

HOW IRISHMEN HAVE LEFT IRELAND.

The terrible expatriation of Ireland's population may be best realized by a study of our county, say Waterford, province of Munster, having an extreme width of 28 miles and length of 52 miles. Here are some census figures that have sorrowful significance, especially considering that they relate to a people who have great love for home and family ties:

- Waterford, 1812, 119,457
Waterford, 1841, 196,187
Waterford, 1861, 134,152
Waterford, 1871, 123,110
Waterford, 1891, 112,768
Waterford, 1901, 101,132

From May 1, 1857 to December 31, 1878 the emigrants numbered 67,080 and by December 31, 1885 the figures had increased to 79,240. The proportion of people who could read and write in 1871 was 36 per cent, but little more than a third. This had increased to 46 per cent by 1881.

UNHAPPY MARTINIQUE.

A Fort De France dispatch of yesterday says the river which flows by Basse Pointe has risen suddenly four times since Wednesday, and as a result thirty horses were carried out to sea. The first flood was signalized by the appearance in the bed of the river of a torrent of muddy water 140 feet wide and 18 feet high, which advanced with frightful rapidity.

Torrential rains are falling in the northern part of the island. Mount Pelee continues to vomit a thick column of cinders which the wind blows to the north. Last Wednesday several French newspaper reporters who were exploring Le Prechur were surprised while there by an eruption of Mount Pelee. The atmosphere was charged with electricity to a remarkable degree.

Thick clouds of vapor are rising from the craters along the entire northern coast. It is said that the waters of several rivers on the island are boiling hot.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AS AN EQUESTRIAN.

No man in Washington who is fond of horseback riding is more considerate of his mount than is President Roosevelt of Blenheim, the magnificent thoroughbred which carries him through the outskirts of the city almost every day.

Washington's asphalt is especially hard on horses' feet, and the president, realizing this, seldom urges Blenheim to a pace faster than a walk until the dirt roads are reached. Then the pace is frequently such a merry one that the sergeant of artillery, who habitually rides fifteen paces behind the president, has to touch his horse with the spur in order to keep up.

The result of this careful treatment is that President Roosevelt has never lost a day's ride because Blenheim has been lame or out of condition, a record which few gentlemen can boast who are in the habit of cantering their mounts on city streets and avenues.

HEROIC AND THOUGHTFUL.

Not only heroic but coolly calculated and carried out was the act of James McKenzie, an Eastern Washington man, in shooting off part of his own hand. He had lain down to drink from a spring in the Tukanon, Columbia county, district, when a rattlesnake drove its fangs into his hand.

McKenzie saw death staring him in the face as his hand began to swell rapidly. His knife was too dull to cut out the injured part of his hand, and there were no caustics near. In desperation the ranchman finally drew his big revolver and literally shot away a portion of his hand. The shot made a terrible wound, but the poisoned blood gushed forth and McKenzie's life was saved. It was 48 hours later before the plucky ranchman reached Dayton to have his wound dressed.

India's cup of sorrow may not yet be full. Weather forecasts predict a scarcity of rain and warn the government to prepare for famine conditions.

THE HUSBAND KNEW.

CITY EDITOR—See here; in your obituary of this prominent club woman you say she "is a good wife." You mean "was," of course. REPORTER—No, I mean "is." Mr Henpeck, her husband, told me if I wanted to be absolutely truthful that was the way to put it.

A DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENT.

"I suppose," said the effusive lady who was visiting the Meektons, "that your wife is sure that she has the best husband that ever lived?" "Yes," answered Meekton, with something like a sigh; "but at the same time I don't believe she thinks that is saying much for me."

THE REST A BLANK.

JOHN—You say Silas lost his money in New York? Did he buy a gold brick? HIRAM—All he kin remember buying was three whiskies!

The increasing cost and scarcity of timber has led to experiments in cement or concrete railroad ties back east. A piece of oak is inserted in the tie to allow the spike to be driven, and it is reported that the artificial tie has given good service.

Governor Geer has done the right thing in pardoning the convict Frank Ingram, who lost a leg in saving the life of a guard in the recent Oregon penitentiary escape. More should be done for the man. It is not charity to turn him out partially helpless at least.

There is a movement on foot to rehabilitate trotting races in public favor by changing the heat system in vogue to a single dash. The long waits between heats and the opportunities to fix the race or heats, and with them the pool box, have about ruined trotting contests in public estimation.

That outlaw chase just across the Columbia river over in Washington is a good deal like the confidence man's "shell" game. "Now you see the shell, and now you don't; where is it?" Now they think they know right where the convicts are, and now they don't; where are they?

A pioneer Columbia river steamer boat man has named his newly arrived daughter Telephone, after the racer steamer of that name of several years ago. There is only one objection. When she grows up the boys may claim the right to sneak into her ear—to telephone Telephone.

The long overdue passage of the British ship Gladie gives San Francisco gamblers a chance to speculate. It is said that \$150,000 was bet after she had become overdue that she would arrive in port. Lloyds, though, will post the bark as missing. Most likely another case of "the ship that never returned."

French troops killed fourteen hundred natives down in South Africa the other day—murdered them to speak correctly. And why? Well, the Frenchmen are on the scramble for territorial expansion, and if the natives object they just kill them. It is the worst kind of murder, for the occupants of the land are as helpless before the terrible fire of the deadly rifle as the babe in the hands of its nurse. "Darkest Africa!" Such acts make it dark, indeed!

The Washington correspondent of the St Paul Pioneer Press says an army officer who has just returned from the Philippines gives the cheering intelligence that the Philippine ladies now not only insist on wearing more clothes, but are "swearing off" smoking the big, black Filipino cigars to some extent. From accounts of returned soldiers there was great opportunity for the ladies over there to make reforms in both particulars.

The future will pay dearly for present advantages—the stripping of timber belts for commercial purposes. Here is an instance of what has been done in just one locality: "The present log drive that is coming down the Black river of Wisconsin will practically finish lumbering operations on the stream, bringing to a close more than sixty years work in the lumber business. The present drive contains about 40,000,000 feet." Just think of the timber that has been cut in sixty years! and of thousands of acres of desolated lands!

County Allowances.

Table listing various allowances and payments for County A, including names like Edward M Johnson, D T Daniels, and amounts.

MISTAKE SOMEWHERE.

Why the Colonel Stopped His Score of Chinamen at Five. "I had read," said the colonel as he was relating some of his experiences in China, "that if a person fell into the water no one could pull him out, holding that his falling in was a decree of Providence that must not be interfered with."

A BANANA TREE.

The Fruit is Never Allowed to Ripen on the Tree, but is Cut While Unripe. Contrary to popular belief, bananas do not grow on the tree as they hang in the bunch, but with the small end of the fruit pointing upward—to all appearances upside down.

Apple Trees For Beauty and Fruit.

Apple trees are so beautiful, even when bare of bloom and fruit, that they should be grown in pleasure gardens, like lilacs and laburnums. Tenness speaks of orchard lawns, and there is no reason except bad taste why they should not have a real existence. The gloom of the fir tree, magnificent no doubt in its own northern forest, is mere incongruous dreariness when it is dotted about a suburban lawn.

A NIGHT ATTACK.

The Deadly Grip of an Invisible Hand. The climax of some of the most weird ghost stories is reached in the choking grip of an unseen hand upon the throat of a sleeping victim. We are constantly proving that the most fantastic stories may have some basis in actual fact.

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