

#### INTERESTING ITEMS.

A Swiss colony has purchased 75,000 acres of Nebraska land in one body.

A good wife sells for four cows in Zululand.

LONDON has a society to encourage the keeping of goats.

CHICAGO slaughters a hog every ten seconds during the year.

CALIFORNIA has 60,000 acres of vineyards, valued at \$30,000,000.

UNITED STATES capitalists are rapidly gaining control of the Mexican silver mines.

A MAN on Upper Lynx creek, Arizona, one day last week picked up a \$50 nugget.

The expenditure of the London School Board this year is estimated at \$3,000,000.

The rinderpest is ravaging Russian Poland, and Germany is taking precautions against it.

A NEW JERSEY veteran committed suicide with \$500 arrears of pension in his pocket.

A VALUABLE discovery of gypsum has been found in Squaw valley, Washington Territory.

The English politicians believe that Hamilton Fish will return as Minister to the English Court.

The wild geese have become a plague to the farmers in the swampy districts of California.

JOHN STUART MILLER's stepdaughter, Miss Helen Taylor, is a member of the London school board.

GEN. BANKS was an actor in his early days, and his daughter, Miss Maud, has adopted the same profession.

THE Holly system of transmitting heat for manufacturing and house warming is in successful operation at Dubuque, Iowa.

In the cotton States negroes are paid from \$10 to \$12 a month, with rations of four pounds of bacon and a peck of meal per week.

THE San Francisco tax gatherers levy on their Gods when the Chinamen refuse to pay, and they are always redeemed.

THE last Legislature of Texas passed an act directing the sale of 31,000,000 acres of land in fifty-four counties at fifty cents an acre.

MISS HOOD's wealth and haughty relations did not prevent her from eloping from Granville, N. C., with a blind and moneyless suitor.

THERE were 1,463,189 more letters and postal cards in the outgoing New York mail in September, 1879, than in the same month of 1878.

PRESIDENT GLEYVÉ killed 63 hares, 215 brace of partridges and nearly 500 quails during his recent hunt of five weeks' duration in the French provinces.

It is believed that the Emperor of Russia is going mad in consequence of the Nihilist troubles and the repeated threats that he will be murdered.

MISS IDA TUCKER, of Pomeroy, Ohio, has been awarded \$35 damages for being turned out of the public school because she would not study drawing.

THE wolves devoured 3,400 beef cattle, 318 cows and 450 horses in a single district of Norgord the past year.

GEN. ELI WARREN of Perry county, Georgia, has assisted in prosecuting or defending every murderer who has been tried in that county for fifty years.

THE Michigan State Fish Commissioners advertise for proposals for 20,000,000 white fish eggs, to be hatched and the young fish turned into the lakes.

A NINETEEN year old youth at Spezia put a sole's head between his teeth to kill it, and the fish slipped down his throat and choked him to death.

THE scar on the cheek of the great actress Rachel was made by an angry dog from which she had snatched a bone when a starving child on the street.

THE Emperor and Crown Prince of Germany have not withdrawn from Freemasonry, but simply transferred themselves from the Swedish to the German rifle.

AN English importer offered the Cutler's Trade Union \$250 for a home-made pair of tailors shears equal to a pair of American ones in his show case. The offer was not accepted.

A Nihilist in a Polish village saturated a cat with coal oil and set it on fire; the poor animal rushed under a wooden building and from it to others until half the houses in the place were fired.

THE Yale University Crew are required to be in bed by 11 p. m., to forego the use of tobacco and all stimulating drinks except ale, and that after supper. No candidate will be recognized who plays foot ball.

A LONE peach tree marks the spot near Yorktown, Va., where Lord Cornwallis surrendered and handed his sword to Washington. The four poplars that formerly stood there were cut down during the war for firewood, and a peach stone was planted in their place.

FANNIE BAKER, a colored woman, aged 65, of Blander County, N. C., has been arrested, and in the course of her examination it was found that she is at the head of a band of forty-five of the most respectable colored men in the county, who believe that she is possessed of supernatural powers, and who would not under any circumstances dare to disobey or displease her. The old negro claims to have the keys to hell and heaven.

IRELAND is progressing famously under the liberal constitution granted by King Christian five years ago, and will elect its new Parliament, the second, next year. Though taxation is light, there is a growing surplus in the treasury. Compulsory education has been introduced and receives popular support, and convenient roads are building throughout the island.

SAN FRANCISCO is probably the most cosmopolitan city in the United States. An English traveler lately

visiting there writes: "I had my boots blacked by an African; my chin shaved by a European, and my bed made by an Asiatic; a Frenchman cooked my dinner, an Englishman showed me my seat, an Irishman changed my plate, a Chinaman washed my table napkin, and a German handed me my bill."

Divorce or no divorce is the social question convulsing France to-day. A father writes to a Paris journal: "Sir, you ask if it is just to re-establish divorce. Can the question be seriously put? I have three daughters. It was my duty to marry off all three. This was not done without trouble, but at last it was done. I am told that divorces will be granted by the Chambers. If this be so, my daughters, who are unhappy in their homes, will get divorces, that is certain; and when they are divorced they will wish to marry again. Behold me compelled to furnish them with three new husbands. I trust that your paper will print this protest of a parent."

#### NEWSLETS

THERE are now over 340 tons of gold in the United States Treasury.

RICHARD SCHELL, the New York politician and financier, is dead.

THE Arkansas river was recently reported to be nearly dry, in the Indian Territory.

THE Chicago postoffice did more business last year than any other in the country, except New York.

THE champagne district of France, loses thirty thousand francs this year, by the failure of the vintage.

AT Cincinnati, last Sunday, a fire in the distillery pens of Gaff & Co., roared nearly 900 head of live cattle.

THE Postoffice Department is fast becoming self-sustaining. It came in \$1,600,000 nearer paying its expenses this year than last.

DR. GLENN, of California, is probably the largest farmer in the world. His wheat crop this year is 65,000 tons, valued at \$2,290,000.

OREGON will ask Congress for the modest little sum of \$20,000,000, this winter, with which to improve the mouth of the Columbia river.

THE island of Jamaica has recently been visited by extensive storms and floods, in which nearly one hundred persons are reported to have perished.

MR. E. JOHNSON, a Randolph county farmer, accidentally swallowed his false teeth, the other day, and at last accounts it was feared he would die.

THE Pope is said to be preparing an Encyclical letter upon the subject of education and the general ecclesiastical system of the church, throughout the world.

AN acre of ground in Montana Territory produced 102 bushels of wheat this season. This is officially certified to by the Secretary of the Territorial Agricultural Society.

WALTER HASTINGS, recently deceased at Boston, left the bulk of his fortune to Harvard College after the death of his wife. The amount is estimated at \$500,000.

COL. K. G. SHROYER, of Rochester, proposes to lecture on the life and services of Morton in every township of Fulton county, for the benefit of the Morton monument fund.

ACCORDING to a recent decision of the Supreme court, a lottery at Vincennes, operating under a charter granted by the Territorial government, is beyond the reach of the constitution and laws of the State.

BECAUSE he could not bear to see the sufferings of the Nihilist prisoners, which he dared not alleviate, Major Lisovitsch, the commander of the citadel of Charkoff, committed suicide within a month after assuming the post.

THE London Court of Common Council recently refused, by a majority of three to one, to open the Githdall Library on Sunday, which has the effect of intensifying the discussion on the propriety of Sunday openings of such institutions.

IN some portions of Canada, complaints are rife regarding a new development of the potato disease. Farmers holding large stocks are compelled to examine them frequently to prevent the infection of solid tubers by rotten ones.

THE announcement is again made in the cable dispatches that the Vatican has taken under consideration, with a view to acting upon them, the recommendation of Cardinal McCloskey as to the reorganization and increase of the number of bishoprics in the United States.

A WASHINGTON special says that The official figures at the Treasury Department at Washington show that during the month of September the excess of exports over imports of merchandise amounted to \$20,620,087, and for the twelve months ending September 30, \$256,846,277. This is exclusive of gold and silver coin and bullion, the imports of which for September exceeded the exports by \$27,130,587, and for the year \$27,164,821.

THE President of the California State Viticultural society has reported 60,000 acres covered with vineyards, numbering 45,000,000 vines, and representing, with the land, a capital of \$30,000,000. Another complete report is to be made ten years hence.

THE building in Kansas City, Mo., in which 107 persons, mostly children, were employed in cracker making, fell, a few days ago, causing the loss of several lives. The victims were either crushed by the falling walls and timbers, or roared to death by the ruins taking fire.

THE threat of England to resort to warlike measures against Turkey, if the Government of the latter refuses to make certain provisions, is one of the latest exciting topics in European politics; but Turkey having given assurances of her intention

to inaugurate the reforms in question, there will probably be nothing serious. At the same time Russia, naturally jealous of England, is excited.

THE church also shares in the prosperity attending the business boom, as is manifest from the fact that the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has appropriated six hundred thousand dollars for general missionary work for the year, being an increase of fifty thousand dollars over the last preceding appropriation.

THE Army of the Tennessee was Grant's original army, which he kept until Vicksburg, and then handed it to Logan, thence to Howard, and finally to Logan again. The Army of the Cumberland was Buell's army, which went to Rosecrans and then to Thomas. Then there was the Army of the Mississippi, which Schofield commanded.

CABLEGRAMS announce that at last the ex-Emperor Cariotti, widow of the ill-fated Maximilian, is recovering her reason. Now, for the first time since the tragedy which left her a maniac, she has lucid intervals, is recovering her memory, and converses intelligibly. The prospect of the complete restoration of her mental faculties is regarded as most favorable.

SURPRISING as it may seem, the agricultural products of one year amount to nearly as much in value as the products of all our mines since 1849. The estimated yield of the mines during twenty-seven years, 1849-75, was \$1,617,000,000. In 1877 the total value of the agricultural production of the leading staples was \$1,594,000,000. All honor to the American farmer.

THE condition of affairs in Ireland is deplorable indeed. Added to the terrors of famine and general destitution, the tenants who, though both ignorant and poor, are still willing to pay their rents, are threatened with punishment by bands of agrarians who ride in the night and keep up a sort of Ku-Klux organization. The immediate result of this will be an outbreak, and the poor tenants will be at the mercy of the Methodists.

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