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Hurricame Island.

Probably the most extensive granite works on the Atlantic coast are the quarries at Hurricane Island. It is only seven or eight years ago that the first blow was struck here, in the ocean ledge, which, by the way, was purchased for the insignificant sum of \$1,900. To-day its value is rated by millions. The island has an area of only 100 hundred acres on the level, but its conical shape gives it an immense cubical measurement. It is a picturesque sight to one approaching from the sea, this rugged isle with its glistening granite, its green fir trees and its numerous quaint buildings.

There are now nearly one thousand men employed on Hurricane island. The island is twelve miles from Rockland, and at times is entirely inaccessible on account of rough sea and storms. The island is a little world all of itself. It has nearly one hundred houses, cheap, but auswering the purpose ; it has a public hall, a "Fulton market ;" and, in fact, all the social economy of a large city, excepting a police station and liquor shops. Granite is now being got out here for the St. Louis custom house and post office, for dealers in monuments, and an immense business is also done in the way of furnishing paving stones for Eastern cities.

One man owns the entire property at Hurricane island. He runs an entire village on his own account. The government pays a certain sum per cubic foot for the stone cut, and the blocks are let out to cutters at piece work. The pay-roll of the cutters amounts to a great sum monthly. The cars on which the great blocks of granite are conducted hither and thither are an invention of the owner of the island, on which he holds thirteen different patents, and the crane of the wharf, used for lifting and depositing the big blocks of stone, is so perfect in its mechanical balance that a child could run it.

The Hurricane granite is said to be susceptible of being highly polished, the hidden beauties of the stone making the crystals translucent and brilliant. A block of granite twenty-five feet long can be polished on its entire length at one time. The appearance of the hundred stone-cutters, each of whom has on a pair of spectacles, at first sight reminds one of a gaug of editors doing penal service. The spectacles are worn as a protection to the eyes.

----A Strange Charge.

Lethe Townsend, colored, was arraigned last Friday morning before the Mayor of Montgomery, Ala. The evidence established that on Thursday night, in the colored Methodist church, while a marriage ceremony was being performed, the offi-ciating Elder said : "If there be any present who know any reason why this couple should not be joined together, now is the time to make it known, or forever after hold their peace." Whereupon the defendant arose and objected to the marriage proceeding upon the ground that the groom was "a gay and fond deceiver," and had plighted his faith and promised to marry her. This produced great commotion in the church, particularly among the female portion, who clamored to have the marriage go on, some of whom rudely seized her .--The defendant was then arrested for dis-



orderly conduct. The Mayor, upon this evidence, discharged her.

17 Frank Rande, a prisoner about whom many columns are published in the western newspapers, was captured near St. Louis after he had killed two of the four policemen who had hnuted him dow n. Last summer he murdered a man wantonly in St. Elmo, Ill., and was chased by a mob. He shot down three leaders of the pursuers, one after another, using his revolver with wonderful coolness and skill.-Doubtless the crimes attributed to him are exaggerated, but it seems certain that he has killed seven men in quarrels. He is young, educated and has occupied Methodist and Presbyterian pulpits. He also writes poetry, usually in praise of the beauties of women.

Married in Jail.

The Winchester, (Ind.,) paper says :--"Quite a crowd congregated around the jail building last Saturday afternoon, and among the crowd were several ladies. Of course, we wanted to know what was 'happening,' and we went across, when, upon reaching the jail, we looked upon a ceremony we never saw in a building of that kind before,-a wedding, by Nathan Reed, Esq., Mr. Enos Cordell to Miss Anna Hohimer. The ceremony being over, Enos was locked in and Anua was locked out .--May they live long and finally enjoy their own society."

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