TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications on topics of general interest will be inserted, if deemed worthy, but in every instance must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. Letters containing simply a nom de plume will be consigned to the waste basket.

Rejected manuscripts will be returned to correspondents only when a stamp is enclosed for that purpose.

The Daily News.

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 11.

Referring to the petition against the return of Mr H. Smyth, of Kent, the London Advertiser observes that this gentleman has long been known as "the Bona brother of the county." Hardly ever, as long as the name of Col. Walker, M. C. Cameron, and H. H. Cook live in political history, the annals of all other parents to the title of "Bona brother of the county" are barred.

Correspondents of a Montreal paper are discussing the monumental question—What is the national color of Ireland? They all agree that it is green, but differ as to its origin. As a matter of fact, green did not become the national color until 1798, when the United Irishmen adopted it. The old Irish flag was a golden harp on a dark blue ground, and the leaders of the rebellion, being anxious to unite Orangemen and Catholics adopted green instead of blue as a mean of the gold or orange and blue. Prior to that dark blue was the national color.

Joe Tinsley Ward surmises that Gatewayo, King of the Zulus, may like Hermann of old be waiting his weather or opportunity for the success of England's power, in the hope that more successful in a contest with a civilized foe than he was in fighting dead and wounded men, and hoping at least to have the chance of leading his conquerors against his own very tribe. It is devoutly to be hoped that his wish Mr Majesty will not be gratified, armed pointed turret ships with eighty-one ton guns soon be returned to his wild country men, if ever he is allowed to do so.

There is a very remarkable difference of opinion among Reform party. Thus the London Advertiser says "We have a policy. It is well defined. No party ever had a stronger or more defensible platform. It was very generally accepted to the party. We don't think the party are dissatisfied with it. Time will confirm its wisdom. What we want is not a better platform, but more earnest, persistent and determined efforts in its support. Mr David Blake, as Grit M.P., thinks—in the contrary that the party is in sad disarray. It has no policy, that the alleged policy was not acceptable to the party at large, and that the only hope for Grit success is getting rid of the issue too of Mr Blake and his humiliation. A consistent course is required at once to remove this jarring element.

In the middle ages it was customary to stretch prisoners on the rack until, like Tipar, they fessed. In fact, torture was included in the instruments of justice as late as the time of Queen Elizabeth, that advanced civilization, however, has abolished all this the rack is never used now. But we have from Des Moines, Iowa, that these barbarous practices have been superseded by the enlightened method of hanging a man to a tree until he pleads guilty. A telegram from that city the 7th inst. says, with his wife and children looking on a man was hanged by a mob in Polk county merchants recently hanged to a tree until he confessed he aided in the murder of the mayor of Polk City, had aided the members of the mob for $22,000 damages." Probably, after the scare he experienced, he will require a portion of the money for the purpose of hair-dye.

Napoleon Bonaparte declared that in his opinion Alexander the Great had rendered himself more illustrious by founding Alexandria, and he was desirous to transfer to it the seat of his empire, than by his most brilliant victories. This city should be the capital of the world. It is situated between Asia and Europe, within reach of India and Europe. Its harbor affords the only safe anchorage along the 500 miles of coast from Tunis, to ancient Carthage, to Alexandria, it is near one of the ancient mouths of the Nile, all the navies of the world might moor within it, and in the old port they would be sheltered from the winds and all possibility of attack. Alexandria is opinion on this matter differed from that of Constantine who thought Constantinople favourably situated for the capital of a world-wide empire. These two famous cities are both magnificently placed within almost centrally between Europe and the ancient civilisations of the east.

The Oswego Times recently paid a flattering compliment to the prosperity of Canada at the present time. It says that from north and south, hill, valley and plain comes the story of plenty and prosperity; that a depleted treasury has been changed to one with money in it, after paying all obligations, and, owing to the hint taken from the States in arresting such evil, manufactories have been springing up on every hand. Our contemporary is pleased to record these glad tidings, and adds that we require only annexation to be the greatest people on earth. We think we are now the happiest people on earth, but even if it were otherwise we are not yet in a position to assist the whole of the United States, we think we be satisfied for the present with Michigan, and the part of Maine which formerly belonged to us, with the island of Sant Tiago, Puthaja, when we have grown to five times our present size we may think of more extensive acquisitions.

The Kingston Sun has made its appearance. Its rays has reached many a bushel!

CONGREGATIONAL EXCURSION.

Col. Bain's Lecture—A Flowery Discourse.

The excursion under the auspices of the Congregational Church to the Thousand Island Park yesterday was a decided success, the attendance being large but not crowded. One of the objects of the excursion was to hear Col. Bain, of Kentucky, lecture upon his trip to the Golden Horn. The lecture, being descriptive, will not lend to be condensed into a sketch without losing its beauty almost entirely, so we must be content with giving a few of the points made by the speaker. Col. Bain began by saying that he would sketch the remembrances of his reception at the Park as one of the most memorable events of his life. He was a stranger to topics outside of temperance, so he should make that his text. When he had told his own people all he knew on the subject he took a notion to visit the scenes of his labors in California. When he left Kentucky he weighed 175 pounds, but at the end of four months and three days he had grown to weigh 175 pounds. It would be absurd to attempt to give a detailed account of his hour of a sermon which outweight required 3 hours 14 minutes 45 sec to perform, and he would be satisfied if he could give them a glance at the plain, a transit from the Sierra Nevada, from the garden of the gods, a nugget of gold from Virginia city, a chalk of 2,800 feet in the Rocky Mountains. He felt when leaving that he was leaving all the world behind him, but at St. Louis he imagined that he had just caught up to the world going west, and wondered if they had been left behind. He could vainly orders and assert that bustle and confusion the perfectly of the Indians man who had just got off the boat at St. Louis. His baggage had all been unloaded, but as the boat was about to move off he could to the captain to stop, to his forgotten something. What he was going to say, and his opinion. He was asked the reply, but I have to tell my things here. Well, I can't and here to prepare an invasion of our people. Take your wife and children off and get away, was the rejoinder of the heated captain. Well, they're the moving articles, triumphantly exclaimed the man, "my wife and children dead." I know I had forgotten something. Twelve hours on the train brought the intrepid to Kansas city, and after that for four or five hundred miles he passed through the Flints river plains of Nebraska. Here he made contrasted to the pioneers who had first made their way through these regions with a pair of oxen dragging their worldly goods, sons behind them, and he thought that every one of them should be given a free trip on a Pullman car to San Francisco and back, so many flags, the cars as they wished. Some people are in the habit of talking about the good old times, and the Kentucky Methodists had ever so, but in the age of progress as America can lose more in twenty years than Methusalah did in his whole life. Along the plains one of Indians and his squaw was a the prairie dog, who lives in underground towns, in holes with mounds as the top of them. When the train passes, these little animals climb to the top of their dwellings, and you may see 640 acres of them looking at you at once. It was not long before the Indian territory was reached, and here he must give utterance to a little statement which he thought on the Indian question. It may be true that the Indian is idle, treacherous, and revengeful, but suppose that you force the best of white man to part with his wife, and then, to make him pay him the price through an agent who steals half of that, and gradually crowd him off until he has not a place where he can rear his wife and children, but a morass bordering swamp, can it say that the white man would preserve a heavenly disposition, though all this? I express indeed the treatment of the Indians by the Indian Bureau on American civilization. The Indian in the west, after having been robbed of his own land, was put on the Black Hills, where it was thought no white man could make a living. But gold was found there, and the white men commenced to flock to it. They had no right there, but the United States Government winked at the transgression, and when at last the son of the soil could put up with it no longer, the Government stepped in and prevented him from disturbing the invader. He remembered having seen some American citizens pressing on to Indian territory, and, when he asked the reason of them what he intended to be, received the reply, "Heaven never intended an Indian to possess such land as Nebraska." He was a Christian, and he thought that we should some day be called to account for the manner in which we have treated the Indian. He begging said all this, he hoped he would some day be called upon to give an interesting paper on the deplorable state of affairs would pass away. Then, skipping the great American desert, he told of the great beauty of the Sierras, where the train runs along a precipice over which there is a fall of 1,500 feet, creeps along the side of a mountain where man had to be let down by means of ropes to scare the eagles when the construction of the road was proceeding, where at last you look down 2,500 feet into the valley of California, where you draw from the atmosphere of the North Pole, through the months from January to July in rapid succession, sliding at last into the midst of a tropical summer. Here, the speaker and brought forth a rapturous eulogy of the magnificent scene to be viewed from an eminence at a little distance from San Francisco, where nature lavished every form of light and glory upon the golden city, varying the tale with a grand sketch of the city of Mormon, and the Salt Lake City, though he said he was a close a highly rhetorical and entertaining lecture, which requires to be heard to be appreciated.

How strange that many people would rather suffer a long time, believing in a mere incantation, or in a charm, which, if it does be cured of rheumatism, for instance—would yet continue to suffer on, and on, and on, rather than have the pain and article, and observe for itself the remedy.

THE EGYPTIAN TROUBLES.

The Turkish Troops Troops Leaving England.

Vienna, Aug 11. The Turkish Consul at Bombay has been ordered to give explanation to the Porte for the conduct of the action of the Porte in sending Turkish troops to cooperate with the British in Egypt which has produced a great sensation among the Mahommedans in India.

The Inspectors of the Sick

Alexandria, Aug 11. The laying of the cable between Alexandria and Port said is completed. The sanitary Inspectors of Egypt, at the proposal of the Italian Ambassador, for the temporary interdiction of the Suez canal, on account of cholera, a resolution making an exception in case of Italy, where the interdiction is organized to guard the canal, they shall not interfere with military operations.

Fighting Again.

London, Aug 11. The second battalion of the Royal Irish Rifles, left Gibraltar for Portsmouth, on the 4th, with the great enthusiasm was manifested at the departure. Four regiments the Inniskillens Dragoons Guards. The troops sailed from Southampton on the Scotland. Lord Wolseley, Sir Archibald Alison, and Sir Garnet Wolseley have been ordered to Egypt to form a staff to the Egyptian Contingent. The first detachment arrive on the Nile to-night. It is the strength or readiness to equip it the steps taken by Arabi.

Fine Weather.

Constantinople, Aug 11. Dervy, Lieutenant Colonel of the Ottoman Staff, has been appointed to accompany the Turkish troops to Egypt. Lord Dufferin expressed to Lord Granville and the Sultan, and the inference of that council a protest signed by all the nations of Europe against the interference of the Canal.

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Constantinople, Aug 11. The Ottoman Council, yesterday, the Russian representative asked for an explanation of the action of the Porte in sending troops to Egypt. The Porte replied that the step was taken in consequence of military movements which threatened the town from destruction and pillage. The English drafts of the military contingent, which it was proposed to place in the hands of the Porte, have been withdrawn. The Turkish troops are assuming a friendly tone towards Arabi. The Shiek of Islam has prohibited Europeans from preaching in favour of Arabi.

Alexandria, Aug 11. It is stated that Arabi has executed the treasurer of Tahara.

Alexandria, Aug 11. The Minister of Commerce, in his address, stated that the House would adjourn on next Friday until the 24th or 26th of the month. He hoped at least the rules of procedure, which are very long, would be adopted, for reason, except in the event of emergency.

Arabi and the Mohammedans.

The appearance of the Highland regiments, which have been ordered to Egypt, has come from both sides of Egypt at once, with doubtless the great surprise to Arabi and his followers, who seem to be their grand fathers in 1798. When the Highlanders of Sir Ralph Abercrombie's army landed at Alexandria in that year the Arabs of the time, after a wonderfully short time, they want crete, ran to announce to their friends the arrival of a host of giants as large, the Sir Ralph Abercrombie's army landed at Alexandria in that year the Arabs of the time, after a wonderfully short time, they want crete, ran to announce to their friends the arrival of a host of giants as large, the Sir Ralph Abercrombie's army landed at Alexandria in that year the Arabs of the time, after a wonderfully short time, they want crete, ran to announce to their friends the arrival of a host of giants as large, the Highland regiments fell fearless were, on our occasion a highwaiff garden, detached by the time their number of Negros, and they literally scoured and the whole garrison. When Napoleon was asked next morning, the place and talks the Arabs they endeavored, plaits that of the King, where most have been, and, sol that the Sultan Government shall call out the women. But after that first look at the Highland Regiments Arabi changed his belief once for all, and he back upon the theory that these terrible fighters had deliberately adopted the tartan garb in order to remind them of the sword, which they had used so well in the days of the English before by Sana saint.

INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION

The results of the recent examination, as they concern the schools of this county are as follows

KINGSTON

Grade A Marie Crawford, Hattie L. Chown.

Grade B Isabel McCrimlis, Margaret McLean, Etta Elliott, Mary Davidson, Sophia Cartwright, Annie Greene, Frankie Anderson, Maud Hoyes, Ethel Cunningham, Herbert Hoyes, Emma C. Howard Alice Saunders, Nerva McDonald, Ethel Cunningham.

Intermediate, Jane McCrimlis, Fred Sutherland, Frances Bailey, Edna Henry Bell.

STONEWALL

Grade A Augusta Hulkes

Grade B George Heath, Ethel Kilborn, Sarah Hoffing, Esther Hoffing, Henry Irons.

Intermediate George Kilhart, John Kilhart, Fred Powers, Edward Hoffing, Jane Henry, Mary Donovan

NEWBURG

Grade A Amanda L. Hicks.

Grade B Mahala M. Hicks, Lizzie Doyle, Annie A. Adams.

Intermediate Orestus Burhart

A QUICK PASSAGE

The Hamilton Spectator says that the third rail of the narrow gauge to Beamsville and St Catharines has been laid to Jordan Station. The road will be ready for traffic by the 15th inst. Mr Hamilton's law team rattled across Jordan Station on Tuesday morning, and the road was in good condition. The Toronto gentlemen who left Hamilton on Saturday, 29th, arrived in Quebec on the following Saturday, 5th, with a stop of a day at Montreal. As the Conqueror has not been below Three Rivers this season, this is probably incorrect the fact before this was a trip for Big Mr Arthur, of the Cobourg Rattling Company, took down a consisted of eleven drawn, and made the trip from Kingston to Quebec in nine days. The Arthur of the Macdonald also took one of Cairnside rafts down in seven days. These were considered quick trips, and it is not probable that a raft would come from Hamilton to Quebec in seven days, unless it was a very small one.

Ayer's Ague Cure is intended to act as an antidote to malarial fevers, and all diseases generated by miasm, damp and enough. Science has brought to its aid quinine, iron, and all the tonics, alkalies, acids, and mineral and vegetable drugs, in various combinations, chemistry and the healing art have contributed to make the curative strength of the new medicine.

Sparks from the Telegraph

Stephen Maury, some relative of the New York Maurys, died in Rio Janeiro the morning of the 11th August.

Henry George was arrested at Albany yesterday and liberated. Tammany is said to have a small hand in arresting the suspects.

Thomas Hughes, the Tennessee Land Reformer, has been nominated for Congress by the Greenbacks.

Sad Drowning.

Montreal, Aug 11. Mr Alexander Mitchell, of the firm of Mitchell, Ross and Co., was drowned in the Lachine rapids this afternoon. He was a member of the Montreal Rifles, and was a member of the Montreal Rifles, and was a member of the Montreal Rifles, and