CURRENT TOPICS.

THE descendents of the Penns now living who are to share the £67,000 designated by the British National Debt Commission in commutation of the £4,000 annuity, paid that family since 1790, as indemnity for the property it lost in Pennsylvania by the Revolutionary War, bear the names of Fell Rawlins, Newcombe, Barrow, Gomm, Gaskill, Baker, Coates, Hall, Read, Alexander, Walker, Goff, Clyton and Raynter.

NOTWITHSTANDING the misfortunes of Arctic explorers, and the little practical good gained in return Baron Nordenskjold asks for £200,000, to spend on an expedition to the other end of the globe. Many people have been accustomed to regard the south as sunny, and that notion will do as far down as the equator and a long way beyond, but when it becomes a question of the poles, it is the north that is sunny and the south that is dark. The north pole is enjoying now about as much summer as it ever will, and the south pole is by far the more wintry of the two. If there is any chance to learn about poles the north pole is still the most favorable pole for study, although it can't be called promising.

QUEEN VICTORIA has just attained her 65th year, an age which has been exceeded by nine only of the sovereigns of England, dating from the Norman conquest, viz: Henry I. and Edward I., who both attained 67 years; Queen Elizabeth, who lived 69 years; James II., 68 years; George I., 67 years; George II., 77 years; George III., 82 years; George IV., 68 years; and William IV., 72 years. On June 20th, she will have reigned over the United Kingdom for 47 years, a length of time which has been exceeded by three of the Kings of England only, viz: Henry III., who reigned 56 years; Edward III., whose reign reached 50 years; and George III., whose reign lasted nearly 60 years. Victoria is also the oldest European monarch, with three exceptions —the Emperor of Germany, who is 87 years of age; the King of the Netherlands, 67; and the King of Denmark, 66.

Etiquette in Mexico.

Native Mexican Gentleman—I deeply regret to be obliged to inform you, my dear friend, that your actions last night in the presence of that charming senorita were very rude.

American Visitor—You shock me! What did I do? I assure you that I tried my best to make a favorable impression on that lovely girl. In fact, I am in love with her, and would not offend her for the world.

Mexican—I fear you have dashed your hopes, then. She now considers you an ignorant boor, too beastly selfish to be trusted with any woman's happiness.

American—Oh! it cannot be; it cannot be. What have I done?

Mexican—You lit a cigar in her presence——

American—But she assured me that she did not object to it.

Mexican—And you smoked it to the end without——

American—Without what? Tell me quickly.

Mexican—Without offering her one.—*Philadelphia Call.*

A Brace of Burglaries.

A forcible entry was made into the office of Messrs. Taylor & Bates' brewery, St. Catharines, between Thursday and Friday night by expert burglars. They were not rewarded with much money, as the cash had been banked early in the afternoon, and it was thought there was not much more than about $50. The thieves also took a number of notes of hand and a cheque for about $133.

The store and post-office of M. & T. Wood at Erin, Ont., was broken into on Thursday night and the safe blown open. About $550 was taken, of which $365 belonged to the post-office. The harness shop of George Walker was visited, and $33 taken from the till. There is no clue to the burglars.

Toronto is extending the electric lighting service.

George King, a painter, died suddenly at Kingston yesterday of epilepsy.

Martin Clarke, aged 10 years, was drowned while bathing in the Don at Toronto yesterday.

Jno. Flesher, of Orangeville, has received a land agency in the Northwest from the Government.

A Mrs. Ogarth, of Orangeville, took an overdose of neuralgia medicine last week, from the effects of which she died.

Samuel Pratt, who was injured at the railway some time ago, died in the hospital at Kingston yesterday afternoon.

A large quantity of military stores is being shipped from Kingston to Brockville, including 40,000 rounds of rifle ammunition.

Judge Ferguson has made an order approving the scheme for the distribution of the amounts awarded the sufferers by the Humber disaster.

The death is announced at his residence, Toronto, on Sunday, of Alexander Card, in his 83rd year. Deceased was a York Pioneer.

J. R. Martin, Cayuga, barrister-at-law, has been appointed a commissioner per dedimus potestatem for the county of Haldimand.

Mrs. Leach, widow of the murdered governor of Sandwich jail, has been allowed $50 a year pension by the county. The Ontario Government gave her $750.

Martin Cahill, a teamster, belonging to Georgetown, had his left leg broken in two places at York station, on the Grand Trunk Railway, yesterday afternoon, while loading on barrels of oil, one slipping and falling on him.

Mrs. Livingston, wife of Mr. John Livingston, editor-in-chief of the *Herald*, died on Sunday night at her residence in Montreal after an illness of about a month. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Livingston and the bereaved family of eight children.

A burglary was committed in the warehouse of Messrs. R.H. Holland & Co., fancy goods importers, on St. Paul street, Montreal, between Saturday night and Sunday morning, the thieves getting away with $2,000 worth of goods without any clue to the perpetrators.

Latest From Ireland.

The extensive match factory of Messrs. Patterson & Co., Macaulay street, Belfast, has been completely destroyed by fire.

Two men are in custody at Ardragan, county Galway, for an extraordinary assault on a young woman in the service of a clergyman, for having changed her religion and become a Protestant. They waylaid her and severely assaulted her, and then cut off her hair and all the buttons from her dress.

The death of Sir John Ennis, M.P. for Athlone, which occurred at his London residence from apoplexy, was almost unexpected. The hon. baronet's illness was very brief, and he had taken part in all the important divisions during the present session. He was returned for Athlone at the last general election by a majority of only one vote over Mr. Sheil.

A man named Boyle has been remanded at Dublin for a violent assault. He was arrested on the roof of a house by two officers, for breaking the ribs of a woman. Pretending to be drunk he had to be lowered through the trap-door, and finding himself with one officer he made a furious attempt to escape. The other officer rushing to his comrade's rescue fell crashing through the skylight.

The misery entailed on the people of Ireland by the agrarian murders and outrages during the recent agitation is shown by the large amount of money paid in compensation to the relatives of the victims. Under the Crimes Act no less a sum than £47,175 has lately been awarded for murders and personal injuries, the sum including £24,250 compensation for thirty-six murders within the last four years. The very large amount expended in the cost of extra police and military expeditions will swell the murder bill to a high total.

At an auction sale recently in Dublin, an old-fashioned mahogany writing desk, with brass mountings, which belonged to O'Connell, and at which the Liberator was said to have often written out political documents, was "put to the hammer.' There was also in the desk a piece of MS., viz., a letter addressed by O'Connell to "Andrew Carey O'Dwyer, Esq., The Cottage, Artane, Dublin," promising to support that gentleman, upon his standing for the borough of Drogheda, in the year 1837, and for which he was subsequently elected M.P. The desk, after a good many bids, fetched £4 5s, and the MS. was knocked down for 15s, also to the buyer of the desk.

Anastatia Rourke and Ellen Cummins were charged before the Mayor of Clonmel with having, on the 27th of April, wilfully and unlawfully burned John Dillon, aged 3 years, by placing him naked on a hot shovel, on the ground that he was an old man or a "fairy," left by the good people as a substitute for the real child, which they had taken from its mother. The evidence fully sustained the charge against Rourke, who was sent to jail for a week. The Mayor, in passing sentence, said that as she had already spent a week in jail the ends of justice would be satisfied by an additional week's imprisonment. The act was one arising from gross ignorance and gross superstition.

The Lord-Lieutenant has accepted the invitation of the Corporation of Belfast to visit that city, probably on June 19th.

Mr. J. Hastings Otway, Q.C., Recorder of Belfast and County Court Judge of Antrim, died on May 28th from pleurisy, at Lisburn.

Owing to the closing of the Newcastle-under-Tyne factory, the Limerick army clothing factory has received a further order from the Government for 170,000 garments for troops.

Lord Wolseley, the hero of the Egyptian campaign, was made a Freemason while he was in the 90th Regiment of Foot in 1854 in Military Lodge, No. 728, of Dublin, in company with a brother officer, Lord Ferrars.

Major G. A. Elliott, of the 19th Regiment, stationed at Curragh camp, threw himself overboard from the steamer Violet, on the night of May 26th, half-way between Dublin and Holyhead. He was picked up, but died soon afterwards.

At the Dublin Police Court, Brian Molly, 50 years of age, has been remanded on an extraordinary charge of bigamy. Five women, some of them most respectably connected, claim to have entered into matrimony with the prisoner. He is a man of wretched appearance, and is the father of 23 children.

Riches are less wealth than is learning, for wisdom cannot be stolen or lost; it is therefore thy best friend.

Self-denial is the most exalted pleasure, and the conquest of evil habits the most glorious triumph.

"Labor!" says "Ouida;" "I do not labor when I write. If I did I should throw away my pen forthwith. Writing is a pleasure to me."

The summer meeting of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association will be held at Berlin on the 25th and 26th inst.

Applications have been made to the Customs Department at Ottawa to permit Kentucky whiskey to be brought into the Dominion for the purpose of re-shipping it to New York, and to allow the importation of tea-dust from the United States, both of which propositions have been declined.

A despatch from Kingston says Andrew Robinson, aged 22, married but two months, lay down beside a pool of water near Moberly, in order to get a drink, and was drowned. He took a fit, to which he was subject, and was suffocated. His wife found him with his head under the muddy water.

At the Court of Quarter Sessions at St. Thomas, on Saturday, the case of Albert E. Wrightman was continued, and occupied the attention of the court until 3.30 in the afternoon. After an absence of an hour the jury returned with a verdict of guilty. Judge Hughes then sentenced the prisoner to be confined in the Kingston Penitentiary for the term of 8 years.

The eloping couple who left Kingston on Saturday and went to Gananoque, boarded the wrong steamer, and, much to their surprise, were taken back to that city. They remained in concealment till the captain of the boat was ready to start, when they again disappeared.

MR. TALMAGE IN WAR PAINT.

He Inveighs Bitterly Against the Domestic Extravagance of the Age.

Mr. Talmage preached a scathing sermon in the Brooklyn tabernacle yesterday morning on the causes that led to the financial earthquakes in Wall street.

"There are men who gather fifteen fortunes under their wings," said Mr. Talmage, "but their dismay when these fortunes return to their rightful owners shall be like that of the hen on discovering that she has hatched out aquatic fowl. Wall street has seen the coronation and the burial of tens of thousands of fortunes, and it is filled with tip-top scoundrelism."

"I'd like to put the plowshare at the curb in front of Trinity Church, and drive it through this accursed, narrow, unarchitectural way, and not stop till all the cobble-stones of perdition were hurled into the river at the ferry."

"Do you want to know what caused the panic?" screamed Mr. Talmage. "It is the extravagance in modern society that compels men to spend more money than they can make. [Applause.] Sometimes the man is to blame, sometimes his wife, sometimes both are to blame." [Roars of laughter.]

"There are people in our cities," resumed Mr. Talmage, "who can hardly pay their rent, and they owe everybody in their neighborhood, moving away with the assistance of a carman whom they will never pay. There are 5,000 such thieves in Brooklyn."

"The finer your horse and the finer your carriage the better I like you, but if you're hopelessly in debt for them get down and walk like the rest of us." (Laughter.) "It is estimated that there are 5,000 women in New York whose wearing apparel costs on an average of over $2,000 a year. Why, it's fashionable now to wipe away the tears that are shed in church with a $150 pocket handkerchief."

"The death of men who are thus extravagant at somebody else's expense," thundered Mr. Talmage, "is grand larceny. They are robbing the undertaker and the doctor as they go into the coffin; the one of his slippers and the other of his pills. Such men deserve to have their bones go to the medical museum to pay the expenses of their burial. And when you think you are going to die you send for the minister to post him on what he shall say at your funeral in lying about your excellences." (Applause.)—*New York Journal.*

A Drink of Cocoanut Milk.

Apart even from the manifold milk of the tree that bears the cocoanut, the milk itself has many and great claims to our respect and esteem, as everybody who has ever drunk it in its native surroundings will enthusiastically admit. To be sure, the white milk in the dry nuts is a very poor stuff, sickly and strong-flavored and rather indigestible. But in the tropics cocoanut milk, or, as we oftener call it there, cocoanut water, is a very different and vastly superior sort of beverage. At 11 o'clock every morning, when you are hot and tired with the day's work, your black servant, clad from head to foot in his cool, clean white linen suit, brings you in a tall soda-glass full of a clear, light crystal liquid, temptingly displayed against the yellow background of a chased Benares brass work tray. The lump of ice bobs enticingly up and down in the centre of the tumbler, or clinks musically against the edge of the glass as he carries it along. You take the cool cup thankfully and swallow it down at one long draught; fresh as a May morning, pure as an English hillside spring, delicate as—well, as cocoanut water. None but itself can be its parallel. It is certainly the most delicious, dainty, transparent, crystal drink ever invented.—*The Cornhill Magazine.*

It Comes Again—And in Boston Dress

This is the ubiquitous chanticleer whose antisomniferous matutinal carol disturbed the reverend and tonsured functionary who formally united in the bonds of holy matrimony the impecunious individual in the lacerated habiliments, who considerably osculated the juvenile and accomplished female whose prevailing idiosyncrasy was depression, who daily despoiled of the lacteal fluid the cavicornic ruminant with the corrugated frontal appendage of osseous excretion, who forcibly transferred to the further side of the fenicularian granary the remorseless hound of harassing propensities, who ruthlessly disturbed the muriricin digitigrate and feline animal, who successfully obliterated the soricinian rodent of predatory instincts, who greedily devoured the feryldated triticean byne deposited in the dommecilia edifice erected by John.

He repents on thorns who sleeps on beds of roses.

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In judging of others a man often erreth; but in examining himself, always laboreth fruitfully.

Mayor Chase and City Marshal Guthrie, of Omaha, Neb., have been indicted for alleged bribery and perjury. It is charged that they have been levying tribute upon gamblers and prostitutes and received money from contractors.

Bridget Cunningham died at Crescent City, Col., about a year ago, leaving an estate valued at $100,000, and notwithstanding she had seven brothers and sisters, none of them or other heirs have been heard from, although extensively advertised for.

The Court of Alabama Claims at Washington will hear no more cases before adjournment for the summer. Eighteen hundred and seventy cases have been argued and submitted and judgments rendered in 1,754, for the aggregate amount of $4,960,000, against $7,230,000 claimed.

An old brick building on Grand street, New York, fell on Saturday afternoon. Three women were buried, but one was rescued not seriously hurt. Mrs. Lizette Miller was the only person injured. None of the tenants of the building are injured or missing.

A despatch from Belleville, dated Saturday, says while assisting a bee for the purpose of raising the frame for a driving house, near Mountain View, in Prince Edward county, the supports slipped and the structure falling killed James Morden and fatally injured Daniel Eckert.

FEELING OLD.

The Sensation of Witnessing One's Oldest Boy's Marriage.

When a man is first called "pa," by a little one that he has a half interest in, he puts his thumbs in his vest, and smiles a two-for-a-quarter smile, and thinks he is smart. He wonders if ever a man as young, and green-looking as he is, was called "pa" before, and he puts on style, and thinks that he is a thoroughbred. But twenty years later, when the aforesaid infant, grown to be a great strapping fellow, big enough to take his "pa" down at a wrestle "square-hold," stands before a minister and promises to love, honor and obey a girl for all that is out, and the girl turns and calls the old gentleman "pa," then the smarty of twenty years ago begins to think that he is getting old enough to turn out to grass, and he looks at himself in the mirror and says: "Those are gray hairs, sure enough, and the clearing on that head indicates baldness that is not premature." I suppose a man who has eighteen or nineteen sons getting married along at intervals, gets used to it, and does not notice it so much, but my experience is that the first time a man has a son married it makes him feel about 90 years old, with his teeth gone. Well, the big kid is married, and may God bless him and the little girl he has chosen, and may they live happily to see little ones grow up around them to bless them and fool around grand—O, gosh, I can't write it. I can stand it to be called "pa" by all the children in the wide world, but that "grand" word, it seems to me, would make me feel like a veteran of 1812. The little 7-year-old kid of the family wanted to get married, too, but he was talked out of it, after a while. He thought he ought to have as good a show in the necessaries of life as his big brother, but finally compromised on having the mumps. Mumps are bad enough at home, when one can do his howling at his family, but to have mumps in a great New York hotel, where everybody wonders why you didn't wait till you got home to have them, is a bad scheme, but the little boss has promised that it shall not occur again.—*Peck's Sun.*

Childhood's Memories

Come back laden with the joys and pleasures of that dream-time of life when sweet anticipation garnished with brightest hues the future as it stretched out before us. Only the pleasures hoped for us entered the heart then. But as we grow older, to one and other comes the awakening. If you should be troubled, not in heart, but in feet, with corns, and they make life miserable, go to the nearest drug store and buy a bottle of Putnam's Corn Extractor, the "sure, safe and painless corn cure," and you will be quickly relieved, and happiness will ever after brighten your path. N. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, prop's.

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An Indian prince has had a throne made of solid glass. It will now be possible to see the power behind the throne without any trouble at all.

The chance concoctions of ignorant men have sometimes brought disrepute not only on their own worthless medicines that deserve no credit, but sometimes, with much injustice, on really reliable preparations. Ladies should not hesitate about Mrs. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, for this remedy has been tried, proven and praised for years.

—The new mode in Paris of disposing of babies not needed is to take them to church and leave them under a seat.

Steve Anderson, a colored fireman in the mills at Fort Scott, Kan., who was recently married, quarrelled with his wife last night over the plans of a proposed fishing party. The woman shut him out of the house. He requested her to open the door, and when she complied shot her three times in the breast with a pistol. He then shot himself in the head and died instantly. The woman died a few minutes later.

All nature is full of the love of ornament, all the habitations of creatures, even in the lowest scale of being, are rich in coloring and in carving of the most exquisite and elaborate decoration. It is only an ignorant and uncultivated spirit which denounces the same love of ornament in man, and it is a stupid doctrine which sees in it nothing more than a waste of means.—*Duke of Argyll.*

Mr. John A. Grose, Montreal, special Customs Agent of the Dominion Government, has just made a clever seizure. Learning that two American pedlers had crossed the lines with a quantity of smuggled jewellery, Grose followed the parties from this city to Three Rivers, where he seized and confiscated between $1,700 and $2,000 worth of watches and chains. The smugglers decamped, and their whereabouts are unknown. Smuggling of jewellery and watches into Canada from the United States is now common, and it is stated that handsome profits are often realized by those in the business.

Seven men were executed on Saturday at Jerez, in Spain, by the garrote, for Black Hand Socialist outrages. The sentence of five others has been commuted to imprisonment for life. One has become insane, and one, who turned informer, has committed suicide. The garrote is a mode of execution practised in Spain and the Spanish colonies. The criminal is seated, and leans his head against a support prepared for it. An iron collar closely encircles the throat, and the executioner turns a screw, the point of which penetrates the spinal marrow where it unites with the brain, and causes instantaneous death.

At Toronto Assizes on Saturday the Sheriff handed in the sealed verdict of the jury in the case of Miller vs. the Canadian Pacific Railway, which awards to Mrs. Miller and her son the sum of $45,587.07.

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