

Cronaca.—In the western empire, the use of coronations began with Charlemagne; as the Patriarch of Constantinople crowned the eastern emperors, so the Pope crowned the western emperors, crowned with the silver crown at the Aix-la-Chapelle as emperor of Germany, with the iron crown of Milan as king of Italy, and with the gold crown at Rome. All the emperors, fifty-five in number, till the year 1555, were crowned at Aix; and in the cathedral of that city, the chair of white marble, plated with gold, upon which many of them sat during the ceremony, is still preserved. Of the second coronation there are not so many examples. A great many, however, received the third coronation. Charles VII was twice crowned at Rome, to apply the omission of a coronation at Milan.—[Campbell's Life of Petrarch.]

New Gazetteer-Poem.—From a Correspondent.

The preface of the *Gazette de Bayonne-Rouge*, in Louisiana, has succeeded in propelling a vessel without the agency of fire. A company, which has obtained a knowledge of the method employed, is constructing a ship upon the principles discovered, as it is said, by M. Pouillet Langlumé, but which proceed rather on the experiments of Villier and of Faraday, since the article used, is carbonic acid gas, liquified, without a machine of compression. All the invention consists in two large gas-producers, the same as Talleyrand, but provided with carburets of soda and sulphuric acid. Some drops of carburetic acid, produced and liquified by this apparatus, are placed before the pistons; and as this has a pressure of about 92 atmospheres, it undergoes a considerable expansion, which gives impulsion to the pistons. Instead of a cumbersome load of coal, a respiring fire, and ponderous machinery—two tons of carbonate of soda and acid, will suffice to traverse the ocean, and circumnavigate the globe, in less than three months.

List of Premiers since 1821.—The following is a list of the several noblemen and gentlemen who have held the office of Prime Minister since the year 1821, according to the order of their succession to the Presidency:—Sir the Earl of Liverpool (deceased), Viscount Goderich, the Duke of Wellington, Mr. Canning (deceased), the Duke of Wellington, Mr. Cardigan, Viscount Melbourne, Sir Robert Peel, Viscount Melbourne, and Sir Robert Peel once more, the latter gentleman being now installed for the third time as head of the British Empire. Thus it will be seen that the majority of the above Premiers were members of the House of Lords. Viscount Melbourne has been made Prime Minister no less than three times since 1821. In the resignation of Earl Grey, second, he was chosen after Sir Robert Peel had been driven from office by the votes of the Irish oppositional clouts, and thirdly in May, 1833, after the temporary resignation of the Whigs. In the former, his defeat on the Jamaica bill, Sir Robert Peel was first made Premier by his late Majesty King William IV., in November, 1831, and was entrusted by Queen Victoria with the formation of the new Government in May, 1832, which was, however, abruptly terminated by the return of the Whigs to power. It is now nearly twelve years since a Conservative administration was really installed in power, the Whigs having held office, with a very brief interregnum, for nearly eleven years.—[Times.]

A Romance at Court.—The Marchioness of Cambridge has been appointed one of the ladies in waiting to her Majesty. There is rather a curious circumstance with reference to her appointment, with the court of Queen Victoria, which occurred when her Majesty came to the throne. As Princess Victoria, the Queen was a resident at Ramsgate about four years ago. During her sojourn there, she became acquainted with Miss Murray, the daughter of the Bishop of Rochester. The Princess and Miss Murray, being about the same age, became very intimate. When the court of the Queen was in progress, of formation upon her accession, and approached her pleasure that "Miss Murray should be one of her maid of honor." On the morning after this expression, a letter was received at Buckingham Palace, from the Lady Elizabeth Murray in Scotland, requesting an appointment for her daughter as one of the maid of honor. Through some unaccountable mistake, the writer was believed to be the parent of the young lady whom her Majesty had so specially noticed. She therefore received an answer by return of post, signifying her Majesty's consent to her daughter's general request. The document was not long in taking place, for in a few days, instead of her Majesty's writing for five or six years, a young lady made her appearance at court. Explanation ensued, but it was considered too late to annul the appointment. Not long afterwards the daughter of the Bishop of Rochester married the Marquis of Cawdor, and she is now principal lady of the bed-chamber, and one of the few female appointments of the court that give general satisfaction.—[Glasgow Chronicle.]

Mrs. Bourke and the Fair Sex.—John the Second, Duke of Bedford, died in the year 1590, an order of chirurgeons. One of the statutes of his High opinion, he entertained of the nature of the fair sex upon the virtue and happiness of mankind. According to this statute, the knight apportioned to pay due respect to the ladies, both married and unmarried, and never to suffer anything derogatory to their reputation to sail in their presence. "For," adds the statute, "those that speak of women have very little honor, and to their disgrace, say of them, what they would not dare to say of a man, for from women, after God, arises a great part of the bane in the world."

From the British and Foreign Review.

Mean Annual Consumption of Wheat in Great Britain: Quantity Imported from Abroad.—The mean annual consumption of wheat in Great Britain may be estimated to be at the rate of one quarter for each individual besides an allowance of one seventh for seed. The population of Great Britain, moreover, according to the census of 1834, is 16,637,398 persons: and may now, in round numbers, be calculated at nineteen millions. The population of Ireland was at the same time, 7,767,401, and may now be estimated at eight and a half millions. Ireland, however, does not consume at the rate of half the quantity of wheat used in England; so that allowing four millions for that country, the consumption of wheat in the United Kingdom may be computed at twenty-three millions of quarters and allowing for seed, fully twenty-six millions, without calculating the quantity used for various manufacturers. In 1833, 1839, and 1840, owing to the deficient harvests, the imports of wheat into England were the largest ever known, our necessities having driven us to collect the quantities which had accumulated during the four or five preceding years in every market in the world, when our importations had been comparatively small; yet, notwithstanding these efforts, the annual average quantity of foreign wheat entered for home consumption, during the ten years commencing 1830 and ending 1840, only amounted 906,118 quarters not one foalight's consumption.

Recitations by a Lady.—A young lady in Boston, Mrs. Mowatt, has commenced a series of recitations from the poets—a species of public entertainment highly refined. The Times thus speaks of her first appearance:

Mrs. Mowatt's first series of recitations from the poets was attended by one of the most select audiences that we ever saw in the Temple. She succeeded admirably. She was listened to with the greatest attention, and appeared to give unmixed pleasure.—The lady is quite young—we should not think more than twenty-two or three—and singularly interesting and beautiful in appearance. The truly feminine grace with which she went through her somewhat novel and difficult task—the free, forcible and natural expression she gave to the feelings and emotions she depicted, never overstressing the modesty of nature, and never failing short of trifling delineation; the sweet, musical, and varied tones of her voice; her accurate conception of the beauties of the authors from whose writings she recited, elicited hearty and frequent applause. Rarely have we attended such entertainments which afforded more refined and intellectual pleasure.

Important event—Completion of the Great Canal of Railroad from Rochester to Albany.—The last link is at length finished; and this day witnesses the passage of the cars over the whole line of the Auburn and Rochester Railroad. This is indeed a great object accomplished. With the Great Western Railroad between Albany and Boston, the New Englanders who, twenty years ago, through this region almost the farthest boundary of civilization, will be brought into close intimacy with the people of the celebrated "Genesee Country." The route to and from New York, via Boston, will be nothing uncommon in winter; and the Tremont House will soon reap a share of the harvest which western travellers afford to the landlords of the New York hotels.

The intercourse between New England and Western New York by Railroad through the winter, will prove mutually advantageous to the people of both regions; and we congratulate them all upon the prospect of a speedy & cheering fruition of the commercial benefits which cannot fail to flow from the completion of the long line of Railroad which, completed westward as far as Batavia, will next year be finished to Buffalo, thus connecting with iron-bound shores of Niagara with the seaports of New England.—[Roch Post.]

Battle with a Slave.—The Schooner Herald, Capt. Goldsmith, arrived at Boston Friday morning, from Princess Island (Africa), and reported that H. M. sloop of war Iris touched about the 1st of September at that place for water, &c., and sailed on a cruise. A short time previous she had an engagement with a slave, in the night of Benin, and was beat off with the loss of several men killed and wounded. One of the latter was the commander.

Effects of GAMBLING.—The wages of sin is death.

We do not remember to have seen the malignant consequences of this vice, so fit to strengthen others than in an account of the fate of a single person, as in June 1812, originally published in the *Montgomery Journal*.

From the London Inquirer.

MEETING AT INGERSOLL.—A meeting of Mr. Hinck's friends took place at Ingersoll, pursuant to his intimation, on Sabbath last, which had an opportunity of attending, and the result of which we can now present to our readers. At about 10 o'clock, a large number of the inhabitants of the township proceeded in wagons drawn by six, four and two horses, to the residence of Capt. Currier, where the deposition, consisting of several of the oldest and most wealthy farmers of Oxford, waited upon Mr. Hinck and presented a short address to him complimentary of his political career, and invited him to a public dinner. The Address and his reply, we publish below. He accompanied the deposition into the village where he addressed the deposition until the same, consisting of about hundred individuals, in a gay and elastic strain, for about two hours, in which he fully explained his parliamentary career. As the former was found dead by the sheriff, he said, accused of inconsistency, because he opposed Mr. Park's re-election for Mid-dlesex, after that gentleman had accepted office, and subsequently supported the principal measures of the Session, in supporting Mr. Baldwin in his attempt to effect a change in the composition of the Ecclesiastical Council: He had had every reason to believe that Mr. Baldwin would be supported in that cause by large numbers in the ship-chapel or in the several slips. With this assistance numerous boulders of large size have been hauled up by the dredging vessel, from spots where they had long proved a serious annoyance to ships frequenting the port, and many of these rocks may still be seen in the water. But the *Chronicle* has now produced proof of the usefulness of these operations, and the *Advertiser* has affixed a large sum of £10,000 to debts due by his father, who was shown he had a trust fund of £36,000, and had been compelled to sell his house in a gauze and elastic strain, for about two hours, in which he fully explained his parliamentary career. As the former was found dead by the sheriff, he said, accused of inconsistency, because he opposed Mr. Park's re-election for Mid-dlesex, after that gentleman had accepted office, and subsequently supported the principal measures of the Session, in supporting Mr. Baldwin in his attempt to effect a change in the composition of the Ecclesiastical Council: He had had every reason to believe that Mr. Baldwin would be supported in that cause by large numbers in the ship-chapel or in the several slips. With this assistance numerous boulders of large size have been hauled up by the dredging vessel, from spots where they had long proved a serious annoyance to ships frequenting the port, and many of these rocks may still be seen in the water. But the *Chronicle* has now produced proof of the usefulness of these operations, and the *Advertiser* has affixed a large sum of £10,000 to debts due by his father, who was shown he had a trust fund of £36,000, and had been compelled to sell his house in a gauze and elastic strain, for about two hours, in which he fully explained his parliamentary career.

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