

Topics of the Times

Farm land in England ranges in price from \$60 to \$120 an acre.

The Kaiser has become an ardent violinist, and practices diligently and execratingly at every opportunity.

More emigrants left the United Kingdom and fewer foreigners settled there in 1903 than in any year since 1880.

The production of nickel in Ontario last year exceeded that of any previous year.

In the South American regions, where cattle are killed by the tens of thousands for the export of meat and hides, the bones are used as fuel.

Between Jan. 1, 1904, and May 14, 1904, 135 days, there have been underwritten and sold in the United States securities aggregating over \$600,000,000.

America's trade with Great Britain last year aggregated \$1,000,000,000; next in importance is the trade with Germany, which is little more than one-third as much.

Count Zeppelin, who wrecked his airship and at the same time his fortune in Lake Constance, Italy, has raised \$4,000 by subscription for the purposes of building another ship.

The chalk pits in Kent, 11 miles from London, are found to be extensive ancient British cave dwellings connected by galleries which extend for miles.

Benjamin S. Moore, of Elizabeth, N. J., recently celebrated his 65th year of actual service with the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

In the province of lower Burma, India, near the Siamese frontier, tin deposits have recently been discovered and valuable coal fields located.

Mrs. Craigie (John Oliver Hobbes), lecturing in Manchester, said that men to-day were losing the desire for immortality.

"One of the most significant signs of the tendency of modern thought," says the New York Christian Work and Evangelist (Presbyterian), "is supplied by the increasing attention which men of science are devoting to religious subjects."

There is in Sweden a movement, supported, it is said, by the government, to tax all concerns and performances given by artists who are not Swedish subjects, the tax varying from \$1.50 to \$55 each concert, according to the amount of money taken for tickets.

According to a recent report of the Geological Survey, the total anthracite production for 1903 was 60,351,713 tons.

The President of the British Board of Trade stated, in answer to a question in the House of Commons, that the average annual earnings of adult males employed in the principal industrial and agricultural occupations in the United Kingdom in a year of average employment might be estimated approximately at \$350 each.

The campaign of 1840 had a dramatic and unexpected sequel. Thurlow Weed, before the meeting of the Whig convention, sought out Webster and urged him to take second place on the ticket with Harrison, but the suggestion was rejected with scorn.

The income tax was introduced into England by William Pitt in 1799 under the stress of the French war. It ceased in 1816, but was revived by Sir Robert Peel in 1842, and extended by Gladstone in 1863.

One thousand patents a year are granted citizens of Chicago. Illinois stands seventh in the list of states that take out patents according to population.

Peasley Transfer Co. has secured the Chicago public library was last year consulted between 80,000 and 90,000 times by 17,000 persons, some of them patent lawyers or their clerks.

A certain percentage of visitors are "perpetual motion cranks." There is nothing for them in the reports, so they ask for the Scientific American and similar papers that contain articles on that subject.

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