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DEATH OF BISHOP THOMPSON.

The Methodist Episcopal Church will be surprised and pained at the intelligence of the death of Bishop Edward Thompson, which occurred at Wheeling, West Virginia, Tuesday, of pneumonia. He had been presiding over the West Virginia Conference, in session at Charleston, and was on his way to the conference at Erie, Pennsylvania, when sickness and death overtook him. We have had no preliminary warning of his ill-health, and, therefore, the announcement of his death comes with painful suddenness, following so closely on the death of Dr. McClintock, another great and good man of this branch of the general church.

Dr. Edward Thompson was born at Portsea, England, in 1810. He came to America in 1819, and in 1823 entered upon the practice of medicine. After remaining three years in that profession, he joined the itinerant ministry of the Methodist Church, until in 1838, he was chosen President of the Newark Seminary, which post he occupied for five years, when he was elected Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy in the University of Michigan. He edited the 'Ladies' Repository' until called to the Presidency of the Ohio Wesleyan University. At the General Conference of 1850, he was elected editor of the 'Christian Advocate,' New York, and at the Conference of 1854, was chosen one of the three General Superintendents, together with Davis W. Clark, his successor in the editorial chair of the 'Repository,' and Charles Kingsley, editor of the 'Western Advocate,' at Cincinnati.

PERSONAL.

Hon Henry Ray is dangerously ill. Prince Napoleon is writing a play. Miss Highgate, colored, expects to be chosen state librarian in Mississippi. Frank Blair has settled into the insurance business in New York, and can be seen almost any evening at the uptown hotels.

It is hinted that the Cleveland 'Herald' has sold a part interest to Anna Dickinson. We thought it was just the reverse, and that the 'Herald' took an interest in her.

Mrs. Esther Morris, Justice of the peace, in Wyoming, on the first court day, wore a calico gown, worsted breakfast shawl, green hair ribbons and green necktie.

The empress' new prize of ten thousand francs, in the French Geographical Society, has been awarded to M. Ferdinand de Lesseps, who has turned Rover to the fun of his society.

Brigham Young asserts his personal infallibility, and claims that fact to be a fundamental doctrine of the Mormon faith. This raises a very direct issue between Rome and Salt Lake City.

These are good words of John Ruskin, that deserve to be taken to heart: "It is only by labor that thought can be made healthy, and only by thought that labor can be made happy."

Soon after the death of the poet Wadsworth, a man met a farmer of the neighborhood and said to him, "You have a great loss." "O, ay," said the farmer, "he is dead; but ah hev no doubt 'wife will carry on 't' business, and make it as profitable as liver it was."

GLEANINGS.

They have trained dogs to skate in Paris this winter.

The Virginia lawyers are organizing a "State Law Society."

New York claims to have half a million English sparrows.

A woman at Bellow's Falls, Vermont, was recently voted for as "Selectman."

"Quart bowls, of all sorts and sizes," are advertised by a Nantucket shop-keeper.

They have lately disinterred an "eight-foot Indian chief and four of his subjects," near Louisville Ky.

A young lady in Iowa, wanting to commit suicide in as pleasant a way as possible, made a nice cake to put her poison in.

The Unitarians claim to have been remarkably successful in their India missions. A mission is to be established in Paris.

Alaska has not one Protestant or American missionary or preacher. There are five priests of the Russian Greek church.

A queer enterprise in a religious way is the erection of a neat union church edifice at North Paris, Maine, to be occupied every third Sabbath by three different denominations—Baptist, Methodist and Universalist.

A writer in the 'Observer' says: "We read lately of a case where a preacher, having lost a child, called in a neighboring minister to attend the funeral, and heard, in his own house, one of his own sermons, published ten years before."

The following advertisement appeared in an English paper: "To-day about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, my dear wife Catherine, born at Ellering, was happily confined of two girls and a boy. Barely ten months ago she had twins, making five children in one year."

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Ben, Wade has the hiccup.

The Big Funeral is the folly of the period.

Carlotta Patti staccatoes in New York April the 5th.

The spring forgeries have commenced in New York lively.

Massacres are still the fashion in Cuba among the Spaniards.

The post mortem examination business is being avoided in Gotham.

"Janus," was not written by Dallinger, it is now said, but by Huber, of Munich.

"Boy" has been to see Victoria, but he was not invited to stay all night.

Wife beating is on the decrease, and suicides show a decided falling off, particularly from the bridges.

Mary E. Spencer is the engrossing clerk of the Iowa Senate. She engrosses all of the attentions of the members.

"A Friend of vagabonds" sends twenty five centimes as a contribution to the Neir monument, a family affair.

Col. Plegan Baker gives the Indians transportation to the "happy hunting grounds" except in meritorious cases of small-pox.

"Under Foot" is the title of a ('Southern') novel just issued. "On Top," the sequel, will appear later.

Mr. Gladstone says the Fenian prisoners are well treated, but are not to be released until all is quiet on the Irish Potomac.

The old homestead of General Sam Houston, at Independence, Texas, was sold by the administrator of the estate at public sale last Friday. It comprises 30 acres of land within the town limits of Independence, and sold for \$1,200. Capt. Morrow, of Georgetown, was the purchaser.

Princess Metternich lately appeared at a ball in black tulle, with a very fashionable scarf sash of black gros-grain thrown over the skirt much below the waist. In her hair a diadem of diamond leaves with a touquet of black velvet, a white and black plume down the back of her hair.

THE HAPPY HERMIT OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

(From the New York Times, March 26th.)

About eighteen miles distant from our city, in the township of Yorkers, Westchester county, is a rude district of country, wholly unimproved. It abounds in wild, picturesque forest, rock, and cave. Within this territory the Central Park avenue has been recently laid out, unearthing many curious relics, such as tomahawks, bows and arrows, and many fine geological specimens, seeming to have hitherto been undisturbed since the deluge. The construction of the avenue has disturbed the retreat of a hermit, for many years the occupant of a cave. He is known in the neighborhood as the "leather-clad man," from his singular style of dress, which consists entirely of leather, made from pieces and strips of old boots. He is his own tailor, using an awl and twine with his own rough hands as the substitutes for a sewing machine and fairy fingers, needles and thread. He shuns observation, only showing himself when hunger compels him to do so. He is a man of stalwart frame, large features, and possesses a melancholy rather than morose expression. He lives alone in the cave, prepares his own food, and is completely sheltered from wind and storm. He is very averse to being interviewed, replying to nearly all questions in monosyllables. He is a native of Picardy, France, and was a miner in early life. He was never, it is said, suspected of any wrong act. He is apparently not deficient in intellect, but reserved in regard to his former history. A quiet dignity of character seems to repel all unnecessary questions. We left him in his isolation, almost envying him. He has no rent or income tax to pay; undisturbed by politics or fashion, or the thought of the concrete pavement, unmolested by servants, he is almost the only man in our midst who is thoroughly independent and self-reliant.

THE CAPE COD SHIP CANAL.

A company has been organized in Boston to construct a ship canal across Cape Cod, uniting the waters of Buzzard's Bay, with those of Barnstable Bay.

From statistics collected in 1850 to demonstrate the desirability of this work, it appears that the number of vessels then passing the cape amounted to 10,000, and that from 1833 to 1850, disasters arising from dangers to navigation, that would be avoided by the canal, occurred to more than 200 ships, while during the same time 145 lives were lost from the same cause. Forty thousand vessels now pass around the cape. Of these, about 7,200 vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of 2,200,000, are engaged in the coal trade. All of these vessels would pass through the canal, besides many other vessels too small to brave the dangers of navigation outside the cape. From 1860 to 1870 disasters from those dangers occurred to over 600 vessels, involved a loss of over 100 lives, besides several entire crews. The voyage from New York to Boston would be shortened eight hours for steam vessels by the construction of the work. The amount of capital required is five millions. The canal is to be seven and one-half miles long, three hundred feet wide and twenty-six and one-half feet deep. No locks will be needed.

A VERY GREEDY BOY—The one who recently took the measles from his little sister.

UNIVERSAL AMNESTY.

(Washington (March 25) Dispatch to the Cincinnati Commercial.)

The President to-day, in an interview with Senator Boreman, of West Virginia and Senator Johnson, of Virginia, stated he had already prepared a special message to Congress in granting universal amnesty to rebels in rebellion. He stated he was in favor of granting amnesty to all they would have to do to make a record of the same at the nearest court. Senator Boreman said he was in favor of general amnesty, with but few exceptions, and those he would never consent, so far as he was concerned, to being given the franchise privilege. The President did not desire to make any exceptions, and he would not recommend anything but universal amnesty. He said, further, that after Georgia and Texas are admitted he would send in the message alluded to. Senator Johnson said he was sure it would do more to heal all differences in regard to the late war than any act that could be done.

JUSTICE IN SKIRTS.

The following is extracted from a letter to a lady by her cousin in Wyoming (a lad of 14, son of Esther Morris, Esq., one of the newly-appointed Justices of the Peace in that Territory):

"You are informed by this time that your Aunt Esther Morris is a Justice of the Peace, and if not yet one of the 'eminent women of the age,' she is the first woman who has ever exercised the judicial power, at least on the American Continent. I am glad to say my mother is perfectly at her ease in her new position, and all our best citizens and the press are her open and declared advocates. I have just finished reading 'Emancipation of Women of the Age,' and when I think of what the first advocates of abolition and woman's rights had to endure of public ridicule, and much worse, were sometimes scorned and hissed at and mobbed, the way for their followers now seems comparatively very smooth; and they who will finish the grand reform of equal rights will no more realize the hard work, self-denial, and suffering it required, than the polisher who has grazed the statue which has employed so many days hard work in quarrying and chiselling the rough marble to a beautiful form. I am mother's clerk, and since her appointment I have been busily engaged in studying law and the forms used in our new calling. I think we will get along smoothly, and the prospect of considerable business, too, is flattering; for most of the profession have promised to bring mothers their cases."

The Laramie 'Sentinel,' of March 7, says: "We visited the court-room this morning before the general assembly, at the invitation of Sheriff Boswell, to look at the arrangements and preparations for the court-room. Sheriff Boswell is naturally very slovenly, but even he is not past cure, and can even yet be reached by the refining influence of woman. As an evidence of this fact, I view of four young female jurors, he had fitted up the jury-rooms, both grand and petit, with a degree of neatness and taste in striking contrast with the coarse and negligent provisions made for the last term. Those who, like ourselves, were so unfortunate as to be on the last grand jury, will carry to their graves a recollection of the cold, smoky, and filthy place in which for our sins we were compelled to spend a couple of long, weary weeks. But presto! now behold, and a neat, snug, well furnished room, with a carpet under foot and the walls neatly and tastefully ornamented with pictures, and every preparation for the comfort of the occupants, and score one for the refining influence of female association, even in a jury-room."

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