

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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A Contrast.

The contrast between the transmission or conveyance of intelligence across the ocean just one hundred years ago, and that which obtains now, is interesting to say the least. In 1783, February 3, the final ratification of the Treaty, which recognized the independence of the United States of America occurred.

The Automatic or Mechanical System of Telegraphy.

In addition to simplicity and speed this system possesses many great advantages. Its operations briefly described are as follows: The message to be sent is transcribed, in telegraphic characters, punched through a riband of paper, by means of an instrument called a perforator.

The working with two currents above described, is called the utilization of both poles of the battery, and is claimed as the fundamental principle on which this system is based. At the receiving office there is an instrument, similar in appearance to the transmitter, called the Receiver—the Receiver has no battery—of the two pens. One is connected with the line, and the other with the ground.

The receiver and transmitter are, as before stated, capable of great speed, which varies according to the distance of transmission and the weather. It has been authoritatively stated that two wires connected with these instruments would be sufficient to transmit the immense business now done between Boston and New York by all the telegraph lines combined.

A quarrel has broken out between Chile and Peru, the Archbishop of Lima refusing to accept nominations made by the Government.

A Suggestion.

The Journal of Agriculture, published under the direction of the Board of Agriculture of Nova Scotia, a monthly periodical conducted by practical agriculturists and others, among other matters of importance to farming interests has the following:

"With regard to our Provincial Exhibitions, it might be well to consider this winter, whether some system could not be devised whereby the several Maritime Provinces might unite their forces so as to hold a Maritime Provincial Exhibition every year instead of separate Provincial Exhibitions at longer intervals.

"We learn that at the meeting which was held in Summerside on Monday night last in reference to steam communication, a resolution condemning the Government in wholesale terms was introduced. After the chairman had asked more than once if any one would second it, with some apparent difficulty the resolution was seconded, put to the meeting, and lost, much to the chagrin of those who expected to get a hostile resolution passed against the Government.

"The British Board of Trade returns show that for the ten years from 1871 to 1881 the British exports to foreign countries had decreased £31,000,000 a year, while to Canada and the other Colonies of the Empire they have increased £34,000,000 a year! Tested in another way, it is shown that the colonies consumed British manufactures to the extent of 32 per head per annum, as against 84 in the case of the people of the United States.

About Two Hunters.

PIONEER life and pioneer strife might well fill fifty pages of Prince Edward Island History. Let me tell you of two living heroes, famous in their youth and prime—famous as mighty hunters—of Jonathan Birt and John Jay. I name Mr. Birt first, because he was born first—a year or so before Mr. Jay. They were English boys; they were, and are, Prince Edward Island men.

But of Birt and Jay as hunters, not as farmers, I am to speak. It takes a man to see a dog; what must it be to face a bear? What will you say, Mr. Editor, when I tell you that Birt and Jay faced and killed twenty-one bears from first to last—did it with and without the help and hindrance of others?—that in their teens (eighteen and seventeen respectively) they pursued, attacked, and killed one with a stick and the help of a dog?—that nobody was with them, nobody within call or hearing from first to last. How many of you all-sufficient city struts would it take to do it!

They started to go to their traps one afternoon, the two young fellows, each with a stout stick; and a dog went with them. They saw a bear, and they ran—not from him. They ran, and the bear ran; and the dog ran. "Go back for a gun, Eric Jay, and I'll keep on and tree him if I can." But no; it was Elijah and Elisha over again. Birt, noble fellow! would not leave Jay single-handed in the fray; Birt, hunter-like, would not miss the sport.

They had a dog to match. Was there ever a braver three? "Scatch him! Seize him!" and seize him he did. I wish I knew the name of the dog. He caught the bear by the hind leg; he caught him and he held him. The lads were not far in the rear. Whack! across the snout of the bear; whack! again—whack! from two sticks, back and front—whack! till growls were grunts and grunts were groans. Mr. Jay tells me that when he and others were in hot pursuit of a bear, the animal has turned to see how far they were behind, stood upon one foot as straight as a man, that he might see the further, and shaded the sun from his eyes with a paw as he looked. He tells me, too, that when pursuing a bear in winter that had been turned out of his den by the inflow of water, the animal being fatigued, doubled on his path, taking care to make no new tracks, and after turning and bolting in a new direction, went on till he came to a fallen birch, when he walked the trunk and out upon a limb and then tumbled off into his den, so making no track thereto. But my time is limited and so is your space; you must get Mr. Jay or Mr. Birt to tell you how they managed to get a shot at brum then by making a rough and ready broom at the end of a yellow birch pole, by whacking the end with the back of an axe and provoked brum into taking hold of the broom with his teeth, and getting them caught between the tangled fibres, how they fired into his eyes, how the shot flattened out upon the skull, and all that; and about the famous bear wake they had over him and all the rest of it.

Yours, etc. H.

December 10, 1883.

The Dakota lands set apart for educational purposes are valued at \$55,000,000.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

SIR.—Permit me to ask you a few questions in reference to the concert of last evening:

First—Is it customary for the chairman to announce that "We will be favored," etc., for some performers; and "I have much pleasure in informing the audience," etc., for others?

Second—Is it the correct thing for a singer to respond to an encore consisting of half a dozen vigorous kicks from some small boys, with the promise of more in the dim future?

Third—Is it customary for the chairman to act as encore prompter for aforesaid small boys?

Yours enquiringly, SPECTATOR. Ch'town, Dec. 14, 1883.

SIR.—A sacred concert was given Wednesday evening in the Little York Methodist Church by the Wesleyan Choir of Charlottetown. The attendance was large and the music was fairly well rendered. The hymn was again used on this occasion, and, sir, I have to protest against its use as well as your correspondent "Crisp" has done, for two reasons: first, that I have heard music much better rendered by the same choir in the city before the stick was used; and secondly, if he knew his business, would not use the stick for a fan by shaking it in the ladies faces and beating time to a well sung solo.

Yours truly, LITTLE YORK.

Temperance at Crapaud.

SIR.—The members of "Lady Fane" division, in this place, are moving in the temperance cause, and making a fresh start. We had a very interesting public temperance meeting on Thursday evening, 13th inst., in Lady Fane Hall. Robert Reid, Esq., D. G. W. P., occupied the chair. The first speaker was John Edwards, Esq., G. W. P., who dwelt very ably on the work of the order of the Sons of Temperance. The Rev. S. T. Teed spoke well on the evils of strong drink, both to the individual and the community at large. Mr. James McKinnon, of West River, referred to the fact that strong drink was no respecter of persons and entered the place of the rich and great as well as the humble cottage. J. J. Campbell, Esq., P. G. W. P., was the last speaker. He dealt principally with the present state of the temperance question. Some very good temperance men, he said, were prepared to vote for the repeal of the present Scott Act. This was just what the rum-sellers wanted, but he urged those present to stand by the Act, and insist on giving it a fair trial. Dialogues and recitations were given by members of the Division, and were very highly appreciated. After the public meeting, Lady Fane Division held a short session and initiated a new member. Dr. Henderson and other addresses to the Division. We expect to have more meetings of a similar character to the above during the winter.

Yours truly, A MEMBER. Dec. 14, 1883.

Intercepted Letter.

MY DEAR PARTNER,—In hastening to reply, as requested, to yours of ———, I must first express my heartfelt gratitude to you for services done me since you came down East.

I greatly appreciate the genuine brass you so largely inherit from the good old Puritan hunter, and which we so much lack here. You say the air is full of suspicions over there. Well, here it's teeming with various things; and among the rest, a little orthodoxy, not at all in harmony with our religion. However, I care little, if only I am successful, and will go for anything you propose, depend upon it.

Yet, I must admit that I am subject to fits of depression and compunction of conscience when I think of the poor that had their all in the Old Bank, and now are suffering from cold, nakedness and hunger, besides those that have gone to premature graves with broken hearts; not to mention those with weak intellects, who have lately lost their reason, and are now pinning in Lunatic Asylums and all. Yes, Dear Partner, all through our honestly concerted transactions. But, how beautiful, how consoling and comforting religion is; this and this alone buoy me up, and I trust I closely follow your precepts and example too.

I may be obliged to call upon you to send me money to pay off some urgent debts very shortly. I cannot now attend to reports of receipts and expenditure, but will forward in due time. Please write at your convenience. Yours very obediently, M. C. S.

Our Advertisers.

Henry Smith announces that the third lecture of the course, in connection with the Y. M. C. A., will be delivered by Rev. Ralph Brecken, on Monday evening next. His subject is "Glimpses of Gay Paris."

D. Gordon notifies importers that the brig "Sirius" sails from Boston for Georgetown about the 25th inst.

It is now generally admitted that it was pilot boat No. 8 that was run down by the steamer Alaska at New York. Four of the best pilots of the city were on her and six other persons, all of whom were drowned. In connection with this disaster it is said that the captains of ocean steamers show no consideration for the convenience or the lives of American pilots, and that it is a very common practice for passengers to get up a pool on the number of the boat from which a pilot will be taken, the captain joining in the game, and can thus see or neglect to see a pilot according to his bet in the game. The matter is to be brought before the Assembly.

Lord Overstone, who lately died in England, is estimated to have been worth £20,000,000. He had the advantage of a start in life to the extent of £3,000,000, which he received from his father forty years ago. It is probably harder to make £20 out of £1 in forty years than it is to do what the noble lord has done.

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Ch'town, Dec. 11, 1883.—3w

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Y. M. C. A. LECTURE COURSE.

THE Third Lecture of the Winter Course, before the Young Men's Christian Association, will be delivered by the

REV. RALPH BRECKEN, M. A.,

Y. M. C. A. HALL,

Monday Evening, December 17.

SUBJECT—"GLIMPSES OF GAY PARIS."

Chair to be taken at eight o'clock. Admission ten cents.

HENRY SMITH, Secretary.

Ch'town, Dec. 17.

BRIGANTINE 'SIRIUS'

THE fast-sailing brigantine "Sirius," Capt. Sigsworth, will sail from B. for Georgetown about the 25th instant, carrying freight for P. E. Island. Apply in Boston to Messrs. S. Pierce & Co., 59 Commercial Street, C. 11 to 10.

D. COE, CN. Georgetown, Dec. 14.—2t pd

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On Saturday, 15th instant,

At 11 o'clock, at my saleroom,

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Y. M. C. A.

THE Annual Meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held in the Parlor in Y. M. C. A. Building, on the evening of Thursday, 20th instant, at eight o'clock, for the election of officers, etc.

By order, F. S. MOORE, President.

Ch'town, Dec. 12, 1883.

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10 shares Gas Co. Stock.

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