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THE GREAT NORTH-WEST.

The threshing machine imported by the Lieutemant Governor this season has finished up all work in this neighborhood, and has given the greatest satisfaction, as it does good work, and cleans up the grain well. The extreme drought of the past season was a serious drawback to this part of the country yet the yield, as measured by the machine, is considered satisfactory, taking everything into account. The Governor's crop of oats, taken off a piece of new breaking, averaged over twenty bushels to the acre, and would have gone much higher had it been more carefully harvested. James Price's crop, on Battle River, also of new breaking, yielded upwards of twenty-five bushels to the acre. Mr. Price planted six bushels of potatoes on the sod, and gathered seventy bushels; and from one sowing of the "Little Gem" pea he got three good crops in the course of the summer .- Battleford Herald.

A VENETIAN TRAGEDY.

Quite lately two Englishmen, wandering in a boat in the suburbs of Venice, saw an object in the water surrounded by birds. They found it to be a man, yet alive. His arms and legs were broken and tied, and in order that he might not sink a large demijohn of glass was attached to each shoulder, which sustained the head and neck above water. He could not speak; his tongue hung from his month. His eyes had been picked out by the birds. The murderers were Luigi Parmascketti, a farmer, and his two brothers. Parmaschetti had a handsome and irreproachable wife, and a daughter of eight years. Tetaldo, the murdered man, was employed by him and well treated but becoming enamoured of Mme. Parmaschetti, he amesyed her to such a flegree that her hus and beat him and drove him from his house. Several days after Parmaschetti started at midnight with a boat-load of garden produce for Venice. His wife was soon awakened by steps in her room. Her door was locked, but Tetaldo had entered by the window, and he stood before her knife in hand. He threatened death if she called for help, but she defended herself bravely. In the meantime her daughter, unpreceived by Tetaldo, had crept under the bed, and was a witness to the scene. Mine. Parmaschetti ran round a table, and several times escaped from Tetaldo's grasp. But he stabbed her, and she fell in a dying condition. Day began to dawn, and Tetaldo fled. The child then alarmed the neighbors who on reaching the house found the woman dead, with thirty-two wounds upon her body. On the return of Parmaschetti, himself and brothers sought Tetaldo, and found him. Parmaschetti plunged a pitchfork three times into his breast, and held him pinned, while his brothers broke his arms and legs with an iron bar. Parmaschetti intended then to burn him, but a brother proposed that he shou'd be Loated upon the Adriatic that the birds and tishes might eat him alive. This was done. The three brothers were condemned to ten years of imprisonment, with hard labour, but a petition to the king was extensively signed in Venice asking for their complete pardon.

MAGNIFICENT SALARIES .- At the first meeting of the new manicipality of the Village of Cannington, officers were appointed with the following salaries :- Clerk, \$30; Treasurer, \$10; Assessor, \$15; Collector, \$15.

MR. TALMAGE in a recent sermon on the moral condition of the country touched up the farmers pretty severely. Taking as his text Zachariah I., 17 :- "My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad," he said that the city is no worse than the countr .. The vices of the metropolis are more evident because it contains more people who can be bad if they wish, but on the average the merchant is as good as the farmer. Cheating is no worse in tewn than out of it; it is only on a larger scale there. The countryman prevaricates about the horse he has to sell, about the size of his measures about the quality of the peaches in the bottom of the basket, and about the tenderness of his side of beef, to as great an extent as the shep-keeper does about his dry-goods or hardware. Villages are in some respects worse than cities, for they copy the vices of the latter in their meanest shape, and as for gossip, its heaven is a country village. (Laughter.) There everybody knows a man's business better than he does himself. The grocery store and the blacksmith's shop are the head-quarters of the worst kind of male tittle-tattle, and there are always half a dozen wemen with their sun-bonnets hanging up convenient, so that at the first item | This occurred twice, the dog responding to they can fly out and cackle it around. (Laughter.)

HOW THE HEART OF THE GREAT NAPOLEON WAS RESCUED FROM A RAT. For the benefit of lovers and persons of a

scientific turn of mind it may be observed

that the heart is a hollow muscular organ in

the form of an irregular cone. -It is enclosed in a membranous bag, but loosely, so as to allow free motion. Though forming one muscle, there are two distinct hearts, each side being divided from the other by a wall, It contains four cavities, each of which holds from two or three ounces of blood. The whole quantity of blood in an a ult man varies from 25 to 30 pounds. The heart contracts 4,000 times an hour; there thus passes through the heart every hour 700 pounds of blood. In other words every drop of blood in the system passes through once every two minutes. The human heart is deemed by poets and Philosophers to be the seat of our affections and passions; the seat of moral life and character, of our understanding and will, courage and conscience and by some men looked upon as the seat of life itself. The human heart has been considered by many of the dying in past times as a votive gift peculiar sacred, and many instances are on record of the burial of the heart apart from the place wherein the ashes of the body might repese. One of the earliest in tances of this mode of heart-burial is that of Henry the II., of England. He died in a passion of grief before the altar of the church of Chinen in 1189. The heart of Richard the Lion-hearted was preserved in a casket in the treasury of the cathedral which William the Conquerer built at Rouen. Richard by his last will directed that his body should be interred in Fortegrault. "at the feet of his father, to testify his sorrow for the many vneasinesses he had created him during his lifetime." He bequeathed his heart to Normandy, out of his great love for the people thereof. In Scotland this custom has been common. When the body of the Emperor Napoleon was prepared for interment at St. Helena, in May, 1821, the heart was removed by a medical officer, to be soldered up in a case. Madame Bertrand in her grief and enthusiasm, had made some vow, or expressed a vehement desire, to obtain possession of this as a precious relic and the doctor learning that some trick might be played him and his commission be thereby imperiled, keptit all night in his own room in a glass dish. The noise of broken glass aroused him from a waking doze, and he started forward, only in time to rescue the heart of the Emperor from a huge brown rat, which was dragging it across the floor to its hole. It was rescued by the doctor, soldered up in a silver urn, filled with spirits by sergeant Abraham Milington, of the St. Helena artillery, and placed in a casket.

An Ottawa small boy last week tried to lick the frost of an iron bridge when his tongne immediately stack fast. Maddened with fear he made a vigorous jerk with his head, which tore the top of his tongue completely off.

Ir has been resolved that a general meeting of all the agricultural societies in the south riding of Oxford be, convexed at Mt. Elgin on the 6th February next, fer considering the propriety of a union of all the societies in establishing one large Exhibition instead of so many small shows. On Thursday, William York, one of the

Uxbridge gang, was sentenced to three years imprisoned in the Kingston Penitentiary, for having on January 6th, at the Village of Uxbridge stolen a coat, the properity of F. Chinn, a pair of mits belonging to A. T. Button, and also obtaining under false pretences a revolver and a box of cartridges from W. B. Stewart. His Honor thought there was a doubt about the other prisoner Alfred York, and dismissed him.

A. CAT IN LOVE .- Fredric H. Balfen writes to the London Spectator that he has seen a cat give evidence of being in love with a terrier, and that the "spooning" going on between them was very comic. On one occasion, he says, in my presence, the dog (who was seated on the lady's lap), feeling dissatisfied or aggrieved at something or other that was taking place, vented his feelings in a long, low whining or howl. The cat, who was on the hearth-rug, turned her head, and gazed with a wistful, sympathetic expression at her suffering friend for some seconds; at last, unable to listen to his weeping any longer, she sprang upon the lady's knee, put her paws around the dog's neck, and kissed his cheeks with her lips. her caresses by licking her back in the tenderest manner conceivable.

drank it, and shortly afterwards cor of feeling drowsy when he was adv Spence to lie down on the sofa and sleep. Spence locked the door, and who thinks he slept for an hour, on

ing, found that his pants had been er the pocket, and his money taken fr He made a noise when Spence unloc door after which he sent a m ssenge tell "Old John" (meaning Crozier) train was coming, and that he did no him around any longer as he had r money. Crozier swore that he felt the liquor was drugged, as he had no enough before to affect him.

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THE CHAMBER OF DEATH

BRANTFORD, Jan. 30. -On the 22n

Lemon, hotel-keeper at Aurora, test

having paid Crozier \$81.60 on the

of the 4th Jan. Spence denied that th

A MOTHER FALLS DEAD ACROSS THE B HER SON.

W. B. McMillan, a resident of this ci sixteen years, and whose witowed lived among us until yesterday, died s ver, Colerado, and his body was subse ly brought here. It had been expect some days, and every train had, stran say, been met except the one conveying remains which reached here by the Western at eight o'clock yesterday mo The sorrowing relatives, however, wer informed that the sad consignment had ed, and the coffin was conveyed to the en-hearted mother's house. In the after Mrs. McMillan was led in by her n friends to view the corpse. She appro it with faltering steps, and gazed of lifeless form with steady and tearless for a moment or two, then a spasm of seemed to wring her feeble frame, and ing her hand she let it fall heavily upo coffin. Fearing she might in her in grief unintentionally shatter the glass the still face, a friend standing by took her hand in his. With a moan suppressed wail which made the blood in the veins of every one in the room, a whom was her married daughter, her up anguish found vent, as she bent ove remains, in one wild cry, "My son, my you've crossed the river before me." for a second or two the terrible silence broke only by the sobs of the spects Suddenly the poor woman was seen to ger and fall forward, and before assist could be summoned she too was dead. vided in life, in death they were roun The young man was his mother's only and the two will be baried in one g He leaves a wife and young family, who

living in Sedalia, Mo. ONTARIO is credited with a population 1,620,000.

No little gratification is felt at Mid. ever the prospect of the early completion the Midland Railway.

In Toronto \$913,047 of taxes have paid for the current year. A balance

\$404,500 remains outstanding. Ox Friday night Wm. Stapeley, a brak man on a Grand Trunk freight train, fell the cars near Scarberough, and was run o

and killed. THE North Simcoe railway, is finished Penetanguishene, Ont. Construction tra have been running between Penetanguish and Barrie for the past three weeks, several leads of freight have been ship to Toronto.

A TRAMP, who told a pitiful tale at house of a Perth bank manager, receiv substantial assistance. The same day manager was surprised to see the trai walk into the bank with an extirely diff ent demeanor from that of the morning, a asked to have a lot of silver changed in bank bills.

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