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Catholics and Mixed Marriages.

The marriage of Catholics to those professing a contrary religious belief has always been deprecated by the authorities of the Catholic Church, and is only permitted by special dispensation.

The Sacred Congregation of the Inquisition at Rome has recently written to the Bishops in this country requesting them to transmit to it such facts as they may be able to ascertain in regard to this subject.

Vicar General Thomas G. Preston has accordingly issued a letter to the clergy, by order of Archbishop Corrigan, requesting them to answer a number of questions bearing on the subject. They are asked to state the number of mixed marriages in their parishes during the last ten years, and also the number of marriages between Catholics and persons not baptized by dispensation to the impediment of "Disparitatis Cultus".

NEWS OBSERVATIONS.

An earthquake shock was felt in Hampshire, Eng., Friday morning.

The national democratic committee is settling up its campaign debts.

Mr. Wharton Barker's political claims are exciting the Philadelphia Republicans.

It is proposed to establish a light on the dreaded Outer Diamond Shoal, Cape Hatteras, at a cost of \$500,000.

Senator Gorman is reported as saying many democrats voted the republican ticket because they believed in protection.

There are upwards of 1,600 applications at the War Department for a few presidential appointments to the West Point Military Academy.

The election in this department of the Seine to fill the vacant seat in the Chamber of Deputies, for which Gen. Boulanger is a candidate, has been fixed for January 27.

The American baseball teams played another game in Adelaide, South Australia, Friday morning.

The Chicago were victorious, the score being: Chicago 12, All American 7.

At a meeting in Dublin Friday the Lord Mayor of that city, Messrs. Dillon and Kenny and others were elected a committee to organize a fund for the benefit of Moroney, who was recently released from Kilmallock jail on account of ill-health.

The wool growers of Kimble, Mendoc, Sutton and Sleicher counties of Texas, at a meeting held Wednesday, adopted resolutions urging Congress to amend the present tariff as to prevent the importation of foreign wool under the names of ring waste, thread waste, yarn waste, etc., which are now used to evade tariff duty.

CURRENCY.

Leaving the Reception.—"I'll take my hat, waiter." "What kind of a hat was it, sir?" "A new silk one."

"Sorry, sir, but all the new hats were taken some time ago."—Fliedgense Blatter.

Encouraging.—Young lawyer to his client: "Do not trouble yourself about the case at all, my dear sir. I assure you that to gain a favorable verdict for you will be the object of my whole life."—Fliedgense Blatter.

Business is Business.—American Millionaire (year 1889).—"What are the prices of admission?" Doorkeeper (United States Capitol).—"Seats in the Senate are \$500,000; but I can give you a seat in the House for \$100,000. Thanks. Hand this ticket to the usher. Keep the coupon in your hat to avoid mistakes."—Puck.

He Subscribed Cheerfully.—Confidential Clerk.—"Mr. Gazleton is in, madam, but as it is within a few minutes of his dinner time, I think it would be a good plan to bring your subscription paper later in the day."

Mr. Pleadist.—"Oh, never fear! I am soliciting money to set up a grave-stone over Mrs. Teazell, that noble woman who so distinguished herself by the collections for charitable purposes which she made from our business men."—Puck.

THE CONFEDERACY.

THE GREAT SEAL PRESENTED TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

A Columbia, S. C., special of the 28th says: The State of South Carolina was yesterday presented with the great seal of the Confederate States of America. This seal was made in England, and reached Richmond just before the close of the war.

At the evacuation of Richmond it was overlooked, and afterward it fell into the hands of Col. W. E. Earl, of Washington, by whom it is now presented to the State. The seal is of polished bronze three inches in diameter. On one side is an equestrian statue of Washington, and on the other the inscription: "The Confederate States of America, 22d February, 18:2—Deo Vindice."

Special Award for France or Conscience.

The season is approaching when the full-dressed fashionable woman will give society the cold shoulder.

HAYTI.

THE DEMAND FOR THE RELEASE OF THE SEIZED VESSEL.

IN RELATION DIRECTLY FROM PORT AU PRINCE—THE METHOD OF PROCEEDING—THE RELYABLE MOST OPPORTUNE—OTHER NEWS.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Capt. Shuttleworth of the Dutch steamer Prinz Mauritz, which arrived early this morning, reports everything quiet at Port au Prince, from which port he sailed direct for New York on the 22d inst. Legitimate was inaugurated President with great pomp and ceremony on the 19th. The Galena and the Yantic were in port at the time. The "Haytian Republic" was lying outside in the harbor, moored to a buoy. President Legitimate boarded the Galena and had a conference with Rear Admiral Luce. It is understood that he made no response to the demand for the "Haytian Republic's" release. The Yantic grounded in the inner harbor. Her officers afterwards made a survey of the harbor.

Chief Officer Gibblee stated to a reporter this morning that he found no excitement at Port au Prince and that at other ports where he stopped he found an apparent general satisfaction with Legitimate's presidency.

The "Haytian Republic" was lying in the harbor of Port au Prince literally covered with American flags and everybody seemed to be making merry over the settlement of the difficulty.

The officers of the Galena and Yantic gave a reception to President Legitimate on Dec. 22nd.

Captain Gibblee states that there was no truth in the story of the bombardment of Cape Haytien though all northern ports were blockaded.

STORY OF THE SURRENDER.

On board the U. S. steamer Galena off Port au Prince, Dec. 21, 1888: via New York, Dec. 29th.

The Galena and Yantic, which left New York December 12th steamed into the harbor of Port au Prince Dec. 20th at 9 a. m. with shotted guns, torpedo booms out, ships cleared for action and crews standing at quarters to demand of the alleged Haytian government the instant release of the Steamer Haytian Republic.

On their arrival in the outer harbor Rear Admiral Luce transferred his flag to the Yantic, which has a draught of but 12 feet.

The Yantic was then run slowly into the inner harbor within a hundred feet of the dock where the "Haytian Republic" was at anchor. Anchor was dropped and a stern line was at once attached to the "Haytian Republic" the guns of the Yantic being trained on the city.

The Galena remained in the outer harbor with broad-side and pilot guns trained on the Haytian man-of-war. The Yantic prepared to fire at the first hostile demonstration. The Desonnet crew also stood at their guns until the result of the interview of Lieutenant Griffin with Legitimate was made known. Lieut. Griffin went ashore shortly after 9 o'clock with communications from the State department and Admiral Luce demanding the release within four hours of the detained steamer and the withdrawal of her guard. Legitimate, finding that no delay would be tolerated, under formal protest and an appeal for future arbitration commanded one of his gunboats to tow the "Haytian Republic" to the position in the outer harbor occupied when captured and to have such slight damage as had been done to her repaired by his mechanics.

Night fell before her cable could be severed, as her anchor chains had been heavily folded. The formal return was not made until next day. The moral effect of this prompt action of Admiral Luce has been most salutary on the Haytian people. The influence of the French government, through their minister at Port au Prince, is very strong with the Legitimate government and it is said that the "Haytian Republic" would not have been released had a French man of war been in the harbor. It is also claimed that the French government influence has been backing Legitimate since his return from exile.

The release was most opportune, from the acknowledged fact that Legitimate had contracted to sell the "Haytian Republic" to the Atlas line, in fact was about to turn her over to a crew which had arrived that morning from Jamaica.

The Northern and Southern Presbyterian.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The conference of the Presbyterian Southern and Northern General Assemblies committees was reported as progressing favorably at the close of today's session. In the morning session the Southern men deliberated alone, as did also the Northern men. In the afternoon the opinions of both sides were brought together and the session adjourned until Monday. Many of the seats of pupils of the leading city churches will be occupied tomorrow by visiting clergymen.

Washington Notes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The Treasury today accepted \$450,000 four and a half per cent bonds at 108.

The President today directed the removal of Edward Cushing, Collector of Customs at Belfast, Me., and will nominate his successor in a few days.

—Mr. John Bright is further improved.

CHAS. FOR A CATHEDRAL.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—A dispatch from Dubuque, Iowa, says: Over six thousand dollars' worth of stained glass manufactured in England for the cathedral of this city was seized yesterday by Surveyor McLaughlin. It is held subject to the payment of \$3,000 in duty. The surveyor claims that the glass is subject to a duty of 45 per cent, notwithstanding the Secretary of the Treasury informed Senator Allison that, being for church purposes, it was exempt. Surveyor McLaughlin claims to be an original court of jurisdiction in this matter and that the Secretary of the Treasury has no right to express an opinion.

Brutally Murdered.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The mutilated body of a boy was found in an out-house at Bradford this morning. It was recognized as that of John Bi, eight years of age, who last seen alive, was sliding on the ice with some companions. The boy had been brutally murdered. His legs and arms had been chopped off in a rough manner and tied to his body. His ears had been cut off. There were two stab wounds in his chest and his heart and entrails had been torn out. The remains found were wrapped in a rough covering. The police believe from the clumsy manner in which the body was mutilated that the crime was the work of drunken lads whose imaginations had been inflamed by reading accounts of the Whitechapel atrocities. It is supposed the murder and butchery were committed in some other place and the remains at afterwards carried by the perpetrators to the out-house in which they were found. The crime has created the greatest excitement at Bradford. The police have not as yet any trace of the murderer or murderers.

AN ARREST OF SUSPICION.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A milkman has been arrested on suspicion of having committed the crime. The murdered boy had occasionally accompanied him on his rounds. The prisoner was the first to recognize the remains. It is certain that the body was placed in the out-house between the hours of four and seven this morning.

THE BODY OF ANOTHER MURDERED BOY FOUND.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The murdered and mutilated body of another youth has been discovered at Keighley, nine miles from Bradford.

Another Victim of the Haytian Republic.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—Information received from the Haytian Republic county, Arkansas, that a drunken negro yesterday pushed a white man off the sidewalk and then gave him a vigorous cursing. The marshal tried to arrest the negro but the latter resisted and a mob of about seventy blacks immediately gathered to his aid. This brought out the whites at once and revolvers, shot-guns and other weapons appeared with alacrity. Things looked ripe for bloodshed but through the energetic efforts of a few cool-headed white men an open fight was avoided. The negro then surrendered and the only damages were a few cuts and bruises. It was reported that the negroes would attempt to release the prisoner and at last accounts the whites had prepared themselves for any emergency.

A Street Car Overturned and a Number of the Occupants Seriously Hurt.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 29.—At 10:30 o'clock last night a car on the electric railway line was struck by a switch engine of the Chicago, St. Paul and Kansas City Railway crossing of Main and Robidoux streets and the car with about fifteen occupants was thrown down an embankment about thirty-five feet high into Black Snake Creek. The car was demolished, and most of the occupants injured, two of them, William H. Ray and wife, seriously. The latter was injured internally and perhaps fatally.

Total Visible Supply of Cotton.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The total visible supply of cotton for the world is 2,916,855 bales, of which 2,653,705 are American; against 3,098,520 bales and 2,652,780 bales respectively last year. Receipts at all interior towns, 163,661 bales. Receipts at the plantations, 272,719 bales. Crop in sight, 4,590,502 bales.

Papal Gifts to Irish Cathedrals.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

ROME, Dec. 29.—The Pope has written a cordial letter to the prelates in Ireland informing them that he has sent a rich gift to each of the Irish Cathedrals.

Violent Scenes in Ireland Expected.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

DUBLIN, Dec. 29.—The eviction of delinquent tenants in Gweedore, county Donegal, was commenced Wednesday. Troops and police have been ordered thither to assist the bailiffs and violent scenes are expected.

Dr. Carver's Great Shot.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 29.—Dr. W. F. Carver had made 49,000 targets in his great ball hitting feat up to 12 o'clock last night. He has 11,000 targets to make today to win.

The New Year in Liverpool.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 29.—Monday, December 31st, and Tuesday, January 1st, will be observed as holidays in the cotton market.

TRICHINAE

IN THE FLESH OF A WEALTHY YOUNG MAN.

NO HOPE OF RELIEF FOR THE SUFFERER EXCEPT IN DEATH—OTHER NEWS BY WIRE.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 29.—Two years ago a young man of the town of Leroy, this county, son of a wealthy banker, became suddenly and painfully ill. From that time until now he has been a great sufferer and his physicians have been unable to satisfactorily diagnose the disease from which he has suffered. Yesterday a physician of this city made a careful microscopic examination of a particle of the patient's flesh and found that it was densely populated with trichinae. It is believed that there is no hope whatever for the extermination of the trichinae and that the sufferer's agony will find no relief except in death.

ESCAPED FROM JAIL.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

CONDAMNED BOLD-KNOBBERS AND TRAIN-ROBBER.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—A special from Ozark, Mo., to the Post Dispatch says: John and Willy Matthews, two of the four condemned Bald-Knobbers, and W. P. Haabson, Frank Johnson, William Bedford, Thos. Rooney and William Sassin, five train robbers, escaped from jail here last night. Some at present unknown person or persons cut through the brick wall of the prison, unlocked the cells and released the prisoners. Dave Walker, leader of the Bald-Knobbers, and his son William, also under sentence to hang, and a young man named Euser refused to leave and were found in their cells when the discovery was made. There is great excitement among the people here today.

NORFOLK & WESTERN.

STATEMENT OF THE ROAD FOR NOVEMBER.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 29.—The statement of the Norfolk & Western E. R. for November shows gross earnings of \$42,769,696; expenses, including taxes, \$27,634,444; net earnings \$15,135,252—a decrease in net earnings as compared with November, 1887, of \$27,040. For the eleven months ended November 30, the net earnings were \$162,001 as compared with the corresponding period of last year \$1,000,000.

A GAY WIDOW RETURNS.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

THE ANDREW BEAM MISTERY AND THE RETURN HOME OF HIS WIFE.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

THE SHELBY AURORA OF YESTERDAY SAYS:

The attractive, well developed and fascinating widow Sarah Beam, "fair, fat, and forty," returned last week from her protracted wanderings and is now the guest of her father, John Smith, in Cleveland county. She fled from the courts and persecution last February and her friends were surprised to see her again in this county. She came on the Air Line Railroad to King's Mountain, thence in a hack she accompanied her husband, Andrew Beam, to his home.

The smiling parson, Rev. J. P. Styers who "loved not wisely but too well" the charming black-eyed widow Beam, accompanied her in her flight in a buggy to parts unknown last February, and for his infatuation his church and Cleveland Superior court had previously tried him and found him guilty. The church expelled him, then the court fined both but they fastened and in part caused by persecution and the probably false charge of poisoning her late husband, Andrew Beam, dead.

Andrew Beam's body was exhumed and the jury brought a verdict that he "died of foul play." The viscera, stomach, &c, were carried at an expense to Chapel Hill for analysis, but strange to say no analysis has ever been reported. The Aurora then said and now repeats there is no proof that Andrew Beam was poisoned and no evidence that the amorous and uxorious parson and Mrs. Beam gave him poison. They thought their lives were in danger and fled to avoid the excitement has given way to reason and her money spent, she returns home a sad and wiser woman. Where, oh, where is the smiling parson? Echo answers where! It is stated that his confiding wife has recently visited him, but no one knows where he is concealed. His former home was near Salisbury, N. C.

[The sensation created by the elopement of Styers and Mrs. Beam several months ago will be remembered.]

The stomach of Andrew Beam, which was exhumed, was sent here to State Chemist Battle for analysis and he has for the past four weeks been engaged in the analysis, which is a very difficult task, as the stomach had been in the ground two years when it was exhumed. The analysis has not yet been completed.]

Fatal Accident.

New Bern Journal.

On Christmas day Mr. Augustus Riggs, a young man living on Bear Creek, Oaslow county, was in the act of firing a gun. The gun burst and blew his brains out, killing him instantly. Mr. Riggs was about twenty years old and was employed in the far with Mr. Robert Freshwater.

CLIPPED FROM THE EXCHANGES.

Ninety-two thousand paupers was the London census for September.

A real live prince keeps a millinery store in Fifth Avenue, New York.

The new lord mayor of London is a fan maker named Whitehead.

A cigar dealer in Manheim, Pa., has a rooster which can utter shootings.

The Prince of Wales has been learning Magyar, and recently made a brief speech in that tongue.

Queen Victoria will be presented with a dress of black silk pillow lace by the ladies of the Maltese nobility.

A report comes from Los Angeles, Cal., of the discovery of an ancient temple on San Clemente Island, just off the coast.

Attendance in the English churches is said to be excellent. The dissenting churches make a rather poor showing in comparison.

The king of Portugal, who translated "Hamlet" into Portuguese some years ago, has just published a translation of "The Merchant of Venice."

A new religious order has been started by a man named May, called the "Brotherhood of the Sun." It rests upon "the fundamental truth that underlies all religious systems."

The Chinese government has refused an English firm permission to set up cotton cleaning machinery in the country. The decision is made that foreigners have no right to start manufactures on Chinese soil.

Says a foreign correspondent: "The crown prince of Germany is a dear little fellow six years old, with fair skin, hair and coloring generally, and full of life and intelligence."

The Russian government has granted an annual subsidy of 111,000 rubles to a private firm who contract to run lines of steamers between the Russian Pacific ports and Corea, Japan and China, the vessels in time of war to be at the disposal of the government.

The late Prince Schwarzenberg, whose landed estates were so enormous as to be called the Schwarzenberg empire, left a fortune of \$50,000,000, from which a sum of \$400 was bequeathed to the poor of Vienna. That was his sole charitable bequest.

The Moravian Missionary Work.

Moravian missionaries make less public stir over their work than almost any others. In a quiet way they carry on a great variety of missionary enterprises without coming in conflict with those of other denominations. They select some of the hardest fields in the world which are neglected by others. For instance, they have almost the monopoly of the field in Greenland and Labrador. A century and a half ago they began to send missionaries to the East Indies. In some of the roughest parts of Central Asia, and of Australia, their missions were long ago planted. They recently established a mission in Alaska. They do not have costly offices for missionary headquarters in any of the great cities, station of high priced secretaries. Each ward minister "very few omit this duty."

The chief center of the Moravian church in this country is at Bethlehem, Pa. The oldest old church there is large and plain. There is a full equipment of educational buildings in connection with it. The Moravians there are thrifty and conservative. Some are wealthy. They do not put on ecclesiastical style, nor do they make much worldly display. In charge of their chief center is Herrnhut, in Saxony. Their church is one throughout the world. Herrnhut is to them what Rome is to the Roman Catholics. When recently three new bishops were needed for the church in this country six men were chosen by the churches in America, but their names were sent to Herrnhut and three might be selected from them by the brethren there. The Herrnhut authorities made the selection by casting lots in the old scriptural way, and the three whom they thus selected were duly ordained bishops.

"Peace and good will" are the leading ideas of the Moravians. Ecclesiastical combats are almost unknown among them.—New York Press.

He Loved to Make Horses.

"Do you know that we had a case in this city which, for scandalousness, was a parallel to the Whitechapel murders?" said Detective John Schnicks at police headquarters. "It was out in the West End, and you will all remember the case. It was that of a man who went around night after night maiming horses. He would make a sneak into a stable at night and hamstring a horse. He took the greatest delight, it appeared, in cutting up the poor animals, rendering them entirely useless, and all had to be killed afterwards. That was about nine years ago. It was a strange man, and before the fellow was captured he had carved up about twenty horses. Then we got onto him. He proved to be an old fellow who had been reformed from a lunatic asylum as a currier. He had gone insane from being kicked by a horse, and in his devilish way sought revenge. He was returned to the asylum and is there now."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Book Thieves in Paris.

Book stealing seems to have been elevated into a regular trade in Paris, for, according to a return drawn up by the prefecture of police, the number of persons prosecuted for this offense within the last two years has been 145, of whom only 5 have been acquitted, while 90 others have been sentenced to fine or imprisonment, and the remaining 50 are still awaiting their trial. The amount of book larceny and of fees paid for hearing has exceeded \$3,000, these sums being exclusive of counsel's fees and other legal expenses.—Chicago News.

In Love with a Statue.

Eugene Bloc, 14 years of age, recently committed suicide in Paris on account of unreciprocated affection. He fell in love with a plaster cast of Venus in his father's house, and would stand gazing at it for hours. The boy neglected his studies, and his father grew angry and broke the statue into pieces. Eugene went to his room, twisted a sheet around his neck and strangled himself.—New York Sun.

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A VOLCANO?

A STRANGE PHENOMENON IN DAKOTA.

A GREAT VOLUME OF STEAM CONSTANTLY ISSUING FROM A CRACK—ACCOMpanied BY AN ODDOR OF SULPHUR, A LIGHT-COLORED SMOKE AND A RUMBLING SOUND—OTHER NEWS.

By Cable to the News and Observer.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Chamberlain, Dakota, says: There is now no doubt that the great phenomenon in Charles Mix county is not caused by burning coal alone. There is a great volume of steam constantly issuing from the crack, accompanied by a strong sulphur odor and light colored smoke. The earth for many feet about is warm. It is also phosphorescent and can be seen at night for many miles. At frequent intervals a deep rumbling sound is heard for a long distance. The phenomenon is situated on that portion of the Randall military reservation which was lately thrown open to settlement.

A Bad and Fatal Accident.

New Bern Journal.

Our community was sadly shocked on Thursday night when the awful news was received that Johnnie Jordan, the only son of Col. and Mrs. J. V. Jordan, of this city, had been wounded unto death by the accidental discharge of a shot gun in the hands of Mr. Thomas Lane.

It seems that a party of young gentlemen were out hunting, among whom were young Jordan and Mr. Lane. The latter jumped across a ditch, a briar or bush catching the hammer