

BY THE "BREMEN."

New York, Jan. 13.

No reliable information in regard to the breadstuffs market...

LATEST.

The Bremen did not sail till the 1st. She brings \$380,000 in specie.

PARIS, Jan. 1.—The Emperor of Austria has received Count Teleki...

The Montreal publishes a decree conferring on General Montanin the grand cross of the Legion of Honour.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Consols opened at 92 1/2 a 92 1/2 for money, and 92 1/2 a 92 1/2 for account.

Grand Trunk (Canada) Railroad 22 1/2 a 23; Illinois Central Railroad 31.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 1.—Intelligence has just been received here of the loss of the Golden Star...

The steamer Great Britain, from Melbourne, is reported to be lost at 8 p.m.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 1860.—Cotton steady and unchanged. Sales 8,000 bales...

The rate of discount by the Bank of England is 6 per cent, checks speculative trading.

China dates are to the 15th of November via St. Petersburg. Nothing new.

The King of Naples takes refuge in a Spanish vessel every night, returning to Gaeta every morning.

A party, favoring the annexation of Rome to Sardinia, made a demonstration at St. Peter's Cathedral on the 23rd.

The Emperor of Austria sanctions the incorporation of Gallicia with Hungary.

Count Klenzow, Austrian premier, is stated to have resigned; his resignation is not yet definitely accepted.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Despatches received in Southern circles, to-day, say that Georgia will secede from the Union by Saturday.

The conduct of Capt. Armstrong, in surrendering the Pensacola Navy Yard, is strongly disapproved of by the Administration.

Mr. Washburne, of Wisconsin, and Mr. Pappan, of New Haven, of the committee of thirty-three, have signed the following as a minority report:

Resolved, That the provisions of the Constitution are ample for the preservation of the Union, and the protection of the national interests of the country; that it is not to be altered by amendments, and that our extrication from our present difficulties is to be looked for in efforts to preserve and protect the public property and enforce the laws...

It is not true as stated, that the ship of war Albatross sailed with sealed orders. She was more than six weeks ago, ordered to the gulf squadron, and is now on her way thither.

FROM NEW YORK.

New York, Jan. 15.—A meeting of workmen and others was held at a hall in Broadway to-night. It was largely attended, and much enthusiasm prevailed.

IMPORTANT PROTESTANT MOVEMENT IN BOHEMIA.—NUMEROUS CONVERSIONS TO PROTESTANTISM.—The movement among the Roman-Catholic population have sometimes either denied the truth of these reports or regarded them as exaggerated, but the following official announcement leaves no doubt of the real existence and wide extent of the movement.

Popular Lectures and Debates.

It is admitted on all hands that the winter season is pre-eminently the period when the youth of Canada have the leisure to cultivate their minds...

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Relative to lectures and lectures, we would say that as a rule we do not like itinerant gabbists. We are of those who are of opinion that to be a good lecturer something more is requisite than mere gift of the gab.

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ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.—On Wednesday the 9th there was some little excitement in this village on the election of School Trustees, as a poll was demanded between Dr. Duncumb and Mr. James Verney.

COUNTIES COUNCIL.—The Council of the United Counties of York and Peel will meet on Tuesday the 22nd inst.

Correspondence.

We wish it to be distinctly understood, that we do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents through our columns.

READING.

AN ESSAY READ BEFORE THE RICHMOND HILL LODGE OF GOOD TEMPLARS, JANUARY 9TH, 1861.

In the days when error and superstition enshrouded the minds of the people, when mental darkness covered the face of Europe as palpable as that of Egypt, it was sometimes thought necessary to drive away evil spirits by "bell, book and candle" but in our day it is found, that the two last are all that are necessary...

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All are ready to impart instruction to the mind, which solicits their assistance. The reading of history teaches us to gather wisdom from the past; if we were without this advantage our understanding would scarce exceed that of a child.

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How insignificant and utterly worthless do the thousands of yellow-covered trash seem in comparison with literature so valuable, so replete with intellectual treasures.

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departed one, and fondly cherishes with delight scenes of happiness and joy, never to be recalled again. Or it may be but missing o'er the events that have taken place around him or perhaps misfortunes that have befallen him, his mind may travel back to the period in his life when the dark, dismal, and gloomy clouds of adversity, hoisted thickly over and around him, or when happiness encircled his brow, and the brilliant sunshine of prosperity illuminated his path.

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Henry Whelan also pleaded guilty to having stolen a gold watch from Jane Miller. MARRIED, AND NO MISTAKE. Anne Hayes, Catherine Fleming, and Mary Anne Irvine, were charged in the indictment with robbing Thomas Bushley of his watch, in a house of ill-fame in this city. They pleaded not guilty.

Mr. R. Dempsey appeared as counsel for the prosecution, and Mr. S. B. Campbell for the defence. The alleged robbery took place on the occasion of a "mock marriage" between the prosecutor and the first-named prisoner; but it being now found that the parties had subsequently legally united, the prosecution failed.

The Jury having been sworn, the case was opened by Mr. Dempsey calling Thos. Bushley, whom he was about to examine, when— Mr. Campbell interposed by asking Bushley to state, before answering any other questions, whether Anne Hayes was not his lawfully wedded wife?

Bushley replied that he thought so, adding— "They made me drunk last night, and got us married, sure enough. [Laughter.] Mr. Dempsey—Are you sure you are married?"

Bushley—Aye! I feel firmly enough this time. Mr. Campbell—But I have drunk at the time. Mr. Campbell—Here is a certificate to that effect from the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, who every one knows would not solemnize a marriage were either of the parties in a state of intoxication.

Mr. Dempsey—Then I suppose the case must fail. Mr. Campbell—And that is not all, for an action will be instituted against you for taking this man out of his bed in a respectable hotel in this city, and for having taken apartments for yourself and wife.

The Jury, by direction of the Court, then found a verdict of not guilty, and Mr. Dempsey advised the "victim" to go and hide himself in the bush. Bushley, with his "wife" and her quondam friends then left the Court.

OBTAINING GOODS UNDER FALSE PRETEXTS. Anne Leo, a respectable looking married woman was charged with obtaining a pair of boots from Joseph Bealy, under false and fraudulent pretences. She was found guilty. Mr. Dempsey prosecuted, and Mr. Doyle appeared for the defence.

WASHERS RE-INSURED. In the case of Special Jury was empanelled, Mr. A. Cooke and Mr. M. C. Cameron were counsel for the plaintiff, and Mr. Keene, Q. C., Mr. T. Galt, Q. C., and Mr. Anderson were retained for the defendants.

The plaintiff sued to recover the sum of \$5,000, the amount of a policy of insurance effected with the defendants on the steamer Boston. From the speeches of counsel it seemed that during the season of 1859, the Boston was running on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River, and on the 30th or 31st of July in that year, when on a ward trip, the steamer on a reef of rocks at Pointe au Loup, in the river, and after had remained there three or four days it was discovered that she was waterlogged and low under the pumps. The plaintiff finding it would cost more to raise and repair than one-half the insurance value of the steamer, abandoned her, and gave notice to the agents of the defendants at Kingston, Defendants, however, caused the steamer to be raised and taken to Ogdensburg, where they had her repaired, and made a counter claim for such services of \$5,000. The plaintiff added to his notice of abandonment, and claimed the amount which his policy covered.

The defendant pleaded, first, that the vessel was abandoned, and next, that no sufficient notice had been given of the abandonment. The case was not concluded when the Court rose.

NEWS FROM MEXICO.

Intelligence of the defeat of Miramon and Marquez has been received at Havana by the English steamer from Vera Cruz. We take the following details from the Diario de la Marina:—

The battle took place on the hills of San Miguel Cacabalan, on the 22nd ult, and lasted two hours, from eight o'clock till ten in the morning. It was very bloody, and ended in the complete rout of the Miramon and his army, leaving the greater part of the latter, with all the artillery, &c., in the hands of General Gonzalez Ortega.

It is said that Miramon and the Generals who were able to follow him sought refuge in the capital, and being unable to collect any forces upon which they could depend for a defence of the place, contemplated a capitulation, whereupon the Spanish Ambassador and French Minister went out to meet Gen. Ortega, accompanied by Hernandez and Agrestan, for the purpose of obtaining guarantees for Miramon and other chiefs of the reaction.

Ortega represented that he was willing to give guarantees of immunity for political and military crimes, but not for the infractions of the right of the nation, and that the principal chiefs in the reaction would be considered as prisoners of war. Miramon and his friends left the capital on the night of the 23rd or 24th with about 1,200 men and some light artillery, a part of which force, it is said, left him on the road.

With him were Marquez, Cobos, Negrete, Diaz, Casanova, the two Velaz, Perez Gomez, and some others equally compromised. The latest accounts state that he had formed a junction with Mejia, who had some 300 men at the Sierra of Queretaro.

Ortega entered Mexico city on the 25th, without firing a shot. The day previously the corporation had entrusted the command of the city to Hernandez, who had been set at liberty, together with Dregollado and the others. It is said there was not the slightest disturbance.— A decree had been published condemning robbers to death. Ortega sent an urgent message to President Juarez, confining his appointments simply to such offices in the Custom House, &c., as were absolutely necessary. One of the General's first acts was the dismissal of such troops as were under Miramon's orders and the substitution of some of his own. Perote had surrendered, and the forces of Cobos in Oaxaca had been dispersed.

The numbers on both sides in the battle of the 22nd were—Miramonists 8,000 men, and forty pieces of artillery; liberals 12,000 men, and eighty pieces of artillery. In a short review, published on the 21st, by the Vera Cruz paper already mentioned, it is stated that the Prussian Minister was disposed to recognize the federal government; that Senor Barrio, an *attache* of the diplomatic body, had waited on General Gonzales Ortega, but the result of his interview had not transpired; that as yet it was uncertain what action would be taken by Senor Paelecco, the Spanish Minister; and lastly, that the French Minister had taken up his residence in the house formerly occupied by the ex-Minister Munoz de Ludo, and which was rented for this purpose some days previously.

WINTER ASSIZES.

MONDAY, Jan. 14, 1861.

[From the Leader.]

CITY BANK MONTREAL vs. JOHNSON & Co. Counsel for plaintiffs, Mr. Walker; for the defence, Mr. English. This was an action against the maker and endorser of a promissory note. Two of the defendants allowed judgement to go by default; the third pleaded that he did not indorse.

William Howard—I was in business in the City of Toronto; the defendants Moore and Johnson dealt with me; their place of business was in the village of Holland; their account was always settled by notes, which they sent me; the Rev. Mr. Johnson was endorser; the note was not always paid at maturity; last year a note of \$700 was protested; the Rev. Mr. Johnson denied the signature; rather than contest the matter a compromise was made and he paid me \$500; never saw the Rev. Mr. Johnson write, but believed the notes sent to me from time to time bearing his signature were genuine.

Rev. Mr. Johnson—Johnson, of the firm of Moore & Johnson, is my son; Moore is my son-in-law; I did not endorse the note in suit, nor authorize any one to do so for me; I dispute the \$700 note, and only settled it with Mr. Howard to prevent the matter getting abroad; I do not know where my son and son-in-law now reside; has had notice of protest of notes endorsed for them and paid the money, but do not want to pay a note that I did not indorse.

Verdict for the plaintiffs, against the makers and Mr. Howard, and for the defendant the Rev. Mr. Johnson.

TUESDAY, Jan. 15.

THE QUEEN vs. JOHN TIERNY.—The prisoner was charged with stealing an over coat from Joseph McNevin. Mr. Richard Dempsey, Counsel for the Crown; Mr. C. Cameron defended the prisoner. Verdict—Guilty.

THE QUEEN vs. WILLIAM ERNEST.—The prisoner (a young lad about 10 years of age) was put on his trial charged with stealing a shawl and other articles of wearing apparel from Johanna McDonald. Counsel for the Crown Mr. R. Dempsey. Verdict—Not guilty.

THE QUEEN vs. MARY McARTY.—The prisoner was arraigned and put on trial charged with stealing a scoop shovel from the store of Mr. Bishop. Mr. R. Dempsey for the Crown.—Verdict—Guilty.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 16

Before Mr. Justice McLEAK.

[From the Globe]

ROBBRIES.

John Morrison was indicted for stealing one dozen brooms from the store of John Keighley, to which he pleaded guilty, and the sentence was deferred.