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Calendar for Dec., 1895.

MOON'S CHANGES.
Full Moon, 2nd day, 2h 26.9m. a. m.
Last Quarter, 9th day, 2h 52.6m. a. m.
New Moon, 16th day, 2h 17.3m. a. m.
First Quarter, 24th day, 1h 8.9m. a. m.
Full Moon, 31st day, 1h 18.2m. p. m.

Day of Week	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sun	29	10	3	18	6	00	10
2 Mon	30	10	4	3	8	4	11
3 Tue	31	9	5	12	9	13	11
4 Wed	32	9	6	23	10	2	11
5 Thur	33	9	7	40	10	53	1
6 Fri	34	8	8	53	11	28	2
7 Sat	35	8	10	23	12	2	3
8 Sun	36	8	11	35	0	13	4
9 Mon	37	8	12	48	0	28	5
10 Tue	38	8	1	0	9	44	6
11 Wed	39	8	2	14	1	59	7
12 Thur	40	8	3	31	1	74	8
13 Fri	41	8	4	53	1	87	9
14 Sat	42	8	5	21	2	98	10
15 Sun	43	8	7	25	3	11	0
16 Mon	44	9	8	36	4	11	10
17 Tue	45	9	9	45	5	11	20
18 Wed	46	9	10	52	6	11	30
19 Thur	47	10	11	0	7	11	40
20 Fri	48	10	12	10	8	11	50
21 Sat	49	11	1	21	9	12	0
22 Sun	50	11	2	34	10	12	10
23 Mon	51	11	3	48	11	12	20
24 Tue	52	12	4	0	12	12	30
25 Wed	53	12	5	11	1	12	40
26 Thur	54	12	6	24	2	12	50
27 Fri	55	12	7	38	3	12	0
28 Sat	56	12	8	53	4	12	10
29 Sun	57	1	9	0	5	12	20
30 Mon	58	1	10	10	6	12	30
31 Tue	59	1	11	24	7	12	40

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Fresh Light on History.

FATHER GERARD, S. J., ON THE GUNPOWDER PLOT.
(London Tablet, November 16.)

In our issue of last week we quoted from The Western Mail a short paragraph summarizing a lecture on the Gunpowder Plot, given by Father Gerard, S. J., at Cardiff. The South Wales Argus, of November 7, supplied its readers with the following lengthy report of the lecture:

Father Gerard, who spoke entirely without notes, said: The account of the Gunpowder Plot published by the Government of King James I., has in its main outline been implicitly accepted ever since at least in this country; but the complicity of the Catholics as a body has long been discredited by respectable historians. The complicity of Father Garnet, the Jesuit, has been the subject of interminable discussion, with the result that Mr. Gardiner, the latest and best of our historians, who has given special attention to this period, pronounces the account given by Garnet of himself to be in all probability "the exact truth." But while in these details there is admitted to be doubt, it has always been believed that to a great extent the history of the conspiracy is known with absolute certainty. As Jardine puts it, "The outlines of the tragedy were too notorious to be suppressed or disguised; that a design had been formed to blow up the Parliament House, with the King, the Royal Family, the Lords and Commons, and that this design was formed by Catholic men and for Catholic purposes, could never admit of controversy or concealment." This, however, is the very question to be discussed to-night.

Reasons will be given, which seem difficult to answer, to show that even in its main outlines the Government story is certainly untrue; that it was invented to conceal the truth; and that all the evidence points unmistakably to the conclusion that Cecil (Earl of Salisbury) was the Prime Minister, if he did not actually originate the plot, at least knew of it long before the pretended discovery, and worked it for his own ends. This was the belief at the time and for long afterwards, not only universally amongst Catholics, but amongst intelligent Protestants. Osborne speaks of its management as "a neat device of the Treasurer's he being very plentiful in such plots." Goodman, Anglican Bishop of Gloucester, says that he "would first contrive a plot and then discover it, to show his service to the State, and the more odious and hateful the treason were, his service would be the greater and more acceptable."

We are told on the authority of Lord Cobham, that James himself used afterwards to call the 5th of November "Cecil's holiday," and Archbishop Usher is quoted as frequently saying that if Pausanias knew what he knew, the blime of the gunpowder treason would not lie on them. In the reign of Charles II. we find an ultra-Protestant writer complaining that some in his day looked upon this plot as a romantic story, or polite invention, or State trick, and class it with fables of the character of Jack the Giant-Killer. Out of a mass of evidence this must suffice. A French writer remarked that the plots in the reigns of Elizabeth and James have this common feature—that they proved highly advantageous to those against whom they were directed. In the time of Elizabeth these plots were unquestionably a favorite device of Walsingham, as those of Squires and Parry, while it is certain that he knew all along of Babington's conspiracy, and worked it for the destruction of Mary Queen of Scots, Walsingham's successor as secretary was Cecil, and his contemporaries unanimously judged him capable of doing the like. At this time, he was threatened with the loss of that power, which he valued above all things. The King did not like him; the nobility were jealous of him; the people hated him; and he had powerful rivals ready to supplant him. He especially dreaded the influence of the Catholic party, whom the King seemed inclined to favour. For a time at least the Gunpowder Plot relieved him from his difficulty and made him all powerful. It must be added that while Prime Minister of England he was in receipt of a secret pension from the King of Spain. The Catholics of England had been cruelly persecuted under Elizabeth. The Penal Laws, in the words of the late Lord Orlery, were "as wild and savage as any since the foundation of the world." They hoped for toleration from James, who had assured them they should have it, and who did at first greatly mitigate their sufferings. Then suddenly the policy was changed, and they were persecuted more severely than ever, so that it was said that the times of

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made about everything else—even as to where the conspirators had procured their crowbars and their beaver hats; but about the powder no word was ever breathed! Of it we hear no more, and the Lords asserted that very day above the "cellar" where much of it, at least, must still have been. Moreover, for 73 years afterwards this "cellar" continued to be let out in the same careless fashion, and filled with all sorts of lumber, so the discovery could not have caused the great terror it was supposed to have aroused. In 1678 Sir Christopher Wren reported this letting of the cellar to be unsafe, and then, not before, was instituted the traditional "search" on the eve of Parliament. More extraordinary still, and altogether bewildering, is the fact, vouched for by the landlady of the house hired by the conspirators, that on the 4th of November Fawkes had carpenters and other work-folk in his house to repair it. What was the sense of putting a house in order on the Monday which was to have been blown to pieces on the Tuesday? Besides, would these workmen fail to notice the mine or other suspicious circumstances? Moreover, Speed says that during a session this house served the Peers as a withdrawing-room, being only let between the sessions of Parliament. The session beginning on November 6th, it would be in the occupation of the Peers and their attendants. How was Fawkes to keep possession and carry on his operations unperceived? How was he to get into the cellar? and how was he to get out of it without exciting the notice of the guards and the crowds of spectators who accompanied the Royal procession and surrounded the House of Parliament? It is said that he was to have been taken by boat from the Parliament stairs to a ship waiting to carry him to Flanders. But a strong flood-tide was running, making London Bridge impassable down stream. All this, as has been said, is quite bewildering.

We have, moreover, clear evidence that, long before this, the Government, through its secret agents, were "working" a Catholic plot, with the special object of implicating priests, and men of position. Eighteen months earlier—just when the Gunpowder Plot was started—one of their "sealers" offered to implicate sixty priests and Jesuits, and was told that twenty would do, provided they were big fish, and were given names of such as would serve the purpose. Several other documents might be quoted to the same effect, and Cecil himself, unguardedly admits that before the Mounteagle letter he had information of a "practice" intended against the Parliament, even by the actual conspirators. Baneriot, Archbishop of Canterbury, declared that it was always necessary to insinuate a "Judas" among the Catholics, and there were strong reasons for believing that this affair was managed through Thomas Percy, one of the principal "conspirators." He had all three years before been a Protestant, and very wild and licentious in his life. He then became a Catholic, and apparently a very fervent one, being so described both by others and by himself. Nevertheless, as is proved by documents in the State Paper Office, he had two wives living, one in London and one in Warwickshire. Sir Francis Moore, an eminent lawyer, told Bishop Goodman, that having occasion to be out late at nights he had more than once seen Percy coming out of Cecil's house at two in the morning, and "wondered what his business was there." Again Percy having been absent in the North, returned to London on Saturday, November 3rd. Of this Cecil makes a great mystery, declaring that he had with infinite difficulty discovered the fact from Fawkes. There is, however, in the State Paper Office a pass, dated October 25th, to Percy, from the the Lords Commissioners of the North, to post to London on the King's special business, and charging all mayors and sheriffs to supply him with three good horses on the road. It would not be hard for the Secretary of State to learn the movements of one who travelled in this fashion. But, it will be objected, Percy fled with the others from London, and when they were overtaken at Holbeche, in Staffordshire, he, with three others, was shot dead. It must, however, be remembered that, as is attested by Lord Castle-maine, it was commonly believed to be no uncommon thing, when the

Elizabeth, though most cruel, was the mildest and happiest in comparison with those of James.

Tis invariably excited disappointment and indignation, and it was not wonderful that some violent and turbulent spirits amongst them should be ready for violent remedies. The conspirators were eminently such characters. So well known were they that nine years previously, when the Queen was ill, it had been proposed to lock them up as a precautionary measure, they being "bunger-starved for innovations" and "turbulent spirits." They had all, or nearly all, been engaged in serious treasonable actions, and in particular in the rebellion of Essex, when some of them had narrowly escaped the gallows. This being so, as Lord Castlemaine says, it was no hard thing for a Secretary of State "to know of them as men fit for his purposes. The story of their proceedings told by the Government is incredible. According to this, so secretly did they work that those at the head of affairs had no suspicion of danger till the eve of the session of Parliament, when warning was given by an anonymous letter to Lord Mounteagle. "Never," it was said, "was treason more secret and ruin more apparently inevitable."

But the details will not bear examination. First, we are told, these men, known as desperate characters, hired a house close to the House of Lords. From this they dug a mine through the intervening garden, and then endeavoured to break through the foundation of the Parliament House so as to construct a chamber inside for their gunpowder. The wall was nine feet thick, and at it they worked for at least six weeks, getting only halfway through. If this really happened, it is impossible that the Government should not have known of it. What became of the earth and stones which they dug out? How did they bring in unobserved the timber needed to prop up their tunnel? Above all, what of the noise made in beating through the wall? The neighborhood was thickly populated, there were people constantly in the building above them, and the sound of their picks must have resounded far around. It is almost impossible to believe that this work at the mine ever took place; the more so, as when the House of Lords was taken down, no trace of the breach in the wall appears to have been found. The story goes on that after a time the conspirators discovered that between them and the Peers' Chamber was a large room, commonly described as a "cellar," which it was not. It was above ground, running the whole length of the building, 70 feet long and more than 24 feet wide, which had been used for storing coals. This they hired, and abandoned the mine. Meanwhile they had bought their powder, and stored it across the Thames at Lambeth. This again suggests many questions. We are told that there were over four tons of it, purchased in the name of the chief conspirators, just the men known to have been most dangerous. How did they, without exciting suspicion, procure this quantity? Then it had to be ferried across the river, hauled up the Parliament-place—a much frequented locality—and under the Parliament House. And all without the Government having any idea of what was going on! We must remember that this same Government had its spies everywhere, was informed of all that was passing, especially amongst the recusants, could intercept letters from Paris to Brussels, or Rome to Naples, and had information of what passed in the "Papal Court" before it reached the Catholics. Yet they were said to have known nothing of the Gunpowder Plot till the day before Parliament met. The end of the story is equally strange. Cecil saw the letter to Mounteagle two days before the session, and we have it from himself that he at once divined that there was gunpowder under the House of Lords for the purpose of blowing it up. Yet for ten days he did nothing. Not till the morning of the 5th itself was the search made which "discovered" it, and then he talked of the "miraculous" nature of this discovery so shortly before the intended catastrophe. There is certainly some colour for Bishop Goodman's view, that all was contrived for stage effect. But would any man in his senses have left a store of powder so long in such a place in the hands of a man like Guy Fawkes, if he had thought there was any harm in it? It would be interesting to know what would have happened if a match had been applied to that powder. The conspirators appear to have been disappointed with it, for they supposed it to have become "dank." More remarkable still, after the discovery, searching inquiries were

game had been secured, to hang the spaniel that had caught it.

"that his patron's art might not be suspected;" and in this case there were sundry highly suspicious circumstances. There was no need of shooting anybody, for the rebels had no firearms, and might all easily have been captured. The men killed were just the most important witnesses, being the original conspirators—Catsbury, Percy and John Wright, with his brother. This fact excited much comment at the time, and, as Goodman tells us, "many did not stick to affirm that the great statesman, sending to apprehend these traitors, gave special charge and direction for Percy and Catsbury, 'Let me never see them alive,' who, it may be, would have revealed some evil counsel given."

It is at least remarkable that the man who shot Percy, John Strocto, was granted a pension of 2s. a day (equal to £1 at present) for life. More suspicious still is it, that in its published narrative the Government thought it necessary to explain how it happened that Percy was killed and not taken; giving a reason which will not bear investigation, viz., that the King's messengers could not get down in time, the distance being over 100 miles, the roads bad, and the days short. But there were three days to do it in, and the fugitives had done it in one, though they had not relays of horses at every post, like the King's servants. Moreover, though the latter could not get down in three days, they contrived to get up to London with the news of the conspirators' inaus. A word in conclusion on an all-important point. There can be no possible doubt that in the proceedings which followed, the Government employed without scruple every species of fraud and untruthfulness. Their published accounts are admitted on all hands to be of no historical value whatever, being full of deliberate and studied fabrication and falsification of evidence. In that which they presented in court they did not stick at what amounts to plain forgery, as Mr. Jardine admits, and they tampered with documents and garbled them, as suited their purpose, withholding all that told in favor of the accused and presenting all that told against them. Under which Guy Fawkes was compelled to sign his so-called confession. No reliance can possibly be placed in a story marked with such features. In fact, were the evidence against Father Garnet and other Catholic priests, of which so much has been heard, one-tenth part as strong as that against the Government of James I., it would long ago have been accepted as conclusive. The more the facts are investigated, the more are all the threads found to lead in one direction, and that confirms the opinion which startled me when I first heard it expressed by the late Father Joseph Stevenson, whose authority as an historian few will gainsay—"The Gunpowder Plot was the biggest swindle ever concocted."

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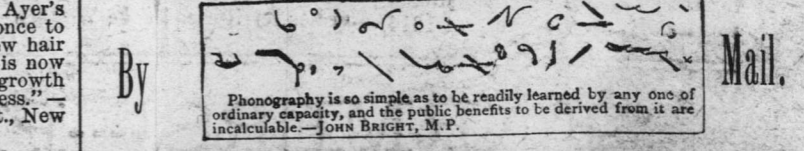
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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

In the U. S. senate on Friday, the Venezuelan commission bill passed without amendment.

The Manitoba Legislature has been dissolved. A general election will take place in February.

TWENTY-FOUR men lost their lives in the Nelson mine near Chattanooga, Tenn., by an explosion on Saturday last.

While talking to her son on the main street of Tweed, Ont., a few evenings ago, Mrs. Robert Gordon of that town, suddenly dropped dead.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER, Hon. W. B. Ives, Sir Wm. Van Horne, F. G. Shaughnessy and Premier Bowell met in consultation at Ottawa on Friday last on the fast Atlantic service.

On the 30th of November, the overdraft of the Provincial Government at the Merchants' Bank of P. E. Island was \$87,701.00, and at the Merchants' Bank of Halifax \$33,810.00.

This morning's Guardian is double the usual size, an eight page paper, printed in red, black and blue. We congratulate our morning contemporary on the appearance of this Christmas number.

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In consequence of Christmas coming on Wednesday, we have anticipated our date of issue by twenty-four hours, and go to press on Tuesday. By this means we trust that most of our readers will have the HERALD for Christmas reading.

The London Globe of Monday says that the financial kings of the old world are firmly resolved that such a horror as war between England and the United States shall not occur and they will not hesitate to employ any means to prevent it.

The date of the Burns Anniversary Concert has been changed from Tuesday evening, Jan. 28th, to Friday evening, Jan. 24th, when it will be held in the Opera House. An elaborate programme is in course of preparation, and a grand concert may be looked forward to.

Our agent, Mr. O'Brien will, in a few days visit Cardigan Bridge, Georgetown, Montague and adjoining districts in the interests of the HERALD. We trust our friends will give him a kind reception and be prepared to settle any balances that may be due for subscriptions.

As announced in our last issue, Solemn Pontifical Mass will be celebrated in St. Dunstan's Cathedral this midnight, Christmas Eve. The sermon will be preached by Rev. R. B. McDonald, of Rustico. In our next issue we will give an account of the service and a full report of the sermon.

The President, Chauncey M. Depew, of the New York Central Railroad, says: "The war scare has already cost the country \$1,000,000,000. In depreciated values, and it has been going on only three days. I met a man yesterday who owns most of the swamp in Venezuela which is in dispute. He said that he would sell it to me for \$25,000."

The present war scare is beneficial in calling attention to the inadequate nature of Canadian defences. The military members of the House of Commons are a unit in demanding from the government the re-arming of the militia with Lee-Metfords. It is said that parliament will be asked to appropriate a sum of money to test smokeless powder.

The shipment of cattle from the United States to foreign countries is making a very poor showing this year. Only 29,578 cattle were exported in September, as against 33,169 head in the corresponding month last year. For the first nine months of 1895 the exports amounted to 194,582 cattle as compared with 314,469 for the like period in 1894.

Under the caption "Fresh Light on History," we publish on our first page, today, an article that throws a flood of light on the "Gunpowder Plot." This article shows pretty plainly who were responsible for that atrocious undertaking. To those desirous of knowing "what to remember on the 6th of November," we recommend a careful perusal of this article.

The Kermesse in aid of St. Joseph's Convent closed on Friday evening, it was a decided success, about \$200 being realized. The following articles were won by those whose names are appended: Picture and Easel, Rev. J. C. McLean; Canary, Miss Carry McAnlay, Tracadie; Five-stroke Cane, Miss Maggie Curley; Cushion, M. P. Hogan; Oil Painting, Miss Emma Wainor; Chair, Mrs. Edward Callan; Cakes, Arthur McBerry; Fancy Picture, Mr. Frank McMillan.

Our readers will remember that the international yacht race sailed in New York harbor last September, principally on account of the interference of warship steamers. Bearing this in mind, a member of the London Board of Trade, on learning of Cleveland's warlike message to Congress, sent this humorous despatch to the President of the New York Board of Trade: "In case of war, when the British war fleet get across see that they are not hampered by excursion steamers."

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND on Friday sent an important message to congress on the financial situation. Withdrawals of gold he says, threaten such depletion in the government's gold reserve as brings us face to face with the necessity of further action for its protection. This position is intensified by the prevalence, in certain quarters, of a sudden and unusual apprehension and timidity in business circles. We are in the midst of another season of perplexity caused by our dangerous and fatuous financial operations.

CHARLES'S Prince Edward Island Almanac and Miscellaneous Directory for 1896 has been laid on our table. It contains much valuable information on topics of importance to every business man, and farmer. The make up of the Imperial, Dominion and Provincial Governments; information about the judiciary, the magistracy, the educational and other public offices and much other valuable matter of a kindred nature is here set forth in compact form. The mechanical work was performed at the office of John Coombs, and, needless to say, is first class. The price of the Almanac is 15 cents. No one should be without it.

The People's Paper.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

According to an exchange, a farm laborer died recently in Lynminster, Arundel, England, whose wages while he could work were \$3.60 a week, as he never rose above a working bailiff and a cowman. He was able to work until he was 73, when he had saved no less than 1,000 dollars. On this he managed to live for twelve years longer, with a little help from his former employer; then, as he outlived his savings, he had to be relieved by the Poorlaw officials, dying a pauper at 87.

The grant last year by the Dominion fisheries department to Captain "Get" Howard of a lease of 70 miles of the Labrador coast for lobster canning purposes, has evidently attracted the attention of other canners. Howard's plan of operations is to work a ten mile stretch each year, so that at the end of the 7th year the first section will have recuperated. To-day the department received an application from a canner of Liverpool, N. S., for a lease of a ten mile strip east of Kegashka, Labrador.

There is considerable excitement on the stock market in Boston in sympathy with New York. The prices fell off on Friday as much as 6 1/2 per cent. A meeting of the Stock Exchange was held to appoint a committee to go to Washington and represent to the President and Mr. Olney, the Senators and Speaker of the House of Representatives from Massachusetts, and state that they are not correctly informed of the opinion of the business men of Boston in the present political crisis, which calls for more careful consideration than it is now receiving.

Dealings at the New York Stock Exchange Friday were attended with unusual excitement and prices broke badly. Before the opening of the local stock market it is known there that prices for Americans in London had broken anywhere from one to four per cent. The result was a great rush to sell stocks the minute the board opened for business. The local operators, who had become weak financially by the recent break in the industries, were forced to sell. This added to the depression. No discrimination was used. Gilt edged issues, as well as rattle-traps were thrown on the market apparently regardless of the price.

Bankers of heavy withdrawals of gold for export to Europe this week had a demoralizing influence. Money which had been ruling at 4 per cent. and under to the stock exchange borrowers, suddenly rose to eighty per cent., and a number of banks began to call in loans. Three stock exchange firms were forced to the wall, S. S. Sands & Co., Nichol, Frothingham & Co., and Desfresville & Co., at the consolidated. There were two failures.

An effort is being made in Gloucester, Mass. to consolidate all the fish business under one gigantic head. Boston commission merchants and fish men for a long time had practically a monopoly of all the fresh fish and much salt fish landed in Gloucester, while they themselves do not own any fishing crafts, in fact many have not a dollar invested in this industry and rely on commission at a large profit, while the producers very often do not get sufficient returns to pay expenses on the voyage. Edmund W. Morris, fish dealer, New York, recently visited Gloucester. It has been learned his mission was in the interest of a gigantic combine to be formed for the purpose of consolidating all the fish business with headquarters at New York. The Fulton market fishing company, Fulton fish market, has been organized as an auxiliary of the gigantic scheme, with Mr. Morris as Manager, and a long list of subscribers. As far as known all these parties reside in New York and vicinity. It is their intention, it is said, to solicit a few Boston and Gloucester dealers with leading merchants of the British provinces to join the combine.



As Well as Ever

After Taking Hood's Sarsaparilla

Cured of a Serious Disease. "I was suffering from what is known as Bright's disease for five years, and for days at a time I have been unable to straighten myself up. I was in bed for three weeks, and during that time I had loaches applied and derived no benefit. Seeing Hood's Sarsaparilla advertised in the papers I decided to try a bottle. I found relief before I had finished taking half of a bottle. I got so much better from taking the first bottle that I felt it was well as ever to take another. I finished the second bottle, and now I feel as well as ever. Hood's Pills are prompt and efficient, yet easy of action. Sold by all druggists. 25c."

WEEKS'

Sale. Sale. Sale.

Before the 31st of December we intend to make the balance of our large fall and winter stock move rapidly if Big Reductions and Big Discounts will do it. We can save you from \$1.00 to \$3.00 on the price of every purchase of Ladies' Jackets and Capes. Fur Goods will be all reduced. Fur Capes, Fur Jackets, Muffs, Collars, and everything in our store will be sold at prices down to the lowest point. Remember, from now till New Years.

Every Ladies' Jacket And all Fur Goods

Must be cleared out. These are all the very best goods, and money can be saved by trading with us.

One Hundred Cents

We all know makes a dollar, and you will find one dollar will go further at Weeks & Co's than any other store. We are here to do a big business and keep all hands busy. We buy direct from the manufacturers at best prices. Big Bargains now on Gents Winter Lined Gloves, very suitable for Xmas Presents. Also, one thousand handsome Silk Handkerchiefs to choose from. Everything the very best.

Nearly every person on P. E. Island knows where W. A. Weeks & Co's store is. If you don't know, it is on Queen Street, next Beer & Goff's Grocery Store, and that is the spot for Honest Goods at Honest Prices.

WEEKS', THE PEOPLES' STORE. Wholesale and Retail.

DIED.

At Charlottetown, on Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., Mr. Thomas Lynch, in the 85th year of his age. Requiescat in pace. (Boston and New York papers please copy.)

On the 21st inst., at the residence of his uncle, Charles Paul, Chestnut St., John A. Paul, in the 25th year of his age.

On Dec. 5th, at Mendocino, Cal., Wm. H. Kelly, a native of Morel, P. E. I. He leaves a wife, two daughters and a son to mourn.

My Baby

was a living skeleton; the doctor said he was dying of Marasmus and Indigestion. At 13 months he weighed only seven pounds. Nothing strengthened or fattened him. I began using Scott's Emulsion of Cod-liver Oil with Hypophosphites, feeding it to him and rubbing it into his body. He began to fatten and is now a beautiful dimpled boy. The Emulsion seemed to supply the one thing needed. Mrs. KENYON WILLIAMS, May 27, 1894. Cave Springs, Ga. Similar letters from other mothers. Don't be persuaded to accept a substitute Scott's Emulsion, 50c and \$1.

Literary Notes.

Jerome K. Jerome has written a series of short stories for the Ladies' Home Journal. They will be published during the coming few months, under the caption of "Stories of the Town." Mr. Jerome portrays well-known types or characters in these stories, the first of which he calls "Blaise Billy." The series is interesting from the fact that it constitutes the first short stories that Mr. Jerome has ever written directly for an American periodical.

Mail Contracts.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa, until noon on Friday, 14th February, 1896, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on proposed contracts for four years from the 1st April, 1896, on the following routes:

New Annapolis and Railway Station, daily (Sunday Ex.)
New Annapolis and Wilmot Valley, semi-weekly.
Pease's Station and Railway Station, daily (Sunday Ex.)
Pease's Station and Ruskin, semi-weekly.

Printed notices containing full information as to conditions of proposed contracts may be seen, and blank forms of tenders may be obtained at the Post Office at which the services commence and terminate, and at the office of the subscriber, Charlottetown.

F. DE ST. C. BREKEN, Asst. P. O. Inspector. Post Office Inspectors Office, Charlottetown, P. E. Island. Dec. 18-95.



The Times are Hard,

And money is scarce; and in view of this fact we have placed within the reach of all. No matter how little money a man has, he should not do without a good warm Ulster or Overcoat, as the prices we are offering Clothing at no one should be without.

Boys' Overcoats, Boys' Reefers, Men's Ulsters, Men's Overcoats, Men's Reefers, Men's Suits,

You can buy a good pair Pants of us for \$1.00. Lot of Underclothing at the lowest prices in town. Don't fail to come if you decide to buy. We are the people to buy from in order to save your money.

J. B. McDONALD & Co. 132 Queen Street and Market Square.

DON'T FORGET THE GREAT Bankrupt Sale

COAL. Afloat, Loading, and to Arrive

2,000 TONS COAL. Per steamer Coila,— 300 Tons Old Sydney Mines Round Coal,

Per brig Aquila,— **300 TONS ACADIA NUT**

Per schooners Spring Bird, May Queen, Emma B., Margaret Ann, Henry Phillips, A. S. Townshend, Etoile du Matin, Day Spring, Tarquin and Olivia,—

1,400 TONS COAL, —IN— **Run of Mines,**

INTERCOLONIAL NUT, VALE NUT —AND— **Sydney Slack.**

All the above vessels will be here in a few days.

C. LYONS & Co. Oct. 23. **John T. Mollish, M. A., LL. B.** Barrister & Attorney-at-Law, **NOTARY PUBLIC, etc.** CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. ISLAND Office—London House Building.

Collecting, conveying, and all kinds of Legal business promptly attended to. Investments made on best security. Money to loan. **D. A. BRUCE'S,** Canada's Famous Tailoring Establishment.

EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW THAT



Is a very remarkable remedy, both for INTERNAL and EXTERNAL use, and wonderful in its quick action to relieve distress.

THE PRIEST'S RIDE

O'er Kansas plains, at the close of day, Came a call to help the dying, From a Texas ranch in the wilds away.

A Protestant Minister on Anti-Catholic Calumnies.

Catholics know well that one of the chief obstacles to Christian reunion is, so far as Protestants are concerned, the prevalence among Protestants of mistaken, or even slanderous, notions of what the Catholic Church really is, and what it teaches.

Just spend his Four Quarters for a bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters



The most prompt pleasant and perfect cure for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, Croup, Whooping Cough, Quinsy, Pain in the Chest and all Throat, Bronchial and Lung Diseases.

Local and Special News

DANIEL O'CONNELL died on Friday, 15th day of May, 1895.

MINARD'S FAMILY PILLS are purely vegetable.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla braces up the system; purifies and invigorates. Invalids need it.

NONO BETTER KNOWN.

There is no better known traveler in the Maritime Provinces than Mr. G. F. ANDERSON, the popular representative of Messrs. Kimball & Co., St. John, N. B.

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Report from Clyde River.

A Farmer's Talk on our Knee Boots.

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GOFF BROTHERS.

New HAPPY XMAS Goods To Everybody

IS THE WISH OF PROWSE BROS.

Are pouring in from Germany, Austria, France, England, Canada and the United States.

Big Bargains in READY-MADE CLOTHING

See our wonderful \$5.00 Ulster, and see it quick. See our wonderful \$7.25 Ulster, and see it quick. They are selling like hot cakes in January.

PROWSE BROS. The Wonderful Cheap Men.

XMAS GOODS.

Dressing Cases, Cuff and Collar Boxes, Neckties Boxes, Photo Albums, Manicure Sets, Odor Stands, etc., in Leather, Plush and Celluloid Goods.

Furniture!

We can furnish you from garget to cellar for Less Money than any other firm in the trade on P. E. Island.

Toy Department.

Well stocked with Toys of all descriptions. Dolls from one cent up. Toy Dishes, tin, iron and wooden. Toys of all descriptions.

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REMEMBER THE OLD RELIABLE SHOE STORE when you want a pair of Shoes.

MACHINE REPAIRS.

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