

THE INFLUENZA.

La Grippe Extending the Area of its Unwelcome Influence.

Count Szewycki and Conductor Richter, of Vienna, have the influenza.

Sixty officials in the Dublin post office have the influenza.

Bernardo's homes for destitute and orphan children, at Stepieny, are visited with great severity by the influenza, so is also the Jesuit College at Canterbury.

The influenza is spreading in Italy. It has appeared at Verona, Messina and Modena. The pupils of the military school at Modena have been sent home.

The rapid increase in the number of cases of influenza at Waurzburg, Bavaria, has rendered necessary the erection of several temporary hospitals.

The influenza has appeared at Peterboro, Ont. Mr. James Kendry, manager of the Auburn woolen mills, is nursing an attack of la grippe, which he brought home with him from a recent business trip to New York.

A Madrid telegram says: The mortality here from influenza is great, but the malady seems to be decreasing.

The disease is spreading in the Provinces, and has assumed a severe form at Barcelona.

A New York despatch says: The number of grip sufferers among the "finest" reached high-water mark yesterday.

Two fatal cases of pneumonia, which were developed from "la grippe," were those of the Rev. Dr. W. W. Patton, President of Howard University, Washington, D.C., who died at Westfield, N.J., and John A. Osborn, of Brooklyn, a United States Commissioner.

WHERE IT HOLDS REVEL. It is from the tenement districts, however, and from the dispensaries and hospitals that the most harrowing accounts of this malady reach the public ear.

Within the past twenty-four hours upward of two hundred patients have been sent to the Charity Hospital from the medical department of Bellevue.

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The health authorities advise all people, so soon as they perceive the slightest indications of a cold developing, to shut themselves up indoors, avoid getting chilled, and send without delay for a doctor.

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After Many Years. A Sanit Ste. Marie despatch says: A little girl has been living here with an aged couple as their adopted child.

The will of the late Mrs. Elizabeth T. Hinks, a wealthy Quakeress of Westbury, L. I., bequeaths \$25,000 each to the Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Children, and to Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania.

SIR JOSEPH HICKSON.

Something About the Railway Magnate Whom the Queen Has Honored.

A Montreal despatch says: There was a feeling of widespread satisfaction in railway and business circles generally to-day over the report that the Queen had been pleased to confer the honor of knighthood upon Mr. Joseph Hickson, general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway Company.

Such an announcement has been long expected by Mr. Hickson's friends. While it was acknowledged that no honor however high could add to the general esteem in which Mr. Hickson is personally held by all classes of the community in which he has lived for many years, the feeling was general that both on account of his high personal character and the distinguished services he has rendered in the commercial life of Canada, he was entitled to some signal mark of honor.

The Grand Trunk system is the oldest railway system in the Dominion, and was proving of incalculable benefit to the country when other enterprises, of which the public has good reason to have some knowledge, were not even dreamed of.

The news was received as the general office of the company here to-day with the utmost enthusiasm.

A Joliet, Ill., despatch of Thursday says: John Dall, a single man, lived on a farm near the village of Mokena with his mother, Mrs. Amelia Dall, 70 years old.

Connected with his household was a hired man named Schenk and a girl named Mins Schenk.

A London cable says: The wedding of Hon. Lancelot Douglas Carnegie, second son of the Earl of Sotheby, with Miss Marion Alice de Courcy Barclay, second daughter of Henry Ford Barclay, of Monkhoron, Woodford, Essex, was solemnized yesterday at the Church of St. James, Woodford Wells.

A Chicago paper says: The mutilated remains of Dr. Cronin still repose in the black coffin in the dismal vault of Calvary cemetery.

A Trenton, Mich., despatch says: The rapid spread of scarlet fever in this town suggested that a supply of water from the only well furnishing a supply for the town be sent to Ann Arbor for an analysis.

It is reported that Russia has ordered in France one million and a half repeating rifles.

Dr. Cronin's Long-Delayed Funeral.

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The McGinty joke is down with the grip.

TWENTY-SIX SUFFOCATED.

Disastrous Results of a Fire in a Pauper School.

A London cable of Wednesday says: The boys' section of the pauper school in the district of Forest Gate, in connection with the Whitechapel and Poplar Unions, took fire last night while the inmates were asleep and were burned.

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PREPARING FOR KEMBLER.

Experimenting With the "Murdere's" Rapid Transit Apparatus.

An Auburn, N. Y., despatch of Wednesday says: Yesterday afternoon the special commission appointed to test the machines to be used for execution by electricity purchased an old horse and a four-week-old calf and took them into the prison.

The animals were subjected to tests, and last evening Dr. Macdonald described the result to the reporters. He said that they were successful, and had demonstrated that the alternating current possessed the power to cause death instantaneously.

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THOUGHTS ON OLD AGE.

By One of the Most Youthful of American Geog-martians.

(Oliver Wendell Holmes in Atlantic Monthly.) I am afraid that (old people found life rather a dull business in the time of King David and his rich old subject and friend, Barzilai, who, poor man, could not have told a tale from a canvas-back, nor enjoyed a symphony concert, if they had had those luxuries in his day.

There were no daily newspapers for the old man to read, and he could not read them if there were, with his dim eyes, nor hear them read, very probably with his dulled ears, which in its various forms is a great loss to many old men and to some old women—Carlyle and his mother used to smoke their pipes together, you remember. Old age is infinitely more cheerful, for intelligent people at least, than it was two or three thousand years ago.

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Growing Old Together.

You do not love me, dear, so much as you did long ago. When you used to raise my foot and forenoon white as an eye. You do not rush to kiss that cheek. With all your old-time frolics, I have, indeed, it is not now. The cheek that you admire.

You do not fold me in your arms. As often used of you. Your hand once laid with my hair. It did not know my hair. I would come to it in my own way. That tells me I am gray.

You do not love, that I love. By your neglect spoiled. For I loved you better when you were not wholly bald. And were you as dead as I? I should have been such a fool. In an aged gem like you. —Mrs. Westmoreland in Christies.

The "Pelling Class." Stand up, ye spellers, now and spell phonetically to me, and spell Or gawler, or the actor, or the And such words as syllabus, and Latin words and synonyms. And Penitentiary, and secretaries. Apocrypha and colandine. Lactiferous and oesophagus. Jiquise and quinquina. Paralytic and chloroform. Nitrochloric and pachyderm. Metamorphic and quinquina. Is it really possible, basque? Kaleidoscope and Penitentiary. Esophagus and dyspepsia. Diphtheria and quinquina. And esthetic and sassafras. Indefinite and pyralis. Dropsy and rheumatism. And cataplasms and poultices. Twelfth, eighteen, here, devious. And most of other words all found in Our English and our classic ground. Thus Helzig's traits and Michael Therapeutic Cordilliers. Sure, however, that I say, Havane Cinquedotto and pectus. And Sappanwood, Sassafras, and Sassafras, and Sassafras. Are words some words and some. No word one think that a word. If some of these words are, I am. Nor deem him a fudulous fool. To miss the name of either river, The Danube, Seine or Guadalupe.

The Melancholy Muse. Oh, muse! Thou sad, neglected be. Abused by man throughout thy day. No kind of loving deeds thou say. But hardships follow all thy way. Thou hast unjustly been accused. Of being the cause of all our woe. But hadst thou never been, we should. Thou wouldst not our troubles know. Thy heart with kindness is full. Though thou hast very seldom been. In all the dreary, gloomy life. A friendly, complimentary word. But to you will be a friend. No wrong shall you from me. Your grace shall my language be. Not mine to shame, or to commend. And so upon your battered hide. I lay a band of warm breast. To post a friend, and a friend. To call and get what little is left.

Why the Globe Trotter Gets Following the Sun. A fair lady writes: Can't you about getting and losing a day? You round the world in 72 days. You're all up and every one that tries to makes my head go round, too. I'm 'am only you must fix your mind thing at a time, and not let it go. It is very pleasant to have the tight straps unbuckled and the heavy collar lifted from the neck and shoulders.

How to Treat Children. Don't deceive or frighten children into obedience by bugbears. Don't tell the faults or cute sayings of your child in his presence. Don't encourage in a small child that for which you will punish him when older. When you promise a child something don't forget to fulfil the promise to the letter. Don't be constantly menacing a child with "I'll whip you," or "I'll put a stick over you." Don't ever let him see you a trace of the "I'm bigger than you and you've got-to mind" spirit. Don't punish a child in anger, but let him know that you dislike the task and perform it for his good. Don't do and say things for the sake of causing him to show anger, and then scold because he does so. Don't trample mercilessly under foot the wishes of a child, but respect them as far as possible. Don't say, "Oh, do hush up!" or "Don't bother me with so many questions" when a child questions you. Don't feel it beneath your dignity to give a child the reason for a refusal, if practicable to do so; if it is not, your former conduct should have inspired such confidence toward you that he will cheerfully submit, though he does not understand your motives.—New England Farmer.