

NEWSLETS

It is thought that Congress will not adjourn until about the first of July.

It is said that valuable silver mines have been discovered in Northern Wisconsin.

Forty thousand iron workers are on a strike at Pittsburgh, Pa., wasting one hundred thousand dollars a day.

Heavy frosts about the 6th and 7th inst., damaged the growing crops in the Northwestern and New England States very seriously.

The enormous cost of the war in Afghanistan is shown in the loss of forty thousand camels, belonging to the British transport service.

The Indian Bureau at Washington has received information that Sitting Bull is on the American side of the boundary line, with 800 lodges of his people.

WASHINGTON gossip says that many Congressmen spend their time playing poker, and that several big games have recently occurred at one of the principle hotels.

LATER developments in the Vermont poisoned-brook horror, show that the children died of diphtheria, superinduced by the pools of stagnant water under and about the school house.

THE World's Fair for 1883 is to be held in New York city. This has been definitely settled by the recent organization of some of the leading men of wealth and enterprise of that city.

An excursion train on a narrow gauge railroad in Utah, was blown from the track the other day. A brakeman was killed and the conductor slightly wounded, but none of the passengers were hurt.

The average salary of Methodist ministers in fourteen Southern conferences is said to be \$572, and the average amount paid \$438. In Northern conferences the average is \$700, and the deficiency in payments about 12 percent.

THERE is a prospect that the European silk crop will be a failure, and that large supplies of the article will have to be drawn from China and Japan. In this event, there will be an increased demand for silver, and the price of it is stiffening.

THE condition of British troops in South Africa is most discouraging. The least move entails enormous expense; the mortality is frightful, and as now situated but little defense could be made against the Zulus should they open an attack.

The trade unions of the various cities of this country have definitely decided to devote the next Fourth of July to a grand demonstration for the eight-hour-a-day movement. The report that there is to be a general labor strike at that time or any other time this summer is denied.

It is said C. W. Field has made \$4,000,000, and Samuel Tilden is said to have made \$2,000,000 on the elevated railroads in New York city. The two roads have combined in a new company, and the big stockholders are charged with swallowing up the little ones.

LOD FALMOUTH, the most successful turfman of Europe, has one three-year-old filly, the *Wheel of Fortune*, that has already won for him \$79,450 in stakes alone. Mr. Falmouth never bets, he simply takes the stake, and in this way secured in 1878 \$200,000; in 1877, \$175,000, and the indications are that 1879 will be a good year for stakes.

As Mrs. Honora Lacy was driving from Wilmington, Delaware, to her home in Chester county, Pennsylvania, the other day, the contents of the carriage—cotton and straw—were ignited by a match, and instantly the whole interior of the vehicle was in a blaze. The horse was frightened and ran away before it was stopped. Mrs. Lacy was literally roasted alive.

The new yth elected Judge of the Court of Appeals in Kentucky is charged with grave offenses, and the bar are calling upon him to purge himself. He has not yet taken his seat, or answered the charges.

The bold scoundrels who robbed a messenger of the Illinois Central Railway of a package of nearly \$10,000, on a public street in Chicago, on Saturday afternoon, while he was en route from the railway office to a bank, have been arrested, and a portion of the money recovered. There are three of them, and they are well-known professional thieves.

The number of persons who arrived at the port of New York from foreign countries during May was 21,567, of whom 18,100 were classed as immigrants. During the corresponding period of 1878 the total number of passengers arrived at the port was 15,271, of whom 12,213 were immigrants. During the year ending May 31, 1879, the arrivals were as follows: Immigrants, 92,801; other passengers, 42,378. During the previous year, 71,001 immigrants and 30,355 other passengers. The increase is noteworthy.

A STATE convention of the colored people is to be held at Terre Haute, on the 6th of August, the purpose of which will be to perfect arrangements for securing to the colored citizens of Indiana better recognition in the paneling of juries and selections of county, township and municipal officers, and to cause several old-time barbans laws now upon the State statutes to be eliminated, especially in the marriage code. Another important subject to be discussed will be to devise some method to induce colonies of the colored people, now fleeing from the South, to locate in this State.

AT Portsmouth, Va., quite recently, the Mayor caused the arrest of nine colored men and women, at the instigation of several of their white neighbors, and preferred charges of larceny against them. In punishment for this alleged crime the Mayor ordered each one of the accused to receive thirty-nine lashes at the whipping-post, and the sentence was carried out.

CASHMERE, where the famine is prevailing so severely, is one of the northern native Indian States, in directly under British rule, the Maharajah being required to furnish a contingent of troops when called upon by the Viceroy of India. The Indian government has organized relief measures, as in the Bombay and Madras Presidencies, during the last few years of famine, where \$40,000,000 were expended on public works, designed to give the natives employment. Cashmere has an area of 79,784 square miles, and a population of 1,600,000. The cholera is prevailing there and in Northern India generally, and the suffering will doubtless be very great.

STIR has been commenced in the Owen Circuit Court by Judge John C. Robinson and wife, against the Indianapolis and Vincennes Railway Company, to enjoin the said company from sounding its locomotive whistles, according to the new statute, alleging that the same is a nuisance to the plaintiffs and the property-holders of the town of Spencer. The chief question is one of constitutional law—whether or not the Legislature has the power to require of a corporation the performance of an act in the transaction of its business which is not necessary to the public safety, to the damage of the public in general, or in other words, has it the power to enact a law the enforcement of which creates a public nuisance?

THE Iowa Supreme Court has decided that the innocent giver of a promissory note to a lightning-rod man, a plaintiff-right agent, or other traveling swindler, such not having afterwards been raised to a larger amount by such swindler, is not liable for more than the amount of the original and bona fide contract. This reverses the ruling of the district courts of that State, and has the effect of protecting many farmers and others who have late years been victimized by sharpers, who have taken their notes for small amounts, which, by filling blanks, were fraudulently increased to larger sums and disposed of to local banks. The Supreme Court has done a simple act of justice by thus stepping in between the swindlers and their victims.

More than \$1,000,000 is now being spent in Peoria, Ill., in the erection of manufacturing establishments, and upwards of another million in building business blocks and private residences.

A DENTIST of Indianapolis, two weeks ago while experiment in tooth-grafting, inserted in each of the combs of two healthy roosters a human bicuspid tooth. Since that time the teeth have become firmly imbedded in the combs, and look as if they had grown there. The chickens take kindly to the graft, and look as if they were of a new strain.

WILLIAM JAMES committed suicide near Etna Green, a few days ago, by cutting his throat with a razor. Mr. James was sixty years of age, but one of the most powerful men in his country, there being but one taller man, and possessing immense strength corresponding to his herculean build. The undertaker had to furnish a coffin seven feet in length.

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