

NEWS IN GENERAL.

Siberia has 868,552 people,

London has 6000 telephones.

Women drummers increase.

New York has 250,000 Hebrews.

Malay supplies half the world's tin.

La Grippe is again epidemic in Silecia.

The floods in England are slowly subsiding.

Counterfeit Swedish money is made in this country.

Both Spain and France are great sufferers by floods.

American-made shotguns are greatly in demand abroad.

A sheep costs thirty-three cents in San Antonio, Texas.

There is an epidemic of forgery and coinage in Germany.

Australia and Italy have again signed the Triple Alliance with Germany.

The Florida orange crop is estimated at from three million to four million boxes.

The United States coast defence ship Miantonomah has been put into commission.

A new excitement for Oklahoma is supplied by the discovery of gold-bearing quartz at Chandler.

For economy's sake promotions of state and civil servants in Italy have been suspended two years.

The astonishing rainfall of the past month has produced floods all over England unequalled since 1875.

Great Britain will need the importation of twenty million quarters of wheat to meet this year's requirements.

Forest fires have worked destruction in parts of Wisconsin, Michigan and north-western Minnesota.

A new fibre plant has been found in the state of Vera Cruz, Mexico, which is said to produce a fibre almost identical with manilla hemp.

The return of live stock on ranges for nine districts of the west foots up as follows: Horses, 517,158; mules, 5428; cattle, 6828,182; sheep, 6,676, 902; swine 17,276.

The low volcanic island, which rose so suddenly out of the sea at Palermo, Italy, and from which fire was emitted, has entirely disappeared, even the water that covers it having ceased to boil.

The validity of the new constitution of Kentucky is to be contested on the ground that the constitutional convention made numerous changes after the instrument was ratified by the people.

A timid man, living alone in the outskirts of the city of Hartford, has hit upon a novel device for scaring away burglars. Each night upon retiring he places a huge pair of boots outside of every bedroom door in the house to convey the impression that every chamber is occupied by an able-bodied man. A burglar who happened in would think he had struck a hotel.

From data at hand a correspondent of *Science* estimated the vocabulary of a citizen of the United States with a common school education and of ordinary intelligence and reading at about 10,000 words, and that of a well read college graduate, and of those who have pursued a university course, at from 20,000 upwards to perhaps 100,000. One's vocabulary is usually nearly complete at thirty years of age. If but two words are learned each day the vocabulary at that age would be only 20,000. Records show that young children acquire new words more rapidly than that, hence the necessity of early education.

WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

The agricultural society of France has decided to offer a number of premiums for the best French horses shown at the fair.

Quaritch, the noted London book-dealer, intends to send to the Exposition an autograph letter of Christopher Columbus, for which he paid \$5000.

Virginia's building at the Exposition will be of the old colonial type, measuring 33x76 feet, two stories high and surrounded by a piazza 15 feet wide. It will cost \$20,000.

The Art Palace on the Lake Front Park, which will be built by the Art Institute, assisted to the extent of \$200,000 by the Exposition Company, will cost about \$700,000.

California is the first state to respond to chief Buchanan's request that each state contribute the trunks of three of its most characteristic trees, to be used in constructing a rustic colonnade for the Forestry building.

Florida's Exposition building will be a full sized reproduction of Fort Marion, which was built at St. Augustine in 1850, and is believed to be the oldest building in the United States. It is of stone, and covers a space of about 150 feet square.

Mrs. Potter Palmer is to drive the last nail in the Woman's building. The lady managers of Montana, at the suggestion of Mrs. J. E. Richards, are having the nail made of gold, silver and copper. It will be forwarded to Chicago as soon as completed.

The great imitation coast-line battleship, which is to constitute and contain the government's naval exhibit, is in an advanced state of construction. It will be all inclosed before winter weather sets in, and all of the interior work will be completed by spring.

The Carriage Builders' National Association, at its recent session in St. Paul, Minn., appointed an influential committee to supervise the collection and preparation of a creditable exhibit of vehicles, and to co-operate with Chief Smith, of the Transportation Department.

Thomas A. Edison, the famous electrician, has applied for 35,000 feet of space, or about one-seventh of all that the Electric building contains. "I have it from Mr. Edison himself," said chief John P. Barrett, "that his display at the fair is to be the greatest achievement of his life."

The nine lady managers resident in Chicago, called together by Mrs. Potter Palmer, have decided to establish a model sanitary kitchen in the Woman's building at the Exposition. An effort will be made by a special entertainment or otherwise, to raise the \$4000 necessary for the purpose.

The number of intending exhibitors who have applied for space at the Exposition reached 1635 on October 24. This is a much larger number than the Centennial had at a correspondingly early date. The number does not include any foreign applications, all of which are made to their respective national commissions.

One acre of ground within the Horticultural building has been reserved for an orange grove from Florida and the same amount for a grove from California. These trees will be brought to Chicago next year and planted, so they will bear fruit while the Exposition is open. These two acres constitute two interior courts of the building.

—Any and all kinds of building material both rough and dressed, at David & Son's Glenada saw-mill.

—Wild wood axes and saws, and a full line of hardware at lowest prices in Lane county at F. L. Chambers, Eugene.

—Hardware of all kinds at bottom prices, at F. L. Chambers, opposite Baker hotel, Eugene.

THE CAPITALIST

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A City after it is built can be seen by anybody.

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FLORENCE AND ACME

TWO LEADING TOWNS OF THE GREAT SIUSLAW VALLEY.

Florence.

FLORENCE is a flourishing, wide-awake town situated about three miles inland from the ocean beach and upon the north shore of the Siuslaw Bay. It is the diamond set amid the pearls of our beautiful valley. It is the only sea-port town of Lane county. Standing as Florence does on ground that gently slopes toward the bay, and hemmed in on three sides by the somber forests, it forms a panorama of indescribable harmony. At our feet is the beautiful expanse of water, now again aroused from its wonted slumbers by a slight ripple that loses itself with a gentle murmur along the pebbly shore. Hither and thither flit small boats and steamers; at the wharves jutting into the water lie propellers which regularly ply to other towns on the coast.

It has been but a very short time since Florence and the wonderful ship harbor at her feet were taken into more consideration than that of a good location for salmon fishing. Since that time it has made gigantic strides in commercial importance, while during the year just closed over 1,500 families have settled on the rich land that surround the town. We have a town of over 400 population and daily there are added numerous names which help to swell the grand total of our population. Nearly all branches of trade and business are represented, yet we are backed by a country, the resources of which will sustain many times the number now represented. Fifty thousand dollars is now being expended by the Government in the improvement of our harbor, and larger appropriations are sure to follow.

Acme.

Three miles above Florence is situated the beautiful town of Acme. While this town is not so large as Florence it is none the less a promising town and will be a shining light in the Siuslaw valley's future prosperity. It is called "the Town of Mills," and a more appropriate name could not have been given. Surrounding Acme is a soilmarvelous in its fertility, producing good grain, good grasses and excellent fruit of all varieties; soft, pure, cold water in the clear-flowing mountain streams; excellent timber, either for fuel or building purposes, is abundant in the surrounding country.

Climate.

The climate of this country is a marvel of perfection. To a person who has experienced the cold, wet, sleety spring, the hot, sun-scorched summer, the frozen blizzard blasts of winter in the Middle, Eastern and Northern Middle States, it is hardly possible for him to realize the change. Here the average temperature is, for spring, 51 degrees; for summer, 65 degrees; for autumn, 51 degrees, and for winter, 39 degrees. These facts have yearly been reported by Signal Service officials to the department at Washington. This low temperature is caused by the Jap-an current which flows from the South Pacific ocean and modifies the climate of the Pacific Coast states in the same manner as the Atlantic gulf stream tempers the climate of Great Britain and Ireland. Thunderstorms occur but seldom, while hail storms, hurricanes, earthquakes, cyclones and other destructive phenomena are unknown. It is no uncommon thing to see flowers in bloom in the open air in mid winter.

New Enterprises.

The Siuslaw and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company has but recently completed a permanent line of survey between Eugene and Florence, through Acme, and it will not be many months before they will begin grading. The man that owns property in either Florence or Acme at that time will be the capitalist of the Siuslaw Valley. Another enterprise of great importance is that of the big saw-mill now being erected by Kimball, Stevens & Co. This mill will have a capacity of 100,000 feet per day and will employ 160 men.

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