

NEWS NOTES.

We do not necessarily endorse the opinions of our correspondents in the following notes. A policeman at a church meeting...

The Republican party in the United States have been steadily and acutely dodging the great silver question for months. At the National Conference...

The Church Congress will hold its meetings at Norwich this year, under the presidency of a Liberal Bishop. Under the draft programme...

The Philharmonic Society have resolved to adopt the French pitch, and this undoubtedly will have considerable effect upon the settlement of a question which has long been a matter of dispute among British musicians.

Further correspondence has passed between the Committee of London University graduates favourable to the French pitch and the University authorities...

St. Swithin, Bishop of Winchester, was commemorated on Monday in churches and "places where they sing." But he will be even more largely in the popular mind...

To keep one's money buried in the garden is an ancient and interesting practice. It has fallen out of use in these days, and one is always glad to hear of a survival.

It is a truism that the bodies that do the best work are not always those that are most hearty. One of these is certainly the Life-Saving Society...

The collapse of a hotel in London, in the dark hour that precedes the dawn, is variously attributed to insufficient support during alterations to changes in the drainage, and to a gas explosion.

If there is one place in London which most people would have supposed to be tolerably safe from all change of being broken into, it is the Tower. Yet a night or two ago the door of the store-room of the offices belonging to the battalion of Guards was found to have been forced open...

St. Swithin's Day has come and gone almost a drop of rain, an ominous delight for the superstitious holiday-maker, though something like a sentence of doom upon the sorely-tried farmer.

Mrs. Jane Cakelbread's inevitable introduction to the new magistrate, duly took place at the North London Police-court on Monday. It was the usual charge—the 27th of his kind—but we fear that the magistrate intended to cause some little trouble...

The news of the last three days includes three fatal sailing accidents, which, following on the heels of several others, seem to call for the repetition of old warnings. For the fact of the matter is that sailing on the sea in an open boat is a pastime which must be taken with care...

It is difficult to dissociate the outrage on M. Stamboloff from the decisive change in Bulgarian policy, though of course there is absolutely no warrant for imputing it to any political manoeuvre of any Government.

When will it be understood, once and for all, that "guidelines" mountain-climbing is for experts only—and only for them after long experience under the best guides? There are some English climbers, like Mr. Wicks and Mr. Munsey...

When is a beggar not a beggar? When he is armed with a collecting-box. The postscript in the streets of London knows the usual truth of the answer to the above riddle. There is a growing practice of stationing more or less wretched-looking men...

LORD MAYOR AS A WITNESS.

At the Guildhall, London, Thomas Upton, carman in the service of the Midland Railway Company, was summoned for cruelly ill-treating and torturing a horse.

THE PLAISTOW TRAGEDY.

Robert Allen Coombs, 13, described as a plasterer's helper, and Nathaniel George Coombs, 12, school-boy of Cave-road, Plaistow, were charged at the West Ham Police-court with killing their mother, Emily Coombs, on the 23rd inst.

ACTRESS'S BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.

At the London Sheriff's Court the case of Elman V. Jakobowski, an action to recover damages for breach of promise of marriage, came on for hearing. The plaintiff was Miss Clara Dagmar Elman, known in theatrical circles as Miss Dagmar, a prima donna in Sir Augustus Harris's opera, living in York-road, Plaistow.

AMERICAN BARRISTER CHARGED.

At the Bow-street Police-court, London, Geoffrey A. Perkins, who described himself as a journalist, but who is known at the Court as a New York barrister, was charged on a warrant with obtaining money by false pretences.

FORGING THE NAME OF MR. JOHN BURNS.

At the South Western Police-court, London, Joseph Payne, hattermaker, living in Battersea, was charged with assaulting William Brooks, a cycle maker, residing in the same road, and causing him grievous bodily harm.

DAMAGES FOR THE LOSS OF A HUSBAND.

At the London Sheriff's Court, Mr. Under-Sheriff Wiles, who was assisted by Mr. Justice Baines, limited, an action to recover damages for the death of her husband, John Lucock. Mr. Candy, Q.C., stated that the plaintiff, who was the wife of the deceased, resided at Plymouth, and she claimed on behalf of herself, her father, and her three children damages for the loss of her husband, who was the sole wage-earner of the whole family.

MRS. CATHCART'S APPEAL.

In the Court of Appeal, before Lord Justice Kay and Mr. Justice Baines, the case of Mrs. Cathcart v. Hoob Barrs was heard. In this case the Divisional Court had made an order directing the transfer of £2,500 Consols standing in the name of the late Mrs. Cathcart to the plaintiff. The defendant had appealed against the order, and the plaintiff now asked for security for costs of the appeal.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF A POLICE SERGEANT.

At Hammersmith, London, Dr. H. R. Oswald held an inquiry concerning the death of Mr. Frank Maddison, of the T. Division, aged 37 years, who was found dead in the streets of Hammersmith on the 21st inst. The cause of death was a mysterious manner.

THE BRITISH AND ITALIAN SQUADRONS AT SPITHEAD.

The British and Italian squadrons at Spithead were inspected on Saturday by the Prince of Wales, who was accompanied by a Royal Salute.

THE FRENCH TRANSCASPIAN COMPANY'S STEAMER.

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THE REV. J. FOSTER LEVINE, WHO HAS FOR MORE THAN EIGHT YEARS PAST HELD THE PASTORATE OF TRINITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CROYDON, HAS INTIMATED HIS INTENTION TO RESIGN HIS CHARGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINING THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

As Daniel Fogarty, a man of 25, a painter by trade and a single man, was painting the tower at Wembley he fell out of the cradle. He died from his injuries in University College Hospital. A verdict of "Accidental death" was recorded.

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EPITOME OF NEWS.

A riot occurred on Monday at Zamora (Spain), the people being excited by the increase in the price of bread. Several gendarmes were injured, and a spectator was killed by a stray bullet.

Judge Gibson opened the Commission at the increase of crime and the number of offences, excessive, and as being of a deplorable character.

Several new Russian laws of some importance have just been promulgated. By one the Minister of Finance is empowered to make a sudden examination of the books and papers of all banking establishments and money-changers.

Another law provides that when rates and taxes are collected by deductions from wages, not more than one-third of the wages payable on each day shall be subtracted from the pay of a married man, and not more than one-third of a widow's children.

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A quantity of water was poured into the hold, and by 6 o'clock on the following morning the fire was extinguished. The best possible discipline was maintained on board throughout.

On Monday afternoon a Corporation labourer, named George, was driving a street steam-roller in Portsmouth, was caught by the machine, knocked down, and mangled beyond recognition.

Lieutenant A. Hamilton Thacker, of the Royal Navy, who was on board the yacht "The Duke" when it was wrecked off the coast of Norway, has been rescued.

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