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## HERE AND THERE.

MOUNT VESUVIUS is "erupting" again.

BEEF is now shipped from Texas direct to England.

THE trotting horse St. Julien is valued at \$50,000.

IT is "strawberry time" in Anderson county, Texas.

FRENCH speculators in coffee have recently lost \$5,000,000.

THIRTY-two deaths from cholera are reported near Alexandria, Egypt.

MRS. SOLOMON, of San Francisco, died from the bite of an insect on her upper lip.

DANIEL WEBSTER, a colored man aged 105 years, died, in Philadelphia, a few days ago.

THE small-pox is spreading in all sections of the country, especially north, east and south.

THE widest part of New York city is two and a half miles from the East to the North rivers.

A COURT-MARTIAL in Russia is trying 200 persons for participation in anti-Jewish riots.

LARGE purchases of Panama Canal stock, on American account, are reported from Paris.

THE indications are that the emigration from Germany in 1882 will largely exceed that of 1881.

THE daily papers containing reports of the Guitteau trial are not admitted into the house of Mrs. Garfield.

IT is proposed to give the name of Garfield to the new Territory cut off from the northern part of Dakota.

"JIM" Wood, the Irish miner, has been appointed to a position in the Capitol police force at Washington.

GRAVEYARD companies in Pennsylvania are preparing to insure the life of Guitteau to the amount of \$100,000.

A BILL has been introduced in the Senate of Congress to exempt pension money from seizure by process of law.

THE Emperor of all the Russias expects to be crowned in May, if the nihilists do not object too emphatically.

FRANCE has a financial sensation in the failure of one of its largest East India houses. One creditor alone loses \$50,000.

It is said that the Chippewa Indians, who have been confined to their reservation on account of small-pox, are starving.

Two editors of newspapers in Berlin have been sent to prison for having spoken very disrespectfully of Prince Bismarck.

It is believed at Washington that S. P. Rounds, of Chicago, will soon take the place of John D. DeFreeze as Government Printer.

A DETERRED pickpocket yelling "fire" started a panic in London church Christmas day, which resulted in the death of thirty persons.

A METHODIST minister in Brooklyn, N. Y., has sued a saloonatic for the loss of his son's services while loafing in the defendant's drinkery.

His physician says that Mr. Roscoe Conkling's health is very much broken, and his condition such as to cause grave apprehension for the future.

NEWARK, N. J., has another financial sensation. The City Auditor confesses to the embezzlement of \$125,000 of city funds—lost in Wall street. He is in jail.

FIFTY cigarettes a day killed Siro Delmonico, the great New York caterer. Forty strong Havanas per day produced a like effect on his brother Lorenzo.

It seems to be proved that the Ninth Regiment of Massachusetts disgraced itself at the Yorktown Centennial by acting unbecoming in soldiers and gentlemen.

MARY E. PARKER has been awarded a verdict of \$13,000 against the Brooklyn and Albany railroad for damages received while getting off the company's cars.

THE greatest tobacco smoke on record was that of the storm-bound steamer Herman, which on a recent ocean trip, burned twenty tons of tobacco for fuel.

At the Wayne man accidentally vaccinated himself in the nose, to the great detriment of his beauty and good temper during a two weeks occupation of his bed chamber.

In an address to the Cardinals on Christmas eve Pope Leo stated that his position in Rome was becoming unbearable, and blamed the Italian Government for his troubles.

MAJOR GENERAL STURGIS, recently appointed Governor of the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, Ohio, is charged with cowardice and disloyalty at the

battle of Guntown, during the war of the rebellion.

THE opponents of compulsory vaccination are very active in England, one society in London having issued and circulated over a quarter of a million of tracts and circulars on the subject during the last year.

THE 50,115,783 population of the United States consists of 25,518,829 males and 24,636,963 females, 6,679,943 of them were born in foreign countries. There are 6,580,763 colored people, 66,407 Indians, 105,465 Chinese, and 148 Japanese.

THE London Society for the abolition of compulsory vaccination says that vaccination, while being of questionable utility for preventing small-pox, retards all improvement and discoveries in the treatment of the disease.

AN association of bankers and merchants has been formed in London favorable to the remonetization of silver in this country. It is a significant fact that one of the Directors of the Bank of England is President of the association.

A CATHOLIC priest of Chicago, who has just returned from a visit to his old home in Ireland, says that it would take an army of 1,000,000 men to suppress the Land League. The people are united, resolute and faithful to each other.

IF the Baroness Burdett-Coutts survives her marriage ten years she will have paid, without interest, \$3,750,000 for a husband, taking her loss consequent on marriage at £75,000 a year—an expensive luxury, but then she can afford it.

THE customs authorities of Germany are trying to stop the importation of foreign provisions by imposing onerous duties by taxing labels, wrappers, etc. American corn beef, for example, is taxed as "fine iron wares" because it is done up in tin cases.

THE panic in a church on Christmas day, caused by a pickpocket's cry of "fire," occurred at Warsaw, Poland, instead of London, as first reported, and the number killed is now reported to be not less than one hundred, besides a large number wounded.

A NUMBER of Mormons who claim that Brigham Young introduced the doctrine of polygamy and blood atonement contrary to the original belief, have organized a new church in Salt Lake City. They renounce polygamy, and refuse to pay any more tithes.

GOVERNOR and Mrs. Blackburn, of Kentucky, recently gave an "old fashioned quilting party" at which several hundred guests, dressed in the style of their forbears, quilted a quilt, danced reels and jigs to the music of "darky fiddlers" and had a royal good time generally.

THE Bethel Sunday school at Cincinnati is the largest in the world. At its recent Christmas celebration there were 4,500 children present, to whom was given three quarters of a ton of candy, fifteen barrels of oranges and other requisites of such occasions in proportion.

THE greatest advertiser in the country is a Baltimore manufacturer of liniment, who expends \$200,000 a year. The next largest is a tobacco manufacturer, whose bills on this account are almost \$150,000. Both of them testify that their great success in business is due to persistency in newspaper advertising.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Liverpool, (England,) Mercury, asserts that the worst case of small-pox can be cured in three days by dissolving an ounce of cream-of-tartar in a pint of boiling water, and drinking the mixture at short intervals after it has cooled. The correspondent also asserts that this medicine is a preventive as well as a cure.

M. PAPON has introduced into the Chamber of Deputies a bill for the immediate purchase of the whole of the French railways by the Government. The scheme provides for the division of the great lines into sections, each of which is to be managed by a company under the general supervision of the Ministry of Public Works. M. Papon's proposal is already meeting with considerable opposition.

THE counsel for the Government are preparing another vigorous attack, in criminal proceedings, upon the Star routers. Civil proceedings for the recovery of the sums unlawfully absorbed by them will also be commenced at an early day. They will be punished in some way for their offenses, or it will be clearly shown that the law cannot be made to reach them.

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will be superseded by petroleum. She claims that even the smelting of ores and the motive-power of the largest factories will be included in the achievements of the invention, and scientific men incline favorably to her ideas.

MISS REBECCA BATES died at Setubal, Mass., last week, aged eighty-eight years. Miss Bates and her cousin, Abbie, were the heroines in the British "scare" in 1812, when the two girls, hidden behind rocks on the beach, with fife and drum sounded the roll-call and put to flight several boat-loads of troops from a British man-of-war, who were about to make a landing. Miss Bates' cousin, Abbie, is still living and is eighty years of age.

KENTUCKY maintains her bad pre-eminence. At Ashland, in that State the day before Christmas, a couple of men entered the house of a Mr. Gibbons, where they found his son, a lad, and his two daughters, aged respectively fourteen and seventeen, outraged the girls, pursued and killed the boy, who attempted to give an alarm, and then returned and killed the girls, and set fire to the house.

MARIE, aged 13, youngest daughter of the Austrian Emperor, the other day at breakfast, where the royal family assembled for the purpose of making holiday arrangements, when asked what she desired most as a Christmas present, said: "She would like permission to adopt one of the children made orphans by the Ring Theater fire." Her request brought tears to the eyes of all present, and greatly affected her father.

IT has just been learned that the survivors of the Jeannette were ten weeks in Eastern Siberia before they were able to communicate their condition to their friends, the Russian Governor of that Province refusing to telegraph the announcement of their arrival because they had no money to pay the expense. This fact, it is said, causes great indignation at St. Petersburg, and that the Russian Government will take steps to properly punish the reprehensible conduct of the Government agent.

SEÑOR MARTINEZ, the Chilean Minister at Washington, has issued an eighteen-page pamphlet on the difficulty between Chile on the one hand and Peru and Bolivia on the other. The work is not designed as an official document, but was prepared simply to throw light upon the question. Señor Martinez declares that the assertion that Chile caused the war is absolutely false and is now believed by nobody. He also says that charges of Chilean atrocities during the war are greatly exaggerated, and founded on the ordinary war experiences.

MRS. SMITH, of New York, finding herself at the gates of death, and desiring to secure the happiness of the loved ones she was leaving, insisted upon the marriage of her husband and sister. To gratify her dying wish, the ceremony was performed in her presence, and so great was her satisfaction with her good work that she immediately spoiled it by getting well. Poor Smith now has no refuge outside of the State's prison, the divorce court or the Endowment House at Salt Lake City.

EMIGRANTS continue to pour into the country at a rate which is not only unprecedented, but astonishing. Up to the present time 423,000 have been registered. This is 114,000 more than was recorded in 1873 at this date, while that was the champion emigrant year. It is estimated that this number of emigrants bring with them \$9,000,000. Of course nearly all of this is expended in the purchase of land, stock, utensils, seeds and railway transportation. It is, however, in the subsequent increase of this wealth that the greater portion of the benefit in emigration lies.

M. LIONEL SACKVILLE WEST, the new British Minister at Washington, although a bachelor, is credited with being the father of two or three children, and Washington "society" is all torn up about it. He is installed in the elegant mansion belonging to the British Legation and has twenty servants, and it would be "too bad to cut his acquaintance, you know." Virtue vindicated itself in this country by giving Sarah Bernhardt the cold shoulder, and a man "is so different you know." It is quite probable, therefore, that the British lion will "roar you as gently as any sucking dove" in Washington "society," despite this little piquant scandal.

PRESIDENT HINSDALE, of Hiram College, has been looking up the record of General Garfield's last day as a member of the House of Representatives, May 25, 1880. He spoke several times on that day, the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill being under consideration. He made a short, strong speech in behalf of an increased appropriation for the coast survey. He also favored a proposition for an appropriation to build a vault for the storage of coin; but that is not the question now. The question is upon the point of order, and I say that if you will buy horses you must have stables for them.

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HON. R. W. FLOWER, of New York city, the successor of Hon. Levi P. Morton in Congress, recently received upward of \$2,000 for salary accumulated during the interval between Morton's resignation and his election, which he refused to keep and use, giving the entire amount to a clergyman to be used for charitable purposes. It seems that the law is greatly at fault in thus permitting the payment of salary to a Congressman who has not rendered service to earn it, but the New York Sun very justly argues that the fault of the law did not confer any honest ownership of the money upon Mr. Flower. He did right, therefore, in refusing to accept it, but he spoiled his right action by assuming the right to give the money away. If it did not belong to him completely and honorably, he could not, rightfully, give it away. It really belonged to the government, and should have been covered back into the treasury.

THE importation of Scotch and Irish, and even English potatoes into New York continues to attract attention.

IT would seem, at the first blush, like "carrying coals to Newcastle," but this is it. One New York firm imports hundreds of tons per single steamer, and others are engaged in it less extensively. In the United States some two million acres are annually planted in potatoes. The last report of the agricultural bureau gives the annual yield as 181,626,400, or more than three bushels and a half per capita. This year the drought seriously damaged the crop, both east and west, while the late plantings at the south were a failure. The Scotch product is said to be inferior to the American, and sells for 50 cents less per bushel. In 1876 there was also a short potato crop, which was supplemented by supplies from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's island. The first importation of Scotch was made in 1879. For ten years from 1870 potatoes took the fourth place in the annual average acreage.

They are less profitable than tobacco, or oats. An earthquake was felt on Sunday at Bex, Glarus, Vevay, and Sausanne, Switzerland. The sum of £4,500 has been subscribed in London for the defense of Irish property holders.

Austria and Roumania have amicably settled the little dispute relative to Danubian navigation.

The Irish Industrial Exhibition will be held at Belfast, probably as a demonstration of loyalty.

Persons were arrested at St. Petersburg last week for having dynamite concealed in oranges.

The report that Kronstadt, the port of St. Petersburg, has been entirely destroyed by fire is false.

Russia proposes to guard her Chinese-Siberian frontier by forming colonies of armed peasants, who will be free from taxation.

German newspapers are viewing with suspicion the measures recently taken by Russia for the reorganization of her army.

Phillips, one of the League prisoners, has been released from Dundalk jail on his promise to do no more work for the League.

At Gratz, Austria, a nun who was detained against her will, leaped from the convent wall into a stream, from which she was rescued.

At Decatur, Ill., an old man named Murphy, while intoxicated, fell into a coal shaft 62 feet deep, and was instantly killed.

Cincinnati's health officer owns to slight increase of small-pox, but says the deaths are diminishing and vaccination is increasing.

At San Antonio, Texas, dispatch states that the result of the Flipper court-martial recently held there will be dismissed from the army.

The Industrial School buildings of the Kiowa, Comanche, and Wichita Agency, have been destroyed by fire by an incendiary. Loss, \$10,000.

A woman in New York who lived solitary and alone in her house for twenty years without ever going out, died of "melancholia" on Christmas Day.

Mayor Carleton, of Port Huron, Michigan, makes an appeal for further help for the sufferers by the Michigan fires. The sum of \$200,000 is absolutely needed.

A syndicate of some members of the Manhattan Club, New York, have purchased Booth's Opera House, New York, for \$550,000. It cost Booth \$1,000,000.

Contractors who are bound to furnish Government supplies at border posts, are proving negligent, and supplies in many cases frozen up in Western rivers.

A dispatch from Rome announces the appointment of the Very Rev. Nicholas A. Gallagher, Vicar General of Columbus, Ohio, to the Bishopric of Galveston Texas.

Mr. K. Gray, of Chicago, who was bitten by a rabid dog about three months ago, was seized with hydrocephalus on Saturday, and after much suffering died Tuesday.

It is expected that the Directors of the Pacific Bank, of Boston, will succeed in starting the bank again on a business basis, with new officers and renewed securities and capital.

The assistant bookkeeper and the paying-teller of the National Bank of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., are jailed in New York City for misappropriation of the funds of the bank.

Mrs. Scoville, the sister of Guitteau, the assassin, went to Marshal Henry and asked protection for her husband and brother, having received letters threatening their lives.

A terrible story comes from Jersey City of a man who was seized with a malignant type of small-pox, and, being refused admittance to the police stations, died on the sidewalk.

E. W. Newburgh, Assistant Secretary of the State Board of Public Works, of Columbus, Ohio, was arrested Thursday for forging \$4,000 in vouchers.

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