



Saint Valentine's Day.

To-morrow is Saint Valentine's Day, when every bird chooses her mate; but you will not see the linnet pair with the sparrowhawk, nor the robin-redbreast with the kite.

History informs us, that in the year of grace 827, the second Eugenius, Bishop of Rome, departed this life and was succeeded by Valentine. As Gregory IV. the same year ascended the diocesan throne, it would appear that the new prelate did not long survive his honours.

From time immemorial the Romans had been wont to celebrate the festival of the Lupercalia upon the 15th day of February. Legend, probably the skeleton of historical verity, traces the origin to the Peloponnese.

With the new-comers were introduced their deities and religion. A cave at the foot of the Palatine mount was set apart to Pan, whom the Latins christened by the name of Lupercus.

Here other fables fixed the spot where the wolf nursed the babes of the royal Rhea. The Lycæan festival was instituted under the name of Lupercalia, and continued through the whole era of pagan Rome.

In the Catholic church, the usage of St. Valentine seems quite generally to have partaken of the characteristic veneration for saints. Upon the recurrence of the anniversary, pious votaries are wont to select their patron saints for the year ensuing, upon whose intercession and good offices they were to depend for favor in heaven and exemption from the infestation of evil spirits.

The gallantry of the people of Great Britain seems to have induced them to devote the festival to the choice of partners of quite another genus. With them St. Valentine was but another Cupid.

There seems to be but little attention paid to the apportionment from the urn containing the names of the young men, but the gayeties of the day are all devoted to the elections made from the other drawing. Particular courtesies and gallantries were claimed and conceded between valentines, so long as the relationship was acknowledged; and the youth who was lagged in his devotion to his mate, however repugnant to him she might be, was ostracized as unfaithful to the fair.

Accounts had reached Paris of the landing of 200 Massinians at Ancona, and of their attempt to surprise the Austrian garrison. Many were killed, and others made prisoners.

A NATIONAL BANK.—A well informed writer suggests in the columns of the Colonist, the establishment of a National Bank for Canada arguing that with the whole financial power of country in the hands of private corporations, panic and pressure assume forms more terrible than would be possible if a single institution was held responsible for the management of monetary affairs.

The crisis through which the commercial world is now passing affords notable illustrations of the opposite effects of divided as distinguished from central, bank management. The New York Banks—representing capital divided among many institutions each responsible only to its immediate interest—contributed not a little to the aggravation of business embarrassments.

NOTES BY A NATURALIST.—DECEMBER IN SURRY.—That most remarkable of all living phenomena "the oldest inhabitant" never remembered such a season as the present for sunshine, birds, and flowers. I could gather a nosegay that would not disgrace a May morning.

Flowers of all hues, and without thorn, the rose.

The young people say it is dangerous to go into the lanes now because the hedges are "shooting"; and it must be equally unsafe in the gardens, for the currant bushes are "shooting" also.

several conferences on the subject, at which I was present though only as Amicus Curia. The younger members of this clamorous fraternity have heedless of the harsh prohibition of their more prudent and less sanguine elders commenced nest building. A few flocks of a pair of kitties wrens have recklessly reared their tiny dwellings, and if the weather continues as it is we shall see their spotted eggs by Christmas-day.

Horrible Accident.—MEN BOILED IN LIQUID IRON.—A French exchange has the following:

From Cherbourg we learn the details of a frightful accident. In the naval workshops of that town there is a foundry for the manufacture of heavy iron castings. An immense crucible hangs over the furnace, and when the metal is in state of fusion, this crucible is removed from it by means of machinery, and the hot iron is poured into moulds which are formed in the sand.

Sub-Atlantic Telegraph.—A letter from George Steward, Esq. Secretary of the Atlantic Telegraph Company, dated at London, January 15, says:—Our arrangements here for the completion of the work we have to hand are progressing satisfactorily and I trust and believe that our next attempt will be crowned with success.

It is said that the launching of Leviathan will cost £2100,000 at the very least. The dignity of a Baronet has been conferred upon the son of Gen. Havelock, and the General's widow has been officially declared entitled to all the honors which she could have enjoyed if her husband had survived.

The Belgium Government has agreed to allow a French commission to sit in Belgium, to inquire concerning the refugees there, and compel the attendance of witnesses.

THE CANADA DIRECTORY. We are glad to find that our old friend, Mr. John Lovell, of Montreal, as reaping the reward of his industry and perseverance, which have resulted in the production of the Canada Directory.

THE DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER at Colchester, who is now on bail charged with forging 199 names to the Colchester Poll Book! If this is not indecency run mad, we are at a loss to know what to call it.

THE GREAT SOUTH-WESTERN R. This Road has, by the Amalgamation of the Woodstock and Lake Erie, and the Amherstburg and St. Thomas Railway Companies, assumed the position of a substantial fact, and we have good reason to know that after the 17th proximo, the time required by law to elapse before the ratification takes place—the work will be commenced and prosecuted with vigor.

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Western Mercury.

THURSDAY, Feb. 18th, 1858.

STATE TRIALS.

Often in our short life have we witnessed the result of Malice, but until the late election, we were utterly ignorant of the extent to which a bitter political feeling would lead men. Since the election we have heard of nothing but law and rumours of law, and the end is not yet.

THE AMALGAMATION CONCLUDED. The friends of Essex will be glad to know that the Amalgamation of the two Boards has been fully completed, as we predicted on Thursday it would be.

THE NEW POST MASTER GENERAL, the Hon. Sydney Smith has been returned without opposition, or West Northumberland.

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RETURN OF CONVICTIONS FOR THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 8th DECEMBER, 1857.

Table with columns: NAME OF PROSECUTOR, NAME OF DEFENDANT, NATURE OF CHARGE, DATE OF CONVICTION, NAME OF CONVICTING JUSTICE, Amount of Penalty, Fine or Damage, Fine, when Paid, or to be Paid to said Justice, To whom Paid over by said Justice, If not Paid, why not, & general observations if any.

I certify the foregoing to be correct Return of Convictions as taken from the several Returns of Convictions filed in this Office, for the Quarter ending 8th Dec., 1857. Clerk of the Peace Office, Sandwich, 14th Dec., 1857.

CHARLES BABY, CLERK PEACE, ESSEX.

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Crown Land Department

The Government will not recognize any payments on account of Public Lands in Canada West that are not made in accordance with the foregoing notice. JOSEPH CAUCHON, Commissioner.

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STRAYED!

INTO the premises of the Subscriber, on the 4th inst., a span of LARGE SORREL TEAM HORSES! one supposed to be about eight years old, and the other ten. Both have a white stripe in the forehead, and one has three white legs.

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STRAY HORSE.

CAME to "Fighting Island," on or about the 1st of August last, a DARK GREY HORSE, aged about ten years. The owner can have the same by proving property and paying expenses. Apply to ANTOINE CURRIER, Petite Cote, Sandwich, Jan. 21st, 1857.

NEW ESTABLISHMENT.

A. C. ELLIS, Late of the firm of Woodbridge & Ellis. THE copartnership of Woodbridge & Ellis having terminated, the subscriber, in retiring from the same, begs to offer his grateful acknowledgments to the public for past favors, and he would inform them that he has opened an establishment in MR. GUILLOT'S BRICK BUILDING, adjoining his store, where he will be happy at all times to wait on those who may favor him with a call, and from experience in business he flatters himself that he can give satisfaction as to workmanship, stock and prices, and on liberal terms.

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ENTIRE SATISFACTION

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THE Subscriber will sell by private sale the East half of Lot No. 12, and West part of 13, in the 2nd Concession, at Sandwich, also Gore in the second and Gore in the 3rd Con. and East half of 12 in the 4th Con. TERMS—CASH DOWN. For further particulars apply to the subscriber on the premises. JOHN FERRISS, Esq. Colchester, Oct. 28, 1856.

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Western Mercury

Our country's welfare first, and then, "We stand by honest party men."

THURSDAY, Feb. 25th, 1853.

Our space is so fully occupied with the evidence in the Election case, that other matters of moment, are reluctantly excluded.

THE NEW PARLIAMENT.

To-day the sixth Parliament of the United Province meets to deliberate upon the affairs of Canada; whether for good or evil, time alone can tell. A greater degree of responsibility rests upon it, than any similar Legislature have before it.

Under these circumstances, we take it to be the first duty of the present House, to cleanse itself of those whom the constitution may decide to have no right within its walls.

Some one in the Western Mercury, has endeavored to denigrate a Gentleman; why should we not say the opposite?

The Imperial Dictionary informs us, that "blackguard" is said to be of black and guard, and asks, at the same time, "is it not a corruption of black and kind?"

In Gilford's edition of the works of Ben Jonson, we have doubtless, the true origin of blackguard.

The evidence now being taken before the County Judge, is of the most satisfactory nature, and cannot fail to impress the House.

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penetrated where no sentiment of honor ever did, we claim to ourselves the credit of at least making him feel his humiliating position.

An Affair of Honor—nearly.

It will be remembered, that upon the appointment of Mr. D. A. McMullin to the County Clerkship, a scurrilous fellow, signing himself "Victor" made a cowardly and unprovoked attack upon that young gentleman.

"A CARD."—Mr. McMullin having through a friend, called upon Mr. Edward Davis, either to retract the language, which he, Davis, made use of towards Mr. McMullin, in a communication to the Western Mercury.

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ESSEX ELECTION.

The following is the statement handed in by Counsel, in behalf of Arthur Rankin Esq., showing that McLeod has no right to sit in the Provincial Legislature as the Member for Essex.

"In the matter of the Petition of Arthur Rankin to the Legislative Assembly of this Province against the right of John McLeod to sit or vote as Member for the County of Essex in the ensuing Parliament.

The following are the grounds of objection made by the said Arthur Rankin to the taking of any evidence that may be tendered on the part of the said John McLeod, otherwise than by way of rebuttal to the case made out by the said Arthur Rankin against the Election of the said John McLeod.

In the second Section, that the Member upon whom such notice is served, shall within fourteen days after such service serve upon the contesting party a notice in answer to the same, admitting or denying the facts alleged therein, and that he may in such manner set forth any other facts upon which he rests the validity of election, and that if such answer is served, the said Member shall not be allowed to adduce evidence on his behalf, other than by way of rebuttal to the case made out against his Election.

By its fourth section, that when either of the parties is desirous of taking evidence respecting the facts alleged in such notice or answer, he may apply to the Judge of the County Court in writing, requiring him to take such evidence.

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I certify the foregoing to be correct Return of Convictions as taken from the several Returns of Convictions filed in this Office, for the Quarter ending 8th Dec., 1857. Clerk of the Peace Office, Sandwich, 14th Dec., 1857. CHARLES BABY, CLERK PEACE, ESSEX.

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JAS. WOODBRIDGE, SADDLER & HARNESS MAKER, WINDSOR AND SANDWICH. HAVING been solicited by many of his old customers not to decline the above business, as he had thought of doing, he has now made arrangements which will enable him to continue it in all its branches, and he will therefore be ready at all times to supply his customers as usual with articles of a superior quality.

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NOTICE! HAVING taken the Sandwich Tannery, which was established and carried on by my brother till October, 1855, I shall in future manufacture the leather I use in the harness and saddlery business, and shall consequently be able to supply customers on terms more advantageous than ever.

Crown Land Department. The Government will not recognize any payments on account of Public Lands in Canada West that are not made in accordance with the foregoing notice.

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Building. HENRY TEARLE, in returning thanks to the inhabitants of Sandwich, Windsor and vicinity for past favors, begs respectfully to inform them that he is now at home, having finished his contracts in the city of Detroit, and is prepared to enter into contracts for the erection of

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A SAD STORY.

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Western Mercury

Our country's welfare first, and then, "We stand by honest party men."

THURSDAY March 25th, 1858.

The absence of the editor has compelled us to make the best of a poor bargain, and issue without our usual amount of original matter.

OUTRAGES YET.

On Saturday the 6th inst, the eldest son of John McLeod Esq., of Amherstburg—the gentleman who, by means of fraud and forgery, now occupies the Seat for the County of Essex, in Parliament—in company with several other ruffians, entered the store of Mr. P. A. Lafferty, at Amherstburg, and severely beat Mr. Lafferty and a younger brother of his.

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DESPERATE ENCOUNTER WITH A WOLF.

The Rev. Charles Fetcher, who has just returned from the west, has related to us the following instance of daring intrepidity. Mr. Canada, farmer, Wawanosh, one evening last week, heard an unusual noise and commotion among his poultry, housed in the barn, and proceeded there to ascertain the cause.

RATHER AMUSING.

A New York paper says:—"We are informed that contracts have been made here for the construction of a small steamer on English account, to carry mail between England and Liverpool."

EPITAPH.

I once spent nearly a summer in wandering, on foot with a friend, over a part of England. One object, that invariably attracted our attention, was the country churchyard; wherein we delighted to ramble and meditate.

ESSEX CONTROVERTED ELECTION CASE.

Dennis Moynahan resumed.—At Mr. Baby's office, I am not aware that I tried to convince the parties there of the Sheriff's shortcomings. They were convinced enough without my trying to convince them.

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