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**The Old Year and the New.**  
 The good old year hath run his race,  
 And the latest hour draws near;  
 The cold dew shines on his hoary face,  
 And he hobbles along with a listless pace,  
 To his lonely and snow-covered resting place  
 In the northern hemisphere.

See how his stiff joints faint and shrink  
 As the cold breeze whistles by;  
 He hath a bitter cup to drink  
 As he watches the sand in his hour-glass sink,  
 Standing alone on the icy brink  
 Of the gulf of eternity.

His scanty robe is wrapped more tight  
 As the dim sun declines lower;  
 And no stars arise to cheer the night  
 Of him whose temples once were made bright,  
 When crimson roses and lilies white  
 Had hid his golden crown.

He reels—he slips—no power at hand  
 To check him from tumbling o'er;  
 The hour-glass clicks with its latest sand,  
 And each moment falls like the stroke of a brand.

On one already took weak to stand—  
 He falls—he is seen no more.

And, lo! in the east a star ascends,  
 And a burst of music comes—  
 A young lord, followed by troops of friends,  
 Down to the broad equator wends,  
 While the stars that travel above him bend  
 O'er a sea of floating planets.

—Miles O'Reilly.

**THE AGATE RING.**  
 A CHRISTMAS STORY.

Evening's shadows were closing in over a great and populous Western metropolis. Without the storm-king reigned supreme; the wind blew its furious, violent gusts; the snow-flakes fell thick and fast, and the air was sharp and chilling. To an interior scene, where none of the accessories to comfort and content existed save warmth and light, would conduct the reader this cheerless wintry night, the fourth evening preceding that most joyous of all merry seasons in the year, Christmas night.

While without, despite the falling snow and general inclemency of the weather, a thousand merry sleigh-bells kept time to the happy harmony of cheerful hearts and intensified the smiles of hopeful anticipation on joyous faces, within the walls of the city prison comparative silence and gloom alone existed. Here, with no hope of participation in the gay festivities of the season, moody or sullen under restraint, or reckless and phlegmatic under long usage to incarceration, the hundred and more prisoners behind the iron-barred doors either converse in a low, dreary undertone, or stand gazing at the few late visitors in the corridors importuning them for pecuniary or other favors. To one of the cells, where its two occupants are seated on the iron bed engaged in earnest discourse, let turn our attention.

The elder of the occupants of the cell is a young man not more than thirty years of age, and whose manner, words and dress betoken the gentleman. The prison register tells us that this man is held on a charge of forgery. His companion is a more boy, whose pale, sad features tell a story of suffering and want more than of vice or crime. It is he who is speaking.

"Yes, Mr. Vane," they tell me I can leave here to-night, a free man. After keeping me here for nearly a month, until the weather is too cold to tramp it far without freezing to death, they say that, as the only charge against me is vagrancy, I am free to leave here, provided I leave this cell within twenty-four hours. A dreary outlook, indeed. I have no home, no friends. Except your own, I cannot name a single voice for years. I will leave when the turkey goes the evening round. Is there anything I can do for you outside?"

A look of thoughtful meditation crosses the other's brow at the query. Then a quick flush comes across his face, succeeded by one of intense paleness.

"It is hopeless to try it!" he murmurs, "and yet— Yes, my friend, you can do me a favor. I am held in this prison on a false charge of forgery. Since I have been here systematic bribery and influence have rendered my incarceration a complete isolation from all my friends. I have sent letter after letter from here to the woman whom I have loved—the woman who pledged herself to become my bride. Guilty in the eyes of the world, condemned by the sentence of my own lips, I must atone for the crime of another, unless she give me permission to speak. Oh, but to see her for one brief hour! Then, with her avowed sanction to the sacrifice, knowing her to be still true to me (for if she knew all she could not but love me the more), I could suffer in the blessed belief that when my period of punishment was ended she would be mine!"

The tramp gazed upon his companion with genuine sympathy in his eyes.

"What can I do for you?" he asked, impetuously. "I do not know your story beyond the few words you have just told me, but I know you are an innocent man, and your friendship for a

poor vagrant has won my heart to you. Command me in anything in my power. I will do it for you!"

"Thank you, my friend," said the other in a subdued tone of voice. "My story I will not tire you with. Suffice it that it is in the interest of a certain man to procure my conviction speedily, and to prevent me communicating with the woman I love. I am satisfied that not only have my letters to Inez Salto been detained, but that his misrepresentations to her have prevented her coming to me. See here," he said, producing a letter, sealed, addressed and stamped. "When you leave here will you place it in the most convenient letter-box? And here," taking from his finger a ring, a plain circlet containing a peculiar agate setting, "is a slight remembrance from me. No. Take it. It was her ring, but it is all I have left of value, and it may save you from starvation."

The tramp took the missive, but declined the ring.

"You must," persisted the prisoner. "You will need what you may obtain from its sale to keep you from freezing and hunger."

He pressed it upon the tramp as he spoke, and started with an exclamation of alarm as a form quickly passed the door of his cell.

"Can he have been listening?" he murmured. "What, going?" as the turnkey opened the door. "Good-bye! Good-bye!"

The tramp left him with moistened eyes and a choked utterance. Through his tear-dimmed eyes he did not notice the form which followed him steadily; kept him in view and watched him as he dropped the letter given him by his fellow-prisoner into a letter box.

"It must not reach its destination!" muttered the man, who was none other than the enemy referred to by the prisoner in his conversation with the tramp. "I have played my cards so skillfully to be trumped now. If Inez Salto ever sees Edward Vane my plans will end in their reconciliation and his liberty."

He consulted his watch as he spoke, it was seven o'clock. The last mail had been collected for the night, and as an idea seemed to strike him, fagotily he left the spot, walking hurriedly away.

It was fully ten o'clock in the evening when he returned. The street was deserted, yet he looked cautiously around as he lifted the cover of the slot in the end of the letter box into which the tramp had dropped Edward Vane's letter.

Into the hole used for the admission of letters he slipped a small, compact package, narrow and long. It was, however, touching a fuse which protruded from the end of it to the light-end of a cigar he had in his mouth, when he withdrew a few yards—waited till he heard the report of a sharp explosion in the letter box. He had succeeded. Edward Vane's letter would never reach its intended destination. A charred mass with the other letters in the box its mission ended where the tramp had left it.

And sad and disappointed the poor prisoner waited in his lonely prison cell for the reply.

**Advice on Winter.**  
 What this country is yearning for just now is a sleighing that will come on alone in November when it should stay. We've cutters, horses and good-looking girls enough in this country, and for the government not to furnish a better article of sleighing is an oversight that blocks the wheel of commerce and interferes with the bright dream of love. Some winters we have a little sleighing that melts right off, and other winters it gets all covered up with snow so as to be of no use. We would throw out the suggestion that Congress abolish the present snow used for sleighing, and construct a more permanent sleighing by making the road beds of plate glass, and have them greased with lard oil daily from a sprinkler. Of course the oil would be a trifle costly, but the saving in time to the public, and the corps of officers who would officiate on the sprinklers would compensate for the expense.

Then another need of the season is a different kind of ice. The style of ice now in fashion may be good enough to give body to creams in the summer season, but it is entirely too fragile and brittle to be safe for the use of skaters. We want a kind of ice made without any air holes in it, and a kind that is just as thick in one place as it is anywhere. Then could the gay skater and skates go bounding over the frozen surface of a premature bath. Then too, if a plan could be devised to raise the temperature of the ice a little, it would be better for awkward and timid skaters like ourselves. We frequently sit down when we are skating, and the amount of cold hid in a few square feet of ice offers too much encouragement to the latent rheumatism. If this ice could be taken by the fire, or heated by the Holy system now—Ed. L. Adams, in *Marathon Independent*.

At a recent concert it was the subject of remark that in what fine "voice" the singers were; in commending his good judgment the leader will pardon us for whispering that he always recommends Dr. Bell's Cough Syrup for clearing and strengthening the voice.

**A Humorist Tells How Wire is Made.**  
 Burdette, the Burlington *Hawkeye* funny man, is traveling about the country, lecturing and writing letters to his paper. While in Johnston, Pa., he was taken through the Cambria iron works. His description of the manner in which wire is made there is an amusing combination of fact and fun:

Did you ever see them make wire? It is simple enough. I can make it now. You start in with a great ingot of steel that will weigh as much as the new court-house, and you come out with a tiny thread of wire, fine as a boy's mustache. And it is done quickly. The work runs on like the days on a thirty-day note. After the wire comes from the roughing rolls—you know what they are, of course; I do—you just take a kind of an iron paddle, very heavy and strong, but very similar in shape to the one made of shingle, upon the broad end of which you use to sit, while your gentle mother held the small end in her active hand. The iron paddle of the Gaultier iron works is perforated with holes, very large at one end and very small at the other. You beat and file down the rough, large wire until you get it pushed through one of these holes, then the reel takes hold of it, and you wouldn't believe me if I told you how rapidly that wire was reeled up, sent through another and another process until it was ready for the market. All the steel for the Brooklyn bridge is made here, every pound of it. I went in to see them galvanizing the wire for this bridge. Formerly, this wire was all coiled as soon as it came through the bath. Coiled hot, it cooled in the coil, and its tendency was to remain coiled. You have often noticed that when you were swearing at a bit of wire you wanted to straighten out. They used to have sixteen machines at the Brooklyn bridge, just for straightening this wire. But now they do things better than that at the Gaultier company's works. They trot the wire along about one hundred and fifty feet between the bath and the reels; it cools while it is straight, and its tendency is to keep straight and to spring from the coil. If you go to the Brooklyn bridge now, you will find these sixteen machines, each straightening wire as idle as a colony of tramps. It is a very simple process. I might have thought of it myself, but I didn't.

**The Bath in Cold Weather.**  
 Dr. Arthur W. Edis, writing to the *British Medical Journal* on the subject, says: "Now that the weather is becoming very cold in the morning, the question of giving up the cold sponge bath, or converting it into the tepid bath, forces itself upon the attention of many who, without being invalids, are not in such robust health as to enable them to establish a reaction after even temporary immersion in cold water. The French method of providing a small tub of warm water to stand in whilst dressing, on returning from a bath in the sea, is a luxury few will forget who have experienced it. This method of handling in warm water is one that might, with advantage, be more frequently followed during the winter months by all who indulge in cold bathing. In place of sitting in an ordinary sponge bath of tepid water, a far more invigorating plan is to fill the hand basin with cold water, pour a small canful of warm water into the bath placed close to the wash-stand, then stand in this, and sponge with cold water from the basin. Where the full-length bath is employed, a momentary immersion in water at fifty degrees Fahrenheit, and then plunging into the cold bath in which a little warm water has been placed, when soap or a flesh brush may be used and another immersion in cold water resorted to, enables one to enjoy the invigorating effects even in the coldest weather. Thinking it possible there may be many who will be glad to avail themselves of the hint, I venture to draw attention to the subject."

**In Pursuit of Vast Estates.**  
 The *New York World* has an article giving a history of some large estates in America and England that various families are striving to recover. The article closes with the following tabulated summary, which gives the names of the various estates, the number of heirs to each, and the amounts which the claimants seek to recover:

Name	No. of Heirs	Estimate
Ansoke Jans	1,000	\$317,000,000
Baker	87	250,000,000
Carpenter	—	200,000,000
Chadwick	5	37,000,000
Edwards	160	90,000,000
Hyde, N. S.	200	12,500,000
Hyde, Am.	150	360,000,000
Hyde, Bklyn.	1	5,000,000
Jennings	1,835	470,000,000
Kern	—	2,000,000
Leske	—	100,000,000
Mackey	—	10,000,000
Merritt	80	10,000,000
Shepherd	13	175,000,000
Trotter	230	200,000,000
Townley	—	1,800,000,000
Lawrence-Townley	30	500,000,000
Van Horn	20	4,000,000
Webber	61	50,000,000
Weiss	4	20,000,000
Grand total—20 estates;	3,868 heirs;	value of estates, \$4,740,503,000.

**On Christmas Morning.**  
 Heaven is nearer,  
 The skies are clearer,  
 The sun shines brighter,  
 Our hearts are lighter,  
 On Christmas morning.

Heaven is nearer,  
 Our friends are dearer,  
 The air is rarer,  
 The earth is fairer,  
 On Christmas morning.

Joy-beis ring praises;  
 The soul it raises,  
 On music's pious,  
 From self's dominion,  
 On Christmas morning.

The shadow'drifted,  
 Of sin, seem lifted;  
 And care and grieving  
 Find sweet relieving  
 On Christmas morning.

Man-kind seem purer;  
 Our hope seems surer;  
 Our lovingness o'er;  
 We hail Christ Jesus  
 On Christmas morning!  
 —George Hirseng

**ITEMS OF INTEREST.**  
 A novel scheme—A proposition write a romance.  
 Out on a fly—A canary escaped from its cage.—*New York Herald*.  
 Missouri girls are sweet enough to call Mo-lasses.—*New York News*.  
 "Tis rather neat upon your foot  
 A pair of slippers to find;  
 'Tis rather dear upon your ear  
 When skates slip up behind."  
 —Free Press

Mr. Gough says he found this greatly changed in England. There are two pledges—the total abstinence and the moderation pledge, and there are more total abstinents than when it was there before.

It's Chicago's boast that she counts more hogs within her borders than any other city in the Union. (To the compositor: Be careful in setting up word "border" not to insert an "a.")  
 —*Rockester Express*.

"Mamma," said a five-year old, the other day, "I wish you wouldn't let me to take care of baby again. He was bad that I had to eat all the sponge cake and two jars of raspberry jam to amuse him."  
 —*San Francisco Post*.

"How far," asks an exchange, "does bees go for honey?" The answer to the conundrum is unknown to us, but it is a well-known fact that a bee will miles out of its way for the purpose of stinging a barefooted boy on the heel.  
 —*Norristown Herald*.

"I want to sell you an encyclopedia," said a book agent to one of our foremen, the other day, who, by the way, is better posted on pork than he on books. "What do I want with your encyclopedia?" snarled the pork man. "I couldn't ride one if I had it."  
 —*Cincinnati Saturday Night*.

PROBABLY IT WILL SOLL OS.  
 Roll on, thou ball, roll on!  
 Through pathless realms of space,  
 Roll on!  
 What though I'm in a sorry case,  
 What though I cannot meet my bills?  
 What though I suffer toothache's pangs,  
 What though I swallow countless pills,  
 Never your mind!  
 Roll on!  
 Roll on, thou ball, roll on!  
 Through seas of inkly air,  
 Roll on!  
 It's true I've got no shirts to wear;  
 It's true my butcher's bill is due;  
 It's true my prospects all look blue;  
 But don't let that unsettle you!  
 Never your mind!  
 Roll on!  
 —*New England Homestead*

**Gloomy Thoughts and Gloomy Weather.**  
 Dull, depressing, dingy days prod dispiriting reflections and gloomy thoughts, and small wonder when remember that the mind is not only a mirror, but a receptive organ, and that all the impressions it receives from without reach it through the media of sense, which are directly dependent on the conditions of light and atmosphere for their action, and therefore immediately influenced by the surrounding conditions. It is a common-sense inference that the impressions from without reach the mind through imperfectly-acting organs of sense, and these impressions are themselves set in a minor vestibule of color, sound, and general quality of the mind must be what is called "moody." It is not the habit of a sensible people to make sufficient allowance for this rationale of dullness, subjective weakness. Some persons more dependent on external circumstances and conditions for their energy—the stimulus that converts potential kinetic force—than others; but feel the influence of the world with and to this influence the sick and weak are especially receptive. Hence the varying temperaments of men changing with the weather, the cool and the wind.—*London Lancet*.

**An Ill-Fated House.**  
 The house built by Commodore Rogers with his prize money long years since in Washington, has brought bad luck to many inmates. Philip Barton Key, after being shot by Sicks, died there, it being the headquarters of his club. Mr. Seward and his son Frederick, just resigned, were living there when nearly assassinated by Paine. Two members of Tyler's cabinet, Palmer and Gilmer, killed by the explosion of a gun on the Princeton, had lived there. The secretary of war, John C. Spencer, was living there in 1829, when his son was hung at the yard-arm of the brig Somers for mutiny. Secretary Belmont lived there when he became involved in disgrace. Superstitious people believe there is always a curse attached to houses built with prize money.—*Detroit Free Press*.

The small boy who asked for "more stuffin'" right out before all the company got all the "dressing" he wanted after dinner was over.—*Merrill*.

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California Items.

With the 1st of December in San Francisco came the time for the turning over of the city offices to the occupancy of the newly elected city government; but the 1st of December passed before the litigation involved was cleared up, sufficiently at least to allow the transferee. It is now accomplished, and that with the calling of Rev. T. M. Kallach, the associate pastor of Dr. Kallach, to be the Secretary of the Mayor.

We have had a good deal said, this way about the fearful monopoly of land-owners. With the adoption of the New Constitution it was believed the landed possessions of the State would be divided among the middle and poorer classes. But now our worthy Senator Sargent testifies that in many sections of the State aggregated capital alone can develop their resources. There are lands as rich and valuable for agricultural resources as any on the Coast but were their cultivation to depend on their being taken up and cultivated by individual settlers, their resources might never become available, as it only by the combined action of capital that the necessary sums for irrigation and facilities for transportation can be obtained, without which these lands would be worthless.

Details of the last Chilean victory are that 11,000 Peruvians and Bolivians were marching northwards from Noria to unite with 5,000 under the President of Bolivia, were attacked on the 21st of November by the Chilean advanced corps of 6,000 men in an entrenched position at Dolores. The Chileans heavily cannon committed great ravages among the enemy, whose cavalry unsuccessfully charged three times upon the guns. In the evening the reserve Chilean force came up and decided the day. The allied forces were driven back, their camp taken with 13 cannon. Many wounded officers, including the Bolivian General Villegas, were taken prisoners and another of the allied generals killed. The losses of the Chileans were heavy.

One hundred and fifty French Communists were pardoned on the 15th inst.

There is great distress among the poor classes in Rome.

The padrone Anesario was convicted in New York, on Friday, of kidnapping seven Italian boys and holding them in servitude.

To Subscriber.—We have sent out bills to subscribers, and as we cannot afford to send a collector we hope they will be prompt in payment. It is now near the close of the year, and as some satisfactory payment must be made, we will not repeat the request. Our desire is to commence the new year with all accounts closed. To those who have paid, we tender our thanks.

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ST. ANDREWS, DECEMBER 31, 1879.

THE PAST AND THE PRESENT.

In our issue last week we availed ourselves of the privilege of "wishing our readers a merry Christmas," and trust they enjoyed it, as the time was adapted for special interchanges and fellowships of good cheer, and were reminded of Him who came with "good tidings of great joy to all people." The time was suitable for renewing friendships—and we all know that cheerfulness is profitable to any one—it makes brighter weather in the heart, and fills the soul with harmonies. We pity those who are cast down and dejected, with whom everything in life appears adverse to their desires, and whose moroseness is the result of their invariably looking at the dark side of the picture of life—instead of making the best of everything, and feeling cheerful even under difficulties. With such people, it seems as if it was always winter weather—they are icicles—and require "to swallow a sunbeam occasionally that there may be more sunshine in the soul." It would make the world brighter and better, besides cheerfulness contributes to vigor of mind and promotes health, and makes brighter weather in the heart. There is sunshine and brightness all about us, and all that is required, is to open our windows and doors and let them in. "Let bygones be bygones,"—old animosities be forgotten, and commence 1880 with resolutions to open a new book where the record of kindly feelings and genuine friendship may be recorded.

This reminds us that to-morrow will be the 1st January, 1880, and of wishing our readers one and all "A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR." This makes our forty-seventh annual greeting, and as we do not know what is in the womb of futurity, it may, or may not be the last time. Very few can say that they have been for nearly half a century uninterruptedly employed every week at the same calling. Glancing back to the first issue of the STANDARD, not one of our old contemporaries is left, nor indeed, is there one of our old associates in the land of the living; true—they were much older in years, but even so, were they alive many of them would not have arrived at the allotted span of "three score years and ten." No one, unconnected with the Press, has any idea of the constant, never-ending work connected with a newspaper and job office, particularly when for many years, the principal labor devolved upon one person. Few, very few, could have stood it; and we therefore feel thankful that we have not worn out with constant labor and increasing years, for our conferees know by experience, that the labor in the editorial chair is as onerous as type setting. It is not the mere reflecting public opinion and advocating measures, editorially, but the gathering and arranging local items, reading and intelligently selecting items of news, that will wear out the strongest constitution. And even when an editor exercises his best powers, to present the latest news, and his thoughts on a variety of subjects, some people will not be satisfied. Their demands are legion; they want heavy articles on political subjects, and as a matter of course, according to their own predilections; others want light reading such as stories—others articles on trade or agriculture, &c., with lots of marriages, deaths, record of crime, and reports of public meetings, Courts, elections, and amusements. It is no small hardship after working all day, to spend a whole evening (even when a complimentary ticket has been received) watching any kind of an entertainment, for a notice which must be thought over and written out perhaps during the night for next day's paper. The "free ticket" business was discarded by us long ago—believing that pay and paid, was far preferable, and more independent. Besides type setting, ink and paper costs a hundred per cent more than a "free ticket." Then it appears to be a pleasure to some people to point out trifling errors, such as misspelled words, a wrong letter, or misplaced line; while those very people never mention a month or a year's work that may be correct, and did not "tramp on their toes. Then if an editor after a thorough examination of any measure, is convinced

he was in error, makes a confession and changes his ideas—he is said to have turned his coat for pecuniary gain. This has led sensitive minds to continue on a side the knew was wrong, rather than lay themselves open to the charge of changing their views, or in vulgar parlance "jumping the fence." Partyism may be necessary, but it is not adapted to small communities, and to be carried out, requires the expenditure of public money, which is required for other and better purposes. It is not necessary to be either a tame follower, or toady to any Government, to obtain patronage. Let the work be given out at contract and then, there will be fair play. Misrepresentation, hard names, and vile epithets, are not arguments, and recede on the heads of those who employ that method of political warfare.

No man, nor Government, ever was perfect; they all have their failings, and instances are not wanting to prove that party, was above principle with them notwithstanding the honesty of their intentions; aye, and office and salary influences them. They are very solicitous to propitiate the Press, and where they cannot succeed in doing so, have lately purchased Praising Offices, and employed writers to advocate their views, and support their measures.

As senior member of the Press in this Province, we heartily wish our Brethren of all shades of politics "a Happy New Year."

The poet says—"now is the winter of our discontent," and really some people are not content with any kind of weather; should it be mild, they wish it was colder, and would like more snow for hauling in the woods, then they are not satisfied for they complain there is too much snow, and the drifts compel them to pass through the fields, requiring forces to be taken down and a round about passage to their homes; and when a thaw occurs, they assert the roads are impassable, the horses plunge along and cannot haul even a light load, and so on through the chapter of discontent. So far the present winter, there has been no cause for fault-finding, as the weather has been all that could be desired. A couple of cold days to remind us that it is winter—sufficient snow to make good travelling, fine, clear days, with a bracing atmosphere, and a slight shower occasionally which furnishes soft water for washing, packing the snow and rendering the going good. While we are writing, snow is falling, with a slight north-west wind. Let us all be thankful for such weather as is ordered, and be satisfied with such things as we receive—feeling that contentment is a great blessing.

The Grand Southern Railway Company have given notice, that they will apply to the Legislature at its next session for an extension of two years to finish their line; and as other lines have had the time for building their roads extended, no doubt the application of our St. George friends will be acceded to.

BLUE BOOK.—We have received from the Surveyor General a Pamphlet of 64 pages, entitled—"Information for Intending Settlers, with a description and Map of the Settlements, established under the 'Free Grants' 'Labor' Acts. Also general information respecting the Province, and the means of procuring Grants of Crown Lands." We have had only time to give this little brochure a hasty glance, but believe it will be of much service to persons who intend to become settlers in New Brunswick. The pamphlet is neatly printed at the Evening "Star" Office, Fredericton.

BALLOU'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE FOR JANUARY.—The January number of Ballou's Monthly Illustrated Magazine is a marvel of beauty and goodness, filled to repletion with the best of engravings, stories, poems, and essays,—a remarkable combination of all that a first class magazine should contain. The new type and new form of the magazine are aiding it to force its way, right direct into the hearts of the people, and, when it has secured a lodgement there it will remain, for no one can read it and not like it.

Published by Thomas & Talbot, 23 Hawley Street, Boston, Mass., at \$1.50 per annum.

GONE AWAY.—The Montreal Advertiser reports the disappearance from Acadia of Mr. D. B. White, Principal of the Grammar School, he having left for parts unknown, leaving behind debts to the value of \$4,000. On his way, White realized on two carloads of produce, which he sold at Moncton and had this amount to the good.

[The same Whyte, taught a Superior School in St. Andrews, and noted as dishonorably when he left here.

Local and other Matters.

Our thanks are due to Messrs. O'Neil for kind remembrances from their market during the holidays. At such times, they always remember the Press.

The Dominion Parliament meets for "the despatch of business" on the 12th February. The early opening will be beneficial to the country.

We are informed that the local holiday trade has been better than was anticipated.

CALENDAR.—We have received from the Pilot Office a nicely printed Calendar in colors, for 1880, with vignettes of the Marquis of Lorne and H.R.H. the Princess Louise, for which we thank the publisher.

It is evident that there is a screw loose in election affairs in Maine. Some towns have been "counted out" as it is termed and it appears they are up in arms against the Governor and his Council. The Governor contends that he has done nothing more than obey the Constitution and laws, and apply them as he is sworn to do.

The Mining industry in the State of Maine, has become a legitimate and paying business, in which foreign capital is invested.

Leadville, Colorado, is in a bad state; the vigilance committee have made short work of several desperadoes, but the gamblers and thieves have banded together requiring the presence of two companies of soldiers.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for January fully sustains the brilliant record of this popular Monthly in both its literary and artistic features.

The Number opens with the reproduction of Keat's remarkable poem, "The Eve of St. Agnes," with nine beautiful illustrations by Abbey.

Frank Mayer, the artist, contributes an entertaining sketch of "Old Baltimore and its Merchants," with nine illustrations.

A paper entitled "The Isms of Forty Years Ago" contains some very novel descriptions of the most remarkable movements and experiments of the reformers of 1840, especially those of New England, and is illustrated with excellent portraits of Theodore Parker, William Ellery Channing, William Miller, Edmund Quincy, George Combe, Lydia Maria Child, Vincent Priessnitz, Samuel Hahnemann, Samuel Thompson, Sylvester Graham, Abby Kelley Foster, John Pierpont, and Isaac Pitman.

Mr. A. A. Hayes, Jr., continues his interesting series of papers on Colorado, with a vigorous and comprehensive description of the sheep raising industry, which is illustrated with fifteen admirable pictures by Rogers.

Some recent educational institutions in Brooklyn—the Attendance Schools and the Truant Home—for the enforcement of compulsory education, form the subject of a suggestive paper by Miss F. E. Fryatt, illustrated by Miss Jessie Curtis and Sol Eytinge, Jr.

Besides Keat's poem, there are two others which are illustrated: "Zobane," by Z. B. Gustafson, based on a touching incident in the recent Zulu war, and furnishing Mr. Reinhart with motifs for two excellent pictures; and a "Christmas Anthem" by Philip O. Sullivan, with two exquisite illustrations by Miss Oakley. A. H. Louis contributes an unillustrated poem entitled "Music and Words."

One of the most interesting articles in the Number is Edwin DeLeon's concerning Ferdinand de Lesseps as Minister at Rome in 1849, accompanied with a portrait. John Habberton finds in the Report of the Fisheries Award Commission some very curious information relating to the habits and haunts of fishes, which he presents under the title of "First Families of the Atlantic."

In addition to all these varied attractions there are graceful and timely discussions of current topics in the Editor's Easy Chair, full intelligence concerning the latest books in the Literary Record, and an Editor's Drawer criss-crossed with rich humor and anecdote.

A despatch from Dexter to the Bangor Commercial says that additional developments in the famous Dexter bank case are promised. A Boston accountant has made thorough examination of Earron's accounts from the commencement of his connection with the bank, and as a result of his report, the bank officers have prepared a demand against the Barron estate. Barron's defalcation, with interest, amount to nearly \$5,000. The demand of the bank will be handed to Executor Copeland as soon as he arrives in town. If the estate does not settle, a suit will be commenced against the estate at the January term of court in Bangor. Almost everybody in Dexter now believes, it is said, that Barron was a defaulter and a suicide.

THE EVACUATION OF CABUL.

More than a month ago snow fell at Cabul. As the mountain passes became blocked the inhabitants grew sullen and the hill-men defiant. There was an explosion in the Bala Hissar, the royal arsenal; the populace threatened to revolt on account of the arrest and abdication of the Amer, and Gen. Roberts found himself compelled to abandon the city and retreat to the fortified cantonments of Sharpur, some miles from the city. A native chieftain roused the old war spirit, and occupying the capital, completely surrounded the British, and sent troops to cut off reinforcements advancing up the mountain passes.

All communication with Gen. Roberts was last week cut off, and one relief column is in peril of total destruction from the cold weather, the snows and the tribe men. There are about 7,000 men in the cantonments of Sharpur, with provisions for about five months on hand. Fully 30,000 natives are in arms and watching a chance for an attack. In London the greatest anxiety prevails, the lately established restrictions upon the press, by which the movements of the troops are clouded in mystery, being particularly exasperating to the public.

An attempt has been made by a member of the British Government to break the force of Mr. Gladstone's eloquent speeches in Scotland. None other than Sir Stafford Northcote, the Chancellor of the Exchequer has applied himself to the task. At a great Conservative demonstration in Leeds he complained that Mr. Gladstone's comparison of the expenditures of the Liberal and Conservative Governments was fallacious, as he made no allowance for the extraordinary war expenditure made necessary by the European complications. This really seems like bagging the whole question at issue, since the point of contention with the Liberal party is that most of those complications were unnecessary, and would have been avoided if the Government had adopted a more judicious policy. The Chancellor of the Exchequer then denounced the recent speech of Mr. Bright, as favoring the formation of a republic in Britain, whilst as to the war in Afghanistan he repeated the assertion that the policy of the Government was one of defence, not of annexation. It is this of the best the Government can advance in favor of their own policy their case is becoming desperate. They may have the best possible intentions, but the force of circumstantialities is setting in strong against them.

Indignation meetings of both Republicans and Democrats are being held in Maine over the "mounting out" business.

The report of the Government Directors of the Union Pacific Railroad shows that the gross earnings for the year will be about \$13,500,000, and the operating expenses about 42 per cent of this amount.

At St. Stephen 14th inst., the wife of JAMES MITCHELL, Esq., of a daughter.

DIED.—On the 30th inst., after a long illness, Mr. Hutchinson Armstrong, aged 74, leaving a wife to lament her loss.

At Milltown on the 28th inst. after a short illness, Mrs. Catherine Donahy, sister of the late B. R. Fitzgerald, Esq., aged 80.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS, ARRIVED.

Dec. 17, Clara, Britt, Boston, flour, &c., R. Ross.

18, Nellie Clark, Clark, Boston, bal.

" Sarah Beach, Glass, Eastport, bal.

19, H. V. Crandall, Ross, Boston, 200 bis. flour, R. Ross.

" Nettie, Britt, Boston, bal.

20, R. Ross, Clark, Providence, sundries, W. Clark.

24, Mary Ellen, Clark, Portland, bal.

27, Sarah Beach, Glass, Eastport, bal.

CLEARED.

Dec. 17, Dauntless, Tatton, Boston, 800 cords wood.

" Maggie Mitchell, Sprague, St. Stephen, old iron.

18, Sarah Beach, Glass, Eastport, 20 cords wood.

29, Carrier Dove, Ingersoll, Grand Manan, ballast.

" Sarah Beach, Glass, Eastport, 21 cords wood.

Public Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an application will be made to the Legislature of New Brunswick at its next session, to enable an Act passed the eleventh day of April, 1872, entitled "An Act to incorporate the GRAND SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY," and the Act in amendment thereof; and to extend the time therein named for the completion of said Railway for two years.

Dated St. George, N. B., this 26th day of December, A. D., 1879.

By order of the Board, THOMAS BARRY, President.

LECTURE.—Rev. Mr. McCullough Missionary labors in the Greenock Church, has largely attended and his marked attention. A realization, which will form a purpose of purchasing a Sabbath School.

FRIGHTFUL RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—A cabriolet from Leeds, gives an account of a railway train, containing passengers was blown from the river Tay, between Leuchars, during a terrific gale. Not one passenger was saved nearly two miles long.

AFGHANISTAN.—Gen. Roberts routed the enemy, and about Cabul and the line of communication is now clear. This is good news.

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**LECTURE.**—Rev. Mr. McCullagh's lecture on Missionary labors in the New Hebrides in Greenock Church, last evening, was largely attended and listened to with marked attention. A respectable sum was realized, which will form a nucleus for the purpose of purchasing a library for the Sabbath School.

**FRIGHTFUL RAILWAY ACCIDENT IN SCOTLAND.**—A cablegram from London of the first, gives an account of an entire way train, containing nearly 300 pas- sengers was blown from the Bridge over the river Tay, between Leuchars and Dun- ce, during a terrific gale on Saturday last. Not one passenger was saved. The bridge is nearly two miles long.

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