MISCELLANEOUS.

There must be something very peculiar in the case of Morrison, the Lower Canadian criminal, which leads to the liberal contributions being made for his defence. Scotchmen are proverbially cantul of their money and hostile to all lawlessness.

Tuesday's military parade in New York was the greatest affair of the kind the United States has seen since the final reviews of the Union armies in Washington at the close of the war. The estimates of the number of men in line vary greatly, but it is probable that it was not less than 60,000. The column started at half past ten in the morning, and it was seven o'clock in the evening when the rear platoons approached Central park.

There is never any lack of mysterious crime. Chicago is horrified by the recent discovery of the dead body of a young woman, who had evidently been murdered, buried head downwards in the sand of the harbour bar. Only a shoe was left uncovered. The corpse was naked from the neck to the knees, but had on black stock ings and black kid gloves. As yet there is no clew to the perpetrator of the foul crime.

It will surprise most people to know that some of the skilled workmen in such places as the Carnegie works near Pittsburgh earn at times as much as \$30 a day. Taese, of course, are the exceptions, but it gives one an idea of what a wage earner may mean. The Carnegies, it is said, are meditating changes which will cut down these large earnings and tend to raise those of the fellows at the other end of the line who can't make all they are entitled to by the method now in vogue.

There are rumours of trouble between French and English fishermen on the coasts of Newfoundland. There has been some mutual recrimination, the Englishmen accusing their rivals of trespassing, and the Frenchmen anathematizing English greed, unfriendliness and indisposition to regard treaty rights. The matter is expected to be brought up in the British House of Commons very soon. Let us hope it may be settled in a way that will be honourable and satisfactory to all concerned.

There is evidently a growing conviction in the minds of the railroad people on the other side that something has to be done with the Canadian railroads and their freedom from the operation of the Interstate Commerce law. Mr. Chauncey M. Depew, of the New York Central, is strong on the subject, and thinks Canadian roads doing business in the States should either be subjected to the law or ruled out of the country.

The Protestant Episcopal Church of South Carolina is labouring with the negro question. Mission caurches which were started some years ago have borne such good fruit, that some of them now have colored rectors. in Convention along with their white brethren, and in this contention they are supported by a majority of the clergy, buc are opposed unanimously by lay members of the Convention. The situation is said to be so serious that it is likely to be brought before the General Convention of the denomina-

Ocean travellers who go by way of New York will be glad to know that reseate hopes are being entertained about the new collector, Colonel Erhardt. He is said to fair minded and considerate in their treatment of passengers, and their sole ambition must not be to get the percentage on their they have seen with their own eyes, that the inspectors of the port of New York are sometimes a little over anxious to secure their percentage, or an equivalent from the passengers. If Colonel Erhardt can imbue them with a different spirit he will do well.

The danger of being too sure was illustrated in a lamentable way in the town of Providence R. I. the other day. The builders of the elevator in a new five story building were so certain that everything was as safe as it could be made that two of them, accompanied by a reporter, got on and al lowed the rope to be cut. The elevator went down with terrible velocity into the air tight chamber prepared for it, but not with the expected safety to those concerned, for all three were more or less injured, and one had his back broken and died in a short time.

King John of Abyssinia is dead, he and two of his best Generals having been killed in a recent battle with Dervishes. It is reasonable to think that these deaths and the rout of the army make the chances of the successor who was named by King John rather peor. It is thought probable that Menelot of Shoa, an old rival of John's, and who has friendly relations with the Italians will engineer things to his own advantage, persuading his European friends to supply him with arms and give him their moral support in return for desirable concessions of territory on the northern frontier of Abyssinia.

Theodore Bevan is the name of a young English explorer who has gained almost more notoriety for his real estate claims than fame by his meritorious services to exploration. New Guinea has been the scene of his exploits. He has visited it twice, has discovered and explored two large rivers and has written in a very interesting way about some tribes of natives whom he was the first white man to visit. All this however did not prevent the British Commissioner of New Guinea feeling considerably surprised when Mr. Bevan sent in a request for 254 000 acres of land on the island as a recognition of his services. The

request was not granted. There may be some international correspondence between Britain and the United States on the case of a man called Cherry who is the British Vice Corsul at Astoria in Oregon. The British Steamer Otterspool had a libel case on hand it seems, and the evidence of Cherry was desired by the United States District Court. Cherry was served with a subpoena by a U. S. Deputy Marshal but refused attention to it on the plea that his position made him a privileged person. This view was not shared by the Court who issued a Bench warrant for Cherry's arrest require. and told him when he appeared that the treaties between Great Britain and the United States contained nothing which puts a Vice Consul in the same position regarding

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immunity from arrest or process of law, as a Minister or Ambassador. On the ground that Cherry no doubt believed himself justified in standing on his dignity, the judge re mitted the fine which he might have enacted, and contented himself with requiring Caerry have been permanently cursa. I shall be to pay the costs of the warrant of arrest, glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE which amounted to \$64 70. This Cherry did although under protest.

A terrible condition of things is reported from the coal districts of Pennsylvania owing to the action of the mine owners in stopping work. The barons pay the lowest wages when they do work their mines, so that their unfortunate human tools have no chance to save anything, and when misfortune overtakes them, their plight is sad indeed. The average Coal Baron resembles the unjust judge spoken of in Scripture, inasmuch as he seems neither to fear God nor regard man. The only thing he fears is diminution of his own profits, and he regards nothing so much as the importance of having a large balance at his banker's.

Loyal subjets of Queen Victoria will rejoice to know that Her Majesty appears to have taken a new lease of life, and to be both healthier and happier than any one has seen her for a long time back. It almost seems as if she had a shrewd suspicion that her worthy son and heir is getting a little weary with hopes deferred of wearing the purple, and that she has made up her mind, with the true perversity of womankind, to disappoint him, and make him wait a little longer for the fruition of his hopes. It will be interesting if it is her grandson and not her son for whom she eventually makes room.

The Paris Exposition was opened with suitably impressive magnificence, pomp, military display and civic grandeur, and is now in the full swing of its splendour. Happy they whom leisure time and length of purse allow to cross the water, and see fair Paris in this hour of her triumph. Like- Collector, Box 463, Toronto, Oat. lihoods are that these happy mortals will not be few in number. From our own country many hundreds are going over to see the sights-a sure sign of increasing wealth and intelligence.

by an elephant in South Africa, some time before his death unwound the cere-cloth of an Egyptian mummy. Inside he discovered a tablet which, being translated, was found to prophesy that the person who profaned the grave clothes would die a violent death within three months of his sacrilegious act, and his bones be scattered to the winds. Within the prescribed time the threat or prophecy came true, Capt. Ingram was killed in South Africa, and only his thigh bone remained to attest his fate.

Planets Visible this Month.

Four beautiful planets are visible in These brethren insist upon their right to sit | May. They are Venus, Jupiter, Saturn and Mercury. Careful observers may easily find them in the middle of the month.

> Venus is morning star, shining with surpassing lustre, as she approaches her period of greatest brilliancy on June 5th. She rises on the 19th about half-past four o'clock, an hour before the sun, and will rise earlier every morning, as, moving westward, her distance from the sun increases. A glance as the northeastern horizon will reveal the presence of this charming planet.

Jupiter is classed among the morning stars, have warned his deputies that they must be | but is also a beautiful object as he comes looming above the southeastern horizon late in the evening. He rises on the 16th about helf-past ten o'clock, and continues visible seizures. Many can bear witness to what | until the dawn breaks, so that he will be found in the west, when Venus rises in the east, the king and queen of the stars shining at the same time.

Jupiter will be very near the moon on the 17th, moon and planet making a lovely celestial picture when first appearing above the horizon.

Saturn is evening star. He is in quadrature with the sun, on the 31, and is then on BARKER'S SHORTHAND SCHOOL, the meridian, or point overhead, about sunset, and in fine position for observation. He will be on the meridan at half-past five o'clock for the stars to be visible. He may be read ily found in the west on the 16th, a few degrees northwest of Regulus, the bright star in the handle of the Sickle.

Mercury is evering stsr, reaching his greatest distance east of the sun on the 24th. He may be found at that time, and and for a week before and after, as he is TORONTO ENGINE WORKS most favorably situated for observation, and the one nearest to the sun is a rare and interesting event.

Mercury sets on the 24th at a quarter after nine o'clock in the evening, more than two hours after the sun. Observers must look for him in the north-west, five degrees north of the sunset point, and commence the search three quarters of an hour after sunset. If a briliant star of the first magnitude, low down in the twilight, and not quite as large | For us. Cash furnished on Satisfactory Guaranty as Sirus, seems suddenly to dart from the aky, the prizeif found, the star is Mer .

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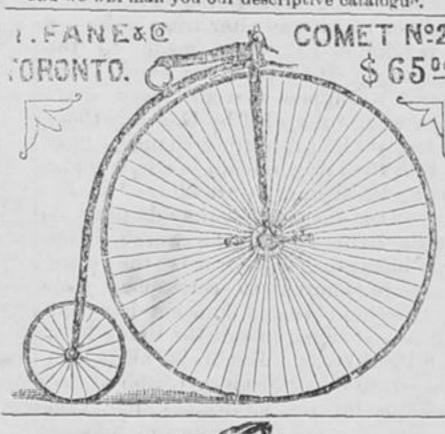
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