

ODDS AND ENDS.

JAPAN has fine macadamized roads. RUSSIAN ladies take part in boat races.

RUSSIA's army is fearfully addicted to drink.

FRENCH doctors treat infectious diseases by telephone.

AMERICANS spent more than a million dollars in Switzerland last year.

ONE thousand persons in Paris are engaged in the manufacture of silk ties.

THE ore from the Sierra Nevada mine in the Comstock district, is paying \$426 to the ton.

AMERICA has one hundred and fifty exhibitors at the International Exhibition at Melbourne.

THOMAS SPURGEON, son of the great English divine, is going to Australia as an evangelist.

THE Georgia Legislature summarily dismissed a proposition to adopt the Moffat bell punch.

THE 60,000 camels that perished in the Afghan campaign cost the British Government \$5,000,000.

THE Agricultural Department has in the botanical gardens at Washington, 120,000 thrifty tea plants.

THE Pennsylvania Railroad Company offers prizes to its employees for the detection of unsafe bridges.

THE best ood dog in Chester county, Pennsylvania, is owned by a stock company of fifteen persons.

AMOS KIDWELL of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, ran against a wire clothes line in the dark, and put out both eyes.

THE fashionable amusement for ladies in Rome just now is to attend trials in the magistrate's court.

THE Roman Catholic authorities have completely broken up the Feulan organization at Manchester, England.

THE American Isabella grape vines were the only ones that did well in the Wurtemberg, Germany, vineyards this year.

DR. GLENN, the late honorable bill candidate for Governor of California, raised \$2,210,000 worth of wheat this year.

THE widow of ex-President Polk lives at Nashville, Tenn. The remains of her husband are buried in her door yard.

THE person who hitches a horse to a shade tree in any city or town in Indiana subjects himself to a fine of five dollars.

A COLONY has been sent out from Italy enroute to Florida to engage in the culture of oranges, lemons, olives and almonds.

GEORGIA'S cotton crop is growing smaller year by year, but her gold mines are more than making up for the decrease.

GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN, who has subsisted for four years without meat or stimulants, is said to be the picture of health.

THE wood markets of the west and northwest are poorly supplied in consequence of the demand for teams to haul wheat.

THE poor fellows who only have one can understand how the Sultan of Turkey's 800 wives get away with \$10,000 a year.

MR. WHITTELL pronounces the title of his little poem "Maud Meuler, instead of giving it the broad Yankee sound, Muller."

WASBURG castle recently purchased by Eugene, is four hundred years old, and has one hundred and twenty-two windows to its front.

A COW at Elkhart got choked on a cabbage stalk, and in her attempts to relieve herself, rolled into the St. Joseph river and was drowned.

MAYOR PRICE of Boston urges the City Council to avail itself of the present low prices of real estate to purchase grounds for city parks.

SIX hundred Swedish farmers are awaiting the reports from Manitoba which will be made by the seventy pioneers on the way there.

SOME men get their punishment in this world. Henry C. Worth, author of Grandfather's Clock, has gone insane over the elopement of his daughter.

THE home of Sara Bernhardt is fitted with automatic doors which fly open the moment you step upon the threshold. Door handles are dispensed with.

A HAMPTON, N. H., farmer, 82 years old, who had been unable to read common print for fifty years, has suddenly come into the possession of his eyesight.

A MESKER'S BRUSH, South Africa, diamond digger recently unearthed three stones weighing 94, 26 and 104 karats. The largest sold on the spot for \$35,500.

GUSTAVE MAUSBURG, of No. 73 Forsythe street, New York, was killed by a flower pot, which fell from the third story window sill of a house beside which he was working Friday.

THE culture of sheep in Germany has increased the wool fibres from 5,500 to the square inch in the common stock of thirty years ago to 45,000 in the best breeds of the present day.

HENRY WARD BEECHER is reported to have said: "When I die I would rather be buried in Indianapolis, the scene of my early labors, than anywhere else on earth."

It has been discovered by many married couples in an Indiana town that the so-called minister who for years has been joining them together never had a legal or a church license.

THERE are said to be fully 200,000 beggars tramping through the German empire, and they are estimated to get as alms not less than \$1,000,000 annually in money, not counting the food and clothing given them.

OVER six hundred forgotten paintings by the masters of the sixteenth century have been discovered in the lofts of the government buildings at Florence. They will be placed in the Royal Gallery.

ROBERT M. and Stephen A. Douglas,

sons of the late Senator Douglas, have drawn \$58,000 from the Treasury, the proceeds of a long standing litigation against the United States, recently decreed by the Courts in their favor.

A WAX-WORK figure of Franklin, exhibition in France, is labeled, "Franklin, inventor of electricity." This wax, after having made seven voyages around the world, died on the Sandwich Islands, and was devoured by savages, of whom not a single fragment was ever recovered.

In all the cities of Brazil during days of carnival, black women are seen selling "cabeinhas," which are made of delicate sheets of pure india-rubber, tied up in the form of a globe and filled with colored and scented waters. They are thrown at persons of the opposite sex, and burst on striking, flavoring the individual with a perfumed bath.

THE Sultan of Zanzibar is civilizing his country with a vengeance. He has suppressed the slave trade, gives dinner parties after the most approved European fashion, keeps a brass band on the porch during his sojourns, uses illuminated menu cards, drives a coach and four and dresses his outriders in scarlet and gold.

WM. HAZLETT is the most miserable man in Oregon. Finding death creeping on apace, he took a bundle of greenbacks containing \$23,000, and chucked it into the stove, remarking that his heirs would not quarrel much about the disposition of his property.

A change in the weather brought the old man around all right, and he is living on the charity of heirs, with a prospect of many years of helplessness before him.

NEWSLETS

THE cotton crop of China is less than half the usual average.

ENGLISH subjects owning slaves in Brazil, have been ordered to free them.

THE wife of Senator David Davis, died at Stockbridge, Mass., last Monday.

AN alliance between Russia and Turkey is the subject of gossip in European circles.

THE Irish Land League is rapidly extending, and branches have already been organized in nearly every county in Ireland.

THE insurrectionists in Cuba are again active, and Spain will at once send over additional troops to put them down.

It is rumored that the proposed increase in the German army is causing great additions to the emigration from that country.

BURGLARS entered the home of Joseph Hensely at Chicago, a night or two ago, and when closely pressed shot him, killing him instantly.

FATHER SCULLY, a Catholic priest of Boston, is accused of refusing sacrament to a dying parishoner because his children were sent to the public school.

THE loss to the Government in the amount of money received by postmasters throughout the country the past two years, will be less than 1-20th of 1 per cent.

THE Spanish government has sanctioned a lottery of 2,000,000 francs organized by the committee of journalists for the benefit of the sufferers by floods in Murcia.

It is believed the British government will make a liberal appropriation for the relief of the Irish poor out of the surplus of £3,500,000 remaining in the church fund.

It is said that the Emperor Alexander, of Russia, has become a confirmed hypochondriac. He shuts himself up for days, and can with difficulty be persuaded to take food.

FERNANDO C. BRAMAN has been appointed by the Governor of Michigan as United States Senator from that State, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Zach Chandler.

THERE are 227,902 negro slaves to be emancipated in Cuba under the pending act, which the Spanish Government does not seem disposed to make an accomplished fact.

A NEW ocean telegraph cable has just been laid across the Atlantic, from Brest, France, to Cape Cod, Mass. This makes the fifth telegraphic cable connecting Europe and America.

A NOTIFICATION has been received at the Post Office Department that the Republic of Venezuela has become a member of the Universal Postal Union, to date from the 1st of next January.

AN immense bed of coal has been discovered on the line of the Northern Pacific road. At a point 130 miles west of Bismarck a fourteen-foot vein of bituminous coal crops out, which will be used in operating the line.

A SANITARY commission has pronounced Dublin, Ireland, the most unhealthy city in the Kingdom on account of defective drainage.

HON. F. C. BEAMAN, recently appointed United States Senator from Michigan, declined on account of ill health, and Hon. Henry P. Baldwin, of Detroit, has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

THE commissioner of pensions has published a letter warning all pensioners against persons who are demanding gratuities for having secured the passage of the array of pensions act.

DURING the Lord Mayor's procession in London, recently, the retiring Mayor was frequently hissed by the populace. Wherever the American flag was displayed it was cheered by the crowds and saluted by the Councilmen and Mayor-elect.

THE largest aggregation of silver coin ever known to have been in this country at one time is now in the United States Treasury vaults, where more than \$40,000,000 has accumulated. Of this amount \$32,000,000 is standard silver dollars.

It is said that a daughter of General

Sickles, recently ran away from Paris, France, with a married man named McCarthy, and is now living with him in London.

THE importation of "neat" cattle from Canada into the United States has been officially prohibited by the authorities at Washington, on account of the pleuro-pneumonia now prevalent in Canada; herds.

DURING the present season one line of steamers running between Montreal and Liverpool has carried out 5,463 cattle, 23,212 sheep, 99 hogs, 180 horses and 74 mules. Out of this whole number not more than a dozen died at sea.

A BANK has been established in the City of Mexico in order to develop the mines of the Sierra Mojada. Numbers of Californians are going to the mines. A rich gold mine and a quick silver mine have been discovered at Oaxaca.

It is rumored that the United States Government has in contemplation a new move in the fisheries question, and that several officials from Washington are now in Prince Edward Island collecting information relative to the question.

In furtherance of his plan for the suppression of lotteries, Postmaster General Key has instructed postmasters in some of the larger cities to forward to the dead letter office all letters addressed to the assumed name or allies of lottery dealers.

GUBERNOR BISHOP, of Ohio, has sued the Cincinnati Gazette for libel, claiming damages to his character to the amount of \$60,000. The alleged libel was some strictures of the Gazette on the Governor's conduct concerning the Cincinnati Police Board.

ONE of the New York gas companies has given cheap gas a trial, and finds that it pays. The rates are put at 75¢ per 1,000 feet, according to the amount consumed. Some hundreds of parties who burned kerosene immediately gave it up and turned to gas.

It is now stated that Jay Gould is about to push the construction of the Utah Southern Railroad through Arizona, and down the Colorado valley to San Diego. He hopes to tap the rich mines in Arizona before the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road can get there.

THE Indians at Williams Lake British Columbia, are reported as starving. Their chief has had translated, for publication, a pathetic appeal to her Majesty, reciting how they have been deprived of their lands and means of livelihood by the whites, and asking relief, saying that his young men will not starve in peace.

It is charged that the trustees of a prominent Boston institution have been furnishing its coffers made up of roasted peas and rye, worth only three and four cents per pound; also a tea composed largely of stems worth twenty-eight and twenty-nine cents a pound, according to a report of the State Associate Assayer.

A NEW electric lamp is now being exhibited in New York City. The electricity is generated by a small dynamo-electric machine, pencil or carbon, which is heated to incandescence in a hermetically sealed glass tube containing a nitrogen pencil eight inches long, and it is claimed that one pencil will burn three hours a day for one year and a half. Its cost is two cents.

FOLLOWING is the result of the official count of the recent vote in New York, given in majorities, except in the case of Cornell, which shows his plurality:

Cornell, Republican, for Governor, 40,722.
Hoskins, Republican, for Lieutenant Governor, 1,130.
Carr, Republican, for Secretary of State, 4,441.
Wadsworth, Republican, for Comptroller, 7,669.
Ward, Republican, for Attorney General, 7,900.
Wendell, Republican, for Treasurer, 4,651.
Seymour, Democrat, for Engineer and Surveyor, 9,099.

GERMANY has a system of collecting small claims through her postoffices which has been so successful that France adopted it last summer. The charges are from 10 to 20 cents for each collection. During the first forty-five days the system was in operation 132,000 bills of exchange and notes were received for collection, and about three-fourths of the amount of money they called for was collected. The number received during the last two weeks of that period was nearly double that of the first fortnight. The average amount of these claims was only \$3.85.

THE gross proceeds of the disposal of the public lands of the United States during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, were as follows: Cash sales, \$894,840.93; fees, commissions, etc., \$980,314.43; total, \$1,875,155.36. The total expenses are set down (including the surveys) at \$1,046,778.94.

THE British have hanged forty-nine of the Afghans who were found guilty of participating in the massacre of Cabul. The extent of the complicity of the late Amer in that bloody tragedy is yet to be ascertained. If found guilty of having advised or countenanced the massacre, he, too, will be hanged.

A CATHOLIC priest of Morris, three miles east of Batesville, this State, was arrested the other day, for brutally beating three children of his church who acted as pall-bearers at the funeral of a Protestant child three years old. A charge of venue was asked by the priest, and his preliminary trial was being held Friday evening.

A WASHINGTON dispatch says that Secretary Thompson will cover into the treasury over a million of dollars which were appropriated to his department, but not used, owing to the very rigid economy which he has enforced in the bureau of that service. The appropriation for his own office is

not all used, and every bureau under him returns a surplus fund to the treasury."

It was thought but a short time ago by his friends that General Schenck was utterly ruined by his investments in Northern Pacific stocks. He had invested nearly his whole fortune in these and they had become worthless, but the recent rise in stocks includes the Northern Pacific, and they are now more valuable than ever before, and General Schenck has been raised from poverty to comparative wealth. The mere fact that his stocks were too worthless to sell compelled him to hold them till they are now a fortune to him.

THE latest advices from Los Pinos indicate that the hostile Utes are steadily gaining the ascendancy in the negotiations now pending before the Peace Commissioners. The Chiefs continue to live with unabated vigor regarding their part in the murders committed at White River and Milk Creek, and the small military detachments guarding the Commission are becoming alarmed at the signs of increasing hostility displayed by the angry Indians. It is only too evident that the plan devised by Mr. Schurz for the surrender of the murderers will prove a miserable failure.

THE ravages of the diptheria in Russia, as detailed in the cable dispatches, are indeed appalling. In Odessa, since last May, over three-fourths of the infant population have fallen victims to the malady. In several districts the disease has been epidemic for the past two years without interruption. At one village over fifty children died in two weeks, and in eleven districts it prevailed with deadly virulence. The mortality is not confined to children, but extends to the adult population as well, and the malady is proving more terrible than any pestilence that has visited the empire for years.

INDIANA INKLINGS.

CONNEERSVILLE consumes about three barrels of whisky per week.

FROM April to November, Madison had 25 fires, mostly incendiary.

TWENTY-FIVE lawyers eke out an existence in the little city of Rushville.

COUNTYFETTER daddy dollars are troubling the people of Howard county.

THE "pop" of the slaughtering shot-gun makes Sunday music on the Kankakee.

A YIELD of 75 bushels of corn per acre, on twelve acres, is reported from Hancock county.

THE prowling horse thief has been getting in his work extensively, recently around Richmond.

A PANTHER at large, makes the life of timid persons a torture, in a neighborhood near Hagerstown.

MILLIONS of pigeons made a halt in this years migration, at Henryville, Clark county. A party killed 65 dozen of them in one night.

THE almost incredible statement is made that the Mississinewa river was frozen over at Marion, on the night of the 10th inst.

SEVERAL of the manufacturing establishments of New Albany were compelled to suspend operation by the recent coal famine.

THE pipe of a coal stove in the sleeping room of a family in Elkhart became unjointed, and the entire family came near dying with asphyxy.

THOMAS MEATICK died in Rush county, the other day, at the age of 80 years. For three days previous to his death, he had taken no nourishment whatever.

TWO ruffians made a deadly assault upon Michael McMahon, near Laporte, the other night, clubbing him nearly to death. Robbery was supposed to be their object.

THE Madison city council recently voted \$50,000 in twenty year 7 per cent bonds to aid the building of the Bedford, Brownstown and Madison narrow gauge railroad.

In one of the yolks of a double-yolked egg, laid at South Bend, a few days ago, the half-formed, but clearly deformed body of a lizard was found, instinct with life.

THE brain of Joseph W. Barker, the Huntington county dwarf who died a few weeks ago, weighed fifty-nine ounces, or seven ounces more than the brain of Daniel Webster.

JACOB BIXLER, of Mitchell, threw a plank from a scaffold on the top of a house, where he was building a chimney, and struck Daniel Davis on the head, injuring him fatally.

SAMUEL BRADFIELD, a one-armed man from the western part of Noble county, was arrested recently charged with incest with his daughter. He went to jail in default of bail.

WARREN COUNTY boasts of not less than a half dozen families, whose members range in numbers from sixteen to twenty. In the latter family there are twelve males and eight females.

THE Commissioners of Blackford county have ordered that bonds to the amount of \$8,000 be issued, of \$1,000 each, for the purpose of building a turnpike in that county. The bonds to bear 9 per cent interest.

A SCHOOL HOUSE was burned to the ground in Grant county last week. The fire was the work of an incendiary, and is supposed to have been prompted by a way that had sprung up between rival teachers who were applicants for the school.

THREE children of a man named Vance, at Millersburg, were terribly scalded by the stove falling down and turning a boiler of boiling water upon them. Two of them died, and at last accounts there was no hope of the recovery of the other.

V. T. MALOTT, general manager of the Indianapolis, Peru & Chicago

road, has contracted with the Cambridge City car works for 100 box cars, to be delivered in 50 days, to be used in the local business of the road.

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES are considerably puzzled over the laws which require them under a penalty of \$200 fine for failure, to furnish the Geological Bureau with a list of the prostitutes, bad men, dead beats, drunkards etc., in their townships.

THE convicts in the prison a present time by birth, represent twenty-eight states. Indiana furnishes 135; Ohio 118; New York 54; Pennsylvania 27; Illinois 52; Kentucky 21; while New Hampshire, Alabama, Delaware, Nebraska, South Carolina, furnishes one each. In addition to the states, Austria furnishes 1; Bavaria 1; Canada 6; England 15; France 2; East Indies 1; Germany 13; Ireland 21; Prussia 10; Portland 2; Scotland 3; Sweden 3; and Switzerland 3.

AN extensive gang of robbers operating in Delaware, Henry, Randolph and Wayne counties, with headquarters at Winchester, Muncie, and Richmond, has been broken up by the arrest of Dr. McCrillis, of Muncie, Lyle and Cain, at Winchester, A. Gates, at Pennville, and Sarah Ann Rhodes at Richmond, about three thousand dollars' worth of stolen goods was recovered. Information obtained which will lead to the recovery of much more.

Two months ago a couple of fine-looking men visited the farm of Moses Smith, a worthy colored man, in Hancock county, Indiana. Finding him at work in the field, the strangers proceeded to compliment the old man's farm, and wound up by offering him the agency for selling a certain kind of halter, saying that they would give him one for every one he sold. They showed him a paper which he refused to sign or put his mark to, and leaving a few halters they departed, saying that they would be back again, but they never returned. Last week, however, a bank notice was sent to Mr. Smith from Cincinnati, saying that they had a note of \$500 left with him for collection, which note had "X" mark on it. The note had been left at the First National Bank of Madison for collection, and it looks like the unfortunate old man will have to pay it even at the sacrifice of his farm. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were slaves at one time, and by hard work raised \$1,000 each with which they bought their freedom. The farm they now live on they paid \$2,100 for. Two years ago they were burned out of a house, but have since erected another. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Smith in his dilemma.

Little Red Noses.

From the Detroit Free Press.

How that north wind whistled and stung the other day! It was the first signal of a long, dreary winter, and even men in overcoats turned sharp corners to get out of the biting blast. Two children, a boy and a girl, neither over nine years old, stood shivering in a doorway on Monroe avenue, wishing to go to their lonely home, but dread the wind. They crept closer and closer to each other, and their chins quivered and their noses grew red as they grew colder. Hundreds of men and women passed up and down without care, but by and by a crowd came a whistling, jovial lad of fourteen, who was swinging his boot-black's kit by a strap and picking up the steps of some dog-lance. He saw the shivering little of humanity where others were blind, and halting before them with a "clig-gigger-rigger" of his heels and a toss of his box, he called out:

"Kin I borrow them 'ere chins o' yours bout an hour?"

"Yes, ma'am," demurely replied the girl.

"I kin, eh?—ho! ho! ho! That's a give-away on me! Be your chickens cold for a paper, my daddie, and everybody else be the intell'gentest man in the country, and he had the smartest family of bolts that ever dugged taters." Of course he didn't need a paper.

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CONDIMENTS.

Here lies a girl as one forgotten, who lost her shape with the raise of cotton.

"The deeds that men do live after them," while their "duds" are divided among the afflicted.

A new song is entitled "My love she is a kitten." Kittens scratch like the mischief, and so perhaps does his love.

The paper form for a will nowadays will read: "To the respective attorneys of my children I give my entire estate."

Edward S. Stokes is but the shadow of his former self. And it is the same way with Jim Flak, whom hesent to the shades.

It is a current bard who sings, "I sat alone with my conscience." Two to one he never had less fun in all his born days.

A young lady attending balls and parties should have a female chaperone until she is able to call some other chap her own.

Talmage will lecture in the Redpath Bureau on the subject of "Big Blunders." He knows something about how it is himself.

"I'll winter night fair Isabel: I'll spring upon my knees and tell No girl is hand Summer than she And that she Autumn marry me."

"By chimminy, how do you studies de languages?" is what a delighted elderly German said when his four year old son called him a bear eyed son of a saw-horse.

Accounts say that there has never before been such a drought as now in the State of Texas. Still there is no trouble in getting a drink there if the applicant has fifteen cents.

A pork packer is a man who slips into your unlocked cellar and carries off half the hog your thoughtful father-in-law sent in from the country to make into Christmas sausage.

An embarrassed actor bounded on the stage of a San Francisco theater, in a scene depicting a robbery in a hotel office, and shouted, "Gag the safe, while I blow open the night clerk."

A young lady who didn't admire the custom in vogue among her sisters of writing a letter, and then cross-writing it to illegibility, said she would prefer her epistles "without an overkick."

A proper conclusion for the marriage ceremony in many of our fashionable "society" weddings would be: "What commercial interests have joined together, let no ill temper put asunder!"

When the old gentleman comes home and finds his daughters have got his slippers and the easy chair, and the evening paper ready for him, he realizes that it is the season for a fall opening of his pocket book.

Prof. Adler says that "it is necessary in these modern days to dress up truths in new and attractive garbs so that men will listen." Which is equivalent to saying that men now-a-days have no regard for the naked truth.

A distinguished French actor who prepares ladies for the stage requires them to walk two or three hours every day with a brimming vessel of water on their heads. He probably wishes them to acquire a floating gait.

A girl has been discovered in Rochester who can chew gum for seven hours and "look off" just like a piano player, and never miss a chance. She is not yet eleven years old, and great expectations are entertained of her.

Col. Mapleson, log—"What voice is mute, the leading fute, would I shoot the blam'd galoot. What, ho, within, chief violin, you'll play to-night and set things right. Blawst my sannyginary eyes they can't get the better of me, you know."

"Do, do keep away from that window," said he. "But I'm not afraid of the lightning," replied she. "Ah, 'tittle do you realize how attractive you are." And having made this appeal he was able to conduct her away.

When a spirited girl takes a mental inventory of the stock in trade of the thin-limbed young man who stand along the public sidewalk, she doubts the tops of their sticks, she doubts the wisdom and justice of Nature in tendering her sex such frail means of support.

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AGRICULTURAL.

Rye barley crop of Minnesota is reported the heaviest ever produced in the State.

Corn can now be safely cribbed. Let the boys go into the fields with songs and rejoicing.

In Louisiana the sugar cane knocked down by the storm has straightened up and is growing a fine crop.

The pastures generally have become flush under the late rains, and, in many localities, previously dry, stock are getting full feed.

The production of butter and cheese in this country is said to be four times greater in value than the total yield of our gold and silver mines.

The tide of immigration now pushing into Kansas in wagons, is larger than ever known before. They are destined for Western Kansas principally.

"I'll let her we come awful near going to heaven, and my little brother he thanks you, too, and now we'll go, and—thank you, ma'am, ever so many times; good bye!"

The man looked after them through the window with woful lines in his face that had been there for months. The boy stood outside on the walk and watched until they had turned a corner, and then exclaimed:

"Phew! but I most feel that I was impinged to that gal!"

of the tenth century. The peasants subsisted upon bread made of barley and ground in a hand-mill.

An English contemporary says: "The real test in England is not to be between the spade and the plow as in former years, but between animal power and steam." The contest, however, from our standpoint, is between the landlord and tenant.

The Davenport Democrat has a glowing paragraph on the quantity of winter wheat sown in Scott county, La., this fall. It says: "Last year about 2,000 acres of winter wheat were put in, and the yield was immense, in some instances as high as thirty-five to forty bushels to the acre. This year nearly 25,000 acres have been put in. Some one may have sore fingers over the winter wheat cause."

Hon James Wilson says, "Just now, there is a great demand for feeding steers, which is an evidence of something lacking. The most profitable way to manage is to raise the steers you feed, as you rarely can buy first-class animals. It takes care to reach the point when you are possessed of first-class young steers, and those who are enterprising enough to raise good steers are generally wise enough to feed them."

Farmers who have money at command can not easily put it in a more profitable investment than a judicious outlay on their farms. Draining wet lands is estimated to return from 40 to 80 per cent on the yearly cost. In the same way, good stock pen better than poor; good fencing, well selected fruit trees, carefully looked-after homesteads, all repay the money laid out, and besides all this, add immensely to the comfort of the owner.

Stocks may rise, or stocks may fall; usury be excessive, or interest decrease; banks may suspend and great corporations fail; but the farmer need never be at a loss where to use his surplus. Adding acres to his farm, increasing power of the land, to improve the home, is a good use of money when security done and the increased profit secured, and good and comfort gained, there will be a certain reward, of the prudent saving which gathers the capital that makes progress and prosperity possible.

A Parrot's Love for a Child.

Globe Democrat.

Some months ago I met a gentleman from Alabama, who was possessed of remarkable powers of memory. During a conversation of a couple of hours he related the following parrot story, which I verily believe to be the best I ever heard: Dr. C. of Montgomery, Ala., owned a parrot during and after the war that was the pride and wonder of all Montgomery county. He had learned so many phrases and witty sayings that the darkeys when they came to town on Saturday would congregate around his cage in large crowds and applaud by saying: "Bress God! dat 'ar bird got white folk's sense!" The Doctor, like all physicians, was frequently called out at night by some one's "bug" and at the front gate Polly learned all this, and one night when the Doctor answered a shrill "halloo" by coming to the door and asking what was wanted. Polly answered from a bunch of roscushes, "Hal! hal! I fool the Doctor, he's asleep, he's asleep!" 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