

THROWN OFF THE RAILS.

Canadian Pacific Express Wrecked at Medford, Mass.

THIRTY PERSONS INJURED.

Defective Trucks Said to Have Caused the Unfortunate Accident—None of Those Injured Thought to Be Fatally Hurt.

The Canadian Pacific express over the southern division of the Boston & Maine railroad Friday night met with an accident at West Medford, Mass., whereby nearly thirty people were more or less injured, but none, it is believed, fatally hurt.

The prairie fire which raged all over the country in the vicinity of Winnipeg, Manitoba, died out during the night and Sunday morning dawned upon a scene of death and devastation.

The government of New South Wales asserts that it has found such difficulty in placing in England an order for 2,000 tons of steel rails of high carbon quality that it has been compelled to place the order in America.

Five thousand river miners at Monongahela City, Pa., decided to strike until the conditions of the settlement effected at the Columbus convention and the differential usually prevailing on the Monongahela river are agreed to.

The executive committee of the Illinois Democratic Editorial Association has arranged for a meeting of the Democratic editors of the state at Chicago October 22 and 23.

Two Illinois Bankers Indicted. The Sangamon county, Ill., grand jury returned indictments against William R. and John R. Lochbridge, the insolvent bankers of Pawnee, charging them with embezzlement of accounts as bankers.

The national congress of Belgium miners decided to make a demand for an advance of 15 per cent in wages. If this demand is not granted by the middle of November the executive committee will call a general strike.

A powerful syndicate of German bankers has offered to the Chilian government a loan of \$100,000,000 in gold, at 4 per cent interest and 2 per cent amortization, for the completion of public works and railways.

Gen. John Horn Dead. Gen. John Watts Horn, who has been prominent in Grand Army and political circles, died Monday.

The production of oleomargarine for the year ending June 30, 1897, amounted to 45,531,297 pounds.

The monument builders found the skull and bones of Julien Dubuque and the two Indian chiefs buried with him in 1810.

The monthly treasury statement shows that at the close of business Sept. 30, the public debt, less cash in the treasury, was \$1,012,122,713.

Gen. A. J. Warner of Marietta has formally announced his candidacy for the United States senate at the hands of the Ohio legislature to be elected this fall.

All the collieries in the Hazleton, Pa., district have resumed work, some for the full week, others for part of the week.

The Norwegian-Danish Press association elected B. Amundson, publisher of Decorah Posten of Decorah, Ia., president.

A GOOD THING For Women to Remember.

That in addressing Mrs. Pinkham they are communicating with a woman—a woman whose experience in treating woman's ills is greater than that of any living physician—male or female.

A woman can talk freely to a woman when it is revolting to relate her private troubles to a man—besides, a man does not understand—simply because he is a man.

Many women suffer in silence and drift along from bad to worse, knowing full well that they should have immediate assistance, but a natural modesty impels them to shrink from exposing themselves to the questions and probable examinations of even their family physician.

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to freely communicate with Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass.

Thomas Wentworth Higginson is one of those who declare that there has been a great decline in drinking at Harvard university.

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RELICS OF OLD TIMES.

ANTIQUE TREASURES IN A CANADIAN HOME.

An Old Clock That No More Ticks the Hours Away—A Spinning Wheel and Some Mementoes of Early Justice—A Judge's Chair.

(Detroit Letter.) HE shores of Canada abound in antiques, and many of the old buildings contain much that is interesting to the antiquary.

The old Stuart House at Sandwich is no exception to the rule, and Mr. James Moore, who now holds possession, owns relics that have an interest outside of their antiquity.

Mr. Moore was for many years an actor, and took the part of Happy Dan, the tramp in the play of the "Old Homestead."

Lately he retired from the stage and has settled in Canada. When he left Denman Thompson there were some things that he took with him, among them a clock, a spinning wheel and a heckle.

There is a scene in the play which represents the interior of an old-fashioned farm house. This scene was one of the best in the play, and the settings were genuinely old.

Among them were the articles mentioned. The clock is a work of art, according to the standard set by the manufacturers at the date of its building.

Its weather-beaten face still shows some traces of the enamel that was spread on it nearly two hundred years ago.

The sons of Mrs. Stuart used it for a target, and this has had a detrimental effect on the face, but the works are still intact.

The one useful article in the make-up of the clock is a string, as the old one gave out some time ago.

The weights, works and hands are still there, and with a little attention now and again "it's a clock as'll do you credit."

The illuminated face still carries in almost undecipherable letters the name of its Scottish maker, Geo. Allison, or something like it.

The original arrangement provided for the keeping tab on the hours and the day of the month. The latter department is out of commission at present.

The remainder of the clock is as ready for business as it was when it left Scotland in all the pride of its new works and case.

Close by the side of the old clock rests a tiny sewing machine which has a guaranteed speed of one stitch every minute.

When the hands of the operator are brisk, in spite of its slowness, however, the little machine is valuable.

What does it matter that it is only eight inches long and five high, when it can boast of being the first machine of its kind in this part of the world?

And the claim is a just one, and seems to be fully substantiated. A somewhat old-fashioned array of cogs connecting the hand-wheel with the shuttle drives the needle reluctantly through the material to be sewn.

The needle in the machine at present looks to be very old, indeed, as do the rest of the works, but neither date nor maker's name appears on this toilsome forerunner of the speedy and easily run sewing machine of modern times.

the dead and gone joiner. The whole thing is put together with hand-made nails, which look very odd beside the clean-cut nails of to-day.

A few rusty stains on the spikes suggest that perhaps the box was not enough to keep little fingers out, and even a serious accident may be conjured up by the imagination.

Some of the relics in the Old Homestead are no relation to the peaceful clock and the spinning-wheel. They carry the memory of old mysteries with them and the trail of violent deeds is upon and over them.

The first one in this class is an old horse-hair chair. This looks harmless enough to the present observer, but some men of the old regime found that as far as they were concerned it was enough of a harmful thing to send them to the gallows.

The chair is a solid and masonry thing and bore the weight of the honors thrust upon it in a becoming manner. It was the first chair to be used in a court of justice in the counties of Sussex and Kent.

There is a complete record of the criminals sentenced to death from this chair, but it is enough to say that their name is legion. Murderers, robbers, and all the classes of criminals that existed in the hard old days when this portion of the world was in an unsettled state have stood before this chair and heard their sentences pronounced.

The chair has had a great influence on the manners and customs of the people who inhabited the surrounding country, and now, its good work accomplished, it is used only as an ornament, and its present idle condition gives no hint of the stirring times through which it has passed.

Gyves for feet and hands that were worn by some of the more famous and desperate of the criminals brought for trial before the curule seat are still shown. The ankle manacles are suggestive of a very bad quarter of an hour to the person wearing them, for they are smaller than the smallest ankle that can be imagined.

The idea of them was to have them pressed into the flesh of the felon to his additional discomfort. A huge one on one side of the manacles permitted their opening wide enough to admit the ankles of the condemned; then the sides were pressed slowly together, and when they bit deeply into the flesh they were taken to the prison smith, who riveted them on with nice warm rivets.

The fit of these anklets would have pleased the taste of the most faddy person that ever lived. But they were a bit too clinging for anything like permanent wear. The handcuffs are less brutal in their make-up, but they held the wrists quite tight enough for safety to the state.

Unlike the modern wrist-confiners, they did not permit the moving of the hands, being made in one piece. A spring lock of ancient pattern and boundless rust still holds the cuffs locked, but a woman with small hands can easily slip them on and off, seemingly indicating that the size of the human hand is decreasing, or else that there were no feminine transgressors in the days of old.

The last number of the collection of antiques is the most gruesome, and hence, perhaps, the most interesting. It is nothing less than the model of the gallows-tree upon which the malefactors were hanged for little peccadilloes like murder and so on.

The model is very ingenious; the frame is light and strong and every precaution is taken that the result shall be all that can be desired—for everyone but the prisoner. A stout post is lashed to the inside of the prisoner's window-frame and is the main support of the framework.

From a sort of "T"-shaped frame hangs the fatal rope—in the model represented by a fishline. Directly underneath the rope is a small platform, hinged to the window-sill and supported by a cord running up to the top of the framework and down into the room occupied by the condemned man.

When all was ready for the execution the criminal was led out onto the platform and a recital of the crime for which he was to be executed was given. Then at a signal the rope which supported the platform was cut and the prisoner was launched into eternity.

Scaffold made from this model were in active use in Canada until the bill providing for private execution was passed, and then these old death-machines went out of commission, to be replaced by more modern methods.

Apart from the gruesome fancies that inevitably cling around relics of this sort, there is a great deal of real interest to be found in the contemplation of antiques, and a little searching in and around Sandwich would doubtless reveal many others equally as interesting as those of Mr. James Moore.

Hicks—I understand Scribbler is making a barrel of money. Wicks—Not from his writings? Hicks—Yes, he has written a book in the golf dialect.—Philadelphia Record.

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