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The leader of the Communists now living at Niagara should be told to keep his Community before the public as its best advertisement that may be. If he can honestly say that he and his party have come here for nothing but liberty to air a few harmless crotchets about the tenure of property, well and good; if he cannot prove that he is not introducing any evil on the part of his party, the permanent establishment of his community should be discouraged, or if necessary prevented by force. The *ous prohba* lies upon the community, whose reputation has preceded them hither.

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THINGS IN SHORT METRE.

[BY PEN AND SENSUO.]

Small people can grow smaller. Commodore Nutt is about opening a liquor saloon. General Tom Thumb is in a ten-cent show.

The plague has appeared in the Valak district in Russia, and famine also prevails. In the Don distract the granaries are empty, and many are dying of starvation.

Springs' Church, in disciplining its members, excluded sixty-eight from membership last year. The net gain was one hundred and twenty-three.

Robert Ingalls claims to have made \$45,000 from his lectures last year. After this, the infidel sneer at the "broad and butter clergy" will not be very much to the point.

A census of the Society of Friends shows that it has about 88,000 members, of whom 66,850 are in the United States and Canada, 14,725 in England, 3,948 in Scotland, and 3,600 in other countries.

A colored man in Texas, being asked if he had anything to say why sentence of death should not be pronounced against him, made a plan in his own behalf which determined the court to grant him a new trial. We should call that eloquence.

Denis Kearney, the San Francisco agitator has been sent to the House of Correction for six months, but his head was shaved, and the convict's garment put on him, and will there render a painful service to the State of California. It is to be hoped that this discipline will teach him some lesson.

East of the River Jordan there is an Arab tribe which has embraced the Catholic faith and is ministered unto by a native Italian priest. These Arabs wander about from place to place with their flocks of sheep, and when their tent is pitched on Saturday, a fire had been started and the child approaching too near it her clothes were soon in flames. She was burned about the body and limbs before assistance reached her.... Saturday's *Montgomery Times* says: A stabbing affray took place at the church kept by Sarah Smith in the vicinity of Vulcan street, at an early hour yesterday morning, about two o'clock. Robt. Taylor received a pretty severe stab in the shoulder, the cut, when opened, revealing a portion of the lung. The name of the party using the knife is reported, but it was evidently sought to keep the whole affair quiet, some saying the stabbing was an accident. The parties were intoxicated.... It is said that a telegram has been received at Shadie, stating that Mr. D. B. White, formerly a school teacher at Shadie, who emigrated to Manitoba, was drowned a few days ago, while crossing a lake near Winnipeg, with some cattle.

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Joseph Cook is authority for the following anecdote: Earnest Renan lately had occasion to telegraph across the British Channel the subject of a proposed lecture of his in Westminster Abbey. The subject as stated by him was "The Influence of Rome on the Formation of Christianity." It was published in England as "The Influence of Rome on the Formation of Christianity."

The Physicians of Paris are engaged in waging a war on tobacco. They urge that it depletes the vital forces, and claim that the long-lived men of the world are not its slaves. For illustration, they are holding up in favor of the cause the portraits of such eminent physicians as Cremieux, Guizot, Thiers, Hugo, St. Hilaire, Grotschalk, and others.

In Russie the aspect of things is very disheartening. The Empress is dying. Prince Grotschalk is declining. The Emperor is dejected and alarmed.

Predators are being made for the trial of a number of nihilistic; and in many parts of the Empire the feeling is one of gloom and dread.

Paris is regarded as the center of the Nihilistic organization. On the other hand, Switzerland on the demand of Russia has adopted a new regulation to prevent the spread of Nihilism in that direction.

"Jumping the rope" is declared by Dr. Peck of Indianapolis, to be the prime cause of more cripples among the female portion of the community than probably any one cause. He also says that during the practice of his profession, death has been occurring, coming under his observation, which he says is the result of this pernicious pastime. He says that rope-jumping produces continuous concussions on the joints which impinges upon the bone, causing at the first stage peritonitis, and finally resulting in the death of the bone.

It has been resolved by the German Parliament that the Anti-Socialist Law shall continue in force until September, 1884. The decision must command itself to the approval of Europe. There can be no doubt that the peace and safety of the Empire have been endangered by the principles and influences of the Socialist party, and as moral suasion for its repression has failed, it is right that the strong arm of the law should be enforced as against traitors and murderers.

The number of different kinds of postage stamps which have hitherto issued all over the world is estimated, in round numbers, at 6,000. Among them are found the effigies of five emperors, sixteen kings, three queens, one grand duke, six princes, one princess and a great number of presidents, etc. Some of the stamps bear coats-of-arms and other emblems, as crowns, the papal keys, and tassas, anchors, eagles, lions, horses, stars, serpents, railway trains, horsemen, messengers, etc. The collection preserved in the Museum of the Berlin post offices included, on July 1, 1879, 4,498 stamps of different postage stamps. Of these, 2,462 were from Europe, 441 from Asia, 251 from Africa, 143 from America and 201 from Australia.

An extraordinary tale of martyrdom in the Russian church is told by the *Figaro*. In 1853 the steward

of a Russian landowner was murdered in the district of Kief. A priest named Kobytowicz was accused of the deed, and, in spite of his protest of innocence, he was condemned to Siberia where he was forgotten. The other day an old peasant admitted on his death-bed that he was the murderer, but that he had confessed the crime to the priest in question and obtained his absolution. The priest, however, having received no confession, and the usual seat of grace, could not release him, and preferred to undergo the terrible punishment in the mines of Siberia to departing from his duty. The authorities at once sought for the priest among the prisoners, but he had died a few months before the disclosure.

PROGRESSION OF PARLIAMENT.

On Friday the Parliament of Canada was prorogued. The Governor General's speech was as follows:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I wish to thank you from your attendance on Parliament I desire to thank you for the care and assiduity with which you have applied yourselves to the performance of your important duties. The evidences of a recovery from the long continued stage of depression to which I alluded at the opening of my speech will be glad to believe, steadily accumulating, and we may hope, will furnish for some confidence to a prosperous year. The measures relating to banking and the currency, and to the amendment of the tariff, with the other laws passed this session will I hope, aid in the promotion of our commercial prosperity.

The expectation of large immigration of valuable settlers in the North-West, in which I then ventured to indulge, appears from the latest information of the Balkan populations by the change in the British Ministry, this visit is now regarded as the first step towards the alliance of the Balkan principalities. The permanent establishment of India's independence must greatly contribute to the advantage of India's foreign policy.

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