

THE USEFULNESS OF HEMP.

In a recent issue we referred to an article in the Chicago Tribune which stated that during the present year no less than 903 murders had been committed in the United States and that only seventy of the murderers had suffered the extreme penalty of the law.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE DARIEN CANAL.

The recent despatch of Secretary Blain to the United States Ministers at the different European courts, claiming the political control of the Canal that is proposed to be built across the Isthmus of Darien, is causing considerable discussion in the European, American and Canadian press.

WINDSOR, N. S.

Windsor, N. S., must be a very queer place or the Windsor Mail must be a very queer paper. From a late issue of that journal we learn that Windsor does not possess a reading room or a literary club of any kind for its young men.

IRISH AFFAIRS.

Now that the first shock of surprise after the arrest of Parnell and his colleagues has passed away, sober second thought on the part of fair minded men condemn the arrest as illegal and tyrannical.

THE ITALIAN KINGS VISIT TO VIENNA.

The King and Queen of Italy arrived at Vienna on the evening of Friday last, and on their arrival at the railway station, received a warm and hearty welcome from the beauty and fashion of Vienna, that had gathered to receive and do them honour.

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was afraid, and took advantage of his little brief authority to strike down an opponent over whom circumstances gave him power, and of whose arguments he was afraid.

MR. BURBRIDGE INTERVIEWED.

(From the St. John Sun.)

"Seeing that you have just returned from the Upper Provinces, Mr. Burbridge," said a Reporter of the St. John Sun to Mr. George W. Burbridge, of the law firm of Harrison & Burbridge, "I have called to interview you in reference to your visit."

Mr. B.—How are things in Ottawa? Mr. B.—O, very quiet. Few were there except members of the Government and some parties having business with the Department.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

The semi-examination of the Convent School took place on last Friday, and owing to the lateness of the hour in which it concluded, prevented a report being inserted in our last issue.

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CRIMINAL RECORD.
At Ipanesbury, Michigan, on Friday last, Dr. Hall was convicted of the murder of his wife by poison.
On Friday morning the Treasurer of the Beaver Company, Rochester, Pa., on opening his safe, was knocked down by two unknown men, and \$13,000 county funds was abstracted. The robbers escaped.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The Grand Jury to-day returned indictments against Capt. Howgate for forging the name of R. H. Rochester, treasurer of the Western Union Telegraph Company, to three receipts, aggregating \$36,000.

A RAILWAY IN THE TROPICS.
The Petaluma (Cal.) Argus says: "It may not be generally known outside of the neighborhood where it is situated, but it is nevertheless a fact, that in Sonoma county we have an original and successful piece of railway engineering and building that is not to be found in the books. In the upper part of this country, near the coast may be seen an actual road-bed in the tree-tops. Between the Clipper Mills and Sturt's Point, where the road crosses a deep ravine, the trees are sawed off on a level, and the timber and ties laid on the stumps. In the centre of the ravine mentioned two huge redwood trees, standing side by side, form a substantial support, and they are cut off twenty-five feet above the ground, and cars loaded with heavy saw logs pass over them with as much security as if they were framed in the most scientific manner."

THE TROUBLES OF GREAT BRITAIN.
Great centres of population have dangers all their own. Last winter a snow-storm blocked the railroads leading into London, and being accompanied by an unusual degree of cold, unprepared London was nearly brought to destruction for want of the essentials of food, fuel, light, and liquor. The food supply ran down rapidly, and as London only supplies itself from day to day, and realizes in a way peculiarly its own force of the petition given us by day our daily bread, famine began to peer in here and there in the back slums, which life is a hard to mouth affair. The supply of water got short, and the great brewers' wells were brought into requisition. Coal dwindled down, and the gas supply was shortened, while thousands who live on a morning and evening supply of coal had to do without. Three or four days more would have caused the death of thousands of thousands of children. Now, New York, another great city, is threatened with all the evils attendant upon a short water supply, owing to the last summer's drought. A week without rain, and disease would scatter itself through all the city. Civilization has its own created dangers.

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MARINE DISASTER.
MELBOURNE, Oct. 29.—The steamer Calcutta, hence for Sydney, foundered at sea during a gale. All on board, twenty-two in number, perished.
A Russian journal is very irate at the friendly demonstration in Yorktown between the two Republics and England. It has always been a cause of regret to the Canadian friends of the United States that that country had such warm and friendly relations with a power so despotic in its principles as Russia. The alliance was a most unnatural one, from whatever side looked at.

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"Wild Briar," owned by A. Morrison, Esq., has arrived from the Sydney mines with a full cargo of coal.
An old building situated on the corner of Frost and Pleasant Streets, that has not been inhabited for two years, was torn down on Hollow'een.
Mr. Peter Trainer killed a pig the other day which weighed 456 pounds for which he received nine cents per pound.
It is stated that Earl Cowper, the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, will at an early date be relieved at his own request of the position, and will be succeeded by Earl Spencer.
The Marquis de Bassano, consul general at Quebec, is said to be at the head of a gigantic scheme for promoting emigration from France to the North West.
The cholera spreading in the East and advancing toward Europe. It has already made considerable ravages at Aden, and has reached Mecca where the Mussulmans are imploring their Prophet.
Donald Loggie shot, with silver snout, quite a number of wild fowl down the river, and presented them to his many friends.
In the trial growth of sugar beets, farmers about Sherbrooke are realizing an average of \$50 and under exceptional cultivation \$75 per acre.
A cargo consisting of forty thousand cases of canned salmon has been shipped from Victoria, B. C., for London, England. It is valued at \$185,000.
The Soy leaves at Haunsibal broke in a third place last Saturday morning. The water is sweeping over the entire hot tom. The bottom is 200 feet wide, and widening. Losses will aggregate \$500,000.
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R. P. WHITNEY, } TRUSTEES.
R. A. LAWLOR, }
Dated 17th October, A D 1881. nov2if

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Emroy's Bar to Port Moody.
Notice to Contractors.
TENDER FOR WORK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.
SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to NOON on WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of FEBRUARY next, in a lump sum, for the construction of that portion of the road between Port Moody and the west end of Contract 60, near Emroy's Bar, a distance of about 8 1/2 miles. Specifications, conditions of contract and forms of tender may be obtained on application to the Canadian Pacific Railway Office, in New Westminster, and at the Chief Engineer's Office at Ottawa, after the 1st January next, at which time plans and profiles will be open for inspection at the latter office. This timely notice is given with a view to giving Contractors an opportunity of visiting and examining the ground during the fine season and before the winter sets in. Mr. Marcus Smith, who is in charge at the office at New Westminster, is instructed to complete the work contracted for shall execute. If the tender is not accepted the cheque will be returned. The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.
By Order,
F. H. ENNIS, Secretary.
Dept. of Railways and Canals, } nov 2 12wif
Ottawa, Oct. 24th, 1881.

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