

## ODDS AND ENDS

GRECIAN ladies count their age from their marriage, not from their birth.

MORE snow fell on Mount Washington the past winter than for forty years.

NEWBURYPORT, MASS., is happy over the improved condition of her silver mines.

SIR EDWARD and Lady Thornton delight in riding in a canal boat on the Potomac.

ANOTHER, when it is long in coming, is stronger when it comes and the longer kept.

It is a well-established fact that the tea plant will grow in many of the Southern States.

THE acreage of the cotton crop in Western Texas is fifty per cent. greater this year than last.

THE Christian Union has been sued for \$50,000 damages for violation of business agreement.

TWINS always attract attention. From babyhood to maturity they are objects of observation.

THERE are twenty alligators in the Jardins des Plantes in Paris, the largest being over seven feet long.

PHOSPHORESCENT paper is reported to be one of the latest novelties. Writing done upon it can be read in the dark.

THE Silk Association of America reports a good business for last year. The price of raw silk has constantly declined.

A LADY in Paris, named Chevassus Clement, has been frequently prosecuted for wearing a nun's costume, but she persists in the offense.

THE orchards in Northern Pennsylvania, which is the greatest fruit raising region of the State, never looked more promising than now.

THE city of Rochester is being sued for \$1,000 damages for the destruction, by order of its Board of Health, of rags supposed to be infested with the small-pox.

THE ghost of a woman haunts the track of the Kansas Pacific railway at Smoky Hill, Col., and when they try to run her down she doesn't give them a ghost of a chance.

AMONG the speakers of the next Yale commencement will be Chun Lung, a Chinese member of the class of 1879, who will deliver an oration on "The Chinese in America."

Most of the wines used in England for the holy communion in Roman Catholic churches comes from the vineyards of English colleges of Lisbon and Yaldalid, and is white.

AN Ayrshire cow belonging to the Sears brothers, Elmwood, Conn., gave 386 pounds of milk in ten days. Seventy-four ounces of butter was made from the milk drawn in one day.

A CRUEL exchange, noting that a meteorite weighing several hundred pounds fell near Ottawa, says the people for miles around thought it was the arrival of the daily Canada newspaper.

MISS C. L. WOLFE, the wealthy single woman in the United States, has arrived at Newport, after a two years' trip to Europe. Her residence is in New York. She is worth \$10,000,000.

HUNDREDS of cold-blooded wretches are putting themselves forward as candidates for the office of public executioner in Paris. The bulk of the would-be-neck-choppers are torts and coaches.

IN Sumatra, when telegraph messages are delayed or fail to be transmitted, it is because the wires are down or won't work as elsewhere, but it is not attributed to storms. Elephants and tigers upset the poles, and monkeys break the wires by taking gymnastic exercises on them.

THE Central Pacific freight train, No. 6, was detained one day last week at Clark's Station, Nev., for two hours by crickets. The track was covered with them for a distance of three miles, and the boys had to have the patience of Job while moving the train over such a slippery mass.

THE United States produced 50,000,000 tons of coal in 1877 in a coal area of 192,000 square miles. Germany, with a coal area of 1,770 square miles, produced about the same amount, and Great Britain, with a coal area of 11,900 square miles, produced in the same year about 135,000 tons.

THE old chimney of the house in which Washington was born, on the estate of "Wakefield," in Westmoreland county, Virginia, is still standing—all that is left to mark the spot, the tablet erected by Parke Custis in 1815 having crumbled to pieces. It is suggested that an enduring monument be placed upon the spot.

ACCORDING to statistics just published, there were 18,738 young men studying at the twenty German universities during the Winter semester just passed. Of these, 2,488 were studying theology, 5,106 law, and 3,537 medicine, 7,657 being inscribed in the philosophical faculty. Their ages ranged for the most part from 19 to 22 years.

A MAN bought some of the \$10 Government certificates at the Cincinnati office, and missed one after retiring from the window. He could find it nowhere. "Give me a dollar and I'll get it for you," said a boy. The offer was accepted. The boy yanked another urchin out of the line and choked him until he opened his mouth, from which the hidden certificate dropped out.

A YOUNG man with two wooden legs was recently sent to prison in Paris for forgery. He lost his legs by machinery, and had a pension of \$160 a year from his former employer, but he was rather a fast youth, notwithstanding his defective means of locomotion, and used often to pawn his legs until his pension came in. Finally he took to forgery, and was sent where he will have little occasion for legs.

A KENTUCKY girl and her lover had vainly tried for four years to elope together. They were Thomas Owen and Miss Kate Sanford, of Milburn.

A few nights ago Miss Kate bravely jumped out of a window. She broke one of the small bones near the ankle, but Tom got away with her, and she was held on her feet while the marriage ceremony was performed by a sympathizing clergyman.

MR. AUGUSTUS L. WHITING, member of the New York Coaching Club, was driving in a one-horse carriage at Newport on Monday, accompanied by his wife and another lady, when both reins broke and the horse started on a run, dashing down Bellevue avenue at a frightful pace. Mr. Whiting, with remarkable presence of mind, reached over the dashboard, unthatched the traces, and allowed the animal to get out of the shafts.

A NEW form of disease has become apparent in the heart of a very crowded portion of London. It is a new form of Cypress fever, and a diagnosis of a recent malignant case shows the patient to be suffering from hallucinations and lowered vitality. The faculty ascribe the disease to impure water, and have given it the name of delphobia, and though it is seldom fatal, the sufferer remains but a shadow of his former self.

## NEWS NOTES.

A CYCLONE in Nebraska, last week, killed eleven persons.

THE latest reports from the West predict a fine crop of wheat.

On the 27th of July next, the Bank of England will be 185 years old.

GEN. GOBY has deposed the President of Paraguay and seized the government.

A SHOWER of live minnows fell in the streets of Des Moines, Iowa, the other day.

A STORM at Elkhart Ind., last Saturday, destroyed a \$10,000 school house, and other buildings.

FISHERMEN at Michigan City have recently been hauling in two thousand pounds of fish per day.

THE bonded indebtedness of LaFayette is \$1,915,500. The expenses last year were \$709,409.07.

THE nomination of Senator Conover for Collector of Internal Revenue in Florida, has been withdrawn.

THE prospects are that the cotton crop of 1879, in the Southern States will be the largest and best ever raised.

OWING to divisions in the Liberal ranks, the Clericals gained advantages in recent municipal elections in Italy.

TWENTY lepers were recently discovered by the Health officers in the Chinese slums of San Francisco, and sent back to China.

TWO men were killed, and two others badly injured, at Terra Haute, last Saturday, by the caving in of a sewer which they were constructing.

IT is stated that the large organ of the Brooklyn Tabernacle was mortgaged for \$2,500 to pay the expenses of Dr. Talmadge's trip to Europe.

ANOTHER jury has decided that Gaetano, the Indianapolis murderer, is guilty as charged in the indictment, and must suffer death as the just penalty of his crime.

SEVERAL ships with yellow fever on board have arrived at New York, and the health officers are apprehensive that the dread disease may find a lodgment in the city.

EMPEROR WILLIAM's golden wedding concluded with a grand dinner, laid for 750 guests, and a soiree attended by 9,000. He granted 700 persons, and more are expected.

CONGRESS has passed a joint resolution appropriating funds for a monument to mark the birth-place of Washington. The old house in which he was born has completely disappeared.

THE prospect now is that the contest for the Governorship of Massachusetts next fall will be between Governor Talbot, the present Republican incumbent, and General Butler, as the Democratic nominee.

THE jury in the case of Mrs. Vredenburg vs. Members of the Crescent City Rifle Club of New Orleans, gave a verdict of \$15,000 for the plaintiff, whose husband was killed by a pet bear kept on the club grounds.

IT is said that the Empress snubbed Bismarck at her golden wedding reception. That is nothing, dear gossips! It is more than probable that the peacock and vinegar old lady has snubbed the great Emperor himself, scores of years.

A COLORADO inventor skips across the deep, wide and rapid Missouri river, with ease and speed on his patient water-shoes. The shoes, when attached together, become a buoy or life-preserved, upon which the wearer can sit or lie with ease and safety.

IT may here be stated that General Shields breathed his last in a hospital attached to a Catholic convent, presided over by a female relative of his, in the beautiful little city of Ottumwa.

The immediate cause of his death was the bursting of the old wound received by him at the battle of Cerro Gordo.

The other: "From the State of South Carolina to Gen. Shields, in testimony of her admiration of his gallantry in the Mexican war, and as a tribute of gratitude for his parental attention to the Palmetto regiment." The hilt is studded with diamonds, rubies and emeralds, and on the scabbard is a palmetto tree, with dates of the several battles in which the old hero fought in the Mexican war. South Carolina invested the handsome sum of \$8,000 in this gift.

AMELIA A. YOUNG has made application for the appointment of a receiver, and for an injunction to restrain the executors of the estate of Brigham Young from the further performance of duty, claiming that they have improperly made away with over \$1,000,000 of the estate. The executors are George W. Cannon, Albert Carrington and Brigham Young, Jr.

SOME uneasiness is beginning to be felt in Chicago regarding the eight hour labor demonstration, which is to take place in that city on the Fourth of July. While the proclaimed intention is to have a peaceful and orderly parade and mass meeting, it is feared that some of the Socialist leaders have a more serious programme in preparation.

GEORGE A. REYNOLDS, of Salt Lake City, has been convicted on the charge of bigamy and sentenced to two years imprisonment and \$500 fine. He is the first Mormon convicted of polygamy since the passage of the act of Congress in 1862, making polygamy a crime. He is to serve his term of imprisonment in the Detroit penitentiary.

THE town of Winchester has passed an ordinance requiring saloon-keepers to pay a corporation license fee of \$100.

THERE is a case litigating in the Howard Circuit Court over a \$1.50 shawl, the costs on which to date aggregate \$400.

SOME inhuman wretch cut the tongue out of a cow belonging to Ephraim Fouty, in Shelbyville a few nights since.

SOMEBOODY cut the entrails out of the only horse owned by Mr. Rodman, a Porter county farmer, the other day, and the horse soon afterwards died.

PARTIES who have sustained injuries by their horses taking flight at the incessant locomotive whistle caused by the new law, are commencing suit against the state.

JOHN GILBERT SHANKLIN, Secretary of State, and Miss Gertrude Avery, of Louisville, Ky., were united in marriage last Saturday at Wyoming, New York. Miss Avery has been one of the belles of Kentucky, being beautiful, highly accomplished and very wealthy. Mr. Shanklin is well known as one of the most polished and genial gentleman of the Hoosier State.

JUDGE DAVIDSON, of the Fountain Circuit Court, has decided that the railroad whistling act is in violation of the section of the constitution of the State which provides, in substance, that no man's property shall be taken without just compensation. He holds that the term "taken" as used in the constitution is not limited to actual seizure of property, that it may be construed to be synonymous with injury. The whistling is injurious and destructive to property, therefore, the act requiring it is unconstitutional and void.

MANAGERS of many of the railroads have issued the following sensible order: To Engineers: "While complying with the whistling law, if you see that teams are frightened and likely to become unmanageable, you will at once stop whistling. Human life and property must not be placed in jeopardy if it is possible to avoid it. Further, we do not wish to make any more noise than is actually necessary. At best it is a very serious annoyance to our passengers and to the people on the line of our road."

RE. THOMS COOPER, pastor of the Congregational Church at Peru, has commenced suit against A. N. Dukes, Charles Kummer, George Rettig, John T. Stevens and others of his congregation for \$10,000 damages, alleging that the said persons have conspired together to eject him from the church edifice, deprive him of his pastorate and injure his reputation. The congregation is divided on the question of retaining Mr. Cooper as pastor, and the fight between the factions is red hot.

A FULLY developed case of leprosy exists near Salem. Her name is Christine, and she lives twelve miles north of that place. Her skull in places has actually decayed away, so that the brains have protruded and been removed. The bones of the leg have gradually decayed until they are only from one-quarter to one-third their natural size. She is, as it were, a walking pestilence. The physicians say that it is a real case of leprosy. The unfortunate person has been a resident of this county for nearly thirty years.

BETHEL, Wayne county, has some rather remarkable women. One of them, Hannah Hyde, wore 1,577 yards of carpet from Feb. 22, 1878, to Feb. 22, 1879, besides doing her housework. Another, Mrs. Sophie Lawrence, is almost ninety years of age and can read any kind of print without glasses, and does the finest of quilting and needle-work. She is intelligent, and has been a member of the church forty-three years and attends church regularly. She can walk a mile about as soon as many young ladies.

RICHMOND TELEGRAM: E. H. Jenkins, father of the Messrs. Jenkins who have been in the jewelry business for a number of years at No. 27 Main street, where he is now employed, has this week completed a very ingenious attachment for clocks, on which he has been working for a number of years. It is a clock calendar, recording the day of the week, the month of the year and the day of the month, and will record the same for one hundred years without a single change of the machinery. It is operated by the clock work, to which it is made continuous by one small wheel, and, as before stated, will make accurate record for a century without any attention, if the clock to which it is attached will hold out to run for that length of time without stopping.

AN immense audience assembled at Fort Wayne the other evening to witness a class of twenty graduates from the High School receive their diplomas. The exercises were interrupted at the stage by a scene of great excitement, which for a time threatened serious results. When Master Wilson, who was second on the programme, finished his speech, an elegant bouquet was handed to him, in violation of an order of the School Board, who had expressly prohibited any floral offerings. The young man took the bouquet and refused to give it to the Chairman of the School Board, Hon. A. P. Edgerton. The scene which ensued baffles description. The vast audience rose up, standing on chairs, etc., and shouted of "Stick to it!" "Hold on!" "Don't give up!" were heard on every side. Mr. Edgerton attempted to speak, but hissed down him out, whereupon a squad of police went to the stage and Master Wilson gave his bouquet to the officers. He then left the stage, followed by several other members of the class, with shouts, cheers, hisses, etc. After some time a slight degree of order was restored, Mr. Edgerton made a brief explanatory speech, and the exercises were then concluded amid considerable confusion.

A COUPLE of convicts in the northern Indiana prison have confessed that they killed a man near Crawfordsville, Ind., in 1863. The inscriptions on the testimonial are: On the first—"Presented by the State of Illinois to Gen. James Shields, for gallant service at Vera Cruz, Cero Gordo, Contreras, Cherubuco, Chepulco and the Gareta o Belin, City of Mexico." On one side of this blade is a view of the City of Mexico; on the reverse, scenes from the several battlefields named. The cost was \$2,000.

## STAT EITEMS.

THERE is not a licensed saloon in Crawford county.

THERE are in Wayne county 13,034 school children and 126 school teachers.

THE printing and binding of the acts of the last legislature amounted to \$2,345.71.

NEW Orphans' Home is to be erected at Jeffersonville this summer at a cost of \$5,000.

A SKEIN of wool seventeen inches long, was sent to the Wabash Plain Dealer, a few days ago.

POTATO bugs are doing great damage to the growing potato crop in Floyd and Harrison counties.

THE work of improving the navigation of the lower Wabash has been resumed by the Government.

FOREAUGH squealed on a \$2 city license at LaPorte, but a writ of attachment brought him to terms.

IKE CRISMAN, of Porter county, shot a wolf in his door yard, a few days ago, with which, by taking a running turn, he had so firmly planted object, we could lower our boat a hundred feet at a time. In this way, at the end of three days, having set adrift many

hundred ties, we reached the entrance to the Royal George. Here we discovered that an attempt to descend the first waterfall with two in the boat was certain destruction, and to return was impossible. Accordingly, I determined to lower my brother down the fall in the boat, a distance of 200 feet, gave him the rope and let him take his chance of the canon (life seemed more certain in that direction), while I would risk my physical ability to climb the canon wall, which was two thousand feet high.

"At about ten o'clock in the morning I shook hands with my brother, lowered him in the boat safely to the foot of the fall, gave him the rope and saw him no more. Then, throwing aside my coat, hat and boots, and stripping the socks from my feet, I commenced my climbing way, often reaching the height of one or two hundred feet, only to be compelled to return to try some other way. At length, about four o'clock in the afternoon, I reached the height on the smooth canon wall of about a thousand feet. Here my further progress was arrested by a shelving ledge of rock that jutted out from the canon side a foot or more. To advance was without hope; to return certain death. Reaching upward and outward, I grasped the arm of the ledge with one hand and then with the other, my feet slipped from the smooth side of the canon, and my body hung suspended in the air a thousand feet above the roaring waters of the Arkansas.

At that moment I looked downward to measure the distance I would have to fall when my arms gave out. A timber, which I could not see, had come through a cedar bush that projected over the ledge, a little beyond my reach. My grasp upon the rim of the ledge was fast yielding to the weight of my person. Then I determined to make my best effort to raise my body and throw it sideways toward the root, so as to bring it within my grasp. At the moment of commencing the effort, I saw my mother's face as she leaned over the ledge, reached down her hand and caught me by the hair. Stranger, my mother died while I was still a boy, and I remember her face. I was successful in making the side leap of my arms, when I drew myself upon the ledge and rested for a moment. The climbing way was laborious, but less dangerous. I reached the top of the canon just as the sun was sinking behind the snowy range, and hastened to our camp at the mouth of the canon, where I found my brother all safe. "Charley," said he, "have you had your head in a flour sack?" It was then that I discovered that my hair was white as you see it now."

How his Trouser Got Shortened.

A certain gentleman purchased a pair of pants a few days ago, which, upon being tried on at home, he found to be too long. That night he remarked to his wife that he wished her to take off about an inch from each leg, which would make them about the desired length. Being fond of teasing her husband she told him that she shouldn't do any thing of the kind, and he retired without having obtained a promise from her that she would attend to the matter.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., has some married women of Rushville, occupying high positions in society and members of the Disc