

Local and Other Items.

Doctors, Lawyers and other Professional people are interested in an entertainment of Prof. Lawrence's style.

THE LINE DRAWN.—A Windsor lady wants twenty boarders, and in her advertisement says: No drinking or card-playing allowed. Board must be settled every week. If paid in advance a deduction of 25 cents per week will be made.

INTERESTING DISCUSSION.—The debating club of the Charlottetown Business College last evening discussed the question "Which Endures the Most Hardship, the Soldier or the Sailor?" After a spirited discussion a decision was given in favor of the sailor. The vote stood 11 to 14. Mr. A. R. Dauncey presided.

A DISTURBANCE CREATED.—Three or four young men created a disturbance in the neighborhood of the Salvation Army Barracks last night. They were drinking and quarreling among themselves, and it is said that bottles were thrown about promiscuously. They should be punished for their reprehensible conduct.

DON'T WANT LICENSE.—At the last meeting of District Division No. 5, of the Sons of Temperance, held at Lot 12, a resolution was passed expressing emphatic disapproval of a license law for the city of Charlottetown which it is rumored the present government intend passing at the approaching session of the Provincial Parliament.

SHOULD BE REMOVED.—The attention of Fishery Officer Hobkirk is called to the fact that some persons from Pownal, have hauled the carcass of a horse on the ice over the oyster bed in Pownal Bay. In a day or two the ice will have melted and unless the dead horse is removed in the meantime it will be deposited right on the oyster bed. Mr. Hobkirk should give the matter his immediate attention.

MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS.—Rev. T. F. Fullerton gave his interesting lecture on the above subject in the schoolroom of Zion Church last evening, his remarks being illustrated by a series of stereoscopic views. The hall was well filled, the lecture eloquent and instructive, and the views, which were thrown upon the canvas under the superintendence of Messrs. Morrison and Henderson, beautifully clear and artistic. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Rev. Mr. Fullerton at the close of his lecture.

SOME OLD BIBLES.—The following paragraphs are clipped from the Halifax Herald:

William Nutt, proprietor of the Sussex hotel, Upper Water street, claims to be the owner of the oldest bible in Halifax. The book is 150 years old. A number of persons have endeavored to purchase it.—Mail.

Dr. H. H. Webster, of Kentville, is the happy possessor of a much older Bible than this, it having been printed in 1598. It includes many books not contained in the present Bible.

The Truro News records the fact of Mr. Lawson, a resident of that vicinity, having succeeded in proving heirship to a Scottish estate by help of an old family Bible, printed 130 years ago in Scotland.

Henry Walker, Dartmouth, states that he has a German Bible 150 years old. It has been in the family many years.

ISLAND PRODUCE.—The Halifax Herald reports P. E. Island oats selling at 40 cents in that market on Friday. It was at that figure, says the Herald "that 2600 bushels from the schooner Henry G. Ives, Charlottetown, were sold to a feed merchant of this city. They were good quality, weighing 42 pounds to the bushel. Two other cargoes were afloat in the neighborhood of the Ives, smaller, however, than the amount purchased from this vessel. Oats are quoted at 35 cents in P. E. Island and as the steamer Stanley has got across to Charlottetown harbor and may resume regular trips a regular supply is to be expected. The 40 cents paid for these Island oats today shows a value about 3 cents per bushel higher than at this season last year. Potatoes in large lots from Island schooners are quoted at from 40 to 45 cents."

HEMMED IN BY FIRE.

Artillery Used to Mow Down Trees and Stop Fire.

HAVANA, March 26.—The official Spanish report is published here of a series of important fights among hills of Vizcaino and the mountains of La Signanica Santa Clara province. The report says that the column of Col. Vazquez, composed of 500 men a few days ago attacked the insurgents at the Vizcaino hills, learning previously from a prisoner that they had a considerable force of infantry about that place. Col. Vazquez says that during the first day's fighting the insurgents fled before him, setting fire to the cane fields and forests so as to prevent the column from following them. But next day a remarkable incident happened which put the Spanish column in the greatest danger. The winds aided the insurgents, and the Spanish column was soon surrounded by flames. The fire in the rear was as intense as on the sides and front. All the forests and thick fields on the mountains were in a short time ablaze. Retreat was impossible, but to remain there was also certain death to the column. The guaba trees, which were very abundant all around the place, readily took fire. The Spanish commander reports that "he used his artillery in his efforts to stop the fire, cutting down trees with heavy shot." But every effort failed, and then the infantry had to open ways with their machines through the burning fields. The column made a desperate rush, passed through the flames, and were safe at last.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

Colour-Sergeant Walker, of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, was captured by the Atridis and kept prisoner for six weeks. After his release he was court-martialled for being absent without leave, and though acquitted, was condemned to lose his pay for the time he was away from his regiment.

John Donaldson, a young broker, who left New York in January, 1895, after having obtained more than \$20,000 worth of diamonds from various dealers, has been arrested in Boston. The young man, who was but 27 years of age, and the son of a minister, had married a handsome young woman in Brooklyn but two weeks before he absconded.

Prospecting after gold is very active just now in Beauce, Que., especially in the valley of the Gilbert river, where miners expect to recover a great deal of alluvial metal between the present and the autumn. An American syndicate has been formed to purchase the mining rights of the Desbarats estate in that district.

Elizabeth Bosworth, a spinster of sixty-six years, quarrelled with her brother, with whom she lived at Berlin, Conn. Then she went to a chicken house in the rear of her residence, locked herself in, and, after soaking her clothes and the building with kero-sene oil, set fire to it. When the fire had burned itself out her charred corpse was found in the ruins.

A few years ago Patrick Scaulan, of Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., found a rifle shell and used it as a ferule on one of the two walking sticks he uses. He is old and feeble, and to prevent the stick from slipping on the icy pavement, he concluded to put a brad in the end of the stick with the rifle shell. Of course he didn't know the shell was loaded. As soon as he began using an awl and hammer the shell exploded, knocking the old man down, and tearing one of his hands almost to pieces.

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