

ODDS AND ENDS

CITYWAYO forbids the use of liquors in his domain.

The late Countess Waldegrave had an annual income of \$30,000.

A PHILADELPHIA lady died Friday from hydrophobia, caused by the bite of a pet black and tan.

CHUTAHSHOTTI, the North Carolina Indian chief, died the other day, aged somewhere from 120 years up.

The coming Queen of Spain is an Abbess of the noble order of Prague, and has canons under her.

NEARLY twenty thousand German emigrants have arrived at Castle Garden since the first of January.

The Macclesfield, England, silk factory will probably be located at Paterson, New Jersey, next year.

THEIR is a weekly newspaper in England which has reached the enormous circulation of over 600,000.

TWENTY-EIGHT hundred men constitute the working force of the Pennsylvania railroad shops at Altoona.

A FRENCH handlady has sued Prof. Bert for damages by the loss of boarders from the howls of dogs undergoing vivisection.

A YOUNG gorilla with a face almost the counterpart of a little Guinea negro, is on exhibition in the Crystal Palace, London.

MINISTER LANGSTON has formed a strong attachment for the Haytian people during his stay among them. He says they are brave, refined and disposed of higher education.

A MAN has died in Washington at ninety-three, who has been drunk for the past twenty years. His memory has been drunk standing and in silence by all the old soaks in Washington.

WHEN a handsome Baltimore lady asked a pedestrian to knock a man down who had been following her, he swiftly obeyed, and was much astonished to learn that it was her husband.

The famous old White Hall, Virginia, gold mine, which once yielded \$150,000 in seven months, but which has been idle since the war, is to be reopened at once by New York capitalists.

RARAVALONA, Queen of Madagascar, has issued a proclamation to her subjects commanding them to send their children to school, saying that it makes her glad to see her subjects wise.

THE first anthracite coal mined in America was sent to market in 1820. Since then the annual production has increased from 365 to 20,000,000 tons, and the fields are fast being exhausted.

THE late Bishop Ames was said by some of his critics to be miserly in his habits, because he accumulated a substantial fortune. But it now appears that for several years he gave away all his salary.

IN February next year there will be five Sundays. This fact occurs but three times in a century. Thus, after 1880, we will have to wait until 1920 before the shortest month of the year can again boast of five Sundays.

A COLORED cook at Martha's Vineyard astonished his mistress the other day by suddenly resigning his position, because he had been "called to preach."

MRS. LANGTRY makes her own hats and bonnets. One of her prettiest hats was made by herself from an old Leghorn straw once worn by her grandmother.

AMONG the waiters in the Leadville hotels are an ex-member of the New Jersey Legislature, a doctor of medicine, a lawyer, an ex-Confederate General, and an ex-Minnesota Judge.

GEN. TOOMES is a tall, big old man, with great brown eyes; and he likes to hear himself loudly talk. In a quiet neighborhood he is worse than an acrodeon. His conversation has dashes in it.

MUKI BACSI, the ablest wine-drinker in Hungary, was a guest at a recent wedding dinner. A glass holding three pints was set before him, and he was informed that he was expected to empty it as often as an ordinary glass was drained by the host. He obeyed, but the fat killed him.

THE deaths from violence—murder, accidents, etc.—are four times greater in England than in Italy, although the latter has a larger population. This is due to the number killed in mines in England.

HOLLOWAY, the English pillar manufacturer, is to build a college near London for the higher education of woman, at a cost of \$1,250,000, and endow it with half as much more. The way in which he became able to do so much good was by spending about \$4,000,000 in advertising during the past thirty years.

TWENTY THOUSAND people attended a tenant's right meeting at Fallow, Ireland, recently. Resolutions were adopted calling the attention of the government to the distressed condition of Ireland, and suggesting the establishment of a system of State relief and a general abatement of rents.

WONG CHING FOO, a Chinese Missionary of the religion of Confucius, has arrived in this country, and has entered upon the task of converting the people of this land, beginning at Chicago. Mr. Foo is enthusiastic in the belief that the philosophy of Confucius, will fill a long felt want in this atmosphere of free thought and many "isms."

A LADY in White Hill, Burlington county, Indiana, is the owner of a dog and a dove. Whenever she goes out walking the dove perches itself on the dog's head, and the latter trots off, happy as a lark. The bird holds its position until the party return home, unless Towser is attacked by some of the bad dogs of the borough. Then it flies to a place of safety, returning to its favorite roost when the tussle between the dogs is over.

JERRY GOLDSMITH is the hero of

Stone Mountain. That precipitous mass of rock is used by Georgians as a sort of picnic ground. On Friday little Emma Jones fell over the steep side of the mountain, which has a perpendicular height of 1,000 feet, but fortunately lodged on a ledge, where she could hold on by sticking her fingers in a crevice. Jerry Goldsmith tied a rope about his waist and swung down fifty feet below the brink and rescued the child. A man was dashed to pieces at the same precipice a few years ago.

NEWSLETS

THE first ice of the season in this country was formed at Pembina, Dakota Territory, on Friday night, September 12th and 13th.

THE Canochet mansion of the Spragues, which passed from their hands the other day, to pay debts, has ninety-two rooms.

THE CAVING in of a coal mine at Mahoney Plane, Penn., has caused the settling of a large tract of land, on which is situated a number of dwellings.

CALISTHENICS and military drill have been made compulsory in the public schools of Montreal, but the time devoted to them is to be taken from the Saturday holiday.

A DISPATCH from Bombay says that the greatest excitement has been caused there by a report that the Amir of Afghanistan has been killed by the rebels, or, according to another version, that he has committed suicide.

THE West Indies are again the source of warlike news. A new revolution has broken out in Hayti, and the revolt in Cuba has been renewed. Spain is about to dispatch 10,000 troops to the latter island to put down the "patriots."

THE Institute of International Law, now in session at Brussels, has voted in favor of a resolution recommending that the various States agree that the destruction or injury of submarine telegraph cables is offensive and against the law of nations.

THE weather has greatly improved in Great Britain for the past week or two, but too late to do the grain crops much good. It is estimated that the yield of grain in that country will be at least 25 per cent. less than the average of former years.

REPORTS received at Washington relative to the iron trade in all sections of the country show a steady improvement. Furnaces that have been out of blast and iron work which have been suspended are resuming, and the trade is apparently in a very promising and prosperous condition.

THE Czar of Russia is organizing his official heads of departments. There are other respects in which he might reorganize the affairs of his Empire with advantage to himself as well as to the peace and welfare of his people. The trouble in Russia is an excess of stupid and heartless despotism.

A HALF dozen drugs seem to be sufficient to combat all kinds of disease. During the last Turk-Russian war, in the medical staff of the Russian army ordered 38,000 pounds of quinine, 16,000 pounds of chloroform, 130,000 pounds of castor oil, and several thousand pounds of opium, guaiacal, camphor and carbolic acid. With these they felt prepared for all emergencies.

THE first threshings in the West and northwest of France show a very poor yield both in quality and quantity, and there is no off set to the bad results in the southwest, East and center. Though France will not have to purchase so largely as last year, she will require from fifteen to twenty million hectoliters, and must buy it almost exclusively in America in competition with England.

THE sixth annual convention of the Mexican war veterans of Illinois, recently held at Chicago, adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of Gen. Shields. The present officers were re-elected. Peoria was selected as the place of the next annual meeting. Delegates were appointed to the annual convention at New York on February 23d. A committee was appointed to confer with a similar committee of Ohio veterans respecting the advisability of calling a national convention to take action on the pension question.

A SPECIAL to the London Times, from Philadelphia, says Pennsylvania furnaces have been buying more than 70,000 tons of pig-iron and old rails in England. American producers are not being able to supply the enormous demand for iron. The estimated consumption for 1879 is set down at 30,000,000 tons of pig-iron and 1,100,000 tons of rails, which is an unprecedented amount.

THERE is not much encouragement for temperance workers in the recent statistics from the internal revenue bureau. There was an increase of 15,000,000 gallons in the quantity of intoxicating beverages manufactured in the United States last year—figured out by the expert editor of the Chicago Inter-Ocean to equal 480,000,000 square drinks of three fingers each. Besides this we imported last year, in excess of the former year, 4,434,455 gallons.

THE custom-house receipts at New York city last week were larger than those of any one week since 1872.

THE total receipts of the recent Ohio State Fair at Columbus were \$34,000,000, in excess of all expenses and arrears of last year's fair—the best showing of any State fair ever held in that State.

THE New York Herald refers to Saturday as a glorious day for the United States. "We did not win a victory on field or flood, but we exported to Europe from New York alone three hundred and fifty thousand barrels of grain, twenty-four thousand barrels and bags of flour, twenty-five hundred bales of cotton, and thousands of tons of meats, cheese, butter and other provisions."

A HOTEL at Westerville, O., was blown up on Sunday night with gunpowder. Corbin, the proprietor, was the only person injured. He claims that it was done by some of the villagers because of his refusal to cease selling liquor in the village. Four years ago a building in which he kept a saloon there was destroyed in the same way. He then left and had but recently returned.

THE official employees of the Turkish government are on a "strike" for the pay that is due them, and the rank and file of the Sultan's army threaten to disband for the same reason. In the meantime, the city of Constantinople is reported to be infested with criminals and desperadoes to such an extent that the representatives of foreign governments have called the attention of the authorities to the fact that life and property are no longer secure.

INDIANA STATE ITEMS

A HEN at Anderson habitually lays double-yolked eggs.

THE poultry men and dog fanciers of Madison county have organized a poultry and dog breeders association.

W. C. DEPAUW, of New Albany, has made his tenth annual donation of \$1,000 to the Preacher's Aid Society of the Indiana conference.

THE Studebaker Bros. of South Bend have purchased the right to manufacture "Adirondack" Murray's buck-board wagons, paying \$20,000 therefor, it is stated.

ALL the shipyards around the falls of the Ohio are full of orders, and it is now proposed to establish another and extensive yard in New Albany, preliminary steps for which have already been taken.

THE other night while James Sipes, of Milton, was hunting medicine for his sick child, the oil lamp he was carrying exploded, setting the house on fire and burning it to the ground, only saving part of his goods. It was covered by insurance.

THE shelving of M. D. Powell's grocery store, at Hartford City, gave way the other night, damaging goods to the amount of \$200. Several boxes of matches caught fire near some cans of powder, but luckily the fire was extinguished without any explosion.

THE Boyd family reunion held near Jacksonsburg, Wayne county, recently, was a notable affair. It took place on the farm of Martin Worf, the old home farm, entered by Samuel Boyd in 1810. The family embraces a relationship of near four hundred persons, of which number about two hundred reside in Wayne county.

FOUR masked men with revolvers confronted James Steffy, of the firm of Roberts, Emison, & Steffy, leading merchants of Bruceville, Ind., the other night, as he was closing the store, and compelled him to open the safe. Fortunately a large sum of money had been deposited in the bank that day, and there was only \$25 in the safe.

THE prospects for a large and successful State Fair in Indiana, this year, are reported to be very flattering. The applications for space for live stock are unusually numerous, and additional sheds are being built to accommodate the demand.

IT is said that there is a cemetery near Rochester in which ground-hogs are so numerous that the pesky varmints tunnel into the graves and disturb the remains of the occupants. It is no uncommon sight to see skulls and other human remains lying about in the cemetery, brought to the surface by the ghoulish ground hogs.

WABASH PLAIN DEALER: Further particulars of the burning of the barn of Mrs. Scott, in Liberty township, indicate that the loss was a severe one, estimated at \$1,500, with no insurance. Two horses, several head of hogs, hay, &c., were burned. Mr. John Brady had some five acres of flax, recently harvested, in the barn, which was also.

PEIR REPUBLICAN: A beautiful life size crayon drawing by Miss Berlie Shirk, of this city attracted much attention at Indianapolis during the Art School exhibition there last month. It is, though unfinished, said to be a work of considerable merit. It is six feet long by three and a half feet wide, and is entitled "Pyramids and Thisbe." The figures are a youth lying upon the ground in the throes of death, while a beautiful girl bends distractingly over him. Miss Shirk is now engaged in executing a number of portraits of some of our prominent men in which branch of art she excels.

A FEASIBLE DUEL.

London Truth.

I was looking over the stories that you sent in last week for the prize, and I send you one that the editor did not good to be lost: "There is a curious duel now pending in Boston, which began several years ago. Mr. A., a bachelor, challenged Mr. B., a married man, with one child, who replied that the conditions were not equal; that he must necessarily put more at risk with his life than the other, and he declined. A year afterward he received a challenge from Mr. A., who stated that he, too, had now a wife and child, and he supposed, therefore, the objection of Mr. B. was no longer valid. Mr. B. replied that he now had two children, consequently the inequality still subsisted. The next year Mr. A. renewed his challenge, having now two children also, but his adversary had three. The master, when last heard from, was still going on, the numbers being six to seven, and the challenge yearly re-

vised.

Wheat requires a fine and mellow soil; it is best if compact below and roughish on the top. If there are any cans, these should be brought up from below by repeated harrowings and broken by the roller or the disk harrow. If they cannot be broken up completely they are better for the top than below the surface. A roller will break many.

Adam Clarke: I have lived to know that the secret of happiness is never to allow your energies to stagnate.

THE STOLEN INTERVIEW.

"Oh sing the songs you used to sing
My soul is full of sadness!"
Orlando sighed, "perhaps they'll bring
Some memory of past gladness."

"Twas at a stolen interview
The touching words he uttered;
And with a voice too low to hear,
Their hearts like aspens fluttered."

But brief the rapture of the trust,
The mocking laugh at the trust,
Break on their ears—a father's fist
Through parting boughs came after.

"Orlando, fly! 'tis not her prayer,
'Quick! under fence be scaling,'
He flew—and left some feet square
Of trowsers on the paling."

TREED.

Among the earliest settlers in the wilds of Salmon River was a Vermonter, by the name of Dobson, a large, resolute and athletic man. He came one evening from a fruitless hunt after his vagrant cows, which, according to custom in the new country, had been turned into the woods to procure their own subsistence from the rank herbage of the early summer, just before emerging from the forest upon the clearing of his neighbor, the late Mr. Joseph Sleeper, he saw a large bear descending from a lofty Sycamore, where he had been in quest, probably of honey. A bear ascends a tree much more expertly than he descends it—being obliged to come down stern foremost.

My friend Dobson did not very well know to be joined in his evening walk by such a companion, and, without reflecting what he should do with the "varmint" afterward, he ran up to the tree on the opposite side from the animal's body, and, just before he reached the ground, seized him firmly by both his forepaws.

Brum growled and gnashed his tusks, but he soon ascertained that his paws were in the grasp of paws equally strong and strong with his own. Nor could he use his hinder claws to disembowels his antagonist, as the manner of the bear is, inasmuch as the trunk of the tree was between them. But Dobson's predicament, as he was enveloped in the tree, was not the most serious, for he was very observant during the progress of a race, and is quick to perceive weak points of an adversary and promptly to take advantage of them, was originally illustrated in the run for the Travers Stakes. Asked soon after the race why he went up to Harold and Jericho at the half mile, only to fall away again, he replied: "Well, I did not care for Jericho, but, while I thought Spendthrift was the dangerous horse, I wanted to go up to Harold to see how he felt; so I took Falsetto with the spur one time, went up to them, felt of Harold, found him sprawling over the course, and saw he was out of the race, and I fell back to keep Feakes from thinking I was at all dangerous."

The twilight was fast deepening into darkness, and his position was far less comfortable than it otherwise would have been at the same hour, surrounded by his wife and children at the supper-table, to say nothing of the gloomy prospect for the night. Still, as Mr. Sleeper's house was not far distant, he succeeded in getting to bed, though he was not quite so reposed as he had been before, at seeing Mr. Sleeper before; albeit, he was a very kind and estimable neighbor.

"Why don't you make haste, Mr. Sleeper, and not be lounging along at that rate when you see a fellow-Christ?" "I yum! It is that you, Mr. Dobson, up a tree there! And was it you I heard halloowing so last night? I guess you ought to have your lodging for nothing, if you've stood up again the tree all night?"

"It's not like, though, I can tell you. Mr. Joe Sleeper; and, if you had held the paws of the black vermin all night, I don't think me I'd think you'd had dear enough for it. But if you heard the calling for help in the night, why didn't you come and see what was the trouble?"

"Knew 'twas you!" replied Dobson, bitterly. "You knew 'twas somebody who had flesh and blood to good for this pesky black vermin, though; and you know there's been a smart sprinkling of bears about the settlement all the spring."

"Well, don't be in a huff, Tommy. It's never too late to do good. So hold tight, now, and don't let the 'ternail get loose, while I split his head open."

"No, no," said Dobson, "after holding the beast all night, I think I ought to have the satisfaction of killing him. So you just may take hold of his paws here, and I will take the ax, and let a streak of daylight into his skull about the quickest!"

The proposition being a fair one, Mr. Sleeper was too reasonable a man to object. He was no coward, either, and he thereupon stepped up to the tree, and cautiously taking the bear with both his hands, relieved honest Dobson from his predicament.

The hands of the latter, though sadly stiffened by the tenacity with which they were soon clinched for so many hours, were soon bridleing the ax, and he apparently made all preparation for giving the deadly blow—and deadly it would have been had he struck, since, like some of Zermak, Dobson needed to strike but once. But to the surprise of Sleeper, he did not strike; and, to his further consternation, Dobson swung the ax upon his shoulders and marched away, whistling as he went, with as much apparent indifference as the other had shown when coming to his relief.

It was now Sleeper's turn to make the forest vocal with his cries. In vain he raved and called and threatened. Dobson walked on and disappeared, leaving his friend as sad a prospect for his breakfast as himself had had for supper.