

ODDS AND ENDS.

AMERICANS eat more potatoes than any other nation on earth.

ALBION, N. Y., has a prospect of a colored theological seminary.

A BOSTON bell has two French snails for pets. They live on clover and lettuce.

BEER has supplemented wine on the tables of some of the best Vienna hotels.

AN INNATE of the Widows' Home, Allegheny, Pa., is known to be 112 years old.

GERMANY has just discovered a buried forest in her midst, supposed to be 10,000 years old.

THE work of assassination is going right on in West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Texas.

THE skeleton of a child was recently found in a chimney in London wrapped in paper dated three years ago.

THE choir of one of the colored Catholic churches in Washington is considered the best at the capital.

THE armory of New York's Seventh Regiment will be completed in November. The total cost will be \$250,000.

HE WHO makes a wayside tree grow where none grew before furnishes shade and consolation for a tramp with a sunburned chin.

KIT CARSON, son of the famous scout, and a very witty and intelligent person, is reported to be making temperance speeches.

MR. JOSEPH SELIGMAN, the eminent banker of New York, began life painting canal boats for the late Asa Packer, at the rate of fifty cents a day.

PRINCE LEOPOLD wishes to marry the Princess Marie of Hanover, to whom his brother, the Duke of Connaught, unsuccessfully proposed.

IT was recently stated in a Liverpool court that nearly all "teetotalers" thereabout indulged in port wine, regarding it as a harmless beverage.

DURING 1878, the American Bible Society made 1,296,958 Bibles, and during the sixty-three years of its existence the society has issued 36,052,160 copies.

A NORTH GREENWICH (Conn.) hen recently deserted her nest of eggs after setting two weeks, when a cat immediately took possession, and hatched five chickens.

A NEW YORK letter-writer says: "I saw a man the other day, who a year ago bought \$2 worth of cigars daily to give away; his lunch now costs him fifteen cents a day.

A PICTURE has been put on exhibition in Paris, and is to be shown in all the principal cities of Europe, representing the whole Paris Exhibition of 1878. It covers about 3,000 meters of canvas.

FORTY-FIVE years ago Paul Dillingham, ex-Governor of Vermont, took a boy into his service to do chores for his board, and allowed him to use his library and attend the district school. He is now fifty-five years old and he occupies a seat in the United States Senate. His name is Matt. H. Carpenter.

THE distinction is finely made. An exchange says: "An American gulps down a glass of lager as if he believed his stomach on fire, and a prize depended on a speedy extinguishment. A German lifts the sparkling amber to his lips and sips as though afraid to impose a too great burden upon so good a friend as his stomach."

THE Prince of Wales was so tickled with the rifle shooting of Dr. Carver, the American, before his angus presence recently, that he sent him a letter of compliment, accompanied by a gold horse-shoe scarf-pin, studded with diamonds and having in the center the Prince's feathers, with minute-colored precious stones in the band of the coronet.

AMERICANS can send wheat to England and sell it at a profit for less than it costs the English to grow it. This fact and several similar ones mean that there is a change in store for landed proprietors in that country. A writer in Macmillan's Magazine insists that every owner of land shall become an absolute freeholder, and that game shall be extirpated as vermin.

A. H. GRIMKE, a colored lawyer of Boston, was united in marriage a few days ago to Sarah E. Stanley, a daughter of a Wisconsin Episcopal clergyman of Caucasian blood. Mr. Grimke was a slave in South Carolina, but received a free education since the war, and is a man of the finest literary tastes and qualifications. The happy couple are assured of the warm friendship of a large circle of friends in the very best ranks of Boston society.

A TREE 325 feet high, in the neighborhood of Stockton, Cal., has hitherto enjoyed the reputation of being the tallest in the world; but an official of the Forrest Department in Victoria, Australia, lately measured a fallen eucalyptus in Gippsland, which was 435 feet long. Another tree of the same species in the Dandenong district of Victoria, still standing, is estimated at 450 feet.

IN a dream last week a Middletown (Conn.) man passed through a trial for murder which seemingly lasted three weeks, in which a great many witnesses were examined and eloquent pleas hours long delivered. At last he was convicted and sentenced. While on the scaffold, protesting his innocence to the last, the trap was sprung; but the rope broke and he ran away. He was pursued by the people and the police, but he eluded them until nightfall, when he ventured to visit his home. There he found his wife attacked by a gang of ruffians. He killed one of them and drove the rest away. Then he awoke and discovered he had been through these terrible ordeals, all this suffering and anguish, and the three weeks' trial, while sleeping only three minutes.

AN ENTERPRISING citizen of Argos has fitted up a wagon with which he proposes to travel about the country, and engage in the business of greasing horses. If he has the requisite quantity of cheek, he can make even that business pay.

IT is stated as a singular fact that not

one of the Imperial Napoleons has died in France, or on French soil. Napoleon I, the founder of the family, died a prisoner on the British Island of St. Helena, in the South Atlantic Ocean; his son, Napoleon II, died in Austria; his nephew, Napoleon III, died an exile in England; and now, his grand nephew, the young man whom the French Imperialists have hoped would one day rule France as Napoleon IV, has met his fate at the hands of Zulu in South Africa.

NEWS NOTES.

THERE are 45,000 suits pending in the United States Courts of the Union.

THE prospects are favorable for an immense sugar crop in the Island of Jamaica, but the condition of the coffee crop is not so promising.

THE recent revolution in Panama cost exactly \$5,000; nobody was killed, and everybody is forgiven.

IN the first week in June, snow to the depth of two inches fell in the northern counties of England.

THE President has withdrawn the nomination of Secretary McCrea as the successor of Judge Dillon.

IT is said that in one locality in Spain the masons wet their mortar with wine, because it is not so scarce as water.

KENTUCKY, California, Maine, Ohio, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin, hold State elections this summer and fall.

A TERRIBLE tragedy is reported from Holyoke, Massachusetts, where a man named Kemmer, because he did not like his wife, deliberately shot his three little girls dead, and claims that he did right in doing so.

A SHARP paragraphist says: "England has succeeded in beating Parole by loading him down, and she might, perhaps, beat Hanlan if she forced him to row with Senator Davis in the shell as coxswain."

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, in New York city, is to be lighted by electricity at a cost of one-third to one-fourth of the present cost of gas, and with three to four times greater illuminating power than by gaslight.

WESTON'S walk of 450 miles brings him \$2,000 of the gate money; \$2,500 won from Lord Astley and the champion belt. The "blasted" Britshers are great blowers about athletic sports, but exceedingly pernicious contributors of gate money.

THE National Congress of France, which has met at Versailles since the establishment of the Republic, has voted to make Paris again the seat of national government, and henceforth the Congress will hold its sessions in the latter city.

THE motion for a new trial in the case of Guelig, the Indianapolis murderer, has been overruled, and he is sentenced to be hanged on Friday, September 19th, the first anniversary of the brutal assassination of his victim, Mary McGlew.

MRS. ROLLAND, a young bride from Belgium, on a wedding tour round the world, went out with her husband for a stroll among the little islands at the head of Niagara, a day or two ago, and falling into the swift current was swept over the falls.

HON. HENRY W. BLAIR, the new United States Senator from New Hampshire, is 45 years of age. He is a lawyer, was Lieutenant Colonel of the Fifteenth New Hampshire regiment during the war, has been a member of both Houses of the Legislature, and has served two terms as a member of Congress.

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THE business men of Indianapolis have organized an association for the purpose of securing favorable railroad rates in order to induce the people far and wide to visit and trade in that city. One of the firsts of the association was the appointment of a committee to make arrangements for the celebration of the Fourth of July, on a grand scale.

THE revolutionary movement in Mexico is headed by Gen. Negrete, an old hand at the business, and there is some probability that the Diaz administration will be overthrown. The revolutionists appear to be the Bourbons of Mexico, their chief cause of complaint being the encouragement recently given to foreign capital and enterprise.

THE projector of civil engineering feats, Ferdinand de Lesseps, states that the first sod of the Panama Canal will be turned January 1, 1880, and that with 40,000 navies, including some Chinese, and 15,000 Brazilian negroes, the work can be completed in eight years.

BY the death of the Prince Imperial of France, Prince Victor, the son of Prince Napoleon Jerome (nicknamed "Pion-Pion,") becomes the heir-apparent to the throne, in the event of the restoration of the Empire. He is a lad of 17 years. His mother is the Princess Clothilde, daughter of the late Victor Emmanuel, of Italy.

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 Curtis in 1815 having crumbled to pieces. It is sug-

gested that an enduring monument be placed upon the spot.

THE Governments of England and France have formally demanded the abdication of the Khedive of Egypt. The bankrupt condition of his Government is the occasion, and both Germany and Austria threaten to join England and France in their demand for his abdication, if he does not at once pay the floating indebtedness. The Sultan of Turkey, who has a nominal protectorate over Egypt, is yet to be heard from.

AT the burial of the late Baron Lionel de Rothschild, his kinsmen who were present each threw three spadefuls of earth into the grave, the eldest son leading in the ceremony. While the body was being lowered into the grave they united in repeating the words: "May he come to his appointed place in peace," and as they were leaving they each plucked a few blades of grass, saying: "And they shall blossom forth from the ruins like the dust of the child."

SERIOUS apprehensions have been aroused by warlike symptoms among the Northern Cheyennes and other tribes in the vicinity of Fort Reno, Indian Territory. Ten companies of troops have just arrived at the fort, to be in readiness to deal vigorously with the threatening redskins. The number of the hostiles who are ready for the war-path is between 2,000 and 3,000. Their cause of anger is the fact that the government has refused them permission to leave their reservation for a hunting raid northward.

ON last Sunday, during a Bohemian dance and picnic in a grove near Chicago, a fight occurred between a member of an armed company of sharpshooters and a visitor. The latter was badly used up and ejected from the grounds. A mob outside took up his quarrel and assailed the picnickers with sticks and stones. The sharpshooters formed, and charged upon the crowd with fixed bayonets, subsequently firing several rounds, by which several persons were wounded, some of them, perhaps, fatally. The sharpshooters were arrested by the police force and taken to prison.

STATE ITEMS.

FLUX has been fatally prevalent at Orleans.

CENTER LAKE, Steuben county, has been stocked with eels.

STEUBEN COUNTY hen recently hatched twelve chickens from eleven eggs.

A TIDAL WAVE of horse-stealing has recently been sweeping over Eastern Indiana.

THE Meridiths recently sold \$10,000 worth of short horn cattle, at Cambridge City.

A LARGE number of pleasure seekers, however, have summer quarters at Lake Maxinkuckee.

A RECENT enumeration shows the population of Richmond and its suburbs to be 14,679.

THE water clip of the State, this year, is large, but it should be doubled as speedily as possible.

IN grading a street in Auburn, the bones of the first white man buried in DeKalb county were unearthed.

FIVE persons were killed by lightning in Washington county, during the month ending about June 20th.

A KOKOMO grocer was allowed \$1,000 for supplies to the poor of Center township, at the June session of the County Board.

STATE SENATOR REEVE is the owner of two fine farms in Marshall county, which are cultivated under his direction.

A BROTHER of ex-President Fillmore, was one of the speakers at the recent old settlers' meeting in LaGrange county.

MARY MUNGOAN, aged 15, committed suicide the other day, at Richmond, because she heard her lover was about to leave her.

THE press and people of Warsaw, are very anxious to build up the reputation of that place as a picnic and summer resort.

GEORGE RETTIG, of Peru, is preparing to engage extensively in the business of raising fine horses at his farm.

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