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CHRISTMAS.

East, bugles of battle, the marches of peace, East, west, north and south, let the long quartet cease.

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CURRENT NOTES.

Emperor William of Germany is ninety years old. The rumors of Indian restlessness in the North-West are untrue.

The Calais Times says the St. Stephen lottery is again in full blast.

Sir John Macdonald will leave England for home on January 2nd.

The cholera killed one hundred thousand people in Spain during the past year.

A Mormon who was accidentally killed in Utah the other day, left 67 children to mourn his loss.

The Toronto Globe admits that the object of the Riel agitation is "simply to overthrow the Government."

We are informed that Mr. Feney may confidently count on opposition, if he is again a candidate for the mayoralty.

Joe Parker, a negro known to be 125 years old, died at the poor farm at Dallas, Texas, recently. He was the original "Old Black Joe."

The Sandwich Islands are for sale for \$14,000,000. The property consists of two sugar houses, one extinct volcano and seven hundred cases of leprosy.

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A HORRIBLE DEATH.

The London Daily News of December 3rd, gives the following details of the horrible scene at the execution of Goodale—The execution of Robert Goodale, 46, gardener, for the murder of his wife, Bathsheba, on September 15, at Walsden, near Wincoburgh, by inflicting wounds on her head and then throwing her down a well, took place yesterday morning at Norwich Castle. Berry of Bradford, was the executioner. Only one representative of the press was admitted. Since his committal the prisoner's conduct has been most exemplary. He made confessions of his guilt, but pleaded strong provocation, alleging very immoral conduct on the part of the deceased. Rev. Thomas Wheeler, a Baptist minister, attended upon Goodale from last Monday to his execution. At three minutes to eight Goodale was brought from the condemned cell and met by the executioner, who a minute or two before, had stepped in to see that the gallows were ready. The procession then moved on towards the scaffold, which was erected over a deep pit. The acting Under Sheriff and goal surgeon were present. As the rope was put round the convict's neck and over his face, he was heard to exclaim, "Good God, receive my soul." Berry then pulled the lever, the trap door fell, and Goodale, who weighed 15 stone, and had a six feet drop, disappeared. To the horror of the bystanders, the rope rebounded, and it was thought it had been fastened, but by other bystanders looking into the pit they were horrified to see upon the floor the decapitated trunk of the convict. At the inquest on the body, the witness and goal surgeon were examined by the coroner. Both the doctor and the goal and Berry stated that the machinery of the drop was in perfect order and worked satisfactorily. Berry said that after pinning Goodale to the table, he turned to the witness, being rather frightened, he faltered, so he had to push him forward. After the usual routine, he asked Goodale if he had anything to say, but he answered "No." Berry pulled the lever, and Goodale dropped from the top to the bottom of the pit, which was eleven feet five inches deep. His head came off as clean as if it had been cut with a razor. The head and body fell together. Berry said the length of the drop was not unusual, for at Durham he gave Dawson, who weighed 16 stone, and had a six feet drop, and did not break. Berry could only account for what occurred by Goodale having a thin vertebrae, Mr. Robinson, the goal surgeon, said Berry, Wheeler, and himself, were the only witnesses, duties coolly and properly. On the drop falling, he saw the head separate from the body, but not the trunk. What occurred could not be seen. The long drop and decapitation was a most merciful death—much more merciful than a short drop and allowing a person to struggle. The jury found the customary verdict, and said no one was to blame.

THE BANNER WEEKLY. THE FAMILY HERALD AND WEEKLY STAR OF Montreal is now the banner weekly of the Dominion. It is the only paper published in Canada that has no other paper in the world, and is estimated the best family paper published. Look out for the new terms for 1886 before filling your list. You can't afford to be without THE FAMILY HERALD.

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THE DISCOVERY OF HIS EMPTY COFFIN. (Cor. Montreal Star). You will only be the undersigned by inserting the following bit of interesting information in regard to the final disposition of Thomas Scott, who was shot at Upper Fort Garry by order of Lord Dufferin, on the 4th of March, 1870. On the arrival of the Imperial troops, under Lord Viscount Wolseley, at U. F. G., in the month of August, 1870, and after the death of the same, the 1st Battalion, Ontario Rifles, were ordered to occupy the 2nd Battalion Quebec Rifles were in command of Stone Fort, or Lower Fort Garry, in September, 1870, a detachment of the Ontario Rifles was sent to the site of the fort, for him to show them the body of Scott was buried inside the fort. He replied that the site as far as he could tell, the body was buried inside the fort on the left-hand side, near the side gate where Scott was led out to be shot. As I was assistant foreman of Dominion Public Works at the place at the time, and saw the body of the volunteer to dig up the coffin and corpse. McTavish was brought to the spot in presence of the Hon. Lieut. Governor, Mr. G. J. Harrison, and he lined out the spot, and the volunteers went in with a will, they got down to the box, and when they struck the box with a pick, you could hear a pattering, but a few minutes after, there was the wildest excitement known there for many years. When the lid of the box was lifted no body was there. Then the volunteers, who were fooling them, but were prevailed upon by the Lt. Governor to return to their barracks pending an investigation on the subject, which was very reluctantly. It is presumed that when poor Scott was taken to the mud and sand of the Red river he was laden with shot, and iron chains were fastened to his hands and feet, and that he was thrown into the water, and no one except Riel and his associates on that mournful occasion, knows where the body rests. It is a pity that the body was not taken to the West to this day. I was an eye witness to the above facts.

BLACKMAILING ROYALTY. Arrested for Threatening the Prince of Wales. LONDON, Dec. 18.—The city has had a genuine sensation to-day. Early this morning the Duke of Devonshire, the Duke of Marlborough, the Duke of Devonshire, and Sarah Mages, were arrested at Kensington on a charge of having attempted to procure money from the Prince of Wales by writing threatening letters to the Prince, and were preferred against them, and they were then remanded to await examination. It appears that the prisoners had written two letters to the Prince, demanding £750,000, and intimating that unless this amount was forthcoming, the Prince's life would be in jeopardy. The Prince, it is said, paid only passing attention to the letters, and he was not to be alarmed, restoring the demand for money and the threats of violence. His Royal Highness turned the letters over to the police. The latter at once quietly set about planning the means of the blackmailers. They sent a message as though coming from the Prince of Wales to the address given in the letters, directing the author or authors of the letter to appear at a specified time and place. The assurance was given that somebody would meet them at the appointed hour prepared to hand over a package containing the money demanded. The Mages fell into the trap, appeared at the spot designated this morning, and were presented with a package of fatlings. As they started to leave with the money, they were seized by the police, their disguise and arrested them. The women, the police say, made a voluntary confession of the whole plot, though she has not yet declared an ensnaring of a secretary of the Prince of Wales, and the Prince of Wales, and that he had been ordered to kill the Prince of Wales, but Mages did not wish to obey this summons, and wanted the money to be returned to him. Nothing further can be learned to-night. It is believed that disclosures of an important nature may be made when the case comes before the court for thorough examination.

CANADA'S CATTLE KING. The Canadian Breeder last week contained an illustration of a herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle, the property of the Hon. M. H. Cochrane, Billhurst, Quebec, one of the most experienced importers of these and other cattle in the Dominion. Mr. Cochrane's success in breeding from the choicest Canadian cattle in 1865, and two years later made his first importation, being the shorthorn cow Roseale, in 1875, he sold three cows and three heifers for \$20,800. About the same time he sold two cows in Chicago for \$21,000 and \$23,600, respectively. The most noted animal ever possessed by the Cochrane was the cow called the Duchess of Argyll. For the calves she bore he received the fabulous sum of \$175,000. The excellence of Mr. Cochrane's breeding has made Billhurst well known to Canadian and American breeders and stockmen generally.

SCOTT'S EMULSION OF PURE Cod Liver Oil, with Hypophosphites and other valuable ingredients. DR. SNOOK CALLOWAY, LaGrange, Ga., says: "I have used Scott's Emulsion with wonderful success in all Lung troubles, also find it has equal in Summer Diarrhoea of children."

A RUINED LIFE.

A Fatal Intoxication that Wrecked a Montreal Belle. Battered and haggard, but with a haughty air, a woman stood at the bar of the Police Court at New Haven the other day. Plain as were the marks of vice and dissipation, her face bore traces of what had been beauty. She was charged with drunkenness, and defiantly tossed her head as she pleaded guilty. A few minutes later a swartly-visaged man stepped to the desk, paid the fines, and the woman left the court with a group of strange looking people, who took the way to the Italian quarter talking excitedly in the Italian tongue.

The woman was Catherine Doughtan, a notorious character, the wildest and most reckless of the unfortunate who frequent the city's dens of vice. She is called "The Queen" of the Italian colony, and "on that day the world for her sake had been far beyond the confines of her empire. She had an abandoned woman—one who seems to have defied beyond hope of reclaim—yet, stepped in as her young life has been, she was once the darling of a circle where wealth and culture surrounded her with that which life worth the living. Degraded though she be today, her life's story is full of strange, sad interest. Dreading as the reality of the present, the past was once a dream of happiness.

WHY "NORON" CHARMED THE AIR. Four years ago Catherine, young, beautiful and refined, was adding to the charms of nature by the culture of her mind at Wellesley College, Mass. She was admired by all, and as she believed in the power of one, he, too, was of high social standing, and with many qualities to make him a favorite. He was a student at Harvard, but while at all appearance a gentleman, he had but last ideas of moral law. To Catherine he seemed all that was perfect. She loved him. Her love became infatuation, and she was ready to defy the world for his sake. She pledged herself to be his wife, and wrote to her father telling him of the act. Her father, a wealthy banker, was not satisfied with what he had heard, and he deeply resented the objection to Catherine being married until she found a man more worthy of her and of the circle in which she moved. He refused his consent, for he felt that her story was further communication with her lover, and threatened, should she refuse, to force her to return home.

ONE STEP THAT RUINED A LIFE. Her proud nature rebelled at this. With a woman's wit she knew that the student loved her deeply than before. She told her father that she would not and would never sever the tie. Thinking that her devotion was but a girl's infatuation, which time and distance would cure, he took her to Montreal. Two days later the name of the student lover was registered among the arrivals at St. Lawrence Hall. He had to be secreted in the room of a priest, who was to be his guardian. Precious words she was led to consent to an elopement, the student pledging himself to marry her when they should reach Hartford. The faith in his promise, she followed her father, and fled with her lover. She had pledged her faith to a villain and had taken a step that was to ruin her life.

West after west she passed, but the lover failed to make good his promise. Catherine still loved and trusted him. She did not doubt him when he kissed her good-bye one morning with the promise that he would return home in an hour or two. That hour never came. He had basely deserted the woman who had turned her back on home, friends, and all that was dear to her.

"HER WOMAN'S HEART GAVE WAY." Alone, amid strangers, maddened by man's perfidy, it was a rude awakening for her lover's bright dream—life had nothing left for her. She was driven to despair, and ere long she was in the hands of a brutal man. To-day she is a lost woman, without peace for this world or hope for the hereafter. Among the Italians she is held in certain honor because of her recollections, imperious ways which have won her the queenly title. She has no desire to be any better or to live another life. Not long ago she father sought to take her home, but she scorned his offer and refused to go. Drink is the Letha in which she seeks to forget. Twenty-five times she has been arrested, but liquor, though it blazes a path to hell, does not seem to be tried to hang herself in her cell. To-night she is probably happy in the delirium of drink.

THE DOMINION SAFETY FUND ASSOCIATION OF ST. JOHN. This institution claims to combine the merits of both the Assessment and the Old Line systems of life insurance, giving the cheapness of the former, and the security of the latter. This claim, if untrue, would doubtless provoke the hostility of both sides; but if true, we might expect to find fair-minded men on either side endorsing it. As shown below the latter is the case.

The Guardian, the organ of the National Convention of Assessment Associations of America, has recently published an editorial. It says: "This Association takes high and sound ground. It is one that does business in a straight-forward way, its policy of sale to the public is to the policy of life insurance, and its management worthy of confidence, for its honesty of purpose and action."

The Board of Toronto and Insurance Society of Montreal, the organs of Old Line Insurance in Canada, both acknowledge the merits of this institution, while their pages brim with arrows for assessment systems.

The Budget, in its latest issue editorially, "With considerable interest we have watched the progress of The Dominion Safety Fund Life Association, St. John, N. B. This institution is the result of the most liberal standard of security to the Assessed than can be obtained by the post-mortem assessment methods. It gives the security of a joint stock company with the advantages of a mutual. It has a government deposit of \$50,000,000, is enrolled as a regular company with the department, and offers the public an excellent method of life insurance, equitable and reliable."

Insurance Society, in its October issue, devotes an editorial column to an analysis of this system. From it we quote as follows: "It is a source of satisfaction to turn from the melancholy exhibition afforded of late by ill-digested, if not fraudulent, post-mortem assessment schemes to the Dominion Safety Fund Life Association of St. John, N. B. The management of this Association seems to have been marked by integrity and ability. Indeed, the honest and equitable quality of the management is shown very clearly by the fact that the assessment feature was at once discarded as soon as its nature and effects were fully realized, and the Association is now a regular company by the Insurance Department, and on its inauguration of the system of joint stock, and certainly has many attractions to commend it to the public. Insurance which is and will be insurance, and which will yet be cheap enough to be within the reach of the masses of the people, has long been a desideratum, and the Dominion Safety Fund Life Association is to-day the only regular company on this Continent, and so far as we are aware, in the world, devoted exclusively to the business of pure life insurance."

The appearance to have bit upon a very happy experience of most of the difficulties connected with the system while preserving with strict fidelity its principles. Every policy-holder has to pay the premiums required by the mortality table instead of that required by its very experience. This is a most important and vital difference between its plan and that of the assessment systems. By this means it gets the true average rate of mortality and has a fund to draw on when any extra mortality occurs.

The experience of this Association will no doubt be watched with keen interest by all life insurance managers, and if the small deposit it requires be found sufficient, as we think it will be, to hold the members together, then there is no doubt, but that the system, or its main features at all events, will be very generally adopted by all the companies.

FIRST RELIEF ULTIMATELY A CURE. These are the successive features of one of the most deservedly popular remedies in the Dominion, Northrup & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure, which reforms an irregular condition of the bowels and liver, invigorates the stomach, relieves the blood, and changes the current of the blood from a sluggish and turbid to a pure, rapid, and fertilizing stream.

The Marquis of Lorne, Col. Ingersoll, Minister of the Interior, and C. W. C. Ingham, an Irish Member of Parliament, elected John Boyle O'Reilly, Cassius M. Clay, Sir John Macdonald, and Frank B. Sanborn have articles in the January Number of the North American Review.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Newspaper Notes and Notions of Everything. The Vanderbilt funeral cost only \$1,500. The Sultan of Turkey now has only 250 wives. The average cost of a session of Congress is \$3,000,000.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Lorne will visit Canada in the spring. Use the safe, pleasant, and effectual work-killer, Mother Graves' Worm Expeller, nothing equals it. Procure a bottle and take it home.

It is fear that Princess Christian, the most popular of the English Princesses, is in a hopeless decline. The United States Senate on Thursday adopted a rule to prohibit the sale of strong drink in the Capitol.

There is a difference between his desires, honest on the one hand, and his wishes, not my wishes. Fashionable doctors no longer take blood from their patients' veins, say an exchange. They bleed their pockets.

Little Ella, looking at the soldiers—"Say, Willie, what are all the other men here for who don't play in the band?" From Reuter Height, 1,200 feet above the level of the Baltic, in the duchy of Saxe-Altenburg, eight different countries are discernible.

Mr. Spurgeon has a record of twenty conversions, and declares that when the average falls that he shall feel that his usefulness is gone. William Westlake, an inmate of the Akron (Ohio) Poor House, who died the other day, had inhaled thirty-two gallons of laudanum in the last eight years.

A bottle of milk which a Baltimore chemist was testing, the other day, exploded with great force and nearly killed him. It was probably from a kicking cow. A New York man had his wife arrested for carrying a concealed weapon. In court it was testified, the other day, that she was in the habit of carrying a wooden leg and beating him with it.

The doctor said, speaking of the death of Vanderbilt, "It is the easiest death a man could experience, momentary and painless. It is only a blur upon the mind, and then a blank and you are dead." Apothecaries in Germany are not allowed to sell poisonous articles, and the great attention of the delicate duty of compounding medicines.

A Chicago street corner lot that was bought 30 years ago for less than \$300, and has been leased for 99 years at an annual rental of \$35,000. A 10-story building, to cost a round million, will be erected upon it.

One of the cruelest tortures made by any medical audience is reported from California. A vociferous warbling, to her own great satisfaction, "Oh! would I were a bird." A rough minor replied "Oh! would I were a gun."

An old lady who died recently in London is said to have bequeathed to the doctor who had attended her for the last 35 years a huge box, which was found to contain all the bottles of medicine he had ever sent to her—unopened.

An American company is reported to have been formed for the purpose of laying a paper railway to Kussia. The rails and wheels are to be of compressed paper. Less vibration and noise is expected than from the ordinary iron roads.

The Baltic canal will accommodate the largest vessels. It is estimated that 100,000 vessels will pass through yearly. There will be a saving of twenty-two hours in going from London to Baltic ports. Work will be finished in 1890.

The untidy, dirty appearance of a grizzly beard should never be allowed. Buckingham's Dye for the whiskers will readily change their color to a brown or black, at discretion, and thus keep up your reputation for neatness and good looks.

Elder Cook of Michigan, has raised a terrible storm among the ladies of his parish and caused a rupture which it will be hard to heal. He declared in his sermon last Sunday that young ladies who dress beyond their means invariably wear holes in the heels of their stockings.

Russia is engaged in draining the Pishk marshes, which have an area larger than Ireland. Up to the present time about 4,000,000 acres have been reclaimed, of which one-half is susceptible of cultivation. Besides digging 120 miles of canals, the engineers have built 173 bridges.

While several workmen employed at the Risdon Iron and Locomotive Works in San Francisco, engaged in hoisting a heavy casting, the derrick chain came in contact with an electric-light wire, the current of which was transferred to the chain, causing the instant death of one of the men.

A Georgia lady has a suit of clothes in her possession which is 103 years old. Her grandfather cut and made the suit with his own hands. The suit is made of flax, and the buttons are cut from a gourd and covered with mica. The trousers are of the old flannee-knee-breeches style, and the coat is an old-fashioned one. A pair of fax stockings, made at the same time, completed a wedding suit 103 years ago.

People are in the habit of associating apples with a high living, with a necktie, a beer-bag, and a stomach full of plum pudding are wine. But that is not borne out by experience, and it is entirely erroneous with reference to Mr. Vanderbilt. One who knew him well said he never knew a man who ate less, or more simple. He very rarely ate meat, never took rich food or hot drinks, and he usually ate only a plain, innocuous food and milk. He never drank wine or ardent liquors, nor did he ever use tobacco. He was not in any sense a high liver.

Wm. H. Vanderbilt was nearly six feet in height, and his weight was close to 200 pounds, although he was so well-proportioned that an ordinary observer would hardly guess that height. Flowing side whiskers, tapering to a point, were all the hair he wore on his face, which was broad and rather rugged in outline. His nose was prominent without being any distinct type. His eyes were of medium size and of that peculiar mixed color which baffles an accurate description as either grey or hazel. He wore his whiskers in the same style for many years, and the principal change made in his appearance by age was the thickening of grey hairs in the brow.

The total amount of press telegrams, including the Associated Press service, sent over the Western Union Service wires now reaches 1,000,000,000 words a year. The telegraph year for the transaction of business closed on July 30. In 1879, for the first time, the service transmitted more than 32,000,000 words; in 1880, 55,000,000; in 1881, 112,000,000; in 1882, 120,000,000. The steady growth of the special service shows the degree in which the leading newspapers are coming to rely on gathering their news from there. There has been a great change in the rates for service. In 1879 the average was \$1.57 per 100 words; now it is 57 cents per 100.

A clock, rivaling in mechanism the celebrated Strassburg clock, has recently been brought from Germany. It occupies a space of 200 cubic feet, weighs 1,500 pounds, and it has 255 wheels. It is kept in motion by one pendulum and twelve weights. Of the latter the first is wound up every eight days and the latter at the end of 2,000 years. The dial indicates the seconds, minutes, hours, days, months, years, and leap years from the year of 1 to 10,000. There are besides, 122 movable figures, which appear at certain times. Among them are representations of old Father Time, the four ages of man. Death, the guardian angel, the twelve zodiac signs, the sun, the moon, and the twelve signs of the zodiac, the four seasons of the year, the four phases of the moon, the globe and incidents in the life of Christ.

The projected ship canal between the Baltic, the Elbe, and the North Sea, the bill for the construction of which has just been approved by the Bundesrath, will cost Germany about 166,000,000 marks. It is to be strongly fortified and will have a great military value as a commercial waterway. In the year 1873, Count Von Moltke proposed the project on the ground that it would be better to invest the money required for the construction of the canal in increasing the Imperial fleet, but now that the plan for creating a navy has been carried out, the Field Marshall has come around to the view expressed in the plan, the defence of the coasts of Germany must always remain a divided task so long as a canal does not unite the Baltic with the German Ocean.

Minna was a vessel to the coast of the sea to the other by a route which does not expose them to the danger of falling into foreign hands. The project has been under the consideration of the Prussian Government since 1856.

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