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ENGLAND.

Leicester Trade.—The demand for goods for the home trade continues steady; although no considered brick for the season. There have been some inquiries for shipping goods, and it is now certain that the Americans will be purchasers this next spring; but probably not to the same extent as in former years.

Suicide at York Castle.—On Saturday evening, an inquest was held at York Castle, by John Woods, Esq., the coroner, on view of the body of Elizabeth otherwise Betty, fifty-nine years of age, who had put a period to her existence the previous forenoon, by immersing her head in a pail of water, as will be seen by the following evidence, will, perhaps, not be out of place; here to give the particulars respecting her confinement in prison. On the 14th of July last, she was tried at the Assizes for the wilful murder of Geo. Burgess, at Waddington. On the 3d of that month, it appeared that she had enticed the deceased, a little boy who was a neighbor's son into the house, when she knocked at the door with an axe, and when her husband and a neighbor entered they found the deceased laid upon his back on the floor, surrounded with blood, and his brains protruding from his head.

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for the purpose of entering into the married state. On the arrival of the party, all were soon in readiness to repair to the church. On their way thither, he intended met another lover, "more loved," who gave her the kiss; and after proceeding a little further, she returned at full speed to the outskirts of the town, to meet her real favorite, leaving the whole party in utter astonishment, and the tormented Celebs to return to Preston as joyless and as wifelss as ever.

—*Preston Chronicle.*

The corporation of Newcastle have resolved to build a quay one thousand feet long, at which there will be twelve feet of water at low water mark, for which they have granted the sum of £19,700.

A correspondent, who has visited the different mining districts in Derbyshire, reports that the trade in lead is as prosperous as it has been known to be for a number of years. The demand was steady and the price remunerating, being about £19 per ton.

Dreadful and Lamentable Accident.—Twenty seven Lives Lost.—We have this week the painful record of one of those dreadful colliery explosions which involve the lives of a number of our fellow creatures, and are the cause of reducing whole families to distress and destitution. On Wednesday morning, between nine and ten o'clock, an explosion took place in the Springfield Pit, near Wreckenton, belonging to Lord Ravensworth and partners. All that time there were upwards of ninety men in the pit, when of whom a appalling to relate, twenty-seven have perished, two boys have been severely injured, and in addition, three horses have been killed.

The cause of the accident cannot be correctly ascertained, as all the men have perished that were working in the immediate district where the blast took place; but it is supposed it must have originated by one of the sufferers, named Edward Price, letting fall his Davy lamp, near the tram rod, a tram having gone over and broken it, the body of the unfortunate man being found near the lamp, and the course of his fire traced from that place.

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IRELAND.

New Lord Lieutenant for Ireland.—There is a rumour, that His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex is about to be appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and that the present Viceroy, Lord Mulgrave, is to retire from his post and to have seat in the Cabinet.

Dublin, December 8.—The Court of Queen's Bench was occupied yesterday with the trial of the highly important case of Malone v. O'Conor. Property to the amount of upwards of £10,000 a year depends upon the result of the verdict, and the result is looked to with much anxiety. The issue is from the Court of Chancery to try if the plaintiff, John Malone, was the heir-at-law of the Right Hon. Anthony Malone.

The main question is the validity of the marriage of Capt. Malone to the mother of plaintiff. The marriage took place in 1810, in Townhead Chapel. It is alleged by the defendants that the husband was then a Protestant, whilst the plaintiff contends that he had conformed to the Roman Catholic doctrine, previous to the marriage and continued in that faith subsequently.

The fair of Six-mile Bridge held yesterday, presented the best show of stock for many years; exhibited, as for good cattle, were hogs, a lot of very superior hogs, turnips, hams, and bullocks, went from £3 to £16 10s. Mr. H. A. Morris bought a very prime lot at £16, bred and fed by Mr. Arthur Glister, in these Liberties. Sheep were not in demand. Wool steady at from 10s to 2d. No sale whatever for lambs. On the whole a better fair has not been seen for many years.

The fair of Clontrod on Monday, was an indifferent one, few sales were made, the holders waiting for the fair of Six-mile Bridge. Pigs were plenty and sold at an average of 33s per cent. There were very few hams sold, and the show of hams and bullocks was not equal to former fairs.

Pallis Green has sent up £27 to the O'Connell tribute, and Bruff, £7.

SCOTLAND.

Trade.—Our calenders have again been very busy during the last week, and work extra hours, there having been a brisk demand for our Linens for the foreign as well as the home markets. Flax yarns having advanced a shade in price, but tow yarns remain as before; and the sales during last week have been very considerable.

Notwithstanding the large arrivals of flax this month, prices remain firm, and are more likely to advance than recede, particularly as the keeness of the houses abroad for the conveyance of the mail along the Grand Junction Railway, so contrived that a post office clerk sent with the bags will be able to sort the letters on his journey.—*Liverpool Times.*

Testimonial of Respect.—A public meeting of the inhabitants of Bernard Castle was held on the 17th ult. for the purpose of considering the best manner of expressing their respect and gratitude to H. T. M. Witham, of Eastington, Esq.; for the great and successful exertions that gentleman is constantly making, to eminovate the condition of the working classes; when it was resolved that some present should be made to Mr. Witham, expressive of the feelings of town and country; and that a subscription, limited to £100, be forwarded to Mr. W. a timepiece, ornamental with suitable emblems, and bearing the ancient arms of Bernard Castle, and an appropriate inscription.

The disappointed Bridgeman.—On Monday, gentlemen of this town, tired of single blessedness, summoned a party of his friends, for whom he hired a conveyance, to accompany him to the neighboring town of Chorley, with his "fair one,"

served her sitting at the fire knitting a stocking, he deliberately took aim and fired at her. The ball shattered one of her arms, and passing through her arms, lodged in her body. She lingered in great agony till Wednesday forenoon, when she expired. At first it was not known who had done the atrocious deed; though suspicion was not long in attaching to M'Kay, who, the girl said, had previously threatened to take her life if she refused to marry him.

Parties were accordingly dispatched in all directions in search of him, until the afternoon, when his lifeless body was found at the back of Sir George Clerk's garden wall, where he had blown out his brains with the same gun with which he had but a few hours before murdered his unfortunate victim.

Iron Works at Galston.—We understand that a highly respectable Company in Glasgow have made an arrangement with his Grace the Duke of Portland for a lease of the minerals on the estate of Cessnock, in the vicinity of Galston, consisting of iron, lime and coal. The lands extend to about 60 acres; and we are informed that an annual rent of a thousand pounds is to be paid. The minerals are ascertained to be most abundant; and the Company have resolved to erect works upon a most extensive scale. It is calculated that £12,000 will be expended in building; and their first erection will consist in enclosing ten acres of ground with a high wall. In order to the proper transmission of the manufactured commodity, a branch railway is in contemplation from Galston, to join with the Kilmarnock and Troon Railway, and also with the terminus of the Glasgow and Ayr railway at Kilmarnock. Such an undertaking must prove of great advantage to this neighborhood; and, from the great number of hands that will be employed when the works are in operation, will add greatly to the resources of the already flourishing village in the neighborhood.

WALES.

Carnarvon Fair.—The fine seasonable weather on Tuesday caused a large attendance at our fair on that day, and their usual general business to a good extent was transacted. There was a large supply of horses, horned cattle, and pigs shown, though few only of the two former were of superior quality. There was also a large supply of beef in the shambles, but very little of a prime description. Milk cows in calf were in good demand, at from £8 to £12. Stories were not much inquired for. Pigs, six to eight weeks old, 6s. 6d. to 9s. Larger pigs were much the same as at the late fairs, but in consequence of the decline in fat pigs in the English markets, prices were looking down wards. Beef 3d. to 4d. per pound.

Manchester Cambrian Institution.—This institution has received a powerful impulse from the lectures which the directors have provided. The first course on natural theology, was received in the most enthusiastic manner. The lecturer Mr. Evan Williams delivered himself in a spirit of style, and was listened to with great attention. The second course, on natural history, was lately commenced by Mr. James Hughes; and, judging from the first lecture, it may be reasonably anticipated that this course will have the same share of attention and applause as the first. A third course was commenced on Tuesday week, on Welsh poetry and prose, by the hon. secretary, Mr. W. Jones (to be delivered by Dr. Jacob F. Treichler, physician for 1 year).

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Col. Howard, or some other suitable friend of the administration south of Mason & Dixon's line, would no doubt have had the offer of this mission, had it not been for the strong desire felt, both at Washington and by the party of the Keystone State, to dispose of Mr. Muhlenberg, and the difficulty of doing so. Being a democrat of great wealth, it was not practicable to bid him off with an Auditorship, as in the case of his late rival; and not being exactly qualified for a Department, to which it is said, he is aspirant, it would not do to make a change in the cabinet in his favor. What remained then but to give him the Austrian mission: for which he is happily qualified, by being able to "speak German." In another aspect of the case, there is fitness and keeping in this nomination. It is but a few years since, that a document was put forth, showing the small favor in which liberty and knowledge, among the masses, were held by the Emperor of Austria. What district then so proper, to furnish an envy to the Court of Austria, as Bork's county, Pa., with her political war cry of "Muhlenberg and no Free Schools!"—*Baltimore American.*

Means are taking to convene a meeting of the town, on the all-important subject of the ballot. The Reformers of Chatham and Stroud have commenced preparations, and there is no doubt those of Rochester will readily join them. This is as it should be. The three towns are identified in feelings and interest. The Reformers of all three have but one object at heart, and whenever a political movement is required it should be made in union. We trust the proposed meeting will be one of such numbers, decision, and union, as shall be worthy the character of our towns, and act as a beacon to rouse the rest of the county.—*Greenwich Patriot.*

Thought upwards of £200,000 is said to have been already expended by the advocates of the various railroad lines to Brighton, it is rumoured that some of the litigants, undismayed by defeat, threaten to renew the legal warfare during the present session.

We understand that the statement of Iron having risen to £12 10s per ton is erroneous; its present price is about £9.—*Bristol Journal.*

On the 1st of January, the London and Birmingham Railway will open as far as Stoney Stratford, and also the Birmingham as far as Rugby, making in the whole seventy seven miles of this great undertaking completed.

Conveyance of the London Mail.—We understand that new carriages are about to be prepared for the conveyance of the mail along the Grand Junction Railway, so contrived that a post office clerk sent with the bags will be able to sort the letters on his journey.—*Liverpool Times.*

Blanyston Lead Mine near Mold, Flintshire.—A singular discovery was made in this mine a few days ago. The workmen at the end of one of the levels were surprised and obliged to run for their lives, in consequence of an immense rush of water suddenly bursting in upon them. After three days the water totally disappeared; and, on cautiously proceeding to the place, they found an opening through which the water had issued, of about four inches diameter. Hearing a sound as of a heavy run of water inside, they enlarged the aperture, so as to admit of their passing through, and found that it was the bed of a subterraneous river, which in probability affords the principal supply to the far famed St. Winifred's Well at Holywell, from which it is distant about 12 miles. The stream being then shallow, they explored it about 60 yards down, and were astonished to find several large caverns to the right and left, from the roofs and sides of which were suspended numerous and beautiful specimens of white spar or stalactites. The company are in high spirits, these appearances being considered favorable for a large lodgement of ore.

Dundee Courier.—**Dreadful Murder and Suicide.**—The neighbourhood of Penicuick was on Tuesday and Wednesday last the scene of an awful domestic tragedy. It appears, that a person of the name of M'Kay, had been paying his addresses to the eldest daughter of Mr. Andrew Laing, joiner, Silverburn, and, having been rejected, determined to murder the girl. Accordingly on Tuesday evening about ten o'clock, he proceeded to the house armed with a loaded gun and having, through the kitchen window, ob-

CANADA.—The "Patriots" are completely abasquulated. There is no more "dreadful canoodling" to chronicle, not even the crack of a pistol.

Hard Times.—A paper in Huron co., Ohio, contains 18 columns of advertisements of Schuykill's sales.

A fact to be noted.—Seven years ago, there were 1129 distillers in New York; now there are 200.

A Robbery in Bank.—The teller, White, of the North Bank, Boston, has confessed that he robbed the bank of \$28,000.

Pence and Farthings.—An eastern lady named

pence, has presented her liege lord with four specimens of smaller currency. They must of course be farthings.

From the Boston Transcript.

Courage and Prowess of Down East Boys.—A friend has permitted us to make the following extract from a letter received from his correspondent at Muchias, (Me.) dated 2d inst.

"On Tuesday last, three boys went a few miles to catch a deer. They followed the track a mile or two, when they came unexpectedly across a bear's den. They had but one gun, and the boy who carried it fired it into the den, when out came two cubs, about a year and a year and a half old. The gun being discharged, and the boys not having time to load it, threw it away, but as each had a knife, and the cubs ran in opposite directions, one of the boys followed one, and two followed the other. They soon came up with them, clinched in with them, and despatched them both with their knives. They then returned to the den, where they found the old bear, an enormous one, weighing about 400 pounds. The gun had wounded her in the head, but she was ready for battle. They fought her with clubs until they were tired; when at last one of them getting a little wolfish, drew his knife, and declared he would clinch her, if he died in the attempt. They did clinch, and for the first half hour they went end over end. At last old brum seized him by the leg with her mouth, which gave him an opportunity to use his knife, which he did in such a manner as to compel her to yield, and give up the ghost. The boys then turned too, dressed the bear and cub handsomely, and went home. The next day they went with a sled, and hauled the whole to my store, where they were exhibited to a large number of people. The old one would stand as high as a man—say six feet, and looked as wicked as Satan himself. On the whole, I think it was rather a courageous fight for three boys. Pigs, six to eight weeks old, 6s. 6d. to 9s. Larger pigs were much the same as at the late fairs, but in consequence of the decline in fat pigs in the English markets, prices were looking down wards. Beef 3d. to 4d. per pound.

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Remaining.—Remaining

Remaining in the house on the 1st

January, 1838.

Males 35

Males under 12 years 20

Females 12

Females under 9 years 14

One male omitted in the account 1

Admitted into the house from the 16th

January 1837, to 1st January 1838.

Last day included: