

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher is to lecture in this country next winter on Ireland.

Col. Gilder having started for the North Pole on foot, he may be expected to bring it in on his shoulder in a few months.

The person who cannot afford to cross the ocean this season can always get up a kind of sea-sick feeling by having the palaters in his house.

In one year the people of this country use about 150,000,000 steel pens. If placed in line the pens would reach from New York to Liverpool.

A flat car with 15 tons of lumber broke loose from a freight train at Ashland, Mass., Saturday, and beside telescoping a passenger car crashed into the Ashland station, causing a damage of \$2000.

Mayor Courtney, of Charleston, has received a telegram from Henry Irving, the English actor, at London, donating one hundred pounds (\$500) towards the relief of the sufferers from the late sad calamity.

Many fine herds of hogs along the Kaskaskia river in Clampaign county, Ill., are being destroyed by hog cholera, and the disease is rapidly spreading. Farmers in that vicinity have already lost some \$12,000 worth of swine.

St. John's Roman Catholic church, at Middletown, was consecrated Sunday. The church has paid a \$21,000 debt within two years and a half. Archbishop Corrigan, of New York, was preside of the consecration service, and Vicar-General Hughes, of Hartford, acted as high priest at the consecration mass.

The biennial state convention of Connecticut Sunday-school workers will be held in Meriden, Nov. 4th and 5th, beginning Wednesday afternoon and closing Friday noon. This promises to be one of the largest conventions of the kind ever held in Connecticut. Topics of interest and importance are to be discussed.

An east-bound passenger train on the Providence division of the New York and New England railroad ran upon a misplaced switch at Jewett City, between Providence and Willimantic, Saturday, and left the track. The whole train, consisting of a baggage, combination and passenger car, rolled down an embankment and six passengers were injured by cuts and bruises, mostly slight.

The undertakers of Philadelphia have again invoked the aid of the clergy to put an end to Sunday funerals. It is well known that the Roman Catholic clergy have strongly protested against the practice, and have to a large extent succeeded in breaking it up among their congregations; but ministers of the various Protestant denominations have so far refrained from taking similar action.

An epidemic prevails among the inhabitants of Avena, Iowa county, Wis., which has resulted fatally in many cases. The disease is of the nature of dysentery, ending in the cases of children in spinal meningitis and death. Thus far it has been confined to the limits of the village and has necessitated a closing of the schools and the abandonment of all public meetings. The disease is similar to that which prevailed with such terribly fatal effect in Galena a few years ago and at Spring Green, Wis., in 1884. Much alarm is felt.

A cyclone passed from southwest to northeast through the edge of Burnside four miles east of Hartford, at 7 o'clock Sunday evening. Its course was fortunately mostly through woods where it cut a straight lane an eighth of a mile wide. In the edge of Burnside the big old-fashioned house of Mahlon Forbes was lifted by the wind and twisted about three inches from the foundation. The tin on the L roof was torn off clean and carried in strips a long distance. One piece was found more than a mile away. One of the horse-drawn wagons was open when the cyclone struck the place and Forbes and his daughter were blown flat on the floor by the force of the wind. The out-buildings were completely wrecked and the barn shattered. The cyclone then apparently passed up over the houses in the neighborhood and went off northeast.

Waterbury has the boss absent-minded man. Not long ago he moved from a house a mile north of the center to another in the southern part of the town. Business called him to the center one evening shortly after moving, and he drove to town, hitching his horse under a convenient shed. Late in the evening, when he got ready to go home, he forgot his horse and walked all the way to his new residence. After going to bed it occurred to him that his steed had been left behind. Thereupon he arose and dressed and walked back to town. Safe in his carriage he started, as he supposed, to go home, but unmindful of his course the horse took him back to his former home, three miles away. Being an exemplary citizen he was glad to get home along towards morning without being molested by the police for being out at an unseemly hour.

Long-distance telephoning was satisfactorily tested between Hartford and New York, Sunday, by Count Mikiewicz, general manager, and Capt. Moorhead, a director of the Turnball Inter-Ocean telephone company. The United Lines telephone company's wires were used, and Manager Morgan, of the United Lines office, at Hartford; Manager Knox, of the Mackay-Bennett cable company, and other electricians were present. Conversation was carried on with ease in ordinary tones of voice, and an improved transmitter and receiver prevented any buzzing or rattling in the instruments. Tests were also made the same day over the United Lines wires from New York to Scranton, Pa., and though the Hartford office is not directly connected with Scranton, the Scranton voice was heard at Hartford as it reached the New York office, and so distinctly that a man at Hartford recognized the speaker.

The people living in the coal mine regions, embracing four towns in Ohio and quite a large range of country, were awakened at 4 o'clock Sunday morning by low rumbling sounds, accompanied by shocks of earthquake, so distinct that houses were terribly shaken and articles on mantles thrown to the floor. Several years ago the earth settled several feet without apparent cause in this region and people are now badly frightened, fearing they will be swallowed up. To make matters more unpleasant a very large meteor Sunday morning passed over the shaken up portion of the country, travelling close to the earth and throwing of heated particles every few feet. The meteor illuminated the country for a great distance and is supposed to have struck the earth near the eastern part of the city, as the shock in that locality was distinctly felt immediately after the great fire ball passed.

There was an attempt made to wreck an excursion train on the Holyoke branch of the New Haven and Northampton road, early Sunday morning. When the train came within sight of the siding near the slaughter-house, about a mile above the Westfield station, Geo. Baldwin, the engineer, and James Williamson, the fireman, suddenly discovered that the switch was open. The air brakes were put on instantly, but although the train was running only about twenty miles an hour and no steam was on, it was on a down grade and the brakes failed to work. The engineer then reversed his engine and with the fireman jumped just as the engine crashed into a line of freight cars standing on the siding. The fireman, who jumped over the main track, escaped with slight bruises, but the engineer fell on a pile of coal, which gave way, throwing him under the cars. He was instantly killed. Baldwin was a young unmarried man who lived in Holyoke, and one of the best employees of the road. None of the passengers were injured severely, though all were shaken up pretty well and the platform of the car next the engine was wrecked. The cause of the accident was a misplaced switch.

This month brings some important war memories, including four of the greatest conflicts in which this country was ever engaged. On the 19th of September, 1777, the battle of Stillwater took place and this effectually settled Burgoyne's fate though his surrender did not take place until nearly a month afterward. On the 3d of September, 1814, occurred the battle of Lake Champlain in which the American fleet triumphed. It may be added that McDonough, who commanded the latter, was but 21 years old, and had not attained the rank of captain, to which he was promoted after the action. He died the year following while at sea. September 13th, 1847, is the date of the storming of Chapultepec, which was one of the most thrilling actions in the Mexican war. I well remember the sensation which it created throughout the nation, and I need hardly add that Grant (then a lieutenant) distinguished himself by his skill and bravery in this affair. September 17th, 1862, brought the battle of Antietam, and the victory won by the Union army led Lincoln to issue the emancipation proclamation. I notice with interest that this day is designated for the dedication of the Soldiers' Memorial arch, which, indeed, is an appropriate observance of such an anniversary. It is an event whose memory should be cherished by every patriot.—Cor. Hartford Post.

Why They Married. (The Bites.) We lately sent out postal cards to the married men of a small town in Connecticut with the inquiry, "Why did you marry?" We give a few of the responses: "That's what I have been trying for eleven years to find out." "I married to get even with her mother, but never have." "Because Sarah told me that five other young men had proposed to her." "The father thought ten years' courtin' was long enough." "I was tired of buying ice-cream and candles and going to theaters and church and wanted a rest. Have saved money."

"Because I did not have the experience I have now." "Please don't stir me up." "Because I thought she was one among a thousand; now I sometimes think she is a thousand among one." "That's the same question that my friends ask me." "Because I had more money than I knew what to do with. Now I have more to do than I have money with." "I wanted a companion of the opposite sex. P. S.—She is still opposite." "Because it's just my luck." "I yearned for company. We now have it all the time."

"I married to get the best wife in the world." "I've exhausted all the figures in the arithmetic to figure out an answer to your question; between multiplication and division in the family and distraction, in addition, the answer is hard to arrive at." "Because I asked her if she'd have me. She said she would. She's got me."

Victims of Mormon. Another story of the beautiful effects of fanaticism as demonstrated by the practice of Mormon belief comes now from a home on the State road, where recently a young lady, the last of a family of eight children, died a horrible death from diphtheria, for which no relief was attempted other than the anointing and mummy which the blind faith of these cranks prescribes. One by one this large circle of children have died from the disease, and it is the proud boast of this family that a doctor was never within the household. The last one had reached the age of eighteen years, and the fell disease worked slowly against the resistance of a strong constitution which, aided by medical skill, would likely have triumphed and the girl's life been saved. But the Mormon rites and belief must be obeyed, and so by degrees the destroyer took the young life by a lingering process. As the last struggle came, the agony of the poor girl was something terrible to witness. In her anguish she tore her hair from her head and sought to throw herself from her bed, and the combined strength of several persons was required to keep her upon the couch. In any other community those responsible for the death could have been made answerable to the law for such criminal neglect.—Salt Lake Tribune.

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