

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 tights.

THE ore from the Sierra Nevada mine in the Comstock district, is paying \$425 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 Moffatt 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 eon 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 courts.

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

THE American Isabell 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 almons.

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 900 wives get away with \$10,000 a year.

MR. WHITTLER pronounces the title of his little poem Maud Meuler, instead of giving it the broad Yankee sound, Muler.

WASBURG castle recently purchased by Eugenie, 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 944, 26 and 104 karats. The largest sold on the spot for \$35,000.

GUSTAVE MAUBORG, 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 lots 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 decided by the Courts in their favor.

A WAX-WORK figure of Franklin, exhibition in France, is labeled, "Franklin, inventor of electricity. This savant, 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 China during days of carnival, black-women are seen selling "cabecinhas," 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, given 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 him, he took a bundle of greenbacks containing \$22,000 and cracked 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 the usual average.

ENGLISH subjects owning slaves in Brazil, have 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 Hensley 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 parishioner 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 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 £25,000 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't get up with difficulty be persuaded to take food.

FERNANDO C. BEAMAN 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 four-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 arrears 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.

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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 puer-pneumonia now prevalent in Canada's 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 Madre. 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 aliases of lottery dealers.

GOVERNOR 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¢-\$1.50 per 1,000 feet, according to the amount consumed. Some hundreds of parties who burned kerosene immediately gave it up and returned 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 and 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 coffees made up of roasts of peans 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.

THE almost incredible statement is made that the Mississippi 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 asphyxia.

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. Robery 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 yokes 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 week 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.

WA-BASH 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 6 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.

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 change 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 bureaus of that service.

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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.

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