

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCE—The Conversazione in the Hall of the Horticultural Society's Gardens on Thursday evening last was a very pleasant affair.

J. M. Jones, Esq., President of the Society, gave an eloquent address and an animated description of the butterflies and moths of Nova Scotia.

Dr. Gilpin treated the audience to an account of the habits and natural history of the herring, and the process of smoking it.

Mr. W. Gossip read a well prepared paper on the Geology of the Halifax Peninsula.

During the recess, ices, strawberries and cream, &c., were politely handed to the company by the members of the Institute, and the whole joined in animated conversation.

Dr. Lawson then gave an address on Botany, and Mr. A. Downs read a letter from the late Mr. Waterton, the celebrated naturalist.

The tables were filled with rare specimens of natural history, from stuffed birds to a live mouse, gold-bearing quartz, &c.

KINGS COLLEGE—At the recent Encœnia of Kings College a large assemblage of persons were in attendance.

P. C. Hill, Esq., introduced a resolution recommending that £500 per annum be raised to meet the current expenses of the College.

The degree of D. C. L. was conferred on Sir Richard Graves McDonnell; D. D. on the Rev. Dean Bullock; and D. C. L. on T. B. Akins, Esq.

B. A. was conferred on Messrs. Fairbanks, F. Harding, Rev. A. Brown, T. M. King, J. B. Richardson, C. Croucher, F. Kinnear, and W. H. Tilley.

Brief addresses were made by the Lieutenant Governor, General Doyle, Dean Bullock, and the Bishop.

We are informed that the show of Roses is to be held at the Horticultural Society's Gardens on Tuesday next the 18th inst.

The French Frigate Bellone has been lying in our harbor for several days, complimentary visits have been paid to her by our military and naval commanders.

The Marquis of Drogheda is on a visit to Major General Doyle.

A rumor prevails that General Doyle will shortly leave Halifax for New Brunswick to undertake the Lieutenant Governorship of that province.

COLT WITH THREE LEGS.—There is an exhibition on the way from Cumberland County to Halifax, a curious specimen of a horse having but three legs, two behind and one before.

We understand that the Arichat Telegraph Line was maliciously broken on the 25th ultimo, and sixty feet of wire stolen therefrom.

The Light House on the east coast of Cape Breton, was lighted on the 26th of June, and is now in full operation.

GOLD.—The German Gold Mining Company sent another brick of gold to town last week weighing eighty one pounds, worth about twenty thousand dollars, the proceeds of sixteen days work.

SHELBURNE.—The Yarmouth Tribune notices the progress being made in this county especially at Jordan River and Locke's Island.

The American schr Balloon, of Frankfort, Me, struck on Owl's Head, one of the Tusket Islands, on Thursday last, and became a total wreck.

On Friday night, 30th ult, the dwelling house of Mrs. Powers at Milton, Queen's Co., was totally destroyed by fire.

A man named LeBlanc, residing in Clare, County of Digby, committed suicide by hanging, on the 29th ult.

CITY EXPENDITURE.—The salary of the Deputy Marshal has been increased from \$500 to \$560, and that of the Keeper and Matron of City Prison have been fixed at \$560, and \$200 respectively.

The City Council intends to be fairly reported after this, some \$300 having been voted for the reporting and publishing the debates.

The Church Bazaar at Waverly last week realized the sum of \$620.

We did not believe in "cure-alls" until we tried AYER'S INIMITABLE PILLS, and now we think the whole secret lies in the fact, that purgatives are the natural remedy for disease, and Dr. Ayer has made the best of purgatives.

The cure-all our complaints.—Logan (O) Press.

BAZAAR.—The Ladies of the North Baptist Sewing Circle held a bazaar at Masonic Hall on Thursday last. There was a good display of useful and fancy articles, abundance of strawberries and cream, and a military band.

PHILANTHROPIC.—A very praiseworthy movement we are informed is on foot in Halifax, for supplying provisions to the destitute inhabitants of the city of Charleston, South Carolina.

THE EXCURSION TRIPS, of one the Dartmouth Steamers, to Bedford and Sackville began on Monday last.

We learn from the Recorder that "Three deaf-mutes, all adults, were baptised at the "Tabernacle" on Friday evening last.

On Sunday afternoon the Rev. Dr. McCawley, President of King's College, was ordained at St. Luke's, Archdeacon of the Diocese.

OUR DEAF MUTES were subjected to an examination on Monday evening last, at Temperance Hall.

POLITICAL QUARRELS.—A law-suit has been commenced by Mr. W. Garvie, junior editor of the Citizen, against the proprietor of the Unionist.

THE PILLORY as a mode of punishing criminals, still exists in P. E. I. Last week Charles Adams was sentenced for an assault on a girl, to two years imprisonment with hard labor, and to stand in the pillory for one hour on the 15th of July.

THE CROPS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.—From all parts of the Province comes the most favorable accounts of the prospects of the coming harvest.

A bear weighing about 200 lbs. was shot one day last week at Spurr's cove, near the city of St. John, N. B.

WESTERN EXTENSION OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK RAILWAY.—The "Maine" and "Maine Central" Companies have ratified the arrangements for the construction of Western Extension made by Mr. Poor on their behalf.

The fire in the Albert coal mines, N. B., has been extinguished.

A correspondent of the St. Andrew's (N. B.) Standard writing from St. George's, Charlotte County, in that Province, says that on the night of the 25th ult., Mrs. Thorpe, wife of Mr. Henry Thorpe, residing at Pennfield, while sleeping in bed with her husband and two children, was killed by lightning.

A young man named James McNally, of Jacksonville, was killed by a kick from a horse, at Woodstock, on the 21st ult.

The water is so low on the upper Saint John, above Woodstock, that the steamers to Tobique have been compelled to stop running.

QUEBEC is to be improved by the late fire, Champlain Street is to be made 32 feet in width, at a cost of \$50,000.

A steerage passenger jumped from on board the Lady Head, just before the arrival of the steamer at Paspébiac.

The emigration from Lower Canada to the United States is greater than ever.

The local taxation is very high, some farmers having to pay \$30 to \$60 taxes to the Municipality.

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LATEST FROM THE STATES.

[From Telegrams to Associated Press.

WEDNESDAY, July 5.—The loss of property by the recent tornado in Northern Iowa, and Wisconsin, is estimated at \$20,000, besides seven teen persons killed.

Evening.—The last of the rebel prisoners at Point Look Out, was set at liberty on Friday last.

THURSDAY, July 6.—General Grant authorizes the statement that all the white volunteer troops of the army will be mustered out of service at the earliest possible day.

The number of applicants to the President for pardon average between two and three hundred a day.

Evening.—In accordance with the findings and sentences of the military commission which President Johnson approved yesterday—David E. Harold, Lewis Payne, Mrs. Mary E. Surratt, and Geo. A. Atzerott are to be hung to-morrow by the proper military authorities.

FRIDAY, July 7.—Major Gen. Hancock repaired to the arsenal at noon to-day and delivered the death warrants of Payne, Harold, Mrs. Surratt, and Atzerott, to Major Gen. Har-suff, who is in charge of the prisoners, when they together visited the condemned to inform them of the sentences pronounced, and the time fixed for their execution.

Evening.—Efforts were made this forenoon to obtain a reprieve for Mrs. Surratt but were unsuccessful, and the condemned Mrs. Surratt, Harold, Payne, and Atzerott were brought out to the scaffold about half-past one o'clock accompanied by an officer and soldiers.

SATURDAY, July 8.—All the conspirators except Mrs. Surratt before being hung confessed their guilt in the assassination plot.

The Dept. of State has been officially informed that the Spanish Government proposes issuing orders to the Captain General of Cuba to deliver to the United States Government the rebel ram Stonewall now at Havana.

Mexican advices state that Maximilian will soon issue a decree ceding the States of Sinaloa Durangee and Sonora to France as security for the war debt due to France.

Evening.—The force to be concentrated in Texas, including cavalry Infantry and Artillery will amount to nearly ninety thousand men.

MEXICO.—The Herald's Vera Cruz correspondence says Maximilian is still on his tour meeting with cordial receptions.

Over one thousand French troops had arrived at Vera Cruz and were sent to the Interior.

MONDAY July 10.—Atzerott has made a lengthy confession, developing a conspiracy to abduct and murder President Lincoln.

Definitive action will soon be taken concerning Jefferson Davis. It is believed he will be tried before a military commission, as a leader or the instigator of the conspiracy of which Booth was the leading agent.

Evening.—The Times' despatch says Major Shipman has arrived in Washington with 40 boxes of captured rebel archives, containing a complete record of the proceedings of the rebel Provisional Congress at Montgomery.

There is good reason to believe the report that Jeff. Davis will be tried by a military commission on the charge of complicity in the assassination of President Lincoln.

The Mexican Gen. Cortinas, in an interview with the Federal Gen. Brown, had informed him he intended to give up opposition to the Government of Maximilian.

Gold 139 1/2.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

FRANCE.

The Emperor has inaugurated a liberal policy towards the native population of Algeria.

It is stated in the Nord that the recent interview between the Emperor of the French and Prince Napoleon passed off in a most satisfactory manner; nevertheless the political position of the Prince is thought to be unchanged.

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ministration [The government], he said, had decided upon recognising the Kingdom of Italy. He announced a general amnesty for offences against the Press law, and stated that the Ministry would shortly bring forward an electoral law diminishing the qualification for the suffrage, and establishing elections by provinces according to law of 1837, and also a new and very liberal press law.

ITALY.

The difficulties which have arisen in the negotiations between the Italian Government and the Pope have not been overcome.

AUSTRIA.

The Austrian House of Commons has taken a decided step with the government. The House on Wednesday voted the interest due on the public debt in July, but the members resolved to vote no more money until the budgets of 1865 and 1866 have been passed according to the constitution.

A great ocean yacht race is soon to take place off the coast of Europe. The race will be from Plymouth to Gibraltar, and will be open to vessels of all Royal yacht clubs—sweepstakes one hundred guineas each.

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Insurances effected on Buildings and goods &c., &c., at the lowest rates compatible with security to the assured.

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No. 6 Do. double action, 80 0 0

No. 7 Oblique, 7 octave, 3 string union, 70 0 0

No. 8 Grand Square Pianos, 7 1/2 octave from \$75 to \$120

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