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According to the Atlanta Constitution, Lord Salisbury recently declared in an address before the Associated Boards of Trade of London that the English government cared less for Christianity, humanity or patriotism, than for the financial interests of English citizens.

America will have beet sugar to burn in a few years from now if present efforts to promote the growth of that staple accomplish their purpose, predicts the New York Mail and Express. With a few acres planted in beet root, every farmer can have a sugar plantation of his own.

The Atlanta Constitution says: "The people of Florida consume a vast amount of canned goods. In doing so they help to enrich the fruit and vegetable growers of other States, and the manufacturers in other States; they are therefore interested in canning factories, and a number of these enterprises will soon be established."

The chief of the Forestry Division of the Department of Agriculture reports that while white pine will be cut in the United States for many decades to come, such enormous amounts of the timber as have hitherto been harvested annually cannot be counted on beyond the next five or six years, even with the help of Canada's supply.

The astonishing statement is made, but borne out by facts, that the difference of one mill per ton per mile on freight carried by all railroads in the United States, makes a difference in the revenue of eighty millions of dollars. It is the careful watching of the tenth part of a cent that brings profit to the transportation companies.

The peaceful invasion of Mexico by the Japanese has begun, announces the New York Press. The Mexican Government is offering extraordinary inducements to the Benjamin of civilization. Land at ten cents an acre, with freedom from all taxation for the first ten years of occupation! Think of it! Mexico expects to have a population of at least 40,000 Japanese within two years.

Jerome K. Jerome's To-Day, published in London, frankly voices the almost universal British sentiment in regard to the Boers. It says: "By all means let us fight and win the Transvaal. We are going to fight for gold mines and territory, if they cannot be got without fighting. Every nation has to play pirate at times, and let us play boldly when we do, and trust to Mr. Chamberlain to see flags of truce kept out of the soldiers' baggage. Twice the Boers have seen the flag of England hoisted on a stick, and always white. It is time to prove we have a colored flag."

The experimental shipment of pig iron from Alabama to England a couple of years ago proved successful beyond even the hope of the originators of the scheme. Now, there is an actual scarcity of steamer room for shipping of the Alabama iron sold for export, declares the New York Times. So much cheaper can the pig be made in Alabama than in England, that English capitalists interested in iron production are planning to invade Alabama and conduct iron works there.

A leading iron producer in England recently told a writer for the Manufacturers' Record that this step was an absolute necessity if England expected to retain control of the iron markets of the world.

The Standard Oil Company has won the distinction of being the greatest industrial corporation in the United States. The capital of the company is \$100,000,000 and the profits last year are said to have amounted to \$44,000,000 or forty-four per cent. It is now proposed to double the amount of the capital stock, giving each certificate holder twice the amount of the certificates he now holds, and it is believed that after that has been done the certificates will pay annual dividends of twenty per cent. Standard oil certificates are now selling at nearly 300, or three times their nominal value, and it is believed by the American Agriculturist that after the proposed "watering" of the stock, they will still sell at 200, so that the present certificates may advance to 400.

Death Defeated Plans. BROOKLINE, Mass., May 4.—Dr. Caleb Davis Bradlee after 40 years of ministry preached his farewell sermon at Christ church, Longwood, of which he was pastor, on April 25. On May 2 he was to have received the honor of pastor emeritus, but at his table on Saturday evening dropped dead. Dr. Bradlee was one of the famous rich and aristocratic Boston Bradlees, and was Boston born and educated.

NOTES FROM THE HUB.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Postmaster Jeremiah W. Covey died suddenly on April 30 at his home in Cambridgeport, of pneumonia. Col. Covey had been sick about three weeks and was considered to be convalescent, and his physician, who called just before he died, said that his patient was improving and that he would be much better that day. Colonel Covey was born in this city in 1810. He entered the Civil War as a second lieutenant in the Twenty-eighth regiment, Massachusetts volunteers, and rose to be colonel of the regiment, his war record being particularly brilliant. He was one of the best known and hardest working Democrats in the State. He served for eight years in the Cambridge city council, four years in the legislature, two years as Governor Russell's private secretary and two years as a member of the state gas commission.

From 1852 to 1856 he served as chairman of the Democratic state committee, being succeeded by Joshua Quincy. In 1856 he was appointed postmaster of Boston by President Cleveland, and he has proved one of the best and most popular officials who ever held this position, which has been held by three children, his wife having died about two years ago. Postmaster Covey was a member of the American-Irish Historical Society, and is the first member of that organization to pass away. The council of the society will take appropriate action.

It is susceptible of proof that the city of Boston is losing some \$40,000 a year in the business management of Quincy market by not obtaining a sufficient rental for the lease of its stalls, the fact may be brought forward as an argument against the municipality of certain of our great business services. The statement has been made that holders of leases from the city have been able to sublet at a considerable advance over the rent paid by them; that is, it is said that this money, which goes into the city treasury, because it represents the value of the possession of a stall in the market, is being turned into the pockets of those who might be termed stall speculators. In other cases the statement has been made that stalls are being let at a profit to the city, and that the proprietors at rentals considerably below that which others would be quite willing to pay for them. It may not be good policy for the State to dispossess the occupant of a stall in the market who has been a tenant for years; at least let him pay substantially the same for the right of possession that could be obtained if the stall were vacant and it were thrown open to competition. The market-man who had a house or shop to rent would not be likely to continue in occupation a tenant who would pay him out two-thirds of what he could secure from some other tenant. If the city is carrying on its business affairs in this manner, it is pretty evident that it cannot be safely entrusted with the management of gas, or electricity, or the running of street cars, because the same absence of well defined business practices would in these other cases be productive of serious public loss.

That quarrel in the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company is so acute that the fact that only 57 men out of a membership of 750, assembled preliminary to participation in the Grand ceremonies in New York, is laid to the late implementation of a quarrel between Col. Walker and Col. Bridges, which culminated in a "serap" in the barroom of the Parker House. Both sides to the conflict admit as much, and the bitterness increases between the partisans of the warring military gentlemen. It is very sad, and yet somewhat ridiculous, to see the old-time situation "What do folks say?" inquired the man who had returned to his native place after being elected a member of Congress, and was engaged in friendly chat with the old-time stage driver. "They don't say anything," was the quiet response—"they just laugh!"

The order recently passed by the Common Council requesting the park commissioners to revise the rules of the park department seems to have been called for. Many of the rules are not only ridiculous as to their purpose by reason of their manifest absurdity. What the park department needs is a code of rules based on common sense and considerations for the public welfare. There would then be little or no difficulty in enforcing such rules, and the vast majority of those who visit the parks would cheerfully abide by them. As the rules read today, they are simply a laughing stock.

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The new and modest department of municipal statistics, as constituted by Mayor Quincy, is making its first report, and is being prepared for the discharge of their duties. Under their direction all the facts and figures respecting municipal affairs ought to be kept out of the first two sections of the somewhat famous classification known as lies, d—d lies and statistics.

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Three Out, All Out. FITCHBURG, Mass., May 4.—The members of the board of pension examiners are in receipt of a notice from Washington, signed by the Pension Office, in which they are notified that their services will not be required after May 13. Such a summary dismissal comes somewhat in the nature of a surprise. It has been customary with past administrations to wait until the end of the fiscal year, June 30. The members of the present board are Dr. H. H. Lyons and Dr. J. B. Kelly of this city and Dr. F. H. Mowse of Leominster. They were appointed in July, 1895, and if the custom had been followed, they would have been allowed to serve as pension examiners until the end of the fiscal year. The successors to Dr. Lyons, Kelly and Mowse have been selected. They are Dr. A. C. Hitchcock, Dr. E. F. Miller and Dr. E. L. Piske.

Insurance Company Must Pay. PORTLAND, Me., May 4.—In the case of the Wild River Lumber Company vs. the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Judge Webb has rendered a decision giving judgment for the plaintiff for the total of \$200. Two drammers, McDonald and Fairbrother, were injured on a road owned by the defendant corporation, and recovered damages from the lumber company. The plaintiff company had insured with the defendant company, covering liability for such accidents. The insurance company declined to pay on the ground that they were not liable under the terms of the policy, and that the Wild River company was not liable either for the men's injuries.

MURDER—SUICIDE.

Maine Farmer Kills Wife, Baby and Himself.

Cause Unknown—Deliberate Preparations for Fatal.

BONNY EAGLE, Me., May 4.—John W. Lane, an energetic, popular, well-to-do young farmer, his young wife and their 10-month-old baby went out to ride and to make calls as was their almost daily wont. Lane had been busy all day, cheerful and good natured, and making preparation for the future. The next morning neighbors calling at the home found all three dead. The baby had been shot dead as it and the mother lay in bed. The mother had been shot at the head but had had a terrible struggle for life. She had evidently struggled and diverted the shots in the revolver until the chambers were exhausted, then fainting she had given up. Lane reloaded the revolver and shot her to death. Then he got out his books, papers and well-chosen pocketbook, laid them where they could be found, dressed himself in his best, left a note asking that he be buried as he was found, and then shot himself. The bullet, which penetrated his triple dose of blood had taken effect in the forehead, which was smoked and scorched by the close proximity of the revolver muzzle. No other slugs were at this present writing, been found for the dead.

Lane's parents are dead. The father died about a year ago, leaving the homestead to his son and a daughter, Miss Margaret N. Lane. Two years ago the son married Miss Mary Fullerton of Boston, who had been spending the previous winter in Italy. They had means, she receiving an annuity of \$500 from her father's estate, and he about an equal amount as the income of a legacy left him by his uncle, John W. Lane, a prominent Portland real estate owner, who died about seven years ago.

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HISTORIC OLD CHURCH.

Bi-Centenary of Trinity Episcopal—Prolonged Celebration.

NEW YORK, May 4.—Old Trinity church which, for many years, has stood at Broadway, facing Wall street, overlooking that centre of trade and commerce, began on Sunday the celebration of the bi-centenary of the Trinity Episcopal church. The celebration will continue throughout the week. The first church edifice was completed in 1678, the Trinity Protestant Episcopal church having been given its existence on May 6, 1697, when William III, king of England and the American colonies, affixed his seal to the charter. The old edifice was enlarged in 1731 and destroyed by fire in 1776. It was not rebuilt until 12 years later, and was torn down in 1839 to give place to the present edifice, which was consecrated on May 21, 1846. Trinity today includes nine chapels, in addition to a parish church, a large number of industrial schools, a hospital, a number of guilds, clubs and parish associations.

A TYPICAL GENTLEMAN. Gen. John T. Richards Chosen Adjutant General—His Record.

GARDNER, Me., May 4.—Gen John Tudor Richards of this place was appointed adjutant general May 1, 1897, by Governor Seligson, who has resigned to accept the U. S. pension agency at Augusta. General Richards was born in Gardner, July 23, 1841. After a course of instruction received from private tutors, he entered a military school at Sing Sing, N. Y., and afterward went to England, where for three years he was a student at Rugby. He returned to America before the war broke out. In the summer of 1862 he enlisted in the 2nd Massachusetts cavalry, and during the war his record was brilliant, and his rise rapid. He engaged in the following battles: South Anna Bridge, Ashby's Gap, Drainesville, Aldie, Fort Steno, Fort Reno, Rappahannock, Point, Berryville, Berryville Pike, Charles town, Hallowtown, Opequan "six days," Winchester, Luray, Waynesboro, Tom's Brook, Cedar Creek, South Anna, Williams Road, Middleburg Court House, Petersburg, Fort Forks, Sailor's Creek and Appomattox Court House.

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General Vermont News.

The question as to who will serve as village bailiffs at Brattleboro for the coming year seems further from solution, than at writing time. The question was first decided by the nomination and a meeting of the Republican and Democratic town committees was held to discuss the matter in place of the four nominees, and the names of four members of the old board were filed, each having reluctantly consented. They were E. L. Parker, John G. J. J. Eckles and C. H. Wood. When it was learned that the name of J. Grey Estey, the other member of the old board, had been left off, two members of the old board, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Parker, who had agreed not to serve unless the entire old board was nominated, again refused to accept the nomination, and Mr. Fleming, the only caucus nominee who has not resigned, was interviewed, and by the town committee, however, with respect to his resignation, and there is now but one nominee for village bailiff.

The arrangements are nearly completed for the annual meeting of the grand lodge of Odd Fellows of Vermont, which is to be held at Montpelier, May 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, on Tuesday, May 18, the grand encampment will be held in Odd Fellows hall in this city. The encampment degrees will be given in the evening of the 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, and a banquet under the auspices of the grand-masters, will be held in the evening at the Pavilion. The grand lodge will convene Wednesday morning, May 19, at 10 o'clock, at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon the grand parade of Patriarchs Militant of the state, which will include the officers and members of all the lodges, will be held at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening in Blanchard's opera house, will be held the 50th anniversary exercises, Thursday, May 20, a business session of the grand lodge will be held, at which officers will be elected. Thursday evening the officers of the grand lodge will tender a reception to the state Rebekah lodge, which holds its annual session Friday.

Ex-Lieutenant-Governor H. A. Fletcher's funeral was held at the farmhouse in Cavendish where he had spent his life. There was a large attendance of friends, and the funeral was held in large numbers to pay their last marks of respect to their friend, and many people from all over the state being present. Rev. C. D. Owen of Ludlow conducted the funeral service, assisted by Rev. A. H. Murray of Cavendish, O. G. Howard Post, G. A. H. of Ludlow, of the Vermont grand lodge, conducted the services at the grave. The interment was in the family lot. Among those present from out of town were Ex-Governor Page, Secretary of State, and Hon. J. W. Huntington, State Treasurer Field and W. A. Patrick of Rutland, F. D. Proctor of Proctor, Hugh Henry and James A. Folland of Chester and Judge Parker of Dover.

Bishop A. C. Hall, who has been on a three months' trip to Bermuda for his health, has returned and is at his home at Rock Point, Burlington. He has spent most of the weeks of his absence in Bermuda, returning to stay for a fortnight in Lakewood, N. J., and a few days near Boston before coming to Burlington. The bishop's many friends are pleased to learn of his improving health and that he has obtained a thorough rest.

A curious freak who operated in Washington county about a year ago, who went to people's homes, and took a few dollars, and dressed, saying he would return and buy, never doing so, has again turned up. He has lately been doing his little game in Barre, where he was once a customer general. Those with last year's experience are letting their chickens live, but it is reported that he is covering a larger territory this year. What his object is no one seems to know.

A corps of engineers and surveyors have been at work the past week surveying for the new long distance telephone line between Montpelier and White River Junction, to connect with the existing line between Boston and New York. The headquarters of this line in Montpelier will be at the Central office of the Vermont Telephone and Telegraph company.

The experiment station has just issued bulletin 58, containing the analysis of 66 brands of common Vermont apples. It is published at nine-tenths of the trade of the state is confined to the brands published in this bulletin. It will be sent by ails gratis without charge to all who send for them. The aggregate duty attendance for the last year was 102,952, and for the year previous 100,216.

The war against the liquor dealers of Barre is still hot. Recently 10 barrels of beer were taken from the Central Vermont freight station, and 10 cases of whiskey from the office of the American Express company. William Kyle and Mrs. Catherine Seymour were married by Rev. Father J. M. Gelo at St. Mary's church Middlebury. The bridegroom is over 80 years of age but is very rugged for his years.

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Back on Full Time. FALL RIVER, Mass., May 4.—Curtailment begun on Feb. 1 by cotton mills in New England, representing 3,600,000 spindles, is at an end. During the last 13 weeks the mills have produced 1,815,000 pieces of goods, or about 152,000 pieces weekly. Since the regular production is 230,000 pieces, the curtailment has prevented the production of 88,000 pieces. The sales in 13 weeks have been 3,121,000 pieces, or 1,143,000 more than the production. On Feb. 6 there were 1,497,000 pieces of goods in stock. Since then the brokers have declined to furnish correspondents with all the data of the weekly report, and the stock has to be estimated. It is thought to be about 600,000 pieces. The market is just where it was on Feb. 6, when M. C. D. Borden purchased 750,000 pieces at 2 3/4 cents. Last week's production was 172,000 pieces, and the sales 111,000 pieces. The mills will hereafter run on full time.

New Life-Saving Station. DORCHESTER, Mass., May 4.—The new floating life-saving station, has been towed into her position in Dorchester bay and is one into commission.

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