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HOME HAPPENINGS.

MRS. HALPIN'S STATEMENT OF HER CASE.

Murder and Suicide—Irish National League—Political Matters—An Arctic Find—Etc.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

The Cleveland Scandal—Mrs. Halpin's Statement of Her Case.

NEW YORK, August 15th.—A special from Buffalo says: Mrs. Halpin said to a reporter: "I was employed at Flint & Kent's when Grover Cleveland persistently sought and made my acquaintance. My child, Oscar Folsom Cleveland, was born September 14, 1874. Grover Cleveland is his father, and to say that any other man was responsible for his birth is infamous. It does not seem possible, after all that I have suffered for Grover Cleveland and for my boy's sake, that a further attempt will be made to blacken me in the eyes of the world. No one knows the extent of my sufferings. After my child was taken from me I begged Cleveland on my knees to have a sight of my babe. I found where the boy was, however, and one day I rushed in upon his keeper, snatched him up and ran away before they could stop me. My sufferings subsequently, my fruitless attempts to have Cleveland fulfill his promise of marriage, his neglect of myself and our child, my abduction and violent treatment by his hired tools, are truthfully but only partially told in the Buffalo *Telegraph* of July 21st. It would be impossible to cover even that made up in those years of shame, suffering and degradation forced upon me by Governor Cleveland." The *Telegraph* adds: "The gentleman to whom she made the statement said that in course of a long interview with her she wept bitterly as she told of her wrongs. He manner and desperate condition forced a conviction of sincerity. When told that it was reported she had made, or was about making, a statement exonerating Governor Cleveland, Maria Halpin drew herself up as if preparing for a supreme effort, and replied in the most impressive and earnest manner: 'Me make a statement exonerating Grover Cleveland? Never. I would rather put a bullet through my heart.' She said further that she could not truthfully make any such statement, and Cleveland would not dare ask her to humiliate herself again; that he might enjoy honors and wealth, while on his account she was excluded from kindred and friends, and patiently awaiting for death to end her misery. She went into details of what she had suffered from 1874 to 1877 at the hands of Cleveland or his agents, telling a story that would melt a heart of stone. Her statements are fortified by facts known in the case and by circumstances and records bearing upon that eventful period of her life."

Political Matters.

NEW YORK, August 15th.—The *Star*, the only paper which prints the Buffalo special containing Mrs. Halpin's interview this morning, has the following editorial, double-leaded: "Our columns to-morrow will contain a history which must prove of interest to every American citizen. No more remarkable recital has appeared in a dozen campaigns. After four years of silence and concealment, disclosure will be made which may well cause honest voters to inquire into the methods of campaign managers. As an independent Democratic newspaper, it is the *Star's* duty to publish everything of interest to the people in the present campaign, no matter who suffers by the disclosure. Justice and truth demand its publication, and if it shall rid the grand old party of an incubus of shame, the public will thank us for it."

The *Tribune* this morning says: "Facts enough are already given to the public, and admitted by his friends, to stamp Cleveland as a man without the character or qualifications necessary for the high office he seeks. But half has not been told. The *Tribune* has had a correspondent at work in Buffalo searching the truth of this so-called reformer's public record. To-morrow we shall present the first installment of Cleveland's experience as Sheriff."

UTICA (N. Y.), August 15th.—General Logan reached Utica at 10 o'clock. A great crowd, with music and cannonade, was at the depot. A procession was formed to the Butterfield House. Here, from the balcony, Senator Coggeshall introduced Logan, who expressed the great pleasure it gave him to meet with such cordial welcomes as had been extended wherever he had been in New York State. The present beautiful morning there had been introduced to him most happily the citizens of Utica, whose cordial reception would ever be gratefully remembered.

Logan left for the West at 11:40. He goes to Buffalo, Pittsburg and Chautauqua, where a grand reception is promised. He expects to reach Chicago on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Logan leaves at 3 this afternoon for West Point, where she will spend a few days.

BOSTON, August 15th.—Captain Ellsworth, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Political Alliance, said to-day that the membership of the Order was more than 475,000. General Grant is proposed as its candidate for President. Captain Ellsworth says: "Though he has not as yet sent us his official acceptance, we feel assured, as he has not declined the honor, and from private advices, that he will run." General Fremont is expected to accept the nomination of Vice-President. When asked if the Alliance had any connection with the old Know-Nothing party, Captain Ellsworth said: "Yes, sir; it has. Its platform is the adoption of the Know-Nothing belief in its broadest sense."

NEW YORK, August 15th.—A Long Branch special says: General Grant, referring to a report that he was willing to accept the nomination of the American Political Alliance for the Presidency, said: "I never heard of Ellsworth, who addressed me on the subject, until I received a letter from him tendering me the Presidential nomination of the American Political Alliance. I know nothing of either the Alliance or Ellsworth, with the exception of what I have read in the newspapers. I have not answered the letter, and do not intend to answer it. No committee have waited on me to see if I would accept the nomination tendered me in Ellsworth's letter. I am a Republican, and I have no interest in the Alliance or its action."

A reporter called at General Fremont's office, on Broadway, relative to his reported acceptance of the Vice-Presidency. The General seemed disinclined to talk on the subject, but said he might have something to say later.

NEW YORK, August 15th.—The *Sun's* Augusta (Me.) special says: The Republicans of this State have practically completed all the details of their canvass. They expect 10,000 majority; if they get over 10,000 they will go wild. The Democrats concede 6,000; they will work to cut down the majority. Blaine does not intend to leave Maine during the campaign. He said yesterday that he expected to have the second volume of his book completed by the time the snow flies.

NEW YORK, August 15th.—A *Sun* extract: Neither party can win without the aid of New York. Indeed, there is as much probability that Butler will throw the election into the House, or even carry New York for himself, as there is that either Blaine or Cleveland can become President without the vote of this State. Cleveland was nominated by the votes of the men from the West, who were prepared to admit that he was not strong in their States, but claimed wonderful strength for him in New York. Now, New York Democrats are telling us that their candidate may be weak here, but he is tremendously popular out West. Cleveland seems to be a sort of chills-and-fever candidate—they've always got him somewhere else.

The Ray Letter—The Murder Out at Last.

NEW YORK, August 15th.—The long delayed expose by United States Commissioner John I. Davenport of the Morey letter, will be published to-morrow morning. It makes a book of 150 pages. It is largely made up of fac-similes of documents showing the forgery in its various forms. The narrative is only a brief part of the whole volume. The book sets forth that the person who actually penned and forged the Morey letter was a lawyer of this city, named Henry A. Hadley. Davenport describes him as a manipulator of insurance companies of doubtful character, and of other matters equally precarious; with an innate love of intrigue, and with craving for notoriety, and an unconquerable desire to dip into politics, and to correspond with public men. He quotes from his letters to show that he always was a Democrat, though at the time of the commission of the forgery he was Secretary of a Republican association, in the rooms of which the forgery was committed, on or about October 2, 1880. The forgery, according to Hadley's admission, and confirmatory evidence collected by Davenport, was originally in the form of an extract from a supposed interview with General Garfield. Davenport possessed himself of about 10,000 letters written by Hadley between 1873 and 1879, and finds all the distinctive marks of orthography and caligraphy alike in them and the forged letter. Hadley always mispelled the word "religiously," as it was mispelled in the forged letters, and all words ending in "ies," such as companies, copies and enemies, he spelled with the final "ys," as the word "companys" appears in the forged letter as in his genuine correspondence. Hadley invariably dotted the letter "r" when it occurred in a word containing an "i," as in the signature to the forged letter. Hundreds of fac simile productions prove this conclusively. It was on the display of this evidence of guilt that Hadley confessed his part in the crime. Hadley admits that he wrote the name of Henry L. Morey in the register at the Kirtland House in Lynn, and substituted it for the name of George E. C. Morey in the affidavit of Mrs. Clara Morey, declaring he was her son. These forgeries were made to sustain the original forgery, as there was no such man as H. L. Morey, to whom the forged letters were supposed to have been written, nor was there ever any such person as John W. Goodall, who claimed to be the executor of H. L. Morey, and who transmitted the forged letter to the *Truth*. Hadley wrote the Goodall letters also. Davenport also says that a week or ten days before the publication in the *Truth* of the Morey letter, Charles A. Dana, of the New York *Sun*, was told that such a letter was in existence, and upon his expressing a doubt thereof, his informant assured him such was the case, and that he believed he could obtain it and show it to him (Dana). To this Mr. Dana replied that he did not care to see it, for the reason that he believed that if any such letter was in existence it was a forgery, and he wished to have nothing to do with it. Lindsley, like Morey, was a fictitious person, and the man who personated him on the Philp examination was arrested for forgery, and confessed, and is now serving a term in the Sing Sing prison for that offense. The language of the Morey letter is shown to have been culled from speeches by Cutter of New Jersey, Williams of Wisconsin, Phillips of Kansas, Luttrell of California, and others on the Chinese bill, and from the testimony of Henry George and others before the House Committee on Chinese Immigration, and in no sense are extracts from Garfield's writings. A copy of the account of Garfield with the Stationery Clerk of the House for the session from March 21st to December 23, 1879, shows Garfield never used the paper with the peculiar heading of the sheet on which the forged letter was written, and that style of paper was never issued except during the time indicated.

Blaine's Libel Suit.

WASHINGTON, August 15th.—Mr. Blaine's libel suit against the Indianapolis *Sentinel* provokes considerable discussion in political circles to-day, and the opinion is general that his prompt action in the matter will cause the story to react in his favor. There was a disposition in some quarters to deride it as being done merely for effect, and that the trial was to be after the election, but this is silenced by the assurance that the case must be tried in the October term of the Indiana Courts, and will be disposed of before the election.

Close of the Session of the Irish National League.

BOSTON, August 15th.—At the Irish National League Convention, yesterday, these resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, First, that the Irish National League of America hereby expresses its unqualified approval of the course pursued during the past year by Charles Stewart Parnell and the Irish Parliamentary party under his leadership.

Resolved, That we congratulate the Irish National League of America on its success in stemming the tide of forced immigration of artificially impoverished people, and causing the United States Government to compel England to take back those whose poverty is the direct result of her misgovernment.

Resolved, That we view with satisfaction that the opposition of this League to land grabbing in America by non-resident aliens has been, by the efforts of our Executive, adopted as the doctrine of the American people in their political platforms.

Resolved, That we note with approval the study of the Irish language as one of the elements in the progress of our race, and encourage the efforts of those engaged in its cultivation.

Resolved, That we indorse and encourage the efforts of the promoters of Irish colonization in their efficient efforts to provide homes in the United States for Irish emigrants who would otherwise be compelled to it, without hope of competence, in the larger cities.

Resolved, That the gratitude of the Irish race is due in a particular manner to the Executive of the League, Alexander Sullivan, for his devotion to the cause of Ireland.

Addresses were delivered by Sexton, Father Cronin, Senator Jones, of Florida, A. E. Redmond and others.

Patrick Egan, the former Treasurer, was then elected President by acclamation. Neil O'Brien, of Missouri, Thos. Doherty, of Boston, and Maurice F. Withare, of Philadelphia, were chosen Vice-Presidents. Father O'Reilly was re-elected Treasurer and Father Roger Walsh Secretary. The National Executive Committee was chosen, and resolutions of regret at the death of Wendell Phillips passed. The Convention then adjourned.

Six hundred delegates to the Irish National League left to-day on the harbor excursion given by the Boston city government.

The Records and Relics of the Greely Expedition.

WASHINGTON, August 15th.—The records and relics of the Greely Arctic expedition, which were brought to New York and there turned over to the authorities on Governor's Island, were brought here to-day and delivered to the Chief Signal Officer. They will be used by Lieutenant Greely in making his report of the expedition, and by the Chief Signal Officer in making his report to the Secretary of War. The collection includes all the records of the scientific work and discoveries of the Greely party, their instruments and private papers and diaries of the members. When the expedition was fitted out every member was supplied with blank-books in which to keep their personal records of events during their stay in the Arctic regions. It was the understanding that these records were their personal property, and not subject to the supervision of Lieutenant Greely, or any one else. Seventeen of them have been preserved. Their contents will be considered confidential between the Government and the writers, and while portions of them will be used in making up the history of the expedition, nothing they contain will be made public until Lieutenant Greely's report of the expedition is completed. General Hazen says it may be a year before Greely's report is finished.

Murder and Suicide.

SYCAMORE (Ill.), August 15th.—Kitty, the 17-year-old daughter of H. Mitchell, a farmer living three miles west of here, was shot twice yesterday afternoon by Louis Taylor, a farm hand. The murdered girl's parents had left the house after dinner for the city, leaving Florence (or Kitty, as she was called), at home alone with Taylor, the hired man, who was working near the house. Alice Dennis, daughter of a neighbor, was to come over and pass the afternoon with Kitty. When she arrived at the house—about 2:30 P. M.—she could not find Kitty, but soon had her attention attracted to smoke issuing from the cellar. Hurrying into the basement, she was horrified at the sight presented. On her face on the floor lay her friend, with her clothes on fire. Miss Dennis dashed a pail of water over her friend, and then ran for help. A couple of men were passing and carried the body from the cellar, when it was found that Kitty had been fatally shot. One ball had entered her head three inches back of the right ear, and, taking an upward course, lodged in the brain. Taylor, the hired man, was missing. The alarm was quickly spread and 300 men were in pursuit within a short time. A hasty search through the rooms above indicated that a struggle had taken place there, and that the girl had fled to the cellar to escape him, showing that in all probability he had tried to assault her. Spreading a short distance apart, a line of men beat through the corn. Some of the pursuers saw him in the distance and started forward with a yell. Taylor was soon lost to sight, and then the report of a revolver was heard and the crowd gathered near the creek. One elbow of the man they were after was seen to project from the water. The body was found with a bullet through the heart, and by his side was a revolver with one chamber empty. The body of the murderer now lies at the jail awaiting the Coroner's inquest, which will be held to-morrow. Miss Mitchell's body lies at the home of her parents. She was a bright, handsome young lady, of respectable character and respected by all. The mother of the murdered girl has since lost her reason and is a raving maniac.

The Turf.

CHICAGO, August 15th.—The half mile heats, for all ages, Nora M. won, Sunrise second, Walker third. Time, :49. The mile heat, three-year-olds, for non-winners, Top Sawyer won, Lady Kump second, Rebel Scout third. Time, 1:45½. The half mile, for two-year-olds, non-winners, Leonardo won, Vaulter second, Eva Britton third. Time, :50½. The mile and an eighth race, light welter weights, Revoke won, Athelstone second, Chantilly third. Time, 1:58½. The mile and a sixteenth heat, all ages, Thady won, Mart Bonham second, Lycurgus third. Time, 1:50.

SARATOGA, August 15th.—The six furlongs heat, for maiden two-year-olds, Simon won, Rosiere second, Bob May third. Time, 1:17. The mile and seventy yards race, Woodard won, Fosteral second, Bessie third. Time, 1:47. The mile and a furlong, Peter L. won, Sovereign Pat second, Vera third. Time, 1:58. The mile and five furlongs race, Hurdle Glenarm won, Scalper second, Burke Cochrane third. Time, 3:03.

PHILADELPHIA, August 15th.—Not since the day when Maud S. trotted the fastest three consecutive heats ever trotted—2:12½, 2:13¾, 2:12¼—has there been such an attendance at the Belmont Course as was gathered to day, when Jay-Eye-See and Phallas attempted to break the record made by Maud S., and 2:13¾, the best for a stallion, made by Phallas himself at Chicago. The mile records were not broken, but the time made by both horses more than made up the expectations of a majority of the spectators. Jay-Eye-See beat his record for three-quarters of a mile, and but for a losing break just after entering the last quarter, without doubt would have clipped a second or more off Maud S.'s fastest time. Phallas failed to equal his own best performance, but he trotted the three fastest consecutive heats ever recorded by a stallion, the slowest being better than the best record of any other stallion. The attendance was from 10,000 to 12,000 people.

The Governor of Texas to be Arrested.

GALVESTON (Tex.), August 15th.—A warrant was to-day issued by United States Commissioner Spann for the arrest of John Ireland, Governor of Texas, for a violation of Section 5510 of the Revised Statutes of the United States. Emil Francois, upon whose deposition the warrant is issued, was convicted in 1878, under the anti-miscegenation statute of Texas, and sentenced to five years in the Penitentiary. On the 11th inst. Judge Sabine, of the United States Court, granted a hearing to Francois on a writ of habeas corpus. When the case was called for hearing the State announced that the Governor had granted a full pardon to Francois, whereupon the writ was dismissed, and an order of the Court entered discharging Francois. The next day Francois refused to accept the Governor's pardon, alleging that it did not restore him to citizenship, and he preferred rather to rely on the judgment rendered in the dismissal of a writ and discharged from custody by a Court, as the best evidence of his liberty and citizenship. In his affidavit, Francois deposes that Ireland, as Governor of Texas, with the Penitentiary officials, conspired and confederated together for the purpose of depriving him of the rights and privileges secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States. Francois is pure white. He married a colored woman whose complexion is fairer than his own. The State statute under which he was convicted provided only for the punishment of a white person in cases of miscegnation, hence his claim of being discriminated against. The warrant for the arrest of the Governor was placed in the hands of Marshal Tracy to-night. The case attracts great attention.

The Tennessee Duel.

NEW YORK, August 15th.—A Chattanooga special furnishes the particulars of the fatal duel. For some time bad blood had existed between William H. Rogers, aged 22, single, and L. J. Staples, aged 22, married. On several occasions they had personal difficulties. Last night the two men met in a house of ill-fame, and the quarrel was renewed. "Let us step outside. I wish to see you," said Staples. On going outside they agreed to step off a certain number of paces and settle their difficulties at once, and stop the racket. Each man presented his pistol, and simultaneously commenced firing. Three shots were fired by each, two of which took effect on Rogerson, who was shot through the heart and head, and fell dead on the field. Staples was shot in the stomach, and died this morning. Rogerson was well respected. His mother is a widow, and keeps a hotel at Emory Gap. Staples was known as a reckless man and a hard drinker.

Verano's Success.

NEW YORK, August 15th.—A special from Saratoga says: When the speculators mopped the perspiration off their heads and necks and dodged in under the canvas in the East End betting quarter, they "thought well" of Baldwin's colt Verano, and made California's representative a favorite. Verano increased their wealth by carrying success to the finish, making the dash of three-quarters of a mile in 1:18 and had three lengths to spare at the close. For the third race, one mile and a furlong, Buchanan's gelding Jim Renwick, was the favorite over the field, but the result of the race showed that he did not even get a place.

The Fire Record.

CINCINNATI, August 15th.—A fire this afternoon started in Henlon & Cates' lumber yard, in the eastern part of the city, and is still burning. The Little Miami Railroad is blocked, the rails being heated and warped on the track. The Rockwood Pottery has been consumed and the Little Miami cattle sheds are gone. Some twenty dwellings are on fire. The loss to the lumber company is $60,000. Other losses have not been determined.

ST. LOUIS, August 15th.—A Houston (Texas) special to the *Post-Dispatch*, says: An incendiary fire at Lampasas destroyed the business portion of the town. Loss not estimated.

Railroad Strike Ended.

DENVER (Col.), August 15th.—The Union Pacific strikers here resume work to-morrow morning. A telegram from their representative at Omaha says that all demands have been acceded to.

CHICAGO, August 15th.—The *Daily News'* Omaha special says: A committee of the Union Pacific shopmen who have been on a strike, arrived here to-day and had a conference with General Manager Clark. It appears the trouble arose from a reduction of wages in the shops at Ellis, and laying off some men at Denver, the result being a strike in all the shops of the road. Clark said the reduction was unauthorized and unknown to him till he saw the account of the strike. The result was he issued an order restoring the old rates at Ellis, and returning to work the men laid off at Denver, and promising that there would not again be any reduction of wages. If necessary to furnish work for all, the hours of labor would be reduced.

The Labor Bureau.

NEW YORK, August 15th.—Specials from Washington state that the action of the President in withholding the commission of John Jarrett, as Chief of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, leaves that bureau in an unorganized state, and the work which its friends claimed could be done during the summer recess cannot be begun. It is reported that the gentleman to whom the President will soon issue the commission is Thos. B. Connery, formerly editorial manager of the New York *Herald*, and now of the *Truth*. The relations between Arthur and Connery are of long standing.

An Arctic Find.

PHILADELPHIA, August 15th.—Captain Wilson, of the bark Plavine, at this port from Ivigtut, furnishes the following: In June last, off Julian's, the lower part of a tent was found by the Esquimaux on a piece of floe, or drift ice, the upper part of which seemed to have been blown away. In the ends of the store was a provision case marked "Jeannette." There was also found a chart and a check-book on the Bank of California, both signed by DeLong; a pair of oiled trowsers of Louis Nares, and a bearskin which covered something of the size and shape of a human corpse, but the Esquimaux could not remove the skin to ascertain what was underneath.

A Bare-Knuckle Fight.

PITTSBURG, August 15th.—Eli George and Buck Gehrhart, well-known local pugilists, engaged in a bare-knuckle prize-fight in Lawrenceville last night for a purse of $700. The fight took place in a tenement house and was won by Gehrhart in twenty-seven rounds. Both men were terribly punished. George was so weak that he was unable to leave the room.

Will Withdraw.

ST. LOUIS (Mo.), August 15th.—The Texas and Pacific Railroad has notified the Transcontinental Association that it will withdraw from the Association in ninety days from July 31st. This action, together with the withdrawal of the Atlantic and Pacific some time ago, will probably be discussed at the meeting of the Association to be held at Saratoga, September 2d, and the opinion prevails that the Association will be dissolved.

A Family Poisoned.

CHARLESTON (W. Va.), August 15th.—While the family of Julian Dickinson were away from the house on a visit, a colored female servant placed a quantity of arsenic in the crock of milk in the spring-house. On returning home, the family, together with a neighbor named Mills, and a boy, drank the milk, and soon after were taken sick. The servant was arrested.

Tendered a Banquet.

SPRINGFIELD (Ill.), August 15th.—The members of the bar of the Fifth Judicial District of Illinois to-night tendered a banquet to Hon. Chas. S. Zane, of this city, the newly-appointed Chief Justice of Utah, Senator Cullom, General John M. Palmer, Hon. Bluford Wilson and others were toast masters.

Failures.

NEW YORK, August 15th.—Failures throughout the country for seven days, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., number in the United States 202, in Canada 17, a total of 220, against 232 last week, showing a decrease of 12. The casualties are still heavy in the Pacific States. Other sections of the country are about up to the average, and light in Canada.

The Bricklayers Successful.

NEW YORK, August 15th.—Reports have been sent abroad respecting the progress of the bricklayers' strike. Your reporter learned this morning from good authority that the brick ayers have virtually succeeded, and only a small number remain unemployed. Two large contractors succumbed to-day and yesterday.

Will Not be a Candidate for Re-election.

PHILADELPHIA, August 15th.—Chairman Cooper, of the Republican State Committee, says Senator J. Donald Cameron will not be a candidate for re-election.

Petition for a Receiver.

NEW YORK, August 15th.—The leading depositors in the Wall-street Bank petition the Court to-day to appoint a Receiver.

Governor of the Choctaws.

FORT SMITH, August 15th.—According to the returns from the Choctaw Nation Edward McCurtains, brother of the present incumbent, is elected Governor of the Choctaws by a majority of over 200.

A Mohammedan Elopement.

A singular case of murder is reported to have occurred the other day at Habiganj, in Assam. A respectable Mohammedan, it appears, eloped with the wife of a Munipuri gentleman of Assampara. The aggrieved husband, on becoming acquainted with the circumstances of the affair, proceeded immediately to the Mohammedan and demanded the instant restoration of his spouse, but on an explanation from the seducer he was induced to return with a present of Rs300 instead of his wife. This dubious transaction came to the knowledge of the husband's fellow villagers, and they, acting under a stronger sense of wrong than appears to have actuated the husband, proceeded in a body to the Mohammendan's residence and murdered him. The murder in due course was reported to the police, who, on investigating the matter, found that the Munipurees, some 200 in number, were anxious to take upon themselves the responsibility of the crime. They stated that they all killed the man; that no one took a more prominent part than another, and that they were all equally guilty. Under the circumstances the police had no alternative but to arrest the whole body of villagers, and the case is now under investigation. A Bengalee paper, in narrating the above circumstances, says: "What a strange unity. We are afraid in a Bengalee village the Queen's evidence would have been forthcoming as soon as the investigation began. But in a whole army of Munipurees not a single man could be found out as Queen's evidence." Alas, for the degeneracy of the Bengalees.—[London Globe.

THE CANALS OF AMSTERDAM.—The canals are an unmitigated nuisance. They may be all very well in the winter, if the frost be hard enough to freeze them, but as soon as the weather begins to grow warm they give out an odor like that which the Scriptures tell us is emitted by the deeds of the wicked. They cut the city in all directions, and are of course only to be crossed at regular intervals by the aid of bridges; so that the pedestrian wanting to get from one side of the street to the other is liable to be sent 200 yards out of his way before he can do so. At night, in a dark street, they are to be approached warily, for a false step or a stumble against the stone pillars to which the boats and barges are moored would be apt to send one head foremost into the water. But the quaint craft that ply their sluggish waters have a character and interest of their own, and the mingling of town life with the life of the river is curious enough in the streets where the canals are found.—[Tinsley's Magazine.

HUNTING THE WREN.—An old custom called the Hunting of the Wren is still observed in the Isle of Man. A fairy who exerted a baleful influence over the island was pursued by a knight, and only escaped in the moment of extreme hazard by assuming the form of a wren. In consequence of this, on the specific anniversary the islanders devoted their energies to the extirpation of the fairy, and wrens were pursued, pelted and fired at without mercy. The feathers were preserved with religious care, the belief being that they had a peculiar charm in preserving their possessors from shipwreck. Any fisherman who proceeded to sea without such safeguard was considered exceedingly foolhardy. At the present time, on the morrow of Christmas day, groups of boys proceed from door to door, carrying a wren suspended in the center of two hoops, which are decorated with evergreens and ribbons. The boys pluck the feathers from the unfortunate bird, and give one to each liberally-disposed householder, singing meanwhile a rhyme.

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DESTRUCTIVE DROUGHT.—Australian newspapers continue to give details of the effects of the drought in New South Wales, one of the saddest and most disheartening that has ever been recorded in the history of the colony. The news is terrible from the interior of the colony; 40,000 sheep have been lost on one station, and the Governor has been asked to proclaim a day of prayer for rain. The Namoi is lined with carcasses, and there are from 8,000 to 12,000 carcasses between Pilligia and Walget alone. Shearing dead sheep in water-holes has been resorted to. The country is strewn with bleaching bones. Cattle and sheep are perishing everywhere, and hundreds of squatters and farmers are threatened with ruin.

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