton Place committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor.

At the Cobourg Assizes John Phillips was found guilty of assaulting Francis W. Field and fined $200.

The duchess of Sutherland has been lodged in Holloway gaol to serve the six weeks' sentence passed upon her for contempt of court.

Huntingdon, B.C., has a murder mystery. John Marshall was found dead with a bullet hole in his head, and there is no trace of the murderer.

Samuel Harper, of Windsor, has been sentenced by Judge Horne to six months in the Central prison for stealing hay at Colchester South about two weeks ago.

At St. Andrew's, N. B., Dr. Harrington, charged with perjury in a Scott Act case, was tried under the Speedy Trials Act, found guilty and sent to jail for six months.

At St. Catharines Frederick Smith, an old man, was sentenced to two years in penitentiary for attempted criminal assault on an eight-year-old daughter of Wm. Tremble.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Sir John Abbott's health is improving, though the ex-premier keeps to his bed.

Wednesday was the twelfth anniversary of the death of the earl of Beaconsfield.

The Earl of Derby is suffering from heart disease and his condition causes anxiety.

Edwin Booth, the great tragedian, has been stricken with paralysis and is not expected to recover.

Emperor William left Berlin on Tuesday for Rome. He will have an audience with the Pope on Sunday.

The wedding of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria and the Princess Marie Louise of Parma took place last week at Florence.

Sir William Dawson, principal of McGill University, is expected to return to Montreal before the end of the month. His health is not completely restored.

The new Duchess of Sutherland, one of the youngest women to wear the ducal coronet, is a member of the Writers' Club, and a contributor to literature.

THE DEAD.

Sheriff Harding of St. John, N.B., died suddenly aged 74.

Mr. Dennis Kane, carriagemaker, a well-known resident of Kingston is dead.

Mr. Luke Mullock, a pioneer of Wentworth county is dead at Waterdown, aged 87.

Mrs. Almira Hancock, widow of General Winfield S. Hancock, is dead in New York.

John Lefferts of Flatbush, L.I., millionaire and member of many banking institutions is dead.

Mr. James Hough, J. P., died in Guelph, where he had lived since 1836. Mr. Hough was in his 89th year.

Gen. R. L. T. Beale, who was a prominent Confederate officer during the war, has just died at Frederick's, Va.

August B. Chisebreght the celebrated Belgian naturalist and botanist, has just died at his home in San Cristobal, Mexico.

Neil C. Simpson, for many years conductor on the Grand Trunk railway, running between Windsor and London, is dead.

FOREIGN POLITICS.

The Reichstag has passed by a large majority the bill providing for the more careful preservation of military secrets.

The second reading of Mr. Gladstone's bill to give a legislature to Ireland was carried in the house of commons by a majority of 43.

High officials of the United States state department say that no treaty for the acquisition of territory for a coaling station has been negotiated with Ecuador.

The bill prepared by the New York State Senate Committee on General Laws to prohibit combinations formed to advance prices of necessaries of life has passed the Assembly, and now goes to the governor.

A cable messenger says the Emperor of Russia has signed the extradition treaty between the United States and Russia, and that the ratifications have been exchanged by the United States Minister and the Russian foreign office.

THE LABOR WORLD.

The strike of the Santa Fe railroad mechanics is causing much trouble at Guthrie, Oklahoma. Freight is being moved.

The long fought lockout which the New York clothing manufacturers began against their cutters has been practically settled and work will be resumed at once.

The boilermakers, machinists and blacksmiths to the number of 150 employed at the Union Pacific railroad shops have struck. None of the Knights of Labor have quit, and they do not intend to do so.

Information has been received by the Dominion Government that the men at work on the Canadian Exhibition building at Chicago went on strike and their wages had to be increased from forty to fifty cents an hour.

RELIGIOUS.

Rev. Wm. Bevan of Mount Forest has been elected rural dean of Wellington.

Rev. R. J. M. Glassford will be inducted to the pastorate of Chalmer's church, Guelph, on May 4th at 2 o'clock.

Miss Galt, daughter of Sir A. T. Galt, ensign in the Salvation Army, has arrived at Ottawa to take charge of the corps there.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Presbyterian church, Western district, was held at London.

Rev. William Neilson McVicker, of Holy Trinity church, Philadelphia, has been unanimously agreed upon by the Broad church conference of Episcopalians as their candidate for bishop of Massachusetts to succeed the late Phillips Brooks.

WITH THE COMING OF SPRING.

Winnipeg fears a freshet.

Presque Isle bay is now clear of ice.

Storm signals are displayed on the lakes.

Seeding has commenced in some parts of Manitoba.

The demands at the Ottawa Experimental Farm for seed grain have exceeded the supply.

The saws were started last week in Bronson and Weston's mill at the Chaudiere, which is the earliest beginning of the cutting season in the Ottawa lumber mills since 1868.

DOMESTIC POLITICS.

The Nova Scotia legislature in committee of the whole threw out the woman suffrage bill.

Premier Fielding has intimated that it is the policy of the Nova Scotia Government to abolish the Legislative Council.

The government's investigation into the case for tariff reform will begin in Montreal this week. Mr. Foster will confer with representatives of the different industries of that city.

THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD.

A receiver has been appointed for the Maryland Steel Company.

A bill to incorporate Port Hood Coal Company was introduced in the Nova Scotia Assembly, and passed its first and second readings.

The stockholders of the Pullman Palace Car Company, at their annual meeting, decided to increase the capital stock 20 per cent. A quarterly dividend of 2 per cent. was declared.

MIGRATION.

The immigrants to Manitoba and the North-west since January 1 have taken in with them $600,000 worth of stock and effects.

Car loads of French Canadians are returning to the Montreal district from the New England states. They will now turn to the Canadian North-west.

THE WORLD'S EPIDEMICS.

Earthquake shocks of varying strength continue in the island of Zante.

A Russian immigrant afflicted with smallpox died at the quarantine grounds at Winnipeg.

An extra of The Canada Gazette, issued, contains an order in council making regulations for the disinfection of the luggage of immigrants entering Canada by way of the St. Lawrence.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Patrick Haley, aged 60, was burned to death in Montreal last week.

During a fire at Beaver Falls, Pa., three persons were burned to death.

The house of Dan Erickson, of Bradford, Bradford, Minn., was burned with all the household effects, and the man, his wife and two children were cremated.

CANADA AND THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The Manitoba Government intends sending a team of large oxen to Chicago for the World's Fair. The oxen will be hitched to a farm waggon, and the outfit, gaily decorated, will travel the streets of the city every day, by way of advertising the Manitoba exhibit.

MILITARY MATTERS.

The Governor General's Foot Guards, of Ottawa, have decided to visit Toronto on the Queen's Birthday.

MODERN IMPROVEMENTS.

Niagara town expects to have the glare of electric lights by May 20, work having been begun to that end.

THE SPORTING WORLD.

At Bradford Pa., Jim Daly, of Buffalo, knocked out Ed. Buchanan, of Boston, in the third round.

ONLY.

Only a lock of golden hair,
Only a dress she used to wear,
Only a dainty baby shoe
Worn where the restless toe came through.

Only an aching in my heart,
Only a pain and a cruel smart,
Only a place no love can fill,
Where thoughts of Baby linger still!

Only a grave that has come to be
The dearest spot on earth to me—
The place where she is now at rest
Instead of on her mother's breast!

Only a hope—since God is just—
That all of Baby is not dust—
But in some fairer land than this
My lips shall feel her welcoming kiss.

A FOOLISH RESOLVE.

His doom had been spoken, and he was to die very soon. It was the kind-hearted, gray-haired physician who had told him "the worst," with a voice inflected by altogether unprofessional emotions; and as he recalled the scene Wilfred Devereux smiled grimly.

Wilfred Devereux had led a selfish and altogether useless life, but he had found the world fairly amusing until it had begun to bore him, and of late it had bored him profoundly; so he did not care so very much if he was "going out," as he phrased it.

He was to avoid excitement. The doctor had said so. Again he smiled as he recalled this advice. For years his life had been a restless search after fresh distractions and excitement, and the sated worldling thought how entirely superfluous the counsel tendered by his physician had been.

Well, he was following out the prescription to-night, at all events, idly lounging in the luxurious little smoking-room.

He did not feel any penitence for his misspent years of manhood. No; since one summer afternoon long ago he had made up his mind to give up taking life seriously, and to regard it merely as an opportunity for having "a good time," and now he had nearly spent his life; he had had the "good time" and felt reckless.

In a few days, weeks or months—it did not interest him to speculate which—the men at the clubs would say to one another, "Hello! so I see poor old Devereux is dead," and the cousin who was to inherit his property would congratulate himself that there was anything left to inherit.

That was all. It might have been so different, but it was her fault. Was it quite fair, though, to lay the blame on his old love? Yes, yes; she had cast him off; she had sent him adrift, and his life's shipwreck was due to her.

But, despite these melancholy reflections, Devereux would not give way to gloom. On the contrary he rose, exchanged his smoking jacket for his dress coat, studied his list of engagements and, having ascertained that Mrs. Poutinger-Jones expected him at a ball in Kensington and that Lady Hildegarde had sent a card for her crush in Brook street, he sailed out into the thronging street.

Once more Devereux felt a momentary pleasure at being a citizen of the brilliant world; and then he thought of the summer nights that were to come next year, when all this life would go on just the same, while he would be lying in six feet of earth somewhere away from the sound of the throbbing of the wheels and the never-ceasing fall of feet on the London pavements.

He shuddered. After all, death was not pleasant to think about.

Again he forced his mind to thoughts of the past, and presently to such good purpose that he had forgotten Mrs. Poutinger-Jones and Lady Hildegarde, and was leaning on the parapet of the embankment, whither he had strayed, and was watching the sparkle of the stars in the dark river.

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It was a sunny summer afternoon, and the fresh breeze blew from the sea. The tide was out, and the long lines of foam were white against the blue. On the cliff edge, where the poppies flamed and the bees hummed in the thyme, stood a young man and a girl.

She wore a pink dress and a hat with a shady brim, and there was a look of pain in her eyes.

"Is that your final decision?" said the young man. "Have you no pity?"

"Pity? Yes, infinite pity; but I cannot marry you. Indeed—indeed, I cannot," she answered.

"I would do anything, anything," he pleaded, "to make you love me again. I know I am unworthy of you," he went on. "You are an angel, a goddess"—

But she only listened to his frantic praise with head averted.

"No, no, it is too late," was all she would vouchsafe in reply to his pleading. Her mingled expression of pain and scorn told the young man how he had been weighed and found wanting, and he clinched his hands in despair and mortification.

Then he drew himself up and spoke slowly and deliberately.

"Very well," he said; "since you cast me off I have nothing good left to live for. But don't think I shall waste my time in vain regrets, or that I shall ever come back to you. I will commit every sin and folly that can hide away the pain of this parting. I will squander my life as carelessly, as recklessly, as I can. I will never try again to be or to do anything pure or good.

"My only object henceforth shall be to forget; to forget you and all my foolish dreams, my belief in you and your love, my misplaced trust in womanhood and all my sins shall be laid at your door. You may repudiate them, Mary, but my sins shall be upon your head. You could save me if you would and you will not."

She made no reply. He asked her for a last kiss, for the flower she wore at her throat. But she refused both by silence and a downcast gaze. And so the romance of the young man's life had ended.

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Devereux thought of all this as he gazed into the dark flowing Thames. Heavens! how well he had kept his word about squandering his life! But he did not blame Mary now.

"Mary is in town to-night," he reflected, as his cab bowled down the embankment and under the towers of Westminster toward Kensington. "I wonder if she has changed much, and if I shall come across her before I die?"

And now he had reached his destination, and was walking up the carpeted stairway, while the music sounded above him. He could not dance. The doctor had forbidden it, so he strolled aimlessly out of the ball-room.

Sometimes one seems to know by premonition what is to happen next. So it was with Devereux, and he scarcely started when the girl of whom he had so recently been thinking about appeared before him.

The salt smell of the sea, the freshness of youth and the old impossible happiness seemed to come back to him as he looked into her beautiful, serious eyes and returned her sedate greeting. She was no longer a mere girl, but she was very beautiful—indeed, little changed from what she used to be.

Silently she suffered him to lead her out on the balcony.

"I have heard little of you since we parted," he said.

"And I have heard—much of you."

"Nothing to my credit, I fear," he said lightly. "You see, Mary, I kept my word, and wasted my life, as I foretold I should."

She made no answer.

"Do you think, Mary, that I was really so bad as you believed me to be?"

"As one grows older," she said gently, "I think one's creed grows less narrow. I treated you badly."

The last part of her reply was barely audible, but he leaned forward and caught her hand and held it lightly, while his frame thrilled, with a feeling he had thought he could never experience again.

As she was thinking sadly of him whom she had cast adrift years before, of a young man, careless, worldly, perhaps, but with many possibilities in him of good, who had, however—she knew it only too surely—since chosen evil.

Her old narrowness of mind had been lost with fuller knowledge. The girl had led a sheltered life and was ignorant of the world and its temptations. The woman who sat in the gloom of the balcony told herself that she had been wrong. That was all. But it had spoiled a man's life.

He was a weak man, to be sure, to have fretted over the loss of a girl's worthless heart; but she sat in the darkness conscious that she had made a great and grievous mistake.

And Devereux sat there as in a trance, drinking in every line of her face, dimly seen in the gloom, his heart filled unexpectedly with the sweetness of the only pure love it had ever felt. Life had been a fever of late, a hot delirium, but he had found he was not worn out and weary of it as he had believed.

Neither spoke for a few minutes. At last Devereux said; "Mary, could you love me now?"

"Hush!" she said; "you must not speak so. I am married."

"Then I hope you are happy," he said very gently.

She was silent.

"Do you know, Mary, I am to die very soon?" he said.

"To die?"

"Yes. The doctors say I cannot last many weeks."

He heard her breath come faster.

"Mary, will you give me the kiss you refused me once?"

She bent forward and pressed her lips to his pale brow.

"Do you remember I asked for a flower. You did not give it to me. Will you give me one now?"

She took a white flower from her hair and gave it to him. Then he led her indoors and returned to the balcony.

He sat down and crushed the flower she had given to him to his lips, while its fragrance seemed to penetrate to his soul.

They found him there in the early morning—asleep, they thought—with a smile on his worn face.

But it was something else than sleep. For him the "fever called 'living'" was ended at last.

The Safest Railway Cars.

Every commercial traveller has an opinion of his own as to that position which makes a car the safest one in a train. Some of them hold that it is the one next the baggage car; the majority maintain that the centre of the train is the least dangerous, while there are still individuals, in the minority, to be sure, who favor the rear car.

These opinions have been gained in many instances from practical experience in railroad wrecks which are of course by no means infrequent in certain sections of the country. As such they are entitled to consideration, but the dissimilar views really go to show that the position of a car in a train as regards its greater or less safety is a matter of speculation alone.

Upon one matter, however, all the travelling men agree, and that is that no matter what the position of the car is, the safest ones of all are the heavy sleeping, parlor, buffet cars and the like. They are commonly referred to by the drummers as "better than an accident policy." There is every reason for the holding of this favourable opinion of these cars. Their heavier frames and trucks render their telescoping a difficult matter, and the[illegible] leave the rails in a [illegible] any other cars in [illegible] greater weight.

COUNTY NEWS.

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM OUR STAFF OF CORRESPONDENTS.

A Budget of News and Gossip. Personal Intelligence.—A Little of Everything well Mixed up.

FORFAR.

MONDAY, April, 24.—Wm. Fry has returned from Brockville.

The suit between Wm. Adrain and Mr. Stafford has been settled by Mr. Adrain paying damages and cost.

The theme of conversation on the street for the last week has been the Luckey trial at Brockville.

Our factory has opened for the season. Mr. Henry Irwin is maker.

The roads are in a very bad condition.

Some of our boys conduct themselves in a very unseemly manner on Sundays. If their parents have no control over them, some one should take them in hand that would have. The statutes provide for the infliction of a very heavy penalty upon any person creating a disturbance at a place of worship.

TOLEDO.

SATURDAY, April 22.—An Epworth League has been organized here.

A good many from this place attended the assizes at Brockville last week.

The Sharkey boys left on Monday for their cheese factories.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Wm. Poulin is still gaining.

Charley Sharkey, who has been sick, is out again.

O. Lillie, dentist of Brockville, spent a few days at Mr. Stephen Clark's this week.

Miss C. McLean, of Bishop's Mills, who has been the guest of Mrs. C. A. McLean for the past few weeks, returned home this week.

Some little excitement prevailed here on Friday night when it was learned that Charles Luckey had been acquitted.

The boys of Toledo and vicinity are fishing in Marshall's creek for something that they cannot find.

WESTPORT.

SATURDAY, April 22.—The roads are in a very poor condition.

M. J. P. Ryan, who has been sick for some time, died this afternoon.

Mr. Noah Whitmarsh has purchased a fine horse from Mr. Peter Rooney.

A large sheet of ice was blown up the lake with such force as to tear up a part of Foley's wharf.

The bodies are to be taken out of St. Edward's vault on Monday.

Mr. James J. McCann has sold his farm on the mountain and moved into the village.

Mr. James Conley is putting a plate glass front in his shop on Church street. Mr. C. N. Simmons, watchmaker, is to occupy it.

The Society of Chosen Friends is increasing in numbers.

Dipping suckers seems to be the principal sport of this season.

A new arrival at Webster's. It's a girl.

Mr. J. H. Whelan is suffering from rheumatism.

NEWBORO

MONDAY, April 24.—The ice has disappeared from the lakes and the balmy air of spring is anxiously looked for.

Mrs. Geo. McFadden contemplates visiting the World's Fair during the mild spring weather.

The str. Ranger will be ready by the opening of navigation.

The Methodist congregation will use Victoria Hall as a place of worship during the erection of the new edifice.

Miss Maud Johnson, of Seeley's Bay, is spending a few days with friends on Carlton street.

The net across the mouth of the canal has been doing good service. It will be moved to Adrain's creek during the sucker exodus.

Considerable excitement prevails over the many cases which will be tried during May court between Geo. Lewis, Brockville, who represents the "Standard Printing & Publishing Co.," and the merchants of this place for printing accounts which have been settled by Mr. Fritze, the late manager of the Newboro Standard. It is to be decided whether Mr. Fritze had authority to transact such business or not for the company. The merchants are determined to probe the matter to the bottom.

Much satisfaction is evinced through the change of milliners at Whaley's.

The recent heavy rains have left the roads almost impassable.

The painting of the outside walls of the English church will be completed in a few days.

SEELEY'S BAY.

SATURDAY, April 22.—Rev. G. S. White will hold four days quarterly meeting services in the Methodist church, afternoon and evening, commencing May 3rd.

Miss L. M. Johnson has gone to Newboro to reside.

Travel across the bridge at Brass's Point is stopped owing to a dispute about the right of way. Mr. P. Webb has handed around a petition and placed it before the council for the purpose of settling the matter.

The Methodist Sunday school have purchased a new library. The annual election of the officers took place Thursday evening, 20th inst. Mr. G. R. Hawkins was elected superintendent, and Mr. S. E. Gorsline assistant superintendent. The rest of the old officers were re-elected.

A deep interest is being taken in the Tuesday evening cottage prayer-meetings. They are being well attended.

Miss L. Putman is learning the tailor trade with S. E. Gorsline.

The mill is busy at present, sawing shingles.

The ice has nearly all disappeared from the canal.

Mr. Albert Leadbeater is building an addition to his barn.

Miss Ella Huffman of Delta is again in charge of the millinery department in W. J. Barns' store.

Mrs. W. W. Williams has returned home from Toronto where she has been purchasing her new spring stock of millinery goods.

The scow John A. is being fitted out for the season's navigation.

C. C. Gilbert is busy making bee hives. He purposes going into bee culture extensively this summer.

Gardiner's cheese factory is making six cheese on Mondays and four other days at present. Mr. Joseph McAlona is cheesemaker.

There are a good many cases of measles reported in this vicinity.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Remember the illustrated lecture to-night in the town hall.

Alabastine, kalsomine, and floor paint at G. W. Beach's.

Athens dogs will be adorned with aluminum tags this year.

Dr. W. P. Chamberlain, Morrisburg, is in Athens this week.

The W. C. T. U. meets on Friday the 28th, at the usual hour, in their hall and hope to see a full attendance of members.

Kid Gloves, Kid Gloves, Kid Gloves, this week, at G. W. Beach's.

Mr. D. W. Downey, Brockville, was in Athens on Saturday last attending the funeral of his uncle, Richard Kelly.

Eliza Latimer, relict of the late Wm. Johnston, died at her home near Frankville on Monday last, aged 69 years.

The Royal Templars of Athens have decided to give a musical and literary concert on Friday evening May 19. Watch for bills.

Beach's store is the place to buy men's, boys', and children's ready-made clothing, where you will find the largest stock, the finest goods, and the lowest prices.

After the forms were made up for press we learn of the sudden death at Glen Buell, this morning, of Mrs. Wm. A. Westlake. Funeral at Glen Buell school house at 2 p. m. to-morrow (Wednesday).

The ice still keeps fishermen out of the "big waters" of Charleston and loose ice in the harbor renders trolling not a very pleasant pastime. Even in the narrow bounds of the harbor bay, however, a few salmon can be caught. On Monday J. B. Saunders and N. C. Williams hooked four and W. F. Earl and Lew King captured one.

RHEUMATISM CURED IN A DAY.—South American Rheumatic Cure for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75 cents. Warranted by J. P. Lamb.

Prof. Robertson has shipped the mammoth cheese, manufactured at Perth, to the World's Fair at Chicago. It is stated that 207,200 pounds of milk were used in making it. This milk being equal to the milk for one day in September of ten thousand cows It measures twenty-eight feet in circumference by six feet in height. A special truck has been made for transporting the cheese through Great Britain, whither it will be sent after the World's Fair closes.

$40 Found.

MR. EDITOR;—California is a lovely country, the sick get well, the poor get rich, cyclones and frosts are practically unknown. A hundred to three hundred dollars is made each year on fruits with irrigation. The California Land and Water Exchange, of Dayton, O., control large quantities of land in California, which they plant, cultivate, pay taxes for ten years, paying you $40 per acre as your part of the profit, they keeping the balance for the care and cultivation. They give an acre of land away with each 4 certificates. All they ask you to do is to pay for the irrigation, which can be done in small payments each month. They will send you the names of 90 persons who last year received from $25 to $500 on one year's investment. President Harrison says, "Half of the good things of California have not been told." The Hon. Jeremiah Rush says, "Truly California is a poor man's paradise." To five-acre holders the California Land and Water Exchange, of Dayton, O., give a free return ticket to view the property. Why should any one be poor when such a chance remains open and you do not have to do any labor or work, to get the profits and do not have to leave home. Write them to-day and get full particulars. A CALIFORNIAN.

RAT-AND-CAT BATTLE.

A Remarkable Engagement, in Which the Laws of Nature Were Reversed.

"When the cats are away the mice will play," is an old saying, as everybody knows. The little blue-coats at the Western Union Telegraph office, in the Board of Trade building, have changed this to make it read "When the rats are away the cats will play." They claim that the largest and oldest rodents in Louisville are in their office, and they ought to know, for they go every day into every quarter of the city. The Western Union rats are enormous. Even Manager Smith does not deny that.

One day Mr. Smith dropped a suggestion before a group of his messenger boys that a few cats might do away with the nuisance. These little fellows told all the other boys in the office and the next day cats lounged upon all the desks, in the corners, behind doors and all over the operators' tables. A lot of food was brought down from the Galt House, and the cats thought they had been brought to an institution for poor and aged felines to spend the closing days of their lives. All went well for a few hours, and then the fun began. An old rat, weighing some two or three pounds, walked into the middle of Manager Smith's office with his customary impudence and was soon the discoverer of the fact that there were a great many strange animals around. At first he could not imagine what they could be, but after pushing his nose against the soft hair of one of them he remembered that they were cats. In his youth he had heard about them. Instantly the old rat went into his hole, but he was soon marching back at the head of a brigade of veterans full of fight. Then how the fur did fly! Out of every door the cats rushed pell mell, the army of rats after them. In a few minutes the rats returned from the chase and took possession of the Galt House meat that had been served to their enemies. That was several months ago, and since then a cat, large or small, has never darkened the doorway of the Western Union. The rats hold the fort. Manager Smith says he has submitted, and thinks nothing of seeing a big rodent sitting on his desk playing with the red-ink bottle.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Quarantine Office Abolished.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—It is understood that Secretary Morton will shortly issue an order abolishing the quarantine division of the Agricultural Department, the chief of which is Robert Blaine, a brother of the deceased statesman. The Secretary takes this action on the ground that the work of the division is not sufficient to continue it longer. During the past year the importation of cattle into the United States has greatly decreased. The work of this division hereafter will probably be assigned to the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Dress-Making.

Go to Miss A. Richards for first class dress making at reasonable prices Opposite town hall, Central St., Athens. 17-3m.

Notice.

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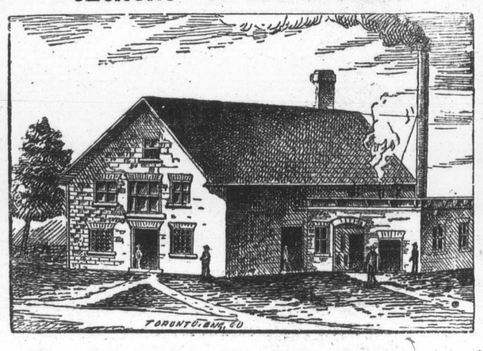

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Athens, April 3, 1893. JAS. F. GORDON

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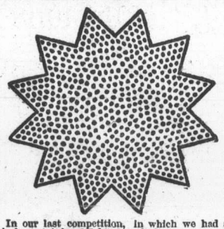

In our last competition, in which we had a circle containing 345 dots, we had answers ranging from 300 to 4,000,000. On the whole, however, our customers counted better than we expected. At the close of the competition the winners were notified of their success, and the presents awarded just as we advertised. As a proof of this and as an evidence that we have kept perfect faith with our patrons, we will send a complete list of winners (excepting those objecting to publicity) to any address on receipt of a 3 cent stamp to pay postage. We do this instead of publishing them on account of the list being so very large. In our present competition we present the above star and ask our customers to count the dots as they did with those in the circle. With it we make this offer:—

To the first three persons sending in the correct answer we will give each an elegant GOLD WATCH, with ELGIN, WALTHAM, DUEBER HAMPDEN, or other first-class movement. We will give the same to the senders of the three correct answers, who are equally far from the first and the last, while the persons sending in the last three correct answers will each be given watches exactly similar to the other six. THIS MAKES NINE GOLD WATCHES, EACH OF WHICH IS VALUED AT $100, that will positively be given away. A sample watch is now on exhibition at our office, and can be seen by any person interested; so if our sincerity is doubted the person may call, or have a friend do so, and see that they are all we claim. Remember each one is first-class and will be accompanied by a guarantee from the maker. WE PRESENT GOLD WATCHES in this competition in preference to PURSES OF GOLD because as a rule they last longer, and can, for years afterwards, be shown by the delighted possessors as an evidence that we do exactly as we promise. The watches will be presented in ladies' or gentlemen's sizes as desired. In addition we will give ONE HUNDRED EXTRA PRESENTS such as SILK DRESS PATTERNS, VALUABLE PIECES OF JEWELLERY, USEFUL AND PRETTY ARTICLES FOR THE TOILET, ETC., for intermediate correct answers. Should there be no correct answers, the presents will be distributed among those whose answers are nearest the correct number. Each answer must be accompanied by 50 cents in silver or stamps to pay for a box of Dr. Marz's Health Pills. We sell you the pills and give you the present. To any person who is dissatisfied and does not find the Pills exactly as we represent them, we will return their money. Our sole object in making this extraordinary offer is to introduce this excellent remedy into every home in America.

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