

A MURDERER ACQUITTED!—The trial and acquittal of Mr. F. Ward for the murder of Professor Butler at Louisville, Kentucky, have caused extraordinary excitement in the public mind. There was nothing whatever in the evidence on the trial to palliate the moral criminality of the accused.—The *New-York Mirror*, speaking of this trial and its result, says:—"We do not remember a case where so great a farce was attempted to be played with justice, by the wealthy and aristocratic criminal. Mr. Butler, an intelligent, amiable and beloved young man, in the pursuance of his duty as a teacher, punished a young Ward in school. The punishment was not severe, but then the aristocratic back smarted badly, and young Ward went home and secured the aid of his brother, Matthew Ward; and the two, after having purchased and loaded their pistols, and prepared their bowie knives, deliberately marched to the school room of Mr. Butler, and shot him down, unarmed, and in cold blood. A more shocking and fiendish murder has not been committed in modern times. The Ward family is said to be worth a million dollars and is not unknown to notoriety—some of its members, at least. With the powerful influence and associations secured by this wealth, the Wards appear to have thought they could brow-beat justice. Monopolizing the chief talent of the bar of Kentucky, and attending on the Court with a small army of friends, they have presumed on their moneyed and social position. And so have their counsel for them. But the proof of the murder has been adduced in too straightforward a manner to be overridden, and the defence have been thrown upon a host of witnesses, called to prove the *sweet temper and wondrous amiability of this man*, who could shoot a fellow being in cold blood."

OUR NAVAL RESERVE.—A full account has been given of the powerful fleets which have been designated for service in the Black Sea and the Baltic. We do not suppose it likely that they will prove inadequate for the hot work they will have to encounter; but even if they do, and supposing both of those magnificent fleets should be destroyed, we have ample material in our home ports to supply their places. From our ships in reserve and building we could form a naval force far surpassing that which any other nation in the world could boast of having afloat. We have in reserve at the four ports of Portsmouth, Devonport, Chatham, and Sheerness, not less than 161 vessels of the "effective ships of the royal navy," and these estimated to carry not less than 6,807 guns. Besides these, too, we have a goodly number of paddle-wheel and other small craft. Though some of the vessels may not without considerable repairs be in a state to send to sea, yet most of them are excellent sea-going vessels—far superior, indeed, to anything Russian—and could be fitted out for service on very short notice. Then we have of vessels building—five at Portsmouth, seven at Devonport, one at Sheerness, six at Chatham, eleven at Pembroke, four at Deptford, four at Woolwich, and one at Millwall; total, thirty-nine.—*Portsmouth Guardian*.

THE FISHERIES.—We learn on good authority that the convention of Commissioners from each of the North American Colonies will be held this summer at Montreal, and not at New York, as has been stated. We hope the American government have something good to offer to the Colonies in return for the valuable fisheries which our neighbours are so anxious to obtain, but for our part we cannot see that this Province has much to gain at present by giving up the fisheries; as we have now plenty of business, prosperous times and everything that could be desired. A few years ago this was not the case, the Province was depressed and anxious to obtain reciprocity with the United States on any terms, but as they were then so very indifferent about giving any concession to the British Government, for the valuable privileges wanted by them, we think we are getting along very well indeed without their assistance, and perhaps had better just hold on to our fisheries in the meantime unless they are willing to meet the views of the British Government on fair and equitable terms of reciprocity in Registry of Ships, Coasting Trade and Duties.—*The Courier*.

The criminal court in Lucerne Switzerland, has condemned the late chief of the Catholic party, called "Sonderbund," a kind of "Ribbon Society," to 20 years imprisonment for high treason against the republic.

LIBERTY OF SPEECH AT ROME.—A merchant of good character at Rome has been sentenced to the galleys for twenty years for endeavoring to persuade a man not to use cigars. His crime consisted in interfering with the revenues of the church, as the church has the benefit of the impost on tobacco.

FRESHET IN PENNSYLVANIA. Philadelphia, May 4. The Easton Whig of yesterday says the heavy and incessant rains last week caused the streams in that vicinity to rise to a startling height. The Lehigh on Sunday morning was at its full flood, but the Delaware did not attain its full height until about 12 o'clock on the night of that day. The destruction of property and particularly of lumber, on the Delaware, was immense; all day on Sunday that River was literally strewn with rafts and drift wood; by some persons it is said there was quite as much water in the Delaware as in the ever memorable freshet 1841. Had there been the same quantity of ice this time the water would have been as high, and the destruction of property as great. The value of lumber that passed here yesterday is variously estimated at from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

The Gettysburg Star of Pa., May 1st, says a destructive storm passed over the southern and eastern borders, of that town on Thursday afternoon, prostrating buildings, trees, &c., in its course.

ADMIRAL BOXER. Rear Admiral Edward Boxer, C.R., who at the time of his promotion to his Flag rank, and for many years previously, held the office of Superintendent of Transports, &c., at Quebec, has been appointed to proceed to Constantinople, and hoist his flag there, as Admiral Superintendent of Service connected with transports and the fleet, having chief charge there during the absence of the Commander-in-Chief.—The flag of the Rear-Admiral was hoisted formally at Woolwich, on board the *Fisgard*. Captain Christie, we presume, as superintendent of transports in the Dardanelles, will be under the orders of Rear Admiral Boxer. Lieutenant Jas. M. Boxer, (1840) has been appointed Flag Lieutenant to the Rear Admiral.

Gun Boats, of 460 tons, and with screw engines of 160 horse-power, are preparing for Baltic service. They will be powerful in speed as well as in armament.

DISTRESSING DEATH.—A bright and interesting little girl, about eight years of age, died on Monday last in the village of Newark, from convulsions brought on by excessive exertions in jumping the rope. She was competing with several of her school companions in this exercise, who were endeavoring to outdo each other in endurance. She jumped four hundred times in succession, and until entirely overcome by the long-continued exertions. The child was taken home insensible but the movement of the muscles of the limbs, as in jumping, continued without cessation forty-eight hours, until the sufferer was released from the painful exercise by death. This case, which is not the first one of the kind that has come to public notice, should serve as a warning not only to children, but to parents and school teachers.—*Rochester Democrat*, 6th.

SUPPOSED MURDER.—An affray took place last night in Carleton, which resulted in the death of Mr. Samuel Fanjoy of that place. The deceased leaves a wife and several young children to lament their loss. We understand that the death of Fanjoy was caused by stabbing, inflicted by a person of the name of Robert Reynolds, formerly of the Parish of Portland. The preliminary examination of the accused, it was determined should not take place, until after the inquest, which was appointed to be held in Carleton, this afternoon, before one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in the temporary absence from the County of the Coroner, Doctor William Bayard. In the meantime we consider it prudent to forbear from further comment.—*Observer*.

William Ellis shot Mrs. Truman, in Upsher county, Kentucky, cut her throat, set fire to her house, and went home and blew out his brains.—Mrs. Truman was formerly the wife of Ellis's son, and when his son died old Ellis went to law to get back a tract of land he had given him upon his marriage, and which Mrs. Truman held of right. The case is still in court, but it is supposed the idea of losing the land worked upon old Ellis, who was very avaricious, and caused him to commit these awful crimes.

Nathaniel Wolf one of the counsel employed to defend Matt. Ward, having said at the trial that the citizens of Louisville were a set of bloodhounds, and impeached the veracity of sixteen of Butler's scholars, witnesses at the late trial, the boys proceeded to his residence last night and literally covered it with eggs. A meeting of citizens has been called at the Court house to night to express indignation against Wolf.

ANNEXATION.—The Charlestown papers state that Mr. Fillmore, ex-President of the United States, declared in a recent speech in that city that both Cuba and Canada were destined to be annexed to that country. This consummation, so devoutly wished for by Mr. Fillmore, we believe he will never see.

"Lead and steal are active," writes an English correspondent of the *New York Herald*.

SHIPS IN RESERVE.—It may be interesting to our readers to know what ships we have laid up in ordinary at our various war ports, which could be made available in a very short time, should their services be required either in the Black Sea or the Baltic. We have, therefore, carefully examined the Navy List for April, and the following is the result of our search:—At Portsmouth, we have the Nelson, 120; Queen Charlotte, 104; Princess Charlotte, 104; Powerful, 84; Asia, 84; Collingwood, 80; Colossus, 80; Pembroke, 72; Melville, 72; Hastings, 82; Carnatic, 72; Egmont, 72; Sultan, 72; Alfred, 50; Grampus, 50; Java, 50; Vindictive, 50; besides four 52-gun frigates, and numerous vessels of smaller armament from 26 guns downwards. At Devonport, we have the Royal William, 120; Caledonia, 120; Royal Adelaide, 104; Hibernia, 104; Aboukir 90; Bombay, 84; Calcutta, 84; Canopus, 84; Clarence, 84; Thunders, 84; Centurion, 80; Lion, 80; Vanguard, 80; Kent, 78; Indus, 78; Hindostan, 78; Foudroyant, 78; Cambridge, 78; Agincourt, 72; Implacable, 72; America, 50; Dublin, 50; Eagle, 50; Forte, 50; Indefatigable, 50; Octavius 50; in addition to eight 44-gun frigates, five 43-guns, two 40-guns, and many smaller vessels. At Sheerness, there are the Waterloo, 120; Ganges, 84; Formidable, 84; Achille, 78; Benbow, 72; Russell, 72; Hawke 72; Worcester, 50; Phaeton, 50; Cornwall, 50; Conquestador, 50; Chichester, 50, &c., &c. At Chatham, the Goliath, 80; Mars, 80; Meavee, 80; Superb, 80; Wellesley, 72; Gloucester, 50; Nankin, 50; Southampton, 50; Vernon, 50; Warspite; 50, &c., &c.; a force more than equal to any emergency likely to occur during the present war.

THE ELECTIONS.—Our streets present a constant display of groups of *Canvassers* and constituents, discussing the merits of proposed candidates for the approaching general election. In addition to the four late members for this County, we have heard of the names of Messrs C. Simonds, J. R. Partelow, W. J. Ritchie, and A. McLean mentioned, as certain to come forward in due time.—*St. John Observer*.

The *Boston Post* has one of the vilest correspondents that ever joined either pen or paragraph.—He says that five women will spread out their clothes so as to take up the entire side of an omnibus, thus occupying the room designed for eight, and then if another woman presents herself at the door, they will cry out, "You can't come in here! there ain't any room," but if a man wants to get in they can make room easy enough, right down between them. The fellow is a brute, and should be banished to Robinson Crusoe's island for life.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills a Certain Remedy for Erysipelas.—Copy of a letter from Mr. Yeates, Post-office, Aldwick-road, Bognor, Sussex, dated October 4, 1852. "To Professor Holloway, Sir,—This is to certify that, having suffered from severe erysipelas in the leg for upwards of three months, which resisted all medical aid, I was advised to try your Pills and Ointment, and to follow the rules for diet, as prescribed in your book of directions. The treatment was perfectly successful, and completely cured me. I have recommended them to others similarly afflicted, and with equal success.

W. T. BAIRD, Agent, Woodstock, N. B.

WHAT, OR WHICH IS THE BEST Vermifuge or worm Destroyer?

Is a question daily and hourly asked by parents anxious for the health of their children. All who are at all acquainted with the article, will immediately answer. Dr. McLane's Celebrated Vermifuge. It has never been known to fail, and is one of the safest remedies that can be used. A friend of ours lately handed us the following statement in reference to this Vermifuge:

NEW YORK, September 25, 1852.

GENTLEMEN.—A young lady of my acquaintance had been for a long time very much troubled with worms. I advised her to try Dr. McLane's Celebrated Vermifuge. She accordingly purchased and took one vial, which caused her to discharge an unusually large quantity of worms. She was immediately relieved of all the dreadful symptoms accompanying this disease, and rapidly recovered her usual health. The young lady does not wish her name mentioned; her residence, however, is 320 Fifth street, and she refers to Mrs. Hardie, No 3 Manhattan place.

P. S. Dr. McLane's Celebrated Vermifuge, also his Liver Pills, can now be had at all respectable Drug Stores in this city.

Purchasers will please be careful to ask for, and take none but Dr. McLane's Vermifuge. All others, in comparison, are worthless.

W. T. BAIRD, Agent, Woodstock, N. B.

New Advertisements.

40,000

CABBAGE PLANTS!

FOR sale—principally from Seed raised by the Celebrated Professor Mapes, editor of the *Working Farmer*. Those who wish to raise Cabbage HEADS and not LEAVES will please notice.

F. P. SHARP.

Woodstock, May 20, 1854.

Spring Importations

ROBERT BROWN

Has received and is now opening a large and well selected stock of

FANCY DRY GOODS!

Consisting of Canton and China Crape

SHAWLS!

Tissue, Barege and Cashmere do., French, German AND PAISLEY FILLED Do.

—In Compartments—

Silk Mantles and Vizetes, CAMBRIC ROBES,

Plain and Printed All Wool French DeLaine

CASHMERE,

Australlian Crape, Lustres and Coburgs.

SILK TISSUES,

Bareges and Fancy Printed Muslins,

PARASOLS,

BONNETS, RIBBONS AND FLOWERS,

LACES,

Maltese Lace Collars, Chemizettes and Habit-Shirts,

Hosiery and Gloves,

French Kid, Taffeta and Lisle thread Gloves, and a general assortment of

Small Wares

too numerous to mention, all of which will be disposed of cheap, Wholesale and Retail

For Cash Only!

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G. STRICKLAND'S

Will be found a large Stock of

NEW GOODS,

Just received, and suited to the season, comprising

DRESSES in great variety,

BONNETS,

PARASOLS,

SEAWLS,

MANTLES,

&c. &c. &c.

An Inspection of the above respectfully.

May 20.

G. STRICKLAND

For Sale or to Lease.

THE Subscriber offers for sale or to lease the following property situated in the Village of Woodstock, viz.—Two Comfortable dwelling Houses and several building lots being very convenient, as a street approaching each lot—an excellent well of water on the premises, sufficient for the neighborhood.

ALSO—The House formerly called the Still House, and land belong to the same.

The above property being free from all encumbrances which upon application to the Record Office will satisfactorily show—will be disposed of to accommodate purchasers. For further particulars apply to the Subscriber on the premises.

CAPT. EDWARD POWERS.

Woodstock, May 20, 1854.

LOST,

ON WEDNESDAY LAST, supposed on the road between the Creek and Upper Village, a Leather Pocket Book, containing money. Any person finding the same and leaving it at the Store of Charles Perley, Esq., where it will be described, will be suitably rewarded.

Woodstock, May 20th, 1854. EDWARD KEARNY.

SALE OF

Furniture by Auction,

AT the WESLEYAN MISSION HOUSE, on TUESDAY, the 23rd of May, at 10 o'clock, A. M. consisting of Tables, Chairs, 1 Sofa, Bed Stead, Carpets, 1 Dinner Set and 1 Breakfast Set, Lamps, 1 Clock, and a variety of other articles. ALSO—1 Covered Waggon, 1 small open do., 2 Sets of Harness, Waggon Lamps, Buffalo Robes, &c., &c. Terms at Sale.

Woodstock, May 20, 1854.

NOTICE.

THE Ladies of the Wesleyan Mission House Society will hold their Annual Sale of useful articles in the Mechanics' Institute on the afternoon and evening of Thursday next. Doors open at 3 1/2 P. M.—Sale to commence precisely at 4 o'clock. A refreshment table with Tea and Coffee at 7 o'clock. The public generally are respectfully invited to attend.

Woodstock, May 20, 1854.

WHOLESALE

Fish and Provision Store, Saint John, N. B.

CODFISH, 500 Quintals; Pollock, 150 do. Herrings and Mackerel, 400 Barrels; Oils, 200 gallons, Seal, Cod, Sperm, Seal, Elephant and Olive; Pork, 100 bbls. Mess, Prime Mess and Prime; Beef, 50 do. American and Nova Scotia; Butter, 100 Pkts; Tobacco, 80 packages, assorted; Tea, 60 1/2 Chests; Molasses, 30 puncheons; Beans, 40 bbls.

STEWART & McLEAN, Water street—adjoining Ferry Landing. May 5, 1854.