



The Weekly Monitor.

FRIDGETOWN, SEPTEMBER 6, 1877.

The fruit crop, which in this County is, by far, the most remunerative one; this year we fear will fall below the average. While almost every other crop is most prolific in its yield, our apple orchards are but meagrely supplied with fruit.

Flour has declined \$1.50 within the past month, and is still going down. The immense wheat crop now being harvested throughout the United States and Canada, will, no doubt, give us a still greater reduction in bread stuffs.

SCIENCE.—About two o'clock on Sunday afternoon last, an old man named Silas Grant, living at Port Williams, committed suicide by hanging himself to a beam in his own house.

Correspondence. We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinion of our correspondents.

BOSTON AND VICINITY. Messrs. Engraves.—During the present summer I spent five weeks and four days in the city of Boston, and in rambling among the suburbs, towns and villages.

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THE MURDERS IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

THE MURDERS OF CAPTAIN RIDOUT AND HIS CREW ARRESTED.

From the North Sydney Herald. Last year information respecting the loss of Capt. Ridout's vessel, and subsequent murder of himself and his crew, appeared in the North Sydney Herald. A gentleman who arrived here a few days ago from Newfoundland has kindly given the following respecting the murders and arrest of some of the parties by H. M. S. Eclipse.

Capt. Ridout was wrecked in 1874 somewhere in the vicinity of Bonne Bay, and managed to escape with his crew to land, and build a tent near a cove occupied by an old hunter known as "Jack". They were visited by a man named Benoit, not "Ben Warch" as then stated, with several of his brothers, and an agreement was then made that Benoit should pilot the ship-wrecked crew overland to St. George's Bay or Channel.

While on the journey the captain and his crew were fatally murdered for the sake of plunder. Captain Ridout was then made Benoit's prisoner, and taken to a place where he was kept in a cage. He was afterwards, prostrated by illness, and believing that his end was approaching he sent for some neighbors and made a clean breast of the whole matter.

Last month, from further information received, H. M. S. Eclipse visited the locality and succeeded in bringing off a woman, daughter of one of the crew, who was on the ship, where after clothing her, she being in a state of nudity she related the following:

Her father, with whom she lived as his wife, and had children by her, he having forced her to accede to his brutal lust, accompanied by three other men his brothers, undertook to conduct Capt. Ridout and his crew to some settlement from whence they might reach their respective homes, and on the way being tempted by the money which they knew Capt. Ridout had on him, and his crew, they succeeded in his crew in order to possess of it. On their journey they halted to kindle a fire and obtain some rest, and while three of the crew were sleeping, the man who was to pilot them, lit a pipe, and the other three, who were watching him, saw him do so, and while he was thus engaged, they proceeded to shoot at once, and wounded and despatched them afterwards as they lay, with their hands and feet bound together.

On hearing this statement Capt. Erskine immediately laid his plans for apprehending the murderers and bringing them to justice, but as they were known to be desperate and slippery customers, a great deal of tact was needed for the success of their object.

On the 26th of May the bodies of a man named Peter Brown at Bellamund New South Wales was burned during the night, and in the morning it was found that the man and two of his children aged 11 and 13 years had perished in the flames. Within a few days of the smouldering ruins there was also a dog, with his head nearly chopped off, evidently by an axe being bent in the process of cutting.

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Intelligence from Perth, Western Australia, has been received of the extraordinary disappearance of two islands—the Barker Islands, and their inhabitants. It appears that Capt. Fisher, a Tasmanian captain, purchased from the West Australian Government the right to remove some from two islands on the coast, described in the clear and known as the "Barker Islands," and situated in latitude 14° south, longitude 115° east. Captain Fisher, dispatched three vessels in May, with laborers and appliances for shipping the guano, but when the vessels arrived at the place where the islands were known to be, there was nothing to be seen but water. The islands had disappeared entirely, how and when is at present a mystery.

Three locomotives have been ordered to be built at Kingston, Ontario, for the Intercolonial Railway.

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Miscellaneous.

A Russian newspaper says if the conclusion of the war will last till next autumn it will cost not less than 2,800,000,000 roubles, of which 250,000,000 are already expended.

Earl Russell celebrated his 85th birthday August 18. It is 64 years since he first entered Parliament as member for Tavistock and 31 since he assumed his first premiership.

Leap year is the year which divides evenly by four, but the year 1900 will not be leap year, to make up for the odd minutes gained between the astronomical and computed year, as 365 days. In 400 years 97 are leap.

Rain has fallen in torrents over the north of Scotland. Harvest reports from all parts are most depressing. Floods caused great damage in South Wales. The weather in English midlands and elsewhere is also very bad.

A successful case of transfusion of blood occurred recently in Brooklyn; John A. Kohler, forty years a sufferer from consumption, receiving eleven ounces of blood in three instalments from Louis Burkhardt, and is now able to work to some extent daily.

The editor of the Madras "Times" writes, August 1st, that the population of Southern India are more or less afflicted by famine to the number of 24,000,000. In the most favorable positions at least one-tenth of the people will die. The famine is immeasurably greater than that in Bengal.

A novel libel suit was brought in England recently. A man who didn't like his neighbor's sweet mustard and water-cress on his own grounds in such a way that when they grew, the words "Whitehead is a scamp" was seen. The court decided the act to be libellous, and that vegetables had no right to grow in that style.

It seems that the dreadful accident by which eighteen lives were lost and many injured on the Chicago & Rock Island Railroad was caused by a breaking of an arch which had been weakened by the frost. The train, which was the Pacific Express, consisted of an engine, Barnum's advertising car, one baggage car, three coaches, and a sleeping car, and was running at ordinary speed.

Patagonia is about to enter into the great family of nations. The long-delayed honor she owes to a discovery of allpaca wool has been made up to her lonely shores. It is said to extend in many places to such an extent that a million tons a year might easily be shipped, and a welcome addition of five millions in hard dollars to the revenue of the Argentine Republic.

The Intercolonial Coal Mine, one of the largest and best known properties in Cape Breton, is being developed by the company which has its own long pier by a line of railway, was sold on Tuesday the 30th ult., by the Sheriff, and after a slight attempt at competition was knocked down to the favor of Montreal for \$2,200,000, or only one-fifth of the bonds issued on the property.

ARMSTRONG GUNS.—It has been ascertained by experiments that the various breech-loading guns of the Armstrong system, which were discarded some years ago on account of their being too weak to endure heavy charges, can be trusted to a much greater extent with the slow but powerful powder to the present day. They are, therefore, to be made warm for effective service in case of any emergency, and a supply of shot and shell adapted to these guns is now being prepared.

Some workmen excavating in the Old Town, Eastbourne, lately discovered a large quantity of bones which on examination were found to be the remains of two human beings and two horses. A silver whistle was found near the remains, together with a flint lock pistol. This discovery confirms a tradition that a century or two ago the London stage coach, with the guard and the coachman, while on its journey, disappeared, and was never afterwards heard of.

REPORTED MURDER.—A rumor comes from the usually peaceful village of Port Geville, Parramore, that a most heinous murder was a few days since committed in that place. We learn that there have been some domestic troubles between the husband and wife of the former, who became enraged and struck the wife a blow, instantly felling her to the floor, when he jumped upon, kicked and most brutally used her, after which he fled to the woods. He returned in the evening when she was bleeding from the mouth and nose and we learn shortly afterwards expired. As the story has not been corroborated we refrain from publishing names at the present.

STEAM SUPERSEDED.—English exchanges announced the death of Mr. William Walkwork, who was engaged maturing an invention which he styled "a new motive power to supersede steam," and which it is stated he completed about six days before his death took place. It is stated positively that the machine has been worked by Mr. Barr and fully justified what Mr. Walkwork had stated to him what it would do. Its power, he stated, was unlimited—of course increasing with the strength of the material—and as a trial it blew off air at a pressure of 40 lbs. as tested by a patent steam gauge. Mr. Mason is patenting the invention, and is a brother to those who have witnessed it how it has been kept so many years in abeyance—at a considerable cost in all countries. It will be put to a large engine and tried practically in the place of steam. Having no fire, of course it smokes no smoke, works with out noise, and the first machine, it is said, will do the work of a 50 horse power engine, yet it takes up 40 little rooms that light and one horse could carry all away, including the patterns. If all this turns out to be correct, we may look for a revolution in the engineering and manufacturing world; and Mr. Mason, a practical man, is sanguine as to the results.

Telegraphic News.

Special Dispatches to the Morning Chronicle. EUROPE. KATHARON, Aug. 30.—Russian official despatch, dated yesterday, says the Russian troops continue to advance towards Sukum Kaleh. Gen. Alchaboff's column crossed the river Kizil, on the 28th inst. His advanced guard occupied Ogdenshchigowa. The advanced column of General Biblitch's force, from the river Morucha, Zilodenski, the Turks, having received reinforcements, are fortifying Sukum Kaleh and the neighboring heights. A detachment of the Erian column, under Colonel Osmatoff, at Igtry, was attacked on the 24th inst. by a superior Turkish force which was, however, repulsed. On the 28th three Turkish columns made a fresh attack upon our troops, front and flank. Notwithstanding their immense numerical superiority, the Turks were repulsed after 5 hours' engagement, with loss of four hundred men. The Russian losses are insignificant.

MANCHESTER, Eng., Aug. 31.—The Guardian received a telegram this afternoon, stating that it is expected that a battle along the line of the Lonsdale front, between the Turkish and Russian forces, will be fought at Ogdensburg, and that the Russian forces are attacking the Russians at all points. So far the Turks are successful.

SMERLA, Aug. 31.—Fighting lasted nine hours. The positions carried by the Turks on the right bank of the Lonsdale, between the Lonsdale front and the Turkish detachment defeated the Russian cavalry near Ilcead; one hundred Russians were killed.

LONDON, Sept. 1.—A telegram from Erzeroum says the Russians have changed their position and are now between the Turkish army and Alexandropol. They have evacuated their camp at Balirvan, and are withdrawing from that neighborhood. A Russian bulletin announces that Prince Chirass assumed command of the united Russian and Rumanian forces comprising the Western detachment, his chief of staff, General Saveloff, his chief of staff.

ADRIANOPLE, Aug. 28.—Bulgarian executions are still going on here, but batches of victims are sent before, averaging 14 instead of 40. Majority executed belong to richer classes. This gives rise to suspicion on the part of the Bulgarians that they are sacrificed in order to conciliate their property.

Since the lull in fighting on Monday the Turks are preparing for a spring movement. Turkish forces have been sent to the west of the Balkans, to east and west of Shkopia. One column was seen in the direction of the Kallit River to north-west of Debratza, another column made its way across through Triana Pass. Another is said to have appeared in the valleys of Vidina and Bousnak to the south-west of Selvi, having probably made their way across through Trajan or Rusalitsa Pass.

BOCHARST, Aug. 31.—Gen. Todeleben, who planned the defence of Scutopol, has arrived here. The Carowitch has been appointed to the chief command of a corps of guards, the Grand Duke Vladimir to the command of an infantry regiment in that corps, and General Goukoff taken command of all the cavalry of the guards. Four newly formed reserve divisions will undertake the defence of the coasts of the Black Sea and replace the seventh and eighth army corps, which go to the Danube.

LONDON, Sept. 2.—Some Turkish troops crossed the Austrian frontier on Friday near Kaniouk, and are now proceeding to the north. A special concentration is impossible, first from want of troops, and second on account of the great distances and narrow roads. Our present position is an admirable one, and we stand of course on the defensive.

ADRIANOPLE, Sept. 1.—Intelligence from Shkopia Pass states that Suleiman Pacha gained a more advantageous position for his batteries on the heights surrounding the city. Russian reinforcements arrived during the night. The road to Gatrova is commanded by the Turkish batteries.

Official statement of Russian loss of 31st August at Kadikof gives seven killed and 30 wounded; at Pallas a thousand and fifty killed and wounded. The Turkish loss was 1,000 men, including 1,000 Peliss alone three hundred dead were counted.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 3.—The Turks acknowledge a loss of 7,000 in Shkopia Pass. Two hundred wounded reached Adrianople yesterday.

ATRENS, Sept. 2.—The Duke of Edinburgh arrived here yesterday in the ironclad Sultan, and visited the King and Queen. The British government, fearing that he would seem to countenance the war party, telegraphed that he must leave in the morning. He left the same evening.

UNITED STATES. NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—At Paris, Missouri, yesterday, an incendiary fire destroyed ten blocks of stores and dwellings, including three hotels, the post office, the telegraph and express offices. Loss a million to a million and a half. Many families are without shelter, and several lives are reported lost.

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 30.—Brighton Young was attacked with cholera morbus on Thursday night, superinduced inflammation of the bowels, followed by continued vomiting until respiration was stopped. He was conscious but only briefly answered questions during the last forty-eight hours. The event produced less excitement among the members of the High Priesthood than was expected. Brighton's trouble was occasioned by indigestion.

Telegraphic News.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—The Pittston and Butler Coal Mining Co. has increased the wages of its workmen ten per cent. general strike in the bituminous regions of Pennsylvania is threatened. Brighton Young's funeral was attended by 12,000 and 15,000 people yesterday. Religiote remarks were made by several prominent members of the faith.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—A fire broke out at 9.45 a. m. today in J. P. Hale's piano factory, located at Thirty-Fifth street, which was entirely destroyed. The flames extended to the south side of the street, destroying the entire block between Twenty-Fourth and Twenty-Fifth streets, and the factory, Graham & Co.'s silk factory and several houses adjoining on the South, also Walker's charcoal factory north of 35 street. A fire engine was burned, the firemen being unable to get it out in consequence of the intense heat. At noon 500,000 persons were gathered about the fire. Some sparks fired the Gospel Tent on Thirty-Fourth street, which was consumed. The fire originated in a sounding board of the drying room on the third floor, where a stove was used for heating. The steam escaped from the stove, and the sparks from the stove were supposed to have ignited some of the dry material close at hand, and instantly that part of the building was in flames. The factory was a story in height, and although means of escape were sufficient, perhaps, for twenty there were 165 men in the building at the time and the flames spread so rapidly that the men were unable to get out. They ran to the roof and windows and some dropped to the ground.

CAPE BRETON. LITTLE QUIN'S BAY, Sept. 1.—Two decent lads, seventeen and eighteen years of age, and of respectable parents, went from the village of Little Quin's Bay, and then to the village of St. Peter's, where they were caught at Port Hawkesbury, and were imprisoned at Port George, and returned here on Saturday. They had been fresh robberies become frequent and a watch was set. Last night while they were burglarizing Beulthier's outbuilding, the watchmen detected them, striking one, wounding both, McLeod seriously, and Ferguson so badly that he died within an hour.

CANADA. OTTAWA, Sept. 3.—Yesterday, a gentleman visiting at the home of Dr. Stein, New York, at Niagara Falls, deliberately jumped off the suspension bridge, striking water one hundred and eighty feet below, and disappeared.

WHAT THEY SAY OF IT! A FEW FRAGMENTS FOR THE PRESS.—There has been a great deal of what they say of it! A few fragments for the press. For the last few years the impartial judgment of the people for any great length of time. One of these is Dr. Thomas Electric Oil. Being the following and the greatest care and forwarded immediately after the arrival of the schooner.

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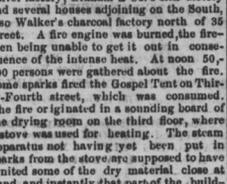
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. HIGH SCHOOL AT LAWRENCE TOWN. B. HALL, A. M., Ph. D., - Principal. A High School for Boys and Girls will be opened at Lawrence Town, Sept. 10th, if a sufficient number of applications are made. The object of the High School will be to supplement the work usually done in the Common Schools. A course intended to furnish a thorough training in the English Branches. A course of work will be arranged for those who wish to apply for License. A Classical course. Teachers will be employed in Music, Painting and Drawing, if necessary. Some of the advantages accruing from this school are—Each pupil will be in daily contact with the English language. No tutor will be employed. Facilities for cheap board. Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist preaching in the village. No liquor sold. Applications should be made before Sept. 3rd. Any information given or reference if required.

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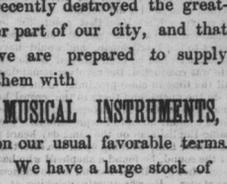
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