

CALENDAR FOR APRIL

Calendar table for April 1876 with columns for days of the week and numbers 1-30.

First Quart, 1st d. 11h. 57m. a. m. Full Moon, 3th d. 3h. 24m. p. m. Last Quart, 16th d. 4h. 23m. p. m. New Moon, 24th d. 2h. 49m. a. m. First Quart, 30th d. 5h. 13m. p. m.

Amherst Gazette.

AMHERST, N. S., APRIL 14, 1876.

Death of A. T. Stewart.

The wealthiest merchant in America has gone to his rest. After an illness of nearly three weeks, of inflammation of the bowels, Alexander T. Stewart died at his marble mansion, New York, on Monday last.

He was born a few miles from Belfast, Ireland, on Dec. 12th, 1803. His father, who was an extensive land-owner, died when the child was but three days old, and the many orphans, he owed much for the prominent traits of character which afterwards distinguished him.

He received a liberal education, and had entered Trinity College, Dublin, with the intention of entering the ministry, but afterwards changed his plan and at 16 emigrated to America, without any special letters of introduction.

At 16 he was in New York, and he was engaged in teaching—Mr. Stewart in Halifax, and Mr. Bennett in St. John, N. B.

Mr. Stewart's first situation in New York was that of teacher in an obscure school, and his next a more prominent position in a commercial school, at \$300 a year.

On attaining his majority he returned to Ireland to receive his patrimony, amounting to about £1000, which, as previously advised by Mr. Chambers, he invested there in ironworks and woolen trimmings.

These two took a ship 22 feet wide and 20 feet deep in an oblong tenement, just opposite Mr. Stewart's present down-town establishment, at a rent of \$375 a year.

A most fortunate circumstance, and one which contributed immensely to their success, was in being located next door

to the celebrated Bonafant brothers, whose beautiful stock of fancy notions made the locality a popular resort of the leading dames of the city.

Most of Mr. Stewart's stock was afterwards purchased at auction. He was considered one of the best judges of lace in New York, and as his trade was largely in these, as well as gloves and hosiery, all of which he was expert in dressing up

so as to give an appearance of freshness, he was enabled to undersell others, and soon secured a profitable and fashionable trade.

He soon added one store-room after another, in the vicinity of his headquarters, and when three years in business took a shop of three stories and 30 feet deep.

In 1848 he first occupied his down-town store, a palatial establishment which, land and building included, cost him \$300,000.

Fourteen years later his existing business necessitated his removal to his magnificent Tenth street store—the largest establishment of the kind in the world. It contains 60,000 square feet of floor space, each having an area of 24 acres, making a total of 18 acres, devoted to dry goods.

The employee number about 2000, and the expenses, among which is always included a large sum for advertising, are about \$1,000,000 a year. The amount of sales at this and the wholesale house combined have reached \$70,000,000 in a year, and average \$30,000,000.

Stewart generally bought on credit for cash, and through commercial crises, when disaster swept through the mercantile ranks, he held the even tenor of his way.

At the crisis of 1837, he was worth perhaps \$2,000,000. By advertising his stock at cost, and selling as he advertised, he not only compelled a trade of \$5,000 a day, but added to the name and fame of his establishments. With the money taken he was able to buy again at low prices.

On one purchase of silks of \$50,000, half cash and half at 60 days, he bought \$50,000 worth of silks at 60 per cent. less than the cost imported, realizing \$20,000 from the transaction.

At the time of the rebellion, instead of suffering by the loss of Southern trade, seeing the demand which would result from certain army supplies, he engaged the whole production of several manufacturing for months in advance, and the U. S. Government found him almost the only man able to contract for blankets, uniforms, etc. He thus won millions of dollars.

In 1858, President Grant named Mr. Stewart for Secretary of the Treasury, although willing to accept, he was created by an enactment which ren-

dered it illegal for one engaged in trade to hold it.

He was a man of great foresight, of exact discipline, but above all, of untiring diligence and devotion to business. He is credited with being, beyond most men, instrumental in making New York the emporium it is, and in introducing the upright system of undeviating prices.

That he was not uncharitably made illustrious by one instance of his generosity which we remember. During the famine in Ireland he sent there a cargo of provisions costing \$20,000, and gave 139 young emigrants a free passage to New York in the vessel.

He was married 65 years ago to Miss Clinch, of New York, who survives him. Their two children died in infancy. He was a great appreciator of works of art, and had one of the finest picture galleries in the city. His latest purchase for it was the "Charge des Courriers," by Meissonier, at a cost of \$75,000.

He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. His wealth is estimated at 70 to 100 millions. The business will continue as usual, in the hands of Judge Hilton, who for years has been his confidential and legal adviser, and Mr. Libbey the only surviving partner.

What our Lumbermen are Doing.

As will appear by the following list, the past winter has not been a dull one with our lumbermen. Twenty-five million superficial feet of lumber, worth at least \$168,000,000 is not a bad exhibit for one season's operations, and we only hope that those interested will be repaid by realizing good prices. Our own list is not yet being completed, we take from the Standard the following, giving the number of logs obtained by the parties named—

River Phillipian its Branches.—Chas. Bent, 2,700; J. Bartlett, 2,500; Theo. Fillmore, 1,000; Hugh McMillan, 3,100; Fred K. O'Leary & Brothers, 17,500; Rupert Donkin, 1,400; Levi Donkin, 1,000; James O'Leary, 4,000; Charles Bragg, 1,100; John Schurman, 3,000; George Nix, 1,000; T. J. M. Chapman, 2,000; Joseph Schurman, 700; John Ripley, 300; John Colbourne, 2,000; Levi Sweet, 500; Ephraim Sweet, 300; Herbert Sweet, 500; Richard Black, 2,000; James Rogers, 1,400; George Beashever, 1,300; Joseph Dimock, 700; Eder Weatherhead, 600; Messrs. Cove & Keiver, 10,000; John Hyatt, 2,000; Daniel Dykes, 2,000; Matthew Johnson, 500; Jacob Baxter, 1,000; Amos Schurman, 400; Andrew Taylor, 500; Theo. Taylor, 1,000; Anthony Sweet, 500; Theo. McMillan, 1,500;

Ripley & Britton, 2,000; Henry Johnson, 2,500; Wm. Jackson, 1,000; Chas. Bulmer, 500; James Colburn, 300; Robert Ripley, 500; Theo. Austin, 400; Shavinians River and Branches.—Jno. Bellard & Sons, 3,000; the Company Mill of Smith's, 8,000; Matheson & Dickey, 5,000; T. B. Smith, 8,000; B. H. Smith, 3,000; John Smith & Sons, 3,000; Nathaniel Smith, 2,000; Theo. Smith's mill, 2,500; Wesley & William Smith and Sons, 5,000; Ephraim and Wm. Finley, 600; J. T. Brownell, 300; John and James Burns, 1,500; Baxter, Burns and others, 3,000; John N. and Matthew Angus, 1,500; Robert Angus and son, 1,240; Mud Creek Mill, 1,500; Aaron Brownell, 500; A. C. Burns' Steam Mill, 30,000; Oscar Black, 1,000.

Parrboro'.—Messrs. Young & Co. (Moore River), 8,000; R. and J. Ward (Diligent River), 1,800; McCabe, Bentley and Gow (Diligent River), 2,000; Byron Newcomb Cascade Valley, 2,500; A. McKay, do, 400; Theo. Fulton, do, 100; P. Taggart, do, 100; Messrs. Taylor's (Halfway River), 800; Sundry small quantities, 2,000.

Notwithstanding the depression of the times, Messrs. Smith Bros., Halifax, have during the past year erected an additional warehouse, which with a large portion of their former premises will be exclusively devoted to wholesale staple and fancy dry goods. This firm has a high reputation, and, as one example of business sagacity, advertise in such papers as the GAZETTE.

The Home Circle Minstrel Troupe announces by posters, &c., its first performance, to be given in Mason Hall on Tuesday evening next. We have seen some of its programme rehearsed and have no doubt the performance will give every satisfaction. It has secured the services of Mr. McGrath, of the Dorchester Dramatic Club, who is excellent in Dutch Comedy.

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HARPER'S MAGAZINE for May is a bright and beautiful number, closing the Fifty-second Volume of this popular periodical.

The Number opens with an illustrated article on Southern Colorado, in connection with the recent explorations of Lieutenant Wheeler. Mr. Loring contributes an exceedingly interesting paper on Major Andre, illustrated with entirely new pictures from Dr. Hanna's rare and valuable collection.

The subject of Household Art, so admirably treated by Moncure D. Conway in former numbers of Harper, is resumed in the present number. The first of a series of illustrated papers on "Modern Dwellings; their Construction, Decoration, and Furniture," is contributed by H. Hudson Holly, the well-known architect, and is profusely and tastefully illustrated.

Including three of Woolf's humorous sketches in the Drawer, this number contains eighty engravings.

The Publishers announce the commencement of a new serial story in the June number, by Mrs. Dinah M. Craik, entitled "The Laurel Bush: an Old-fashioned Love story."

Mrs. BRY'S CHILDREN.—On Wednesday Mrs. B. distributed English children to the following persons at the stations named. Col. Lauris was prevented from coming by severe illness.

Wentworth.—Boy to John McInnis, Wallace Ridge.

Greenville.—Boy to A. F. Tanner, Greenville Crossing.

Thoson.—Girls to Mrs. Margaret Conn and C. J. O'Brien, Pughwash River; to A. S. Ross, Victoria.

Atok.—Girl to Jos. M. Layton, Parrboro'; boy to J. A. Allen, Amherst.—Boys to Alex. Campbell, Salem, J. F. Layton, Amherst, Wm. Angus, Goose River; girls to Wm. Angus, Goose River, John Pippes, Amherst.

PARRBORO'.—On Sunday last, just before close of morning services, St. George's Episcopal Church was discovered to be on fire. An alarm was promptly given, and some parties ascended the roof, chopped a hole through it and succeeded shortly in extinguishing what had threatened to be a very serious fire. Some buckets were thrown down rather successively, and one struck Mr. Heav, but inflicted no serious injury.

We had on some day an alarm of fire from Elijah Spence's and a. S. Fulton's. Both extinguished without damage.

On Wednesday, packet from Hantsport, Capt. Newcomb, 56 lbs. salsaparilla, arrived by morning tide, and sailed by p. m. tide for Windsor.

AMHERST ACADEMY.—The following averages were made during the past month by pupils in the Preparatory Department, Mr. D. B. McKean's teacher:

Add Parly - - - - - 88.31
Ella Chapman - - - - - 85.24
Sherman Rogers - - - - - 75.15
William Welsh - - - - - 75.05

In marking, 50 denotes fair, 60 to 75 good, and above that superior, 100 perfect. Parents should refer to the papers with which all pupils of the department are furnished at the end of each month.

On Saturday last, Mr. Thomas Ibbotson, Esq., in the office of W. M. Mullerton, Esq., attempted to make off with a deed which he claimed as his, when quite a lively tussle ensued, in which the lawyer advocated his cause with such force as to compel his opponent to relinquish his grasp on the coveted document. Mr. Ibbotson will have to answer at the next sitting of the Supreme Court.

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MAKINOT OX.—We saw Messrs. B. B. Buckley & Co.'s big ox weighed yesterday. His weight is 2720 lbs. raised by foot. He is six years old, with grey hair, Mr. George Riter, Westmorland, and is probably the largest in the Dominion.

It will be seen by Dr. Campbell's card that he has returned to his native county. He was a student with Dr. Dakin, of Pughwash, and spent some time in the Amherst Drug Store. We learn that his examinations were highly creditable.

Rev. S. D. Yates will preach in Ref. Presbyterian Church in this place next Sabbath morning, and at Warren at 3 o'clock, p. m. of same day.

Next Sunday will be Easter.

Correspondence.

We usually know a considerable degree of attention for the expression of correspondents' opinions on matters of public interest, but we cannot assume any responsibility for those who are not qualified to write on such matters.

SIR.—While rain and snow fall, and the ground freezes, you will never see good roads through Amherst, until they are covered with broken stone or good gravel.

To the Editor of the Amherst Gazette.

SIR.—Being in want of a few tomato and cabbage seeds, and very early spring, I called at the Amherst Drug Store, where I not only got them but was shown by Mr. Fuller the largest and best assortment of fresh garden and flower-seeds I have seen for a long time.

To the Editor of the Amherst Gazette.

SIR.—I see in your issue of March 31st, your correspondent signing himself "Zidon" is adding to the questions of the former correspondent. Please inform him that the Game Laws he writes about have nothing more to do with the Dominion Fishing Act, as respects its officers, than the man in the moon.

As respects the band of desperados who sets nets at Barron's Point, the meshes of which are not of any size, I may say that they compare favorably in measurement with other nets. They also catch large shad as well as small.

Last year I bought eight without being asked when, after being dressed (his and tall taken off) nearly filled my fish barrel. Small ones were caught in all sizes. I have seen very much smaller shad caught in waters in the adjacent county than ever I saw here.

"Lidon's" half barrel, or 167, were "picked" the Fishery Officers cannot help it. The shad did not run through twenty strings of nets below, for nearly all are caught on the flood tide, while all the strings below catch on the tide going out.

If you can spare space for this too long letter, you will very much oblige Yours, &c., DAVY CORBERT, Fishery Warden, Amherst Point, April 11th, 1876.

Cumberland County Lodge of B.T.

The Worthy County Lodge of Cumberland convened in Quarterly Session with Scotia Lodge No. 140, at Port Phillip on Friday, 31st March, at 11 o'clock, a. m., with a fair representation from different sections of the county.

The forenoon session was principally occupied in appointing a Committee to report in afternoon on session relative to the best means to be employed in establishing Juvenile Lodges, and making primary Lodges interesting and profitable.

The afternoon session was more largely attended, and an excellent and highly interesting meeting was the result. The various Committees then submitted their reports, full of job, deep-toned, temperance sentiments, calling forth remarks from a number of B. T. advocates, the topics contained in said report. Several other matters of importance were under consideration and acted upon. A public temperance meeting was held in the evening, when the W. Co. Chief, Prot. Bro. Amos Hunter, was called to the chair and made a few remarks respecting the object of the meeting, after which there were speeches from the following Bros. Dr. E. Kennedy, F. W. Smith, Wm. Dickie, H. Anderson, A. Mills and A. Chisholm. The house was well filled, and good feeling for the Cause of Temperance prevailed throughout the meeting.

At the conclusion all present expressed their extreme gratification for the manner in which they were entertained by the members of Scotia Lodge.

The next annual session will convene with Heathen Lodge No. 137, Pughwash on the last Friday of June, at half-past ten o'clock, a. m.

S. J. HERRICK, W. C. Secretary, Goose River, April 6th, 1876.

Mr. EDITOR.—X. Y. Z., in your last issue, seems desirous of conveying the idea to your readers that, forsaking other christian churches and uniting with Baptist churches, men follow the command and example of Christ.

True, there are some fortunate enough to get permanent situations and good pay, and who can do here much better than elsewhere, but at present the chances are against it, for 80 one. Good men have to do what there are men for every job, outside of permanent situations, and my own experience goes to prove it.

Owing to the heavy rains the prospects of a good crop next harvest are excellent, and as California depends largely upon her agricultural resources, this has a tendency to brighten the times, but even should the present crop be the surplus of working men would be more than equal to the occasion.

Another fact that Nova Scotians seldom think of is "Cheap Chinese Labor," "John" can work for comparatively nothing, as it takes but little to keep him, his rice and clothes being imported from China. They even undertake female servants, and soon become very handy at house work, cooking, washing, etc. They are a very industrious class of people, but of very filthy habits.

To purchase a farm in California it takes a little fortune. "Land Monopolists" owning and holding large tracts of land until they increase in value are regarded, to a great extent, the settlement of some of our finest valleys. At present we can only look ahead and wish for the time to come when such a drawback shall cease.

In mining operations it now requires money to prospect the hills; and grave mining in this vicinity, in ravines, bars and benches, that have been so rich in any place in the known gold regions of the world, and worked over and over again, must be set aside by miners and left for John to work, while miners must now go on the mountains, where untold wealth has never been disturbed and where a large amount of capital is required to develop.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I wish to warn all not to be too hasty in leaving good homes and good situations in the hope of finding better in California. There are thousands to-day wishing themselves back in the Province. My advice to all is, be contented where you are and let better alone. There are 20 feet of snow here now; we expect to see bare ground in July.

Yours, &c., T. S. P.

Wundry Items.

The price paid by Lord Duplin for Petraro, the favorite for the two thousand guineas and Derby, is not exactly known; some turf authorities giving it as £10,500 and others as £3,500.

An abduction is reported in New York of two children named Julius and Francis, who are sons of Wm. Wood, eight years. The wife of Frank Cook, who arrived on Wednesday from Germany, has also mysteriously disappeared.

John E. Shawhan, a San Francisco stock speculator, has built a stable at a cost of \$100,000, chiefly to gratify his wife, who is fond of horses. It contains a parlor handsomely furnished for her use; and the carriage and harness rooms, stalls and other apartments are finished in fine woods.

A Parisian dressmaker named Danglard has sent invitations to all her acquaintances to call and inspect the magnificent bride trousseau which she has made up for one of the Rothschild heiresses. Her saloon are said to resound with incessant exclamations of admiration from the throngs of ladies.

The bill for the construction of the Royal Albert Bridge across the St. Lawrence at Montreal having been withdrawn, it is now proposed to tunnel beneath the river. This would not, of course, interfere with navigation, which was a great objection to the erection of the bridge.

Halifax papers state that it has been discovered that Archibald Patterson, Inspector of Inland Revenue, had forged the names of his brothers, W. A. Patterson, M. P. P., and A. H. Patterson, of Truro, and Charles Graham & Co., of Halifax, on notes amounting to between eight and ten thousand dollars. He left Halifax on Tuesday last, and is believed to have fled to the United States. The forgeries were committed to enable him to carry through the banks a debt which has been pressing upon him since his failure some years ago. He was formerly a member of the Legislative Council, was very well connected, and stood high in religious circles.

Tax Exemption of Yeast.—On Friday night, at about twelve o'clock, the lava began to overflow, and a long snake-like rivulet took the direction of Pompeii. The eruption was hardly expected, for the smoke and vapor emitted by the crater for some months past in great abundance had somewhat abated. On Saturday a tremendous column of white vapor towered over the abyss, and the reflection of the burning furnace from underneath on the scathery cloud gave a splendid crimson tint, dying out into the most delicate pink. Large quantities of cinders and lapilla have been thrown up. There is reason to believe that the eruption will be a long one.—Manchester Guardian, March 25.

Four-in-hand of Whales.

PREPARING TO DRIVE ACROSS THE OCEAN IN THREE DAYS.

Capt. Elijah Williams is a weather-beaten old sailor who lives on the north shore of Long Island. For over thirty years he was engaged in the whaling trade, and was known as one of the most successful captains in the trade. He is a bachelor, and his homestead—which looks as weather-beaten as himself—stands at the end of a creek, miles away from any habitation. "Old Elijah" as he is called—is known to be eccentric; but some years ago when he put down fence at the mouth of the creek and was seen in a little boat all the day long, talking to himself, the neighbors thought he had gone crazy. Last summer a lady from the city determined to pay him a visit. Capt. Elijah at first threatened to put her out of the house, but after a while he took her across to the whaling room, which he had arranged to be a magnificent passage, that leads to the steering wheel which is immediately over the cutter, and through this the whales will be driven by long reins. In this will also be placed the loisting apparatus, which will hook and unhook the whistles. From midships at the deck is covered with a poop deck, and on that a premeditated will be arranged. The poop will be arranged into a gorgeous saloon, large enough to seat comfortably 250 people; under that again is the dining-room, which is as large as the saloon above; this is further extended by a magnificent stateroom, ladies' and gentlemen's, and the hold below contains 250 elegant bunks. Under the slanting deck are the provision room, galley, men's apartments and store rooms. The Capt. will intend only to carry passengers of first-class, and will only charge \$50 in gold, or \$72 for the round trip.

Capt. Williams then led the way to his whale barn, which is a regular building under water, with pine plank divisions and floor for the five masted vessels. As soon as her feet touched terra firma she ran home, and since then the people have verified the lady's statement, that the old man kept several large pets in the creek.

Last Christmas the community of the North Beach were thrown in consternation by the report that the Captain had contracted with a ship-building firm in port Jefferson for the construction of a vessel, to be built under the supervision of the Captain, and soon after the keel was laid, and the ribs of a curious construction became visible. The ship-builder said that the captain was "all right," but that the vessel would have neither steam or sails; that the Captain had discovered a power by which the vessel could be drawn to Liverpool in three days.

The Captain said he had heard of Barnum training a seal, and why should he not train the fish to pull us around on the water as the horses did on land?

"Well, you see," continued the Captain, "I must commence at the commencement. When I was a boy and made my first trip on a whale I saw a seal pulled by a harpoon whale about as fast as our race! I said anything good. I made a deep impression on me, and I made up my mind if ever I became any body, I would tame a whale the same as a farmer tames a colt, and drive about the seas. Many years passed, and I seen the same things many times, and have been in a boat pulled along like lightning by one of them. On my return, after a long cruise, I found that an old maiden aunt of mine had left me this farm and a little ready money. I went after a share in a whaling ship, which I commanded until a few years since. I thought I would give up going to sea and live the rest of my days in quiet. I went to farming the same as other folks here, and one day I seen as how a man up East had caught a whale. That started me again again. I went to New Bedford, and soon after brought the young whale down here. I planned the course of the creek so he couldn't get out, and then I let him loose. By the time I had finished feeding the creek—for I did it all myself—I had tamed the creature so that he knew his head, four years old, and Francis him to. I christened him "Brandy," and every day I played with him for hours in the water, the same as you city folks would with a kitten. He would let me ride on his back, and he used to pull my boat and play with me as long as I wanted. I then wrote to a paper in New Bedford, advertising for five whale cubs, and soon found I could get more of them as I wanted. I bought four more, which I called "Gin," "Sherry," "Port," and "Rum," keeping them all in the tank at first, and playing with them till they were as tame as "Brandy." Well, time went on, and I began to sell the cubs, and the "Gin," "Sherry," "Port," and "Rum," were sold to other parties, and I had a fine lot of money. I then sold the "Brandy" to a party in New York, and he sold him to a party in Boston, and he sold him to a party in London, and he sold him to a party in Paris, and he sold him to a party in Rome, and he sold him to a party in Vienna, and he sold him to a party in St. Petersburg, and he sold him to a party in Moscow, and he sold him to a party in Constantinople, and he sold him to a party in Alexandria, and he sold him to a party in Cairo, and he sold him to a party in Bombay, and he sold him to a party in Calcutta, and he sold him to a party in Madras, and he sold him to a party in Singapore, and he sold him to a party in Hong Kong, and he sold him to a party in Shanghai, and he sold him to a party in Yokohama, and he sold him to a party in Kobe, and he sold him to a party in Osaka, and he sold him to a party in Manila, and he sold him to a party in Cebu, and he sold him to a party in Batavia, and he sold him to a party in Singapore, and he sold him to a party in Hong Kong, and he 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