

A BIG MISTAKE.

Recently our church had a new minister. He is a nice, sociable gentleman, but being from a distant State, of course he was unacquainted with our people, therefore it happened that during his pastoral calls he made several ludicrous blunders. One of them was as follows: The other evening he called upon Mrs. Haddon. She had just lost her husband and naturally thought that his visit was relative to the sad occurrence. So after a few commonplaces had been exchanged, she was not at all surprised to hear him remark:

'It was a sad bereavement, was it not, Mrs. Haddon?'

'Yes,' faltered the widow.

'Totally unexpected.'

'Oh, yes; I never dreamed of it.'

'He died in the barn, I suppose.'

'Oh, no; in the house.'

'Ah, well, I suppose you must have thought a great deal of him.'

'Of course, sir,—this with vim. The minister looked rather surprised crossed his legs and renewed the conversation.

'Blind staggers was the disease, I believe,' he said.

'No, sir,' answered the widow snappishly; 'it was apoplexy.'

'Indeed; possibly you may have fed him a little too much.'

'He was always capable of feeding himself, sir.'

'Very intelligent he must have been. Died hard, didn't he?'

'He did.'

'You had to hit him on the head with an axe to put him out of pain, I heard.'

Mrs. Haddon's eyes snapped fire.

'Whoever told you so didn't speak the truth,' said she, haughtily. 'James died naturally.'

'Yes,' replied the minister in a slightly perplexed tone, 'he kicked the side of the barn down in his dying agony, did he not?'

'No, sir.'

'Well, I have been misinformed, then. Hew, old was he?'

'Thirty-five.'

'Then he did not do much active work. Perhaps you are as well without him, for you can replace him with another quite as good.'

'Never, sir—never again will I see as good a one as he.'

'Oh, yes, you will. He had the heavens bad, you know.'

'Nothing of the kind.'

'Why, I recollect I saw him one day with you on his back, and I distinctly recollect that he had the heavens, and he walked as if he had the spring-halt.'

Mrs. Haddon started at her reverend visitor as if she imagined he was crazy.

'He could never have had the spring-halt, for he had a cork leg,' she returned.

'A cork leg? remarked! But really now, did he not have a dangerous trick of stopping, and kicking a wagon all to pieces?'

'Never; he was not a madman, sir.'

'Probably not. There was some good points in him.'

'I should think so!'

'The way in which he carried his ears, for example.'

'Nobody else ever noticed that particular merit.'

'He could never have had the spring-halt, for he had a cork leg,' she returned.

'He didn't have any hair.' He was quite bald-headed.'

'Quite a curiosity?'

'No, sir, no more of a curiosity than you are.'

The minister shifted uneasily and got red in the face. But he returned to the attack.

'Did you use the whip much on him?'

'Never, sir.'

'Went along without, eh?'

'Yes.'

'He must have been a remarkable good sort of brute.'

The widow sat down and cried.

'The idea of your coming here and insulting me,' she sobbed. 'If my husband had lived you would not have done it. Your remarks in reference to that poor, dead man have been but a series of insults. I won't stand it.'

He colored and looked dumbfounded.

'He, no?'

'Ain't you Mrs. Blinkers,' he stammered, 'and has not your horse died?'

'I never owned a horse, but my husband died a week ago.'

Ten minutes later the minister came out of that house with the reddest face ever seen on a mortal man.

'And to think,' he groaned, as he strode home, 'that I was talking horse to that woman all the time, and she was talking husband.'—U. S. Journal

The conflict in New Calabar, West Africa, is between King Amachree of New Calabar and his followers and a powerful chief called Will Braid and his adherents. Some time since the King of New Calabar died and the accession to the throne of Amachree has not given satisfaction. During the conflict no quarter was shown to the wounded or prisoners, who were killed and often eaten.

McCORMICK'S best Biscuit and Island Flower at Family Grocery.—R. K. BRACE.—dec 3, 21

Washington Letter.

U. S. POLITICS—DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.

There will be a defined movement in favor of the creation of a new Bureau under the Interior Department this winter, to be called the Mining Bureau, to be officered by scientific and practical men. For a long time there has been felt a need of some means to guide people in the investment of money and the employment of labor in this industry, which has proved to be one of the largest in the country. The development of new mines in the older Eastern States, as Virginia, North Carolina, and Maine, has increased the desire for some government supervision of the subject in order that investors and business men may be protected against imposition, and other valuable mining districts may be developed. There is very substantial backing to this movement. I learn that nearly all the trustworthy mining authorities desire some such Bureau, and that it is opposed only by the sharps who feed upon the ignorance of the public as to mining stocks, and the impossibility of gaining correct information without being inside "the ring." Such a Bureau could be so managed as to pay its way directly, for men who are interested in the business would be willing to pay a small fee for assurance of safety in this matter as in the matter of patents or copyrights. As there appears so far to be no opposition to this movement of an honest or substantial nature, there seems little doubt that it may succeed in Congress.

Speaking of this reminds me of another project which will receive a good deal of attention shortly. It relates to the cumbersome Interior Department, and points to the division and simplification of its work. There are Bureaus that ought to be added, and Bureaus that ought to be taken away from it. The Pension Bureau ought to be given to the War Department, which has all the records to which it is necessary to refer, now in the examination of claims. The Patent Office is still more foreign to the Department, and the Secretary of the Interior has no more to do with it than he does with naval construction. The Patent Office should be independent of any Department. On the other hand, the Agricultural Department, with the Indian, the Land, and all the other Bureaus, relating to internal affairs, like the proposed Mining Bureau, should compose the Interior Department. This would promote the public business and be a more economical arrangement than the present.

The New York arrivals talk freely of the outcome of the Republican victory in that State. General Arthur is expected to be sent to the Senate in place of Mr. Kernan, and General George H. Sharpe is expected to be elected Speaker of the New York Assembly. It will be recollected that Messrs. Cornell, Arthur and Sharpe are the three men dropped from the list of official favorites, by the administration, and if these events should come to pass it would be singular indeed.

Varieties.

Woman's writes—Postscript. A sound concern—the telephone. A novel issue—the last romance. A ticket speculator—the politician. What is always in fashion?—The letter F. 'Tis the wealthy chaps the girls purse up their lips to.

Girls, Naomi was 580 years old when she was married. There is comfort in that fact.

The home stretch is best taken in the evening on a sofa.

An open countenance is never spoiled by the accompaniment of a close mouth.

Even criminals like paragraphs; that is to say, they prefer a short sentence.

One of the cheapest things (only ten cents) in the world is a pleasant smile.

A dog frequently worries a cat, but man who is nobler than the dog, worries himself.

If Edison can rendersound available in so many ways, why doesn't he utilize the howling wilderness?

There be men who would willingly search the Scriptures if they thought they could find anything to steal in them.

Beware of cards. Many a young man has fallen into the hands of a knave, and come within an ace of going to the duce.

A Miss Whiten, now at Damariscotta, Me., has probably the longest hair of any woman in the world. It is eight feet long and when dressed in a French twist it passes six times around her head. The growth is perfectly natural.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

SUNDAY.....DECEMBER 7th., 1879. SUN RISES.....7.35 | HIGH WATER. 04.31 pm SUN SETS.....4.08 | FULL MOON 23, 0, 3.1 m

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the aritime Provinces.

TORONTO, Dec. 6, 10 a. m. Increasing winds, cloudy mild weather, probably followed by rain to-morrow.

MARRIED.

On Saturday morning, at St. Peter's Church, Charlottetown, by the Rev. G. W. Hodgson, Mr. Robert N. Cox, of Morell, to Elizabeth J. E. Sutherland, of the same place.

DIED.

At South Boston, Mass., on October 24th, Mary E., beloved wife of Edward Connors, aged 38, years. Deceased was eldest daughter of James and Catherine Croken, Middleton, Lot 27, P. E. I.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

PROVINCIAL TREASURER'S OFFICE, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, October 24th, 1879.

NOTICE is hereby given that copies of the Assessment Lists for the year 1879, have been furnished to the undermentioned Collectors, who are empowered to receive all Assessment or Taxes payable to them by the rate-payers of their several Districts, until the 30th day of November next, at the residences or the offices of the respective Collectors, in accordance with the provisions of the Assessment Act, 1877, and the Act in amendment thereto, after which time every Collector will proceed to demand and collect the rates and taxes from all those rate-payers who shall not have paid the same.

Any person liable to the payment of Taxes, under the Assessment Acts above recited, may, if he so elect, at any time before the 30th day of November, but not afterwards, pay the same at the office of the Provincial Secretary and Treasurer in Charlottetown.

PRINCE COUNTY.

Table with 3 columns: ELECTORAL DISTRICT, COLLECTOR'S NAME AND RESIDENCE, FOR TOWNSHIPS NOS. Lists collectors for various districts in Prince County.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

Table with 3 columns: ELECTORAL DISTRICT, COLLECTOR'S NAME AND RESIDENCE, FOR TOWNSHIPS NOS. Lists collectors for various districts in Queen's County.

KING'S COUNTY.

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NEIL MACLEOD,

Provincial Treasurer.

Nov. 12, 1879.—Zaw arg pres ne sum pro adv pio 2mos

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PERSONS liable to pay Poll Tax for Charlottetown and Common, and Assessment on Lands in Charlottetown Royalty, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, at the store of D. R. M. Hooper, Euston Street.

G. C. HOOPER. Ch'town, Nov. 22, '79.

FLOUR.

IN STORE: 300 bbls. Howland's SUPERIOR, 200 " TEA BUNS, 300 " SPRING EXTRA, AND 1,100 bbls. CHOICE BRANDS to arrive.

CARVELL BROS. Nov. 20, 1879—2aw 2w

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A sense of duty to sufferers from that loathsome disease, Catarrh, prompts me to send you this Certificate, unsolicited, with leave to make what use of it you may see proper Yours truly,

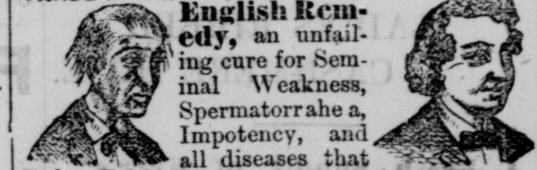
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TIME TABLE NO. 13. Winter Arrangement.

TO COME INTO FORCE TUESDAY, December 2nd, 1879.

TRAINS GOING WEST.

Table with 3 columns: STATIONS, Nos. 1 & 3, Mixed, No. 5, Mixed. Lists train schedules for westward travel.

TRAINS GOING EAST.

Table with 3 columns: STATIONS, Nos. 2 and 4, Mixed, No. 6, Mixed. Lists train schedules for eastward travel.

SOURIS BRANCH.

Trains Going West.

Table with 2 columns: STATIONS, No. 7, Mixed. Lists train schedules for Souris branch westward.

Trains Going East.

Table with 2 columns: STATIONS, No. 8, Mixed. Lists train schedules for Souris branch eastward.

ALEX. MACNAB,

Sup't and Engineer. Railway Office, Ch'town, Nov. 28, 1879.

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Mortgage Sale.

TO BE SOLD by Public Auction, at the Court House, in Charlottetown, in Queen's County, on WEDNESDAY, the Seventh day of JANUARY next, 1880, at the hour of Twelve o'clock, noon, under and by virtue of a Power of Sale in an Indenture of Mortgage dated the Twenty-third day of February, 1872, and made between John Balls and Eliza his wife, of the one part, and Archibald McArthur, of the other part, and which said Mortgage was assigned by indenture dated the second day of May, 1878, to the undersigned—

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For further particulars apply at the office of Messrs. Hodgson & McLeod, Solicitors, Charlottetown.

Dated this 21st day of October, A. D. 1879.

EDWARD J. HODGSON, JOHN BALL, Assignees of Mortgage. Nov. 25, '79—oaw sat