

DID PENANCE FOR HER SINS.

The Life Story of an Aged Woman Who Died Near Baltimore.

Mme. Peynaud, better known in Paris as Mme. Guinaud, died last night in a little hut near Catonsville, Baltimore county, surrounded by her dogs, squirrels, cats, and birds.

One day she attended church, and, overcome with remorse, sought the officiating priest and confessed her sins, stating at the same time her readiness to do penance.

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The Tail of a Mastiff.

I was the owner of a mastiff about as large as a yearling calf; but one day he went the way of all dogs, and I employed a taxidermist to set him up in good shape.

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CURRENCY.

The police department of Boston costs the city \$1,250,000 per year, and yet Boston milk is adulterated.

A Pekin weekly newspaper has just finished a serial story which contained 2,040 chapters. You get the worth of your money in China.

An Ohio woman says that pickled peaches are the first step in a downward career. Most any one can stand a bushel of the downward.

A horse named "Bob Ingersoll" has been ruled off all the California race courses. He didn't seem to believe in anything except bolting.

The New Orleans Picayune has come to the conclusion that "a limited liability act prevents a man from paying more debts than suit his convenience."

When it is one minute after 8 o'clock it is past 8. When it is thirty minutes after 8 it is only half past 8. Here is another discovery to make the world pause and feel sad.

There are explosives which have seventy times more power than gunpowder, and yet it is only now and then that a man seats himself on a keg of powder to enjoy a quiet smoke.

Boston is to have a thirteen story business block. If it ever gets on fire the flames are to start in the third story where the engines can reach them.

An Ohio farmer mortgaged his farm to get his wife some diamond earrings, and she lost one of them in the ends the very first wash day, and attempted to hang herself in the barn.

A rich man in Portland, O., got drunk the other day and bought thirty-six coffins for himself, leaving only about ten more in stock in the town. The rich are always taking these advantages.

Despite the fact that women lace, wear thin shoes and expose their health in a dozen other ways, the average of longevity of the female sex is increasing. It is doubtless due to their obstinacy.

Miss Amelia Wadsworth, of Springfield, having publicly lectured on marriage as a failure, a newspaper man went to work and proved that she had been engaged and jilted three different times.

Peter Johnson, a colored resident of Cairo, was going to swallow ten fishhooks in public on a wager of \$5, but the law stepped in and prevented him. It was decided that the fishing season had not yet begun.

A New Bedford man had his nose broken because he said he had seen a whale ninety feet long. The man who broke it for him had never even been to sea, but he had his idea of how long a whale ought to be.

Two witnesses in a case in Iowa who swore that they saw a man forty rods off draw a revolver were proved to be so near-sighted that they could not tell a revolver from a poodle dog fifteen rods away.

The hangman at Fort Smith, who has sprung the trap on about seventy men, says that if the condemned will only behave himself and follow directions, he can make his death as painless as turning over the bed.

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NEWS BY WIRE.

The German Government is said to be disposed to suspend hostilities in Samoa during the conference.

The seamen's strike at various British ports is subsiding. The men are freely signing articles at compromise rates.

The British ship Anglo-India, Capt. Catnach, from Shanghai for the Philippine Islands, has been wrecked at Formosa. Part of the crew was lost.

Another report is in circulation that H. M. Stanley has been killed. The London papers do not believe it.

King Otto, of Bavaria, has been proved hopelessly insane. The King recently showed signs of improvement.

Commissioner Herchner, of the Northwest Mounted Police, in his annual report, vigorously protests against the introduction of the license system into the Northwest.

The Chicago Irish societies have decided to resume St. Patrick's Day parades, which have of late years been dispensed with, the money thus saved having been sent to Parnell.

The Park Central hotel in Hartford, Conn., was demolished by an explosion and a large number of people were killed.

The London Post has hinted that Gibraltar and Malta will be armored more strongly in view of the probability of a great European war.

It is expected that the Imperial Government will propose a defence loan of \$25,000,000, to be spent in building warships and torpedo boats.

The visible supply of wheat on this Continent is now 6,150,000 bushels less than a year ago, and 26,450,000 bushels less than on Feb. 19th, 1887.

NEW GUNS.

The Trial of Two Great War Engines.

Two recent foreign publications, one of an event and the other of an opinion, deserve to be recorded as the most important information we have concerning the tremendous machinery which is now ready to play havoc with humanity in the next great war.

An encounter took place recently in the Sulymah district, on the west side of Africa, which provided a fair test of the new arm known as the Maxim gun, and a fearful weapon it proved to be.

The other publication follows upon the experiment performed in New York harbor with Capt. Zillnack's dynamite gun.

Such appears to be the nature of the new weapons that during the last few years have been peaceably prepared for the next great international scrimmage. What a prospect!

Conversation.

All men, and especially young men, should be modest in conversation. It is very wholesome for a young fellow to associate occasionally with persons who are older than himself.

Be easy and unconstrained—as merry and cheerful as your nature will let you be; but never try to be either impressive or funny.

Be what you are. If the mantle of Sydney Smith have descended on you, the wittier and more humorous you are the better; but do not joke on solemn or serious subjects, and do not hold up to ridicule or sarcasm any member of the company in which you find yourself.

"A moral, sensible, and well bred man. Will not affront me, and no other can."

Royal Blood in Everybody's Veins.

Every man has two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, sixteen great-great-grandparents, &c. Now, if we reckon twenty-five years to a generation, and carry on the above calculation to the time of William the Conqueror of England, will be found that each living person must have had at that time even the enormous number of 35,000,000 of ancestors.

Now, supposing we make the usual allowance for the crossing or intermarrying of families in a genealogical line, and for the same person being in many of the interconnections of the family tree, still there will remain a whole Norman and Anglo-Saxon races. What, therefore, might have been pinose, princely, kingly, or aristocratic, stands side by side in line with the most ignoble, plebeian or democratic. Each man of the present day may be certain of having had, not only barons and dukes, but even crowned heads, dukes, princes, or bishops, or renowned generals, barristers, physicians, &c., among his ancestors.

A new combination sugar bowl and spoonstand is a recent addition to table utensils.

HERE AND THERE.

It turns out that the ditch which the Chicago people propose to make in order to carry their sewage from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi will cost \$25,000,000. Better send for De Lesseps at once, or else abandon the fifty practice of defiling the water supply and put the sewage on land.

A Windsor lady appears to have outwitted the Customs officials. Coming across from Detroit with her carriage she brought with her a parcel of dutiable goods. The Customs officer, instead of charging the duty upon the goods, seized the carriage and horses, but subsequently released them on the receipt of a cheque for \$100. After giving the cheque the lady stopped payment at the bank, and now the officials are unable to collect.

The Paris Exposition is likely to have an important bearing upon the peace of Europe. The London Times thinks that the elevation of Boulanger will be in the long run, a disturbing element in Europe; but it says that the view generally taken in European capitals is that if he came into power after a dissolution he would not, for many months at all events, be a menace to the peace of the Continent, because he would not venture to imperil the success of the Exhibition.

Although the New York, Brooklyn, Minneapolis, and other strikes have brought the subject into prominence of late, the fact is that, as compared with last year, 1889 is fortunate in its comparative freedom from strikes. The January of 1888 saw more than forty thousand men on strike. In the first month of 1887 there were nearly seventy-seven thousand strikers, whereas during the past month the number does not reach nineteen thousand, and seven thousand of these belonged to the short-lived New York car affair.

A curious phase of the color question has appeared in one of the schools of New York State. A laborer and his wife, both claiming to be white, had four boys attending the school. Two of the boys were light in color and were not interfered with. The other two were dark and were expelled on the ground that they were Negroes. It appears that the immediate cause of the dismissal was that some of the children were in the habit kissing the teacher before going home, and she did not want to receive this mark of affection from the two dark-skinned boys.

The seizure of a New England whaling vessel off the Azores by the Portuguese because it had been guilty of smuggling and fraud seems to be regarded as an outrage in the United States. That the seizure was made, according to the story of the delinquents, eleven or twelve miles out at sea appears to render it in the eyes of our neighbors an unheard of atrocity. When they seized Canadian sealing vessels one hundred miles from shore, and not having even been within United States jurisdiction, they appear to think it all right, but anything like turning the tables upon them is apparently beyond their understanding.

Alaska in the year 1867 was purchased from Russia by the United States Government for the sum of \$7,200,000. Three years later the Alaska Commercial Company was formed for the purpose of embarking in the sealskin trade. It was obliged by law to limit the number of seals it destroyed yearly, and to pay a tax on every hide. A report of a committee of Congress calculates that in the twenty years that have since elapsed a sum exceeding \$8,000,000 has been paid into the treasury by the company. This means that though a single company, and by means of a single trade, in the space of two decades, Alaska has repaid the whole of the capital invested in her purchase, together with interest at the rate of about 11 per cent.

To speak of the fierce light that beats upon a throne is often a mere euphemism to express a dangerous state of affairs for a ruler. Take the recent escape from assassination of the Ameer of Afghanistan. He was inspecting a military parade, and was seated on a platform with the British envoy beside him. As a regiment passed by, a spy in the fourth rank suddenly faced about, deliberately took aim and fired at the Ameer. The bullet struck his chair, and he only escaped from having leaped forward to speak to one of his officers. The Ameer remained quiet and cool and ordered the march-past to continue. This is the sort of experience one wants a good price for consenting to undergo. It is also an entirely new feature in a military march-past.

The Public schools in New York are suffering, very much as we are in many parts of Canada, from want of accommodation for pupils, especially in the junior forms. There are in the city of New York about 150,000 pupils and two-thirds of these are primary scholars. For this large number of children there are so few teachers that the average number of pupils in a class in the lowest grade is 86. "It is absurd," says the New York "Times," "to suppose that any teacher, however gifted and skilled, can deal fairly with such numbers. It is simply impossible. And, moreover, these teachers are not the best, but with the hardest work to do, under the most difficult conditions, they are the youngest, least experienced, least trained, and poorest paid of all."

Dr. Paul Gibier, the French physician who was sent by the French Government to Jacksonville to study the yellow fever when it was at its height, has generously offered his services to the Federal authorities to continue, gratis, his researches in connection with this terrible epidemic disease, the French Government having declined to spend more money on the undertaking. "All I want," said Dr. Gibier, "is the moral support of the United States Government and the payment of incidental expenses. I ask for no remuneration for my services." Such offer, if the deadly nature of the disease is also remembered, would be more generally regarded with astonished gratitude were it not that such sacrifices are by no means rare in that high-minded body of men, the medical profession.

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THE CANADIAN MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The eight annual meeting of "The Canadian Mutual Aid Association" was held at the company's office, 10 King street east, Toronto, on Thursday, 24 inst., a good representative gathering being present.

The President, Mr. William Rennie, occupied the chair, and in opening the meeting expressed his pleasure at seeing so many of the policy holders present, and was also specially pleased to see the number of the active agents of the Company present. Great success, he said, had been the experience of the past year. Although steady progress had marked the work of the Association from its organization, yet the past year far exceeded its predecessors in the volume of new business. He attributed this to the growing popularity of the assessment system of the insurance and more especially to the equitable and popular plan of our Company. We issued during the year 1888, new and reawakened policies, 1,508, representing insurance to the amount of \$2,306,000; the total number of policies now in force being 2,393, representing a total insurance of \$9,017,000. In Reserve Fund there is now in the credit of policyholders about \$40,000. During the past year there was paid out to beneficiaries to the large sum of \$88,776. This system of insurance, he said, evidently filled a long felt want, giving, as it did insurance at such rates as were within the reach of the people who most needed such protection. Our Company aimed, not alone at CHEAP INSURANCE, but rather RELIABLE INSURANCE AT REASONABLE COST, and our success is the best evidence of the wisdom of our plan of insurance.

The manager, Mr. Wm. Pemberton Page, was then called upon to read the Directors' Report. The following is condensed from the financial statement:

Table with columns for Assets, Liabilities, Income, and Expenditure. Assets include Reserve Funds, Cash in Bank, etc. Liabilities include Claims for death losses, Surplus to credit of policyholders, etc. Income includes Collected on assessments for the year, annual dues, etc. Expenditure includes Cash paid for death and disability losses, Legal expenses, etc.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

GENTLEMEN.—We have carefully audited the books and accounts of your Company, and compared vouchers with expenditure for the year ending 31st December, 1888, and have found them correct. We have also had free access to all bonds, mortgages and other securities held by the Company, and have much pleasure in certifying to their accuracy as shown in the Directors' report.

We find \$23,000 of the funds (Reserve and Disbursement) invested at 6 per cent. \$11,390 at 7 per cent, and all deposits in banks are drawing 4 per cent.

We would also express our approval of the very satisfactory manner in which we find the affairs of the Company.

JOHN PETERS, Hastings, } Auditors.  
JOHN WALES, Oakville, }  
Toronto, Jan. 24, 1889.

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