

Miscellaneous.

The mortality from Cholera of pilgrims at Mecca at the end of January exceeded 100 daily.

The admiral has purchased the large mail steamer "Menota," building on the Tyne, for a troopship.

A woman at Syracuse, New York, murdered her mother—an old lady of 80—on the 23rd inst.

It is reported that the Rev. Dr. Talmage will leave New York and accept a charge in London, England.

Rome, March 28.—The Pope in his allocution said the loss of the temporal power rendered the free exercise of the spiritual power impossible.

A Chicago firm has purchased a large drove of steers which are to be sent by steamship to the pastures of North Germany for fattening and sale.

From the last reports of the Massachusetts Railroad Commissioners it appears that during the past year not a single passenger was injured sufficiently to justify a claim for damages.

There is great distress in San Francisco. Men are idle on the streets, willing to work, but unable to get it. A call for laborers at \$1 per day drew forth several thousand applicants.

Small-pox has broken out in a serious form in Belfast. The Poor-law authorities are making arrangements for providing increased accommodation for patients.

Mr. Henry Allsopp, M. P., has purchased from the Earl of Beville the short-horn cow Eighth Duchess of Oneida, calved in November, 1872, and five heifers for \$55,000.

New Zealand papers report that the Colorado beetle had appeared at Waitangi, in fields containing potatoes from some American imported ones.

A Washington despatch says it is "reasonably certain" that the President's Message on the Fishery Award will result in the payment of the amount to England, and that it will be taken out of the unexpended balance of the Alabama award.

A Quebec Judge has just decided a case begun three years ago between two farmers, who quarreled about a barrel of apples, valued at \$3,500, and have thus far spent \$1,800 in lawyers' fees and costs.

The Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Companies makes a fine exhibit for 1877. Despite the St. John calamity (\$97,000) and other losses, the sum of £150,000 has been added to the Reserve Fund, besides paying a dividend of 35 per cent.

Stanton, Virginia, with a population of 10,000, consumes an average of nearly 100 pounds of opium a week. The drug is chiefly consumed by women. A young lawyer of the place is said to drink a quart of laudanum a week, and a bookkeeper a gallon in three weeks.

Miss Thomson, the lady who recently created much comment in Edinburgh by having her horse shod with gold, and who was afterward heard of in Barcelona, Spain, scattered gold coin among the street-beggars, and has been placed in Gartnavel Asylum, near Glasgow.

There are artisan families in India, and we are told, in Damascus, who have worked at the same work day by day for 1,000 years; peasant families who have not only tilled the same fields, but have gone into them and left them at the same hour, according to the season, from a period before the birth of Christ.

A greater monstrosity than Daniel Lambert has appeared in England. He keeps a public house at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and is not yet twenty-two. He stands six feet four inches in height, and weighs 730 pounds. He measures eight feet around the shoulders, seven feet around the waist, and three feet around the calf of his leg.

An old lady—Mrs. Margaret McConnell—died at Glasgow on Saturday last at the age of 92, whose eyesight, almost up to the time of her death, remained so good that she could read ordinary newspaper print without the aid of glasses—in fact, she never used spectacles. Such cases of good eyesight at a great age are rare.—Halifax Chronicle.

Some idea of the extraordinary depression in the shipping trade, and especially in the Atlantic branch, may be required by perusing Mr. Rome's speech at the meeting of the shareholders of the National Steamship Company, limited. Mr. Rome presented a very gloomy picture of the past year's prospects. The freight last year amounted to only £27,000, and since 1873 there has been a falling off in the income of the company of no less than £275,000. He mentioned as an unprecedented circumstance that steamers had taken passage to America for nothing for the sake of the essential dead weight.

Telegraphic News.

EUROPE.

LONDON, March 28.—The "Times" prints a despatch from Rostchuk saying: The feeling of dislike between the Russians and Romanians is increasing daily. The latter contrive all kinds of annoyances, especially to civilians carrying Russian passports. The Romanians have also established duties amounting to 15 per cent. on all provisions brought here from Giurgewo.

BERN, March 18.—Premier Protiars has started for Vienna to interview General Ignatieff and Count Andrássy. He hopes to avert the retrocession of Bessarabia.

LONDON, March 28.—In the House of Commons to-night Hon. Gaythorne Hardy, Secretary for War, in reply to various questions, said it was necessary to call out the first class of the army reserve, numbering about 13,000, and militia reserve, which were between 25,000 and 26,000. The Queen's message to that effect would be presented probably on Monday.

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Derby's resignation was more serious than the calling out of reserves. They say that the belief is current that some steps for the safe guarding of British interests, like the entry of the fleet into the Black Sea or the occupation of Gallipoli on the shores of the Bosphorus, has been determined upon.

LONDON, March 31.—The following notice has been prepared for issue to officers of districts throughout the kingdom: "Her Majesty having been graciously pleased to direct, by proclamation, that the first class of the army reserve force be ordered out for permanent service, all men belonging to said reserve are required to report at headquarters for the purpose of rejoining the army."

LONDON, March 31.—Russian newspapers state that many offers for letters of marque have been received from the United States and elsewhere, but none were accepted.

A letter from Trebizond describes suffering at Erzeroum, consequent upon lack of fuel, food, crowded state of hospitals, and thousands are without food, and hundreds die of starvation.

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OLD LETTERS.

Av. letter burn them. What does it avail To retrace the dumb words so dear to me; Like dead leaves tossed before the autumn gale...

Miscellaneous.

A BEAR STORY.

The mother of a big bear in the Zoological Garden at Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, was shot in the far West, on one of those great hunting expeditions which go forth at certain seasons of the year in those regions; and her two little cubs were left alone, looking very pitiful and forlorn.

After some four or five years, Miss Molly's father and her family were to move to a distant State; and they felt as if they would like to give Mr. Bruin to some one who would be kind to him. Molly had heard of the Zoological Gardens in Philadelphia, and she wrote to one of the managers there, and told him about her bear, of his many accomplishments, and his gentle, many deportments, and offered to send him to them; adding, that, with her father's permission she and her brother would wait upon his bearship to his future home, and see him safely established in his permanent quarters.

The offer, of course, was gladly accepted, as well-trained and accomplished bears are not given away every day; and Miss Molly refused absolutely to take any money for her friend and playfellow. So a strong case was made for Mr. Bruin, and they set out on their journey. Notice was sent of their arrival in the city, and all were taken to the Zoological Gardens with due ceremony. Miss Molly herself released Bruin from his cage, and took him into the pit where he was to be domiciled; and, with many tears of sincere regret, she embraced her beloved bear, and bade him adieu, as she thought forever.

ed her old friend at first. There was a great crowd looking at the bears; and Molly fixed her eyes on Bruin, and gave a peculiar whistle, and said in a low voice, 'Hey, old Bruin!' and in an instant the bear distinguished her among the crowd, and seemed widely excited, and fairly danced up and down with delight. He held up his arms to her, half climbed up his pole and gave a wain of joy almost like a pained dog.

Permission was obtained, and the gate was opened, and fearlessly Molly entered. The bear greeted her in the warmest manner; embraced her tenderly in his shaggy arms; laid his rough head on her shoulder, she talking to him in a coaxing way all the while. Then, at a signal from her, he offered her his arm and they walked around the inclosure in a very sociable manner; and finally, after a parting embrace, Mrs. Molly bade adieu once more to her old playfellow and Master Bruin was left to his own meditation.

STRANGE MURDER TRIAL.

SIX CHILDREN CHARGED WITH KILLING A COLORED MAN.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 14, 1878.—At the Court of General Sessions for Edgefield County, in this State, the remarkable spectacle was presented, two days since, of six little children, two of whom were girls, being tried for murder. The youngest was not more than nine years of age, and the eldest not over thirteen. Four of the little unfortunates are the children of a Mr. Falow, and the remaining two, William and Mary Duffie, are orphans, the wards of Mr. Falow, who is a respectable and well-to-do planter in Edgefield county. The circumstances of the killing which led to this extraordinary arraignment are as follows:—The deceased victim was a colored youth about fourteen years of age, of rather a bad disposition, and who had been warned not to come into Falow's fields on any account. On the day of the killing, however, he approached the children, who were at work picking cotton, and threatened to whip the crowd, whereupon a genuine boyish fight ensued. The colored boy knocked little Ellis down, who, in return, felled him with a stone, inflicting a wound from the effects of which, unfortunately, he died several days later. The children were at once arrested by the friends of the colored boy and sent to Columbia, where they were released on a writ of Habeas Corpus granted by the Supreme Court. They were tried this week with all the pomp and ceremony usual to such occasions, and were amply prosecuted and defended by eminent counsel. The jury, after a short retirement, returned a verdict of "Not guilty," and the wondering, sleepy children were returned to their parents.

RESCUED CREW.—Schr. Sea Bird, Capt. Dorsey, 18 days from St. Kitts for Digby, N. S., with a cargo of molasses, has put in at Bootisay with the loss of four additional men and two topmasts. She has on board seven of the crew of the brigantine Blanche, of Digby which was abandoned at sea on or about February 15th, the mate of which is supposed to be lost, having left the vessel on a raft and struck out for himself; the rescued men were eight days and eight hours on the raft with nothing to eat but a dog. The Blanche was from Pangua, bound to St. Kitts, with lumber, and the Sea Bird also on board, crew of the Sea Bird also on board, crew of the Blanche was landed at St. Martin's, he being unable to proceed further.

On the 18th inst., three barns were destroyed by fire in Sunbury, New Brunswick. What was supposed to be the body of a man was found. It is believed that some unfortunate tramp had made his way into the barn and in some manner had set fire to the hay around him.

Among the Cossacks of the Ukraine leap year is a chronic institution, and women as well as men, often make the first marriage advances. Not exactly in accordance with our ideas of modesty.

An Elmira, N. Y., fisherman had great success in fishing through the ice this season, with grasshoppers caught last summer, and preserved them by dipping them into gum-arabic.

It is very curious, but animals certainly have some premonition of coming convulsions. Before a late earthquake in South America the dogs all left the town, and some birds flew inland.

It is not perhaps generally remembered that Napoleon once attempted suicide. It was after the destruction of Moscow by the Russians.

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EFFECT OF BONES ON DAIRY FARMS.

As an evidence of the great value of a dressing of bone-dust upon the dairy farms, we have the testimony of an English agricultural writer of high repute, and the author of a Royal Agricultural Society's Prize Essay. This gentleman states that, since his own manures have been applied to the Cheshire pastures, the product of the soil in herbage and cheese has been greatly increased, in many cases having been actually doubled. The increase of stock kept in the locality has been from 30 to 50 per cent., and in one case, of a farm of 160 acres, the number of feeding stock has been enlarged from 20 cows and 3 colts, to 35 cows, 8 feeding heifers, 16 yearlings and heifers, horses, and 3 colts. But at the same time it is true, the quality of the cheese has been to some extent deteriorated, except where the most skillful management has been applied to the manufacture, the richer herbage being found to produce milk which requires the greatest care and skill in every step of its manufacture into cheese.

WHY SOME FARMERS KEEP POOR.

A recent writer says:— "After long observation I have come to the conclusion that a great majority of the farmers who are poor might have made money. If you inquire into their business habits you will find that they always sold the best and kept the poorest. For instance, if they have too many sheep on hand, they pick out the best to be sold. If you ask them why they do so they will say:— "Because they bring twice as much as the others, and I am hard up just now for money. I know that it is not a good plan, and I do not intend to follow it always."

"I think the habit of selling the best is a very poor plan for any man, I don't care what his circumstances may be."

"I have a man in my mind now who always sells his poorest sheep for twice as much as the average farmer gets for his best. I have seen farmers in the fall pick out their best pigs to fatten, because they would make a few more pounds of pork than the others. This I call very poor economy."

The old Nile is no longer to be allowed to waste its time pouring out its waters uselessly into the sea. Its flood-streams are to be utilized, in part at least, and diverted into the deserts of Nubia, Libia, and Soudan. The gigantic engineering scheme is said not only to be projected but to be looked upon as actually feasible. It is well known, the main stream of the Nile is fed by the great equatorial lakes of Africa, and its annual inundations are caused by the in-rush of torrent-water, laden with soil from the fertile slopes of the Abyssinian plateau. This silt is now for the most part deposited in the bed of the Mediterranean, where it is gradually forming a new delta. Sir Samuel Baker, in a letter to the "Times," after relating these facts, proposes a plan by which not only the water of the Nile, but the soil which it now deposits wastefully may be utilized as a means of fertilizing the deserts south of Egypt. He proposes, by suitable engineering works, to divert a portion of the Nile flood-water into these deserts, where it can deposit its rich sediments in the sands, and also irrigate them into cotton fields that would render England independent of America. He would construct sluices and dams at different points on the Nile; at the cataracts, for instance. These dams and sluices, by enabling a craft to pass the cataracts, would also render the Nile navigable from the Mediterranean to Gondokoro.

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Joker's Corner.

SLOW VESSELS.

Many laughable yarns are told at the expense of the old-fashioned vessels of a century or so ago, among which is the following:—

One evening while running up the Mediterranean, under one horse breeze, Captain Pampus, commander of the "Wash Tub," came on deck just before sundown, and entered into the following conversation with Mr. Smiley, the first lieutenant:—

"I heard a little noise on deck just now, Mr. Smiley; what was the cause of it?"

"A man fell from the fore-yard."

"Without saying another word, Captain Pampus entered the cabin, and was not seen again until next morning after breakfast, when he once more freshened the deck with his presence, and again entered into conversation with the first lieutenant:—

"I think you told me, Mr. Smiley, that a man fell from the foreyard last evening."

"I did, sir."

"Have you picked him up yet?"

"No, sir."

"Well, you had better pick him up during the morning, or he will begin to starve."

The lieutenant obeyed orders, lowered a boat about noon, and found the gentleman who fell from the foreyard, but eighteen inches farther astern than he was fourteen hours before.

An exchange speaks of a Vermont editor's wife presenting her husband with a fourteen pound daughter. Oh, yes, we remember—the circumstance. The editor received the donation with his accustomed gravity, and penned the following before he discovered that the gift was not sent for the usual purpose:—

"A magnificent baby has been laid upon our table by Mrs. Blank, and we have no hesitation in pronouncing it the best that has come under our notice this season. We return thanks for the generous gift, and can only add that we hope the printer will be similarly remembered by many other of our readers." When the editor discovered what a blunder he had made, he took a solemn oath never to write another puff, not even if his cellar was filled with water melons and his back yard filled with cordwood. —Turner Falls Reporter.

The father of his country was an astute husband, and singularly just. "Martha," he said, three days after his marriage, "we might as well understand each other. I am prepared to admit that the late Mr. Curtis was the best man that ever lived. He was a good provider and most excellent in every conceivable way. But he is dead. I am frank to say that I do not weep over it. It is simply so. Let us not resurrect him. Let the dear old fellow rest in peace. He was too good for this world. We will not call him back. Let me hear no more regarding the late Mr. Curtis, my dear."

And those simple words, firmly spoken secured Mr. Washington much happiness and as much peace as though he had married the lady known as the Highland Beauty. —Buffalo Express.

A TRAMP.

A gentleman residing in a neat, modest cottage in the suburbs recently caught a tramp prowling around his back yard, evidently trying to steal something.

"Why don't you come to the front door if you want anything?" indignantly roared the proprietor.

"That's what I was a looking for," was the impudent reply.

"Didn't you see it on the other side of the house?" retorted the gentleman.

"How was I to know that was the front door? No silver door-pate, no bell, no telephone, no statuary, no servant to take your hat and cane. Tell your boys there's a gentleman out here waiting for his breakfast."

When the gentleman got back with his shot-gun the tramp had disappeared.

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