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The plates from which the Jubilee stamps were engraved were destroyed on Friday in the presence of the Postmaster General and others. About 32,000,000 stamps of various denominations and 7,000,000 post cards were printed off these plates. It is just three months since the stamps were issued. The announcement of the destruction of the plates will probably cause a rise in the value of Jubilee stamps, but there are still a large number in the department and post offices throughout the Dominion.

St Andrews Beacon: Bocabec black granite stock is looking up. Last week, Mr. H. Oldershaw, of New Britain, Conn., representing a syndicate of Americans who have secured an option on the Bocabec quarry of Messrs. Gibson, Stuart & Hanson, paid a visit of inspection to the quarry. He was delighted with the quality and the quantity of the stone and with the facilities for shipment. He saw no reason why a profitable business might not be established with the United States, as the stone in his opinion is superior to Quincy granite.

A noticeably fine portrait of Edward Everett Hale appears upon the cover page of the Magazine Number of The Outlook for September. The picture is reproduced in half-tone from a portrait of Dr. Hale painted recently by his son, Mr. Philip Hale. The occasion of the appearance of this portrait is the announcement of a series of articles of exceptional interest, which will appear throughout the Magazine Numbers of The Outlook for 1898. The title of this series will be "James Russell Lowell and His Friends." Dr. Hale knew Lowell from boyhood up. In these twelve articles he will talk freely and with an abundance of anecdote about Lowell, his friends, and his times. Dr. Hale's originality and popularity, [3] a year. The Outlook Company, 13 Astor Place, New York.]

News Summary.

Two new cases of small pox were found in Montreal on Friday. The patients are a mother and child.

The libel suit of Tarte vs. Grenier has been set down for trial on Sept. 20, Mr. Tarte's lawyers consenting to the date.

There were thirty two business failures in the Dominion this week, compared with forty-one in the corresponding week a year ago.

A young man named Kelly, belonging to Calais, was waylaid on the road to Oak Hill on Wednesday by two persons and robbed of \$10.

At Dorchester on Thursday last Rverett Stinson, of Shelburne, one of the crew of the schooner Fraulein, had one of his legs broken while moving a gondola. It is feared the leg will have to be amputated below the knee.

Fires at Summerside early Friday morning destroyed two warehouses of Messrs. McKay & Co. The bakery of Messrs. J. Murphy & Son was destroyed, also one or two other buildings.

Hon. Mr. Sifton leaves Ottawa next Thursday to accompany Major Walsh, administrator of the Yukon, on his way to Skagway and thence over the mountains on the road to Dawson City.

On Sunday the New Orleans Board of Health officially declared six of the cases of fever to be yellow fever. A couple of hours subsequently the Board announced another pronounced case of yellow fever.

Friday was the hottest day of the year in parts of Maine, the thermometer registering as high as 105 in the shade. It is beneficial to corn. Farmers of the state are generally complaining that their potato crops have been ruined by the wet season.

Coroner Clark says that only ten bodies have so far been taken from the ruins of the Denver and Rio Grande train wreck near Newcastle, Col. These make fourteen in all, but there is no doubt, these are less than half those who perished.

Mail advices from the Congo show that the revolt in the Buddu territory is connected with the mutinous Congolese troops in the Terre district, who are said to have killed fifty-nine Belgian officers and men, to have destroyed all the forts and to be committing depredations right and left.

Comte Henri De Penaloza, who has been visiting friends in St. Louis, says that the rumor of an understanding between Spain and other European nations looking to check upon American interference with Cuba, was confirmed by the information which has come to him from high authority.

John May, aged 16, son of Mr. John May, Chatham, was crushed between two cars at Snowball's mill, Wednesday, and died Thursday morning. He was pushing an empty car when another came down the incline from the furnace at high speed and struck him in the back. There are no buffers and he was crushed between them.

A serious dynamite bomb outrage was committed Friday at St. Martin, about three miles from Ferrol, Spain. The bombs were exploded simultaneously outside the residences of the mayor and the magistrate of the town. Great damage was done by the explosion. In the confusion which followed the miscreants escaped.

Baltimore, Vt., is a town where nothing ever happens. Over 100 years ago it had 275 people, and they have presumably been dying off gradually ever since, for now there are only 39. No crime has ever happened there; no policeman has ever proudly patrolled a beat, and it has been over 20 years since there was a wedding, and that nuptial event created great excitement.

Rev. Josiah Strong, D. D., in the North American Review, says that "if the rate of growth from 1880 to 1890 continues, in 1920 the cities of the United States will contain ten million more than one half of the population. The city will then control State and nation, and this fact emphasizes the necessity of taking special means to educate city children of all sorts in the duties of citizenship."

The London Daily News' Berlin correspondent says it is alleged on reliable authority at St. Petersburg that no written alliance between France and Russia exists and that not even a verbal treaty was made, for the military convention was of an earlier date. The Czar used the phrase "allied nations" in response to the urgings of M. Hanotaux, that unless something of the sort was said the French ministry would be overthrown on President Faure's return to Paris.

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