

ODDS AND ENDS

SENATOR BLAINE has six children. Heavy floods are reported in New South Wales.

The United States has issued more than 4,500 patents on seed planters.

The running expense of an ordinary passenger train, exclusive of taxes and interest, is about \$1 a mile.

A FLORIDA recluse owns 150,000 head of cattle, and buries his hoarded wealth in cans on his farm.

THE New York Sun sends up a bitter wail at the high price of lager beer, and stigmatizes it as an outrage.

MIDGET PINAFOR COMPANY is on the road, the tallest member of which is under thirty inches high.

THE Germans are becoming very numerous in Jerusalem, and they are about to establish a quarterly magazine here.

All the teachers who accepted appointments under the new educational laws of Belgium have been excommunicated.

The receipts at the New Orleans custom house are increasing on account, it is believed, of the jetties at the mouth of the Mississippi.

THE Panama canal scheme has been so poorly patronized in New York that the managers will not allow the sub-head he found his hearing restored.

Adolph Richard, of Staten Island, New York, left a bakeshop heated to 120 degrees, and entered a refrigerator where he died in ten minutes.

CAPT. STONE, of Moundsville, W. Va., was buried a few days ago in a coffin of mahogany grown from seed planted by himself on his own farm.

Lightning does strike twice in the same place sometimes. A large walnut tree on the farm of Alex. Loucke, of York, Pa., has been struck no less than five times in one season.

Mrs. Zimmer, of Gloversville, N. Y., was savagely attacked in her carriage by a tame monkey, who bit her arms and face, and on her return she died of nervous prostration, caused by her fright.

BONNER'S Edwin Forest trotted a full mile last Saturday, in 2:11 on a private track, and Mr. Bonner has promised to give a public exhibition of his powers soon, when a record will be given the wonderful horse.

A GEORGIA man retired as usual one night near the end of July and dreamed that he was fishing, and on waking up found himself sitting on a stump beside the river with a baited line in his hand, and two fish beside him.

A CONVICT has been pardoned from the Illinois penitentiary that he might be able to attend a meeting of heirs in Sweden, September 1st, when a large estate will be divided. His presence will secure him a comfortable fortune.

AN oil well which had been torpedoed at Kendal Creek, New York, gave out a rumbling sound, followed by a shower of pumice stone and clouds of smoke and steam. A little later oil began to flow, and an abundant yield has procured out since.

A HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania, soldier, whose hearing was destroyed in one of the engagements during the war, went bathing a few evenings ago, and on dipping his head under the water heard a loud report. Raising his thoughts to imminent, as the Russians are about to cross the Chinese frontier.

THE main part of the 12,000,000 acres granted to the Union Pacific are in Nebraska. The rapid increase of the cultivation along the road has extended the rail belt, and added one-third to the arable land of the grant.

THE following items appear in the accounts of the Russian Surgeon General during the Turko-Russian war: 7,445 pounds of quinine; 5,000 pounds of Peruvian bark; 28,000 pounds of castor oil, and 3,000 pounds of chloroform. The quinine cost \$36.00 per pound.

"Mother Shipton's Prophecy" that has kept the faint hearted in torment for the past decade was written by an English student only thirty years ago, who afterward confessed the fraud. It was one of the cleverest deceptions of the times.

GREAT clumsy iron war ships, like the British Thunderer, are fast giving place to light, wily little monitors, armed with single guns, and provided with engines capable of driving them at a high rate of speed. The German and Chinese Governments have adopted the small vessels.

NEWSLETS

INCENDIARY fires continue in various parts of Russia, supposed to be the work of Nihilists. The city of Batoum is the last victim. The total fire losses of the Empire during July, are estimated at over \$6,000,000.

At Mississippi City, Miss., the other day, in a quarrel about payment for a drink of whisky, R. R. Pierson, Superintendent of Public Instruction of Harrison county, shot and killed John G. Conkerton, of New Orleans.

THE Commissioners of England and Russia, appointed to ascertain and fix definitely the new boundary line between Russia and Turkey in Asia, have failed to agree. Serious consequences may grow out of this controversy, sooner or later.

THE Province of Para, in Brazil, is sorely afflicted. There has been a famine for two years, and, receiving no supplies, the people to the number of 14,000 have revolted, and all the excesses of anarchy and lawlessness are feared.

THE Pope has received an anonymous letter from Baltimore, warning him against attempting to poison him. The letter contains so many references to the Pope's private life that it is believed it was posted in America merely as a blind. An investigation is in progress.

The opening of the national temperature camp-meeting at Bismarck, Kan., last Sunday, is described as the most

impressive popular demonstration ever seen in Kansas. Addresses were made by Governor St. John, Francis Murphy, and others, and ten thousand people were present.

A WASHINGTON dispatch reports that advices from diplomatic representatives and special agents in Europe continue to favor the opinion that the efforts of this government to bring about the joint reconsideration by America and leading European Powers of the bi-metallic standard question will prove successful.

THE cultivation of the fig in the Western Michigan fruit region has proved to be a success. Specimens have been received in Chicago from a St. Joe nursery, including a branch four and three-fourths inches in length, bearing seven ripe figs. The crop of the tree from which this branch was taken is estimated at two bushels.

LOCKED up in the jail at St. Louis, it is stated, are ten murderers, six of whom destroyed the lives of women, and some of them have been there so long that "the names of their victim and the history of the murders are forgotten by the public and the officers, and are only to be discovered by going through old files of newspapers."

Between mawkish sensibility, legal hindrance, and possibly a corrupt use of money, the ends of justice are defeated, and murderers go unpunished.

THE capital invested in British railroads in 1878 was \$3,500,000,000; the number of miles open, 17,333; the capital per mile, \$201,505; the proportion of working expenses to gross receipts was 53 per cent; the proportion of net revenue to capital, 4.25 per cent. The most profitable year since 1869 was 1872, when the return upon capital reached 4.74 per cent—one-half of one per cent on the entire capital more than last year. The returns for the current year are expected to be more adverse.

A STORY, received at Montreal, through a gentleman who went there from New York, and is there considered authentic, states that A. T. Stewart's body was paid for some time ago, and placed in a vault under the wholesale rooms of the Stewart store in New York city. When the cathedral, now being built by Mrs. Stewart, is completed, the remains will find a resting place within its walls. This version is founded on a statement of a Stewart employee.

THE Washington Bureau of Statistics makes an interesting showing in regard to the decrease in the exportation of leading articles from Great Britain and Ireland destined for the United States during the last seven months ending August 1, 1879, as compared with the corresponding period of 1878. The decrease in the exports of cotton piece goods was over 7,000,000 yards; pig iron, nearly 18,000 tons; bar, bolt and rod iron, 1,000 tons; worsted stuffs, 4,000,000 yards; woolen cloths and carpets, each 140,000 yards.

THE August crop report of the Department of Agriculture at Washington shows that the general average of the condition of corn on the 1st of August was 93, against 93 in July. The area planted in buckwheat shows a slight decrease since last year. The condition of the potato crop is 93, against 88 in July. The summer of 1879 has not been favorable for the hay crop. The drought of June and July, which was so detrimental to other crops, also seriously shortened this. Timothy hay is above the average in only eight States.

INDIANA INKLINS

HON. W. H. ENGLISH, of Indianapolis, owns over 300 tenement houses.

MISHAWAKEYE is soon to have several new manufacturing establishments.

THE next session of the American Poultry Association will be held at Indianapolis.

JACOB HEATH is in jail at Salem for brutally beating his eighteen-year-old daughter.

THE Angora papers both have libel suits on their hands, brought by offended women.

THE artesian bore at Rochester has been stopped for want of funds, at a depth of 245 feet.

A WOMAN with a full blonde beard recently created a sensation on the streets of South Bend.

WM. HUDLER, of New Point, had a fit while fishing, the other day, and fell into a shallow pool of water and was drowned.

WHITELEY county supports opulent paupers. A young man in its county asylum recently had \$40 stolen from his trunk.

THE State House commenced laying 2,000,000 bricks, a few days ago. They employ about 300 men on the building and in the quarries.

A LOCOMOTIVE caught a horse at Larwell, a few days ago, carried it one hundred yards on the pilot and dropped it off uninjured.

A HORSE at Turkey Creek, Steuben county, which was left standing in its stable perfectly sound in the morning, was found to be stone blind at noon.

MAIL AGENT CHARLES PATTERSON, whose arm was broken by an accident on the Vandalia road last March, has sued the company for \$25,000 damages.

EDWARD FISHBACK, an old negro slave, lying at the City Hospital of Indianapolis, is literally covered with welts from whippings received while in slavery.

A BAND of fifteen men visited the negroes in the vicinity of Bloomington a few nights ago and ordered them to leave the country. Some of the men upon whom notices were served are well-to-do land holders.

A LIBEL SUIT.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 27.—Secretary Sherman arrived last night. Col. W. Moulton, brother-in-law of Secretary Sherman, has sued the Enquirer for \$50,000 libel. The objectionable article was an interview by Gath with J. B. McCullough, editor of the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*.

Warsaw, in the beginning, but was arrested a few days afterward for stealing books from the stand. It was finally decided that he was of unsound mind and he was released.

A VICTIM, Knox county, a fiendish attempt was made recently to abduct two young girls, which was frustrated by an alarm being given, when the men, discovering they were followed, loosened their hold upon their innocent prey and fled to the woods.

THE Courier states that during the past year \$2,000 worth of opium, in its different forms, has been sold in Washington county. One drug store in Washington sold 500 bottles of morphine from May 1st to August 20th, sixteen of which were purchased by one man, in one week.

THE celebrated Huckleberry Queen was married to a boy sixteen years old, the other night, at Tymer City. The Squire who performed the ceremony was called up out of bed by the loving couple, and said the solemn words that made twin one flesh, standing in his door clad in his sleeping clothes.

Mrs. ANNA KING, of Acton, lived last winter and spring for thirty-five days without food or drink. At the end of that time she rallied and recovered her appetite; recently she relapsed into her former abnormal condition. On Tuesday, August 19th, she died, after living twenty-one days without a particle of nourishment of any kind.

WHILE passing through a strip of woods a quarter of a mile west of Palestine, a few days ago, John Rogers discovered the body of a man hanging to a tree. He went back to town and returned to the place with a crowd of men. Upon examining the body it was found to be that of a white man about forty-five years old, and well dressed. The body was greatly swollen and decomposed, and is supposed to have been hanging three or four days. It was hanging by a piece of clothes-line to a small hickory tree, the feet touching the ground.

The Dog That Stole Kittens.

Detroit Free Press.

ABOUT twelve years ago a citizen on Adams avenue east, who owns a handsome Scotch terrier dog—the mother of three handsome puppies—took the young canines away and sold them, to the great grief of the mother. At that time a cat owned by a neighbor was carefully watched, and kept a watchful eye over the puppies. The Viceroy himself drove down about noon in very dashing style, and was conducted to a handsome tent which had been placed for him. He had not attended for a long time previously, but it is now his policy to be very religious.

AT last the devotees appeared in a body, chanting and swaying their bodies as if unable to be still. Friends accompanied them and assisted them to stand. The impression they desire to make is that they are in a religious procession, the greatest of their devotions roundly assert that a large part of the devotees are getting themselves well under the influence of hashish.

They were laid one by one in the middle of the street, their faces downward, resting on their arms, and as closely packed as possible. We supposed they numbered between 300 and 400. All of them belonged to the lowest classes of society, and this remark will apply to any Muslim procession that I have ever seen. Our carriage driver said he had "lain down" three times.

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BIRTH OF THE PROPHET.

A Rite of Moslem Fanaticism in Egypt.

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