

MARRIED.
Matthews—At the home of the bride's parents, 25 Prospect Ave., Syracuse, N.Y., on Tuesday, May 16th, by Rev. Jeremiah Zimmerman, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, James Matthews, Postmaster, Acting to Miss Amanda Clara, daughter of Mr. Andrew Miller.

DIED.

Perrin—In Guelph, on the 2nd May, Robert Vanier, aged 70 years.
Scurr—At Montreal, on Friday, May 19th, 1893, George K. Scott, late Taylor, Scott & Co., aged 56 years.

Stratton—At Kirkville, on Thursday, May 18th, John Stratton, son of John Stratton, aged 11 years and 4 months.

Smith—At Acton, on Thursday, May 18th, Maria Smith, wife of W. E. Smith, aged 40 years and 4 months.

Cunningham—At his home, 1st Con., Farnham Street, on Saturday, May 20th, Lachlan Cunningham, aged 27 years, 8 months and 10 days.

The Action Free Press.

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1893.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It is believed in Honolulu that if the United States decline to accept the offer of annexation Great Britain will acquire the Hawaiian Islands, in accord with her policy of constructing a naval belt around the world.

The Manitoba government and the Canadian Pacific railway company have abandoned their efforts to promote emigration from the Maritime Provinces to the Northwest, and will close their Montreal immigration agencies on the first of June.

The thanks of the city of Hamilton are due to those who are hereby tendered to Col. Kerns, H. P. for Halton; for throwing out of the bill so as to make the beach a close corporation of aristocrats. It would not be for the county members Hamilton would have to show in the legislature.—Hamilton Spectator.

Among the amendments of the constitution of the state of California which are to be submitted to a vote of the people at the next election is one restricting the suffrage to persons who read and write, with the exception of citizens who are over 60 years of age. This amendment is said to have been framed in response to a popular demand and to be certain of ratification.

The Post Office Department has determined to put a stop to the practice which exists in certain sections of the country by people to use postage stamps a second time. Some fine and a conviction was secured in the county of Bruce, and this was followed last week by a conviction at Kingston. Several cases are under consideration in which there is evidence of parties having attempted to evade old stamps by obliterating the cancellation marks.

A new demand is being made upon the Dominion government by the Metis of the Northwest Territories. They have held meetings lately and adopted resolutions asking the government to grant land to all Metis children born between the years 1870 and 1885. Between the date of the acquisition of the Northwest by Canada and that of the rebellion upon the arrival of the Halfbreeds, no title was given to the Halfbreeds; but the latter propose to continue the agitation in favor of their demands.

Newfoundland, having for the time disposed of the question of annexation to Canada, is about to embark in a railway undertaking of considerable magnitude for a colony of its size. The Government has made a contract for the construction of a highway directly across the island from the coast on the eastern coast to the south-western extremity. It will connect the Bay of Islands and Terrible at Port au Basque. The railway, which will be two hundred miles in length, is to cost \$3,125,000. In addition to this sum the contractor is to be paid for operating the line 500,000 acres of land and \$80,000 a year for twenty years.

The report of the department of immigration for Ontario has just been issued. The number of immigrants reported as having settled in Ontario last year was 14,771, of whom 7,771 went through Ontario agencies and 7,000 reported through the customs. The largest number of settlers for any one year was 40,414 in 1883. In 1891 the number was 18,072, or 3,301 more than in 1883. The number reported through the Ontario agency in 1890 was 231. Last year the figures are given for only the first six months were 230. During 1892 301,379 emigrants came to Britain, of whom only 7,771, or 2.6 per cent made Ontario their objective point. The total immigration expenditure last year was \$4,334.86 or \$1.07 for each settler.

SUICIDE IN ASTABALE.

An Insane Brant County Farmer, 70 Years of Age, Hangs Himself with a Hanging Chain.

BANTING, May 22.—At 6 o'clock Saturday morning at Jerseyville, Darius Miser ended his life by his own hand. He had been out of his mind for some weeks, and was without doubt insane at the time the rash deed was done.

He went out to the stables about 6 o'clock took a small logging chain and threw one end of it around a pole on the top of a saw track, and there hung himself on the chain.

He was found only a short time after he left the house by his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stensbahn, but when found life was extinct. The deceased was 70 years of age, and for a long time had been a resident on this point, that ample preparations had been made.

MR. GLADSTONE IN PERIL.

A Mississ Flung at His Railway Carriage.

LONDON, May 19.—While Mr. Gladstone was travelling from London to Chester yesterday a heavy missile was thrown at his carriage as the train approached Witton. The missile struck the window of the next compartment which was occupied by the dead of Chester. It smashed the glass and struck the cushion a few inches from the dead's head. No arrest has been made.

The Chicago Spectatorium.

One of the largest and most noble enterprises connected with the Columbian Exposition, in Chicago, is known as "the Chicago Spectatorium" an immense building which covers an acre, with its studios and power houses, of nearly a half million square feet. In this building will be presented, with the height of artistic and realistic beauty, all the incidents of Columbus' life from his appearance at the monastery of La Rabida, his discovery of San Salvador, Artistic features of the greatest merit and many new appliances in mechanical electricity will be used in this building, the desire being, it is said, to combine a high return with perfect idealism. "Song and song will unite, making it the greatest attraction of the Fair," says the Chicago Herald.

The Royal Society of Musicians is 155 years old.

Mr. Ward's Musical Curves Burns & Sons.

TALK OF THE DAY.

An Epitome of the World's Doings During the Week.

The World's fair was again closed to the public on Sunday.

The new First Presbyterian church, at Chatham was dedicated on Sunday.

The Bank of England has advanced its rate of discount from 3% to 4 per cent.

Prof. Nitroch says the recurrence of cholera in Germany this year is improbable.

Pain is badly needed in northern Michigan. The woods are on fire in all directions.

The electing petition against Mr. J. J. Zarte, M. P. for L'Islet, has been dismissed.

The assessed value of Winnipeg's taxable property is given at twenty-two millions of dollars.

Lady Aberdeen was on Saturday elected president of the world's congress of women.

It is said that John L. Sullivan's little escape at Biddeford, Maine, will cost him \$1,000.

Eleven men were buried to death at Sand's lumber camp, near Cadillac, Michigan, on Saturday.

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The deposits in post office savings banks of Canada during April were \$630,725, and the withdrawals \$707,411.

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