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GENERAL NEWS

North River's Stupendous Railway Bridge.

THE GROWTH OF NATIONALISM.

Mexico's Preference to Annexation With the United States.

A sponge eight feet in circumference is on exhibition at a store in New York.

A young lady at Dayton, Tenn., has died of hydrophobia caused by the bite of a cat.

D'Albert, the pianist, is a strict vegetarian and eats an enormous amount of apples.

A youth of eighteen at Bayshore, L. I., has become insane from the excessive use of cigars.

Last year Germany granted only 8,921 patents, against England's 9,779, and 20,430 in the United States.

The Royal College of Physicians has passed a resolution that the medical curriculum should be extended to five years instead of four.

William Greer, who is engaged in the real estate business on the Canadian River, Deer Park District, Texas, shot and killed a white deer recently.

A one-legged tramp who jumps on and off trains with the agility of a circus actor, is known to the train hounds of every railroad in Pennsylvania.

The Prince of Wales has become much more careful in his habits. He has given up cigars, and never drinks anything until after 6 o'clock.

The entire French army is to be armed with a new helmet. It is of nickle-plated copper, with a cockade worn for the first time by the French soldier, upon the top.

The prices of camphor and gum promise to rise. The German government is making gigantic purchases of these articles for the manufacture of smokeless powder.

J. Ramon de Barrota, of Mexico, is traveling in this country. He is an engineer of the Mexican Government. He says that "Mexico would rather have the devil than annexation."

Edward Bellamy avers that to him one of the strongest proofs of the strength of his Nationalistic theories is that they are beginning to be vigorously condemned in many quarters.

Oliver Wendell Holmes has taken to a peculiar course of life. He always retires at the same hour, eats dinner in the middle of the day and walks at least two miles every twenty-four hours.

According to a recent paper read before the French Academy of Science the temperature at the top of the Eiffel tower is frequently much higher than at the ground, though the contrary, as a rule, is to be expected.

Lydia Bacon, of Sudbury, Mass., who has just been out of her 103d year, attributed her longevity to hard work, plenty of exercise, plain living, and reading enough to keep the mind in peace with the body's vigor.

A Florentine millionaire, the Marquis Caporale, has just purchased the far-famed island of Monte Cristo. He has started to build a castle there, with a villa on the seashore and a hermitage in one of the most retired spots.

A Berlin professor while dissecting a dolphin weighing 128 pounds, forty-three fish, a decomposed seal, a human arm and four human legs. Notwithstanding this "feast," the brute was probably after a bait when he was captured.

It is a fact well known to pigeon fanciers that the two eggs laid by pigeons almost invariably produce male and female. Some curious experiments as to which of the eggs produce the male and which the female have resulted in showing that the first egg laid is the female and the second the male.

The oldest record on record is now being tried in the Russian court at Petersburg. It was brought 500 years ago against the city of Kanonev-Podolsk by the heirs of a dead nobleman to recover many thousand acres of his estate which had been confiscated by the municipality. The written testimony is said to weigh forty-five tons.

Dumas has begun to publish a series of hitherto unpublished maxims of his. The first is as follows: "When life appears as God has made it there is nothing left but to thank Him for having instituted Death." The last is: "Woman, according to the Bible, was the last thing created by God. He must have made her on a Saturday night, for the work shows signs of fatigue."

Paul White, a prosperous ranchman at Rocky Ford, Col., about a month ago advertised for a wife, giving an accurate description of himself and his surroundings. His mail has been so heavy ever since that it has been necessary to put it in barrels at the post office, and Mr. White was compelled to bring his farm wagon to town to haul it home. He has not yet made a selection.

It is narrated in Boston, where he died, that just before he died, Alonzo Stoddard, the operative baritone, electrified his attendants and others in the hospital by sitting up and singing one of his favorite solos. "He never sang with more feeling or with more beauty of tone. The song was sung from beginning to end, the last notes died away and just as they ended the singer fell back in his bed dead."

"There are many Americans," says Edward Everett Hale, "who forget, or perhaps never know, that there are in this country towns and villages where, practically speaking, there is no criminal class, and no class of paupers. The house of correction in many a county in America is empty half the time. There is many a poor-house in New England where they take Summer boarders because they have no one else to take."

A good story is told of Rev. John W. Chadman, a Vermont boy, who is doing missionary work in the interior of Alaska. At his request a steam mill was recently sent to him to supply a pressing need. While on the vessel that carried it up the Yukon to its destination one of the men on board asked: "Have they any more steam mills up there at Anvik?" The answer came: "No, but that minister is a Vermonter."

One woman has made the silk goods of the Justices of the United States Su-

MARKET REPORT.

Ruling Prices of Poultry, Eggs and Dairy Produce.

FEED, FLOUR, GRAIN AND LUMBER

Wool, Grass Seeds, Clover Seeds, Miscellaneous Seeds, Etc., Etc.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter, Oregon	25
Do, Fancy creamery	25
Do, Choice dairy	20
Common	18
Pickled (cal)	18c/20
Eastern creamery factory	18c/21
Cal. fresh roll	18c/21
Cheese	11c/12 1/2
Swiss California	13 to 16
Oregon Skim and cream	14
Swiss Cheese, domestic	13 to 16
Young America Or.	14
Eggs	20
Oregon P doz	20

FLOUR.

Portland Pat. Roller, p. bbl.	3 75
Salem do do	3 75
Dayton do do	3 25
Cascadia do do	3 65
Country Brands	3 50
McMinville	3 75
Superfine	2 50
White City	3 25
Graham	3 25
Rye Flour	4 50

FEED.

Barley, per ton	\$17.00
Oats do	\$16.00
And barley, per ton	\$13.00
Mill Chop per ton	\$22.25
Oil Cake Meal per ton	\$27.50
Shorts per ton	\$19.42

FRESH FRUITS.

Apples	2 50/6 00
Bananas, p. bunch	2 50/6 00
Cherries	1 00/1 25
Lemons, Cal. p. bx.	3 75/6 00
Do Sicily, p. bx. new	1 50
Oranges, Riverside	4 00
Do Seedless	4 50/6 75
Navel	5 25
Malta Bitter	5 00
Peas per box	None
Peaches per box	do
Plums per lb.	do
Prunes per box	do
Raspberries p. doz.	do
Strawberries p. doz.	6 67

GRAIN.

Barley, whole, p. ctt.	80c/90
Corn, per 100 lbs.	1 50
Wheat, good, p. bu.	12c/14
Wheat, No. 1 nominal	1 20/1 22 1/2
Wheat, Valley, p. 100 lbs.	1 20/1 22 1/2
do Eastern Ore.	1 10/1 12 1/2

POULTRY.

Chickens, large young p. dz.	5 50
do, small do	4 50/5 00
do, c. l.	6 00/6 25
Ducks p. doz.	9 00
Geese, young p. dz.	8 00/9 00
Turkeys, young, p. lb.	17 1/2

SEEDS.

Timothy	6 1/2/6 6 1/2
Orchard Grass	11 1/2
Red Top	9 1/2/9 5 1/2
Blue Grass	12 1/4
English Hay Grass	12 1/4
Italian do	9 1/2/11
Australian do	7 1/2/9
Mesquite	7 1/2
Millet	5 1/2
Hungarian do	5 1/2
Mixed Lawn Grass	12 1/2

Clover Seeds.

Red Clover	10 1/2/11 1/2
White Clover	15 1/2
Alsacia	10 1/2
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Miscellaneous.

Canary	4 1/2/5
Flax	4 1/2/5
Hemp	5 1/2/6
Rape	2 1/2/3
Wool	10 1/2

LUMBER - ROUGH AND DRESSED.

Rough	Per M 41 00
Edged	12 00
T. & G. Sheathing	13 00
No. 2 flooring	18 00
No. 2 ceiling	18 00
No. 2 rustic	18 00
Clear rough	20 00
Clear P. 48	22 50
Clear P. 60	24 00
No. 1 ceiling	22 50
No. 2 rustic	22 50
stepping	25 00
Over 12 inches wide (extra)	1 00
Lengths 40 to 50	2 00
Lengths 55	4 00
1/2 Lath	2 25
3/4 Lath	2 50
ingles, cedar, per 1000	2 25
do, red cedar, p. 1000	45 00/50 00

WOOL.

According to shrinkage	17c/20
Valley	16c/19
Spring clip	16c/19
Unimpaired	18c/20
Lambs and fall	10c/14

VEGETABLES (Fresh).

Spinach	1 75
Tomatoes per box	6 68
Beans p. lb.	10
Beets p. lb.	10
Cabbage p. lb.	25/35
Cauliflower, per doz.	1 40/1 50
Asparagus	1 15
do young p. doz.	1 15
Celery per doz.	0 00/1 00
Cucumbers p. doz.	75
Green Peas p. lb.	20
Onions p. lb.	2 1/2
Potatoes p. 100 lbs.	2 25
Radishes p. doz.	15
Rhubarb	5

Prunes.

Oregon French Petite	7 68
Apples, sun dried, per	7 50
do factory sliced Cal.	9 10
do evap. 50 lb boxes	11 to 12
do unbleached	6 to 7
Apricots	13 to 14
do sliced boxes	11c/12 1/2
Cherries pitted	10
Peaches live, up'd new	10c/12
do evaporated	12c/15
Pears small dried	9c/9 1/2
Pines pitted Oregon	3c/4
do factory	5c/6
Citrus, Currants, c.	7 1/2/8 1/2
Currants, in box or bbl.	10c/11
Dates in boxes	10c/11
Figs/Dates, 15 lb.	11

Parental Pride.

Herr X. is much given to spending his time at the club-room indulging to excess in what is poetically called the "flowing bowl." Curtin lectures have no effect on him as he does not quit carousing until he is through.

Not long since, while thus enjoying himself, a messenger arrived in hot haste.

"Herr X," said he, "there is a girl waiting for you."

"Tell her to go away. What have I got to do with the girl? I am a respectable married man."

"But I mean a baby girl."

"What? Left an infant at my door? Send it to the police station. Nobody can blackmail me."

"But it is your own. Mrs. X. has presented you with a girl baby."

"Oh, she has, she? That's very kind of her. Well, boys, I guess I'll have to put up a couple of bottles on that now."

And he didn't go home at all that night. -Texas Siftings.

As to Finger-Nails.

The fashionable finger-nail is said to be longer and more pointed than ever.

FARM NOTES.

Hogs need salt as much as other animals, and should receive it at regular intervals.

The best plant food for the rose is a compost of well-rotted turf and cow manure in equal parts.

Of all grasses for lawns, blue grass (sometimes called June grass) is doubtless the best. It is most persistent, too, and easily raised.

The way to win a battle is to plan your campaign. The way to have a good garden is to think the matter over as far as your plans during the Winter.

The man who makes just what the market wants will come a good deal nearer making handsome profits than will the man who does not know what the market wants.

Experience has taught an Eastern farmer that timber taken from near the house, white oak or chestnut will last much longer than if cut from the butt or near it.

Wick's Magazine echoes the old fact that there are too many fences, as they are expensive, ugly and harbor weeds. How to lessen and improve them is an interesting question for every country neighborhood.

For sheep-killing dogs, it is recommended to build a rail pen fifteen rails high, slanting inward. Put the dogs outside of a short bank the dogs can climb up and jump in from the outside, but when in can not get out.

When a fall of success in dairying the fault is often our own. Always beware see whether it is or not, for when failures can be traced to our own fault, it is usually remedied, barring of course, the natural difficulty of overcoming our own weaknesses.

The rich black liquid that flows off the barn yard contains the most valuable of the farm. Use absorbent material and save it. The loss of liquid manure is great, and if saved would not only add fertilizing matter to the farm but increase the value of soils.

There is no profit in rearing or keeping cattle, except through good feeding in all seasons of the year. No argument is required to prove the truth of this assertion, for even a slight reflection shows that profit comes clearly only through utilization of food beyond the necessity for maintenance.

The Western Agriculturist says that the Holstein-Friesian outnumbers all the other breeds of cattle at leading West-coast fairs last fall. This shows the increasing interest in dairy production. The strong point with the Red Poll and Swiss cattle is that they are good dairy cattle as well as good farm animals, and the best milking families of the Short-horn are increasing in popularity in this country and Europe. Still, the best producer will ignore milk as the life-consequence. Meanwhile, the dairy cattle are increasing in popularity in the world over.

President Chamberlain, of Iowa, in the Ohio Farmer: "Change brings expense and loss in all things, especially in farming, and should never be made without clear proof of a net advantage to be gained. It will cost a thirty farmer far more than \$1,000 to move to another State and get started as well again, and another \$1,000 to learn new methods for soil and climate. Will it pay to change? Take the two States of Iowa and Iowa—grand States. My advice to nearly all the farmers in both States would be to stay right where they are and do the best they can there."

A good road is always to be desired and is a source of comfort and convenience to every traveler. Good roads tend to the growth of schools and churches. Good roads improve the value of the property, so that is said a farm lying five miles from market, connected by a bad road, is of less value than an equally good farm lying ten miles away from the market, connected by a good road. A larger load can be drawn by one horse over a good road than by two over a bad one. Good roads encourage the greater exchange of products and commodities between one section and another.

The wool industry, the Department of Agriculture thinks probably represents \$500,000,000 per annum, and the native wool product is four times as large as in 1860, while the average foreign wools as much as two of that date. Prior to that time there was a slow increase of numbers and small advances in quality or weight. Large classes of goods which could not be produced in this country, as was grown by importers and half-bred by consumers, are now produced here in nearly full supply of the home demand. Their manufacture was rendered possible first by the effect of the wool premium on gold and afterward by the influence of the tariff of 1867.

Professor Sanborn says that English rye grass, which in Great Britain is the backbone of their hay crop, has the distinction of being the only grass methodically improved by selection, to the English farmer it is what honey is to us. He says in Western Resources: "I have grown it for six years. No grass springs up so quickly after sowing and grows so rapidly in the early spring. Where a law is to be put in place, other law grasses being sown with it. On our soil it yields well and comes well up to timothy for the first year, but it does not stand at all when sown alone, with rye, lodging almost as flat as though rolled. It will not winter as well as the above named grasses."

A new method of dressing chickens for market is given by a correspondent of the Massachusetts Poultryman. The chicken is either beheaded or knifed in the throat in the ordinary way, and is instantly immersed in a tub of cold water and held there until he has ceased to kick, when he is immediately taken out and the feathers will come out by the handful as easily as if scalded. Care must be taken to hold the chicken long enough, but not too long in the water and remove the feathers immediately. The skin is not torn or disfigured in any way, and the dressed bird presents a particularly attractive appearance. This was done with spring chickens of about four pounds weight. It required not over five minutes to kill and dress a bird in this way.

An Easter exchange says that the twigs on many apple and pear trees are showing the result of the fire blight and they demand attention at once. The leaves commence dying and the ends of the twigs dry up. The warning given and it should be speedily heeded, and everywhere the trees show the leaves of mourning there is death, and if the dead is not taken away from the living the blight will spread until the entire tree is gone. As yet no cure has been found for the disease, but it can be kept from spreading by a slight and can be checked by cutting off the limbs as rapidly as they are seen to be affected and destroying them completely by burning. In this way the trees may perhaps be saved. The market can not afford to wait, however, for so convenient a season.

Secretary Rusk has received a report from the Agricultural Experiment Station in Southwest Kansas, near Garden City announcing that it had been demonstrated that the arid lands of the West can be made productive without the aid of irrigation. Experiments at the station named have proved that the desert land unirrigated will produce plentiful supplies of grasses and forage plants, including sorghum, and it is

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believed that wheat, corn, and potatoes will grow equally as well. Only two things were necessary to accomplish these results: First, the ground was pulverized, then a top-dressing of fertilizer was laid on, and the ground was covered with the planted surface was covered after the sowing of the first crop, with matted straw to keep the soil from blowing away and with the straw. Subsequent crops will require no seed, blowing away with the wind. The soil will keep the dry earth from being blown away by the high winds.

Snider, the Tireless Walker.

"Do you remember Snider, the walking phenomenon?" asked a dime-museum manager of a St. Paul Pioneer Press man. "Used to walk night and day in various museums, couldn't stop, would die if he was off the track fifteen minutes, drew immense crowds, proved the best feet ever played in this country. Well, let me give you some inside figures on the Snider's fate."

"Along about three months before Snider was sprung on a gullible public I found myself every day running against something in the papers about the wonderful Snider stop in Tennessee, a man who couldn't stop walking long enough to eat his meals, and who had worn a path around his cottage six inches deep with his feet, and every week itineracy. I saw those stories in the papers. I caught all the exchange editors in the country, and their shears couldn't dig into a paper fast enough to tip out something new about Snider, how he was standing it, how his gait was increasing, how he had refused thousands of dollars to go to dime museums, how he proposed to die on the track, how badly his wife and family felt, and all that sort of rot, you know. Well, at that time I was in the museum got Snider. All this previous advertising hadn't cost anything, because of the kindness of the exchange editors. See? You know how Snider drew, of course, but do you know how the snap was worked?"

"No?" Thought not. Yes [and a dreamy look crept into the innumerable of the museum man, half serious, half speculative]; yes, there were two Sniders of 17th brothers, looked just alike, dressed just alike. While one was taking his quiet snooze in the little cottage, you remember, beside the track, inaccessible to any in the audience, his brother was spinning around the laps as he were chased by bloodhounds to soft influences."

"A Hot Day in India.

The hot winds set in early like a consuming fire, say a writer in the Contemporary Review. The large double windows stood open