

ST. PATRICK'S DAY. Some Account of the Great Apostle and the Introduction of Christianity into Ireland before his Day.

St. Patrick's Day is the morning opened clear and bright, but for a wonder not stormy. There is no special observance of the day in this city, though in many of the larger cities, dinners, orations and other festivities are being had.

It is not known positively where he was born, but France and Scotland claim him. He was born about the year 372. At the age of sixteen he was captured by a band of marauders, carried to Ireland, sold into slavery and escaped to Scotland.

He is not true, however, as many people suppose that Christianity was introduced into Ireland by Patrick, and that until his arrival, the ignorant and illiterate heathen. On the contrary, they were long before the time of Patrick among the most polished and enlightened people on earth, and it is to this fact that their ready acceptance of the truths of Christianity as enforced by the wonderful eloquence of the illustrious preacher, is attributed.

O'Halloran, in his History of Ireland, offers many curious proofs to show that the history and religion of the Jews were well known in Ireland long before the incarnation of Christ, and that the Christian religion was in a flourishing condition in Ireland long before the arrival of St. Patrick. During the long reign of Cormac, which terminated A. D. 239, the historian informs us that he was furnished with the right of the son and assisted by some pious Christians—for there is no doubt, as we shall show, but that Christianity made some progress in Ireland before this time—he became convinced of the absurdity of Paganism and disclaimed it. That he had a Christian in religion was not a strong proof. First, though he was clothed by a bone of a salmon sticking across the oesophagus, which would not be pushed either up or down, yet he made a dying request not to be interred in Hollich na Rogh, the royal sepulchre, as he wished that his ashes might mix with those of his heathen ancestors.

Further on (page 146) the historian continues: "At a very early period Christianity was preached in Ireland. The constant unity between this country and ancient Rome, prevented any kind of friendly intercourse. This doctrine came not immediately from thence but from the churches of Asia and Greece. Mansuetus, an Irishman, the first bishop and patron of Toul, and canonized by Leo IX., is said to have been a disciple of St. Peter St. James, the son of Zebedee, it is affirmed, also preached the gospel in Ireland. To me it would rather seem that Mansuetus and the other converts, who were rather the disciples of St. John the Evangelist."

COLUMBIA NEWS. OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE. Market this morning was rather dull. The last evening's performance one of the showmen publicly lauded our townsmen Mr. F. E. Bletz. This style of doing things does not pay in the long run.

A rolling mill boy named Ladenberger was sent to Lancaster this morning for larceny in charge of Officer Fisher. Mr. George Smith, a Pennsylvania railroad engineer, is a deserving fisherman. He got his tackle together yesterday and inaugurated the sport in which he takes such a delight. We have not heard how many bass he caught.

Mr. Frank P. McKin, of the firm of Strawbridge, Chase & Co., wire goods manufacturers, Philadelphia was in town today. Rev. Thomas B. Barker, of Lancaster, will officiate this evening in St. Paul's Episcopal church. Mr. Mary Treagar, a former resident of Columbia, but at present of Philadelphia, was visiting friends in town yesterday. The Pennsylvania railroad ticket agent at this place has received orders to sell excursion tickets to York today, for the lecture on Rev. Thomas Barker, provided a party of twenty-five can be raised.

St. Patrick's Day is here, but the weather accompanying it is exceptionally good, i. e. good for the day. We have had no hail, rain, snow or high and cold winds as yet, but there is still plenty of time. No observance of the day has yet taken place in Columbia and we have not heard that anything out of the usual order will appear. Tony Denier's Hamptly Dumpty pantomime company will appear in the opera house this evening, and will probably be greeted by a large audience, as pantomime performances always take. The company has a good band with it and in a street parade this morning it drew quite a large following.

Daniel Somers, a brakeman on Pennsylvania railroad, No. 103, was yesterday night mangled at Parkersburg this morning while coupling cars. He was brought to his home at this place on the mail train this morning. Engine No. 617 going east this morning broke the main pin on its left side and returned to Columbia about 12:30 o'clock, running only one side, and of course disabled. It will require several days to replace the broken pin. The Louis Martin combination appeared before a fair-sized audience in the opera house last evening. We understand that the receipts amounted to about \$140. Rev. Thomas Guard will lecture in York this evening and he will be listened to by a number of Columbians, who are about completing arrangements for transportation. The central Pennsylvania conference is now in session at York. Every evening of the week, on the arrival of the 6:20 train from the east, a number of loud-mouthed boys assemble in the ante-room of the postoffice to the great annoyance of all persons of more mature years who go down for mail. Not only do they create a din that lasts as long as they remain, but the ante-room is so crowded that it is almost impossible to force one's way through. It is a question whether one out of a dozen of them has business in the office, and we think it would be better to make a rule that some of them and out all who cannot explain that they are there with some specific office. Mr. Hayes Grier, of the Herald, tried to stop the noise last evening, but some of the youngsters "wanted to know what he had to do with it."

Mr. A. M. Rambo, editor of the Courier, in his issue of this date, says that your correspondent "can easily be proven a liar by any one who has authority to open the ballot-box of the late election First ward." This is a brilliant idea on the part of Mr. Rambo, but it is one that he knows as well as we know or as well as any one else knows can never be consummated, as the ballot-box in question cannot be opened without an order from the court, and it is hardly likely that the court would order the box to be opened to find out how Mr. Rambo voted. Before the election Mr. Rambo said he would vote for John A. Stads for school director because he considered him the best candidate of either party for the office. It makes but little difference to us whether Mr. Rambo lied before or after the election.

SALE OF STOCKS. This afternoon Samuel Hess & Son sold the following stocks at the Cooper house: Two shares of Farmers' national bank stock to Wm. S. Shirk, at \$101.60 per share. Two shares of Mechanics' building and loan association, ninth series, to Dr. J. R. Morris, for \$53 per share; two shares of same to John Stein, at \$40.80 per share; two shares of same, eleventh series, to John Stein, at \$26.65 per share; two shares of same, twelfth series, to Dr. J. R. Morris, at \$14.10.

Five shares of Lancaster Workmen's Saving Fund and Building Association stock to David Hartman, for \$27 per share. Twenty-five shares of Farmers' national bank stock to Wm. S. Shirk, at \$101.10 per share. Ten shares of same bank stock to Christian Lefebvre, for \$102.25 per share. Twenty-two shares of same to same at \$100.30 per share. Five shares of same to Henry Resh at \$109.20 per share.

Fifteen shares of same to Christian Row at \$109.25 per share. Ten shares of County national bank stock to Jacob Barkhill, at \$103.10 per share; five shares of same stock to Mrs. John Doner, at \$102.50 per share, five shares of same to Jacob Barkhill, at \$102 per share; four shares of same to Benjamin Staffer at \$102 per share; fourteen of same to Henry Keady at \$101.80 per share. Fifteen shares of Strasburg national bank stock to Jacob M. Franz, at \$137.75 per share.

Ten shares of Bridgeport and Horse-shoe turpentine stock to John Hartman, at \$20 per share. Thirty shares of Big Spring & Beaver Valley turpentine stock to Tobias Landis at \$10.25 per share. One \$500 Lancaster city 6 percent bond with accrued interest for \$102.55 per bond sold to Jacob Bachman. One \$500 Lancaster city 6 percent bond with accrued interest for \$103 per bond sold to Jacob Bachman. One \$1,000 bond of same, to Jacob Bachman. One \$500 Lancaster city 6 percent bond due 1883, at \$110 per hundred, to Tobias Landis.

Christian Wenditz an elderly man, employed as janitor of the high school building, was assaulted and knocked down on West Orange street yesterday, by a man named John Sheik, with whose sister, apparently 35 years of age, Mr. Wenditz was at the time walking. On pushing the couple rudely apart, Sheik said to Wenditz, "I understand you are not married, and I will walk the streets in company with your sister. Mr. Wenditz remonstrated, whereupon Sheik not only threatened him with bodily harm, but struck him or pushed him so roughly that he fell to the pavement. Mr. Wenditz therefore made complaint of surety of the peace against Sheik before Alderman McConomy. The Sheik has not yet been disposed of. Mr. Wenditz is a widower some 65 years of age or more.

Our Conestoga correspondent informs us of the following additional sales in that township and Pequea. In Conestoga—Wm. Good, 2 acres to Wertheimer, 2 1/2, 7 and 3; Casper Hiller, 3 1/2 of an acre to same, 18, 5 and 3; Ames Aston his crop to same, 21, 6 and 5; Jones, 1 1/2 acres to Gershel & Bro., 14, 5 and 3. In Pequea—H. H. Rhinier, 3 acres to Dr. B. S. Kendall, 19, 5 and 3; Benj. Trissler, 2 acres to same, 18, 5 and 3, and a quarter acre at 20, 5 and 3.

SPECIAL BARGAINS. In addition to our extensive and well selected regular stock. We now offer a large lot of goods at special bargains. We have just purchased a Jeweler's entire stock at greatly reduced prices, all of which will be sold at from one-fourth to one-half less than regular prices.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. SET-OUT! SET-OUT! GRAND SET-OUT (Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock) JOHN'S REST SALOON, North Queen Street. SAUER KRAUT LUNCH (THURSDAY) evening, at the Southern Exchange Hotel, Cor. South Queen and Middle streets. All friends are invited. Wacker Lager Beer on tap. GEO. WALL, Proprietor.

FULTON OPERA HOUSE. SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1881. The Great Comedian. CHAS. L. DAVIS, In his Celebrated Comedy, in 4 Acts, entitled "ALVIN JOSLIN". The only true representative of the NEW ENGLAND FARMER, supported by a full and powerful company of dramatic celebrities. 100 Laughs in 150 Minutes. Greatest Success of the Age. Famous Play Ever Witnessed. 3 Hours of Unrestrained Fun. ADMISSION, 35, 50 & 75 Cts. Secure your seats at Opera House. ml5-2td

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WEATHER INDICATIONS. WASHINGTON, March 17.—For the Middle States, cloudy weather, with rain, colder easterly winds, during the day, with falling barometer, followed by winds, shifting to northwesterly with rising barometer. PHILADELPHIA MARKET. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 17.—Flour firm; with fair inquiry; superfine, \$8.00; No. 1, \$7.75; No. 2, \$7.50; No. 3, \$7.25; No. 4, \$7.00; No. 5, \$6.75; No. 6, \$6.50; No. 7, \$6.25; No. 8, \$6.00; No. 9, \$5.75; No. 10, \$5.50; No. 11, \$5.25; No. 12, \$5.00; No. 13, \$4.75; No. 14, \$4.50; No. 15, \$4.25; No. 16, \$4.00; No. 17, \$3.75; No. 18, \$3.50; No. 19, \$3.25; No. 20, \$3.00; No. 21, \$2.75; No. 22, \$2.50; No. 23, \$2.25; No. 24, \$2.00; No. 25, \$1.75; No. 26, \$1.50; No. 27, \$1.25; No. 28, \$1.00; No. 29, \$0.75; No. 30, \$0.50; No. 31, \$0.25; No. 32, \$0.00.

THE INVESTIGATORS OF THE CRIME. BERLIN, March 17.—An evening paper says the assassination of the Czar was instigated by the International Society which has for its motto "the murder of monarchs and the overthrow of government." ST. PETERSBURG, March 17.—The revolutionary proclamation discovered at Kausakoff's domicile declares that the Nihilists will continue their work and warns the new emperor to beware of his father's fate. Gen. Loris Melnikoff has sent warning to the Glos in the Straits (newspapers) for their articles in reference to the accession of Alexander III. The excavation of the mine, discovered near the residence of the new emperor, was continued today. A gallery leads from the small shop before mentioned to the middle of the street, and there are telegraph wires along with it. The elements for an electric battery were found in the shop. The mine will be flooded and removed. The shop was taken in January last by a peasant named Baronego and a man and his wife.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1881. BILLY ANDREWS' LADY MINSTRELS. VARIETY COMBINATION. 15 STAR ARTISTS, 15 In a Grand Pantomime. ADMISSION, 35, 50 & 75 Cts. Reserved Seats at the Opera House. ml5-2td

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