

EUROPEAN PERSONALS.

LORD SALISBURY wants to sell his villa at Puy, near Dieppe, for \$50,000. The Chalet Cecil is most picturesquely situated on the cliff, with a fine view of sea and land.

THE crown princess of Norway and Sweden, one of the most enthusiastic of amateur photographers, took about three thousand pictures while on a recent journey. Otherwise she is a very taking young lady.

MR. GLADSTONE makes no claim to be a mountaineer, but he has been at the top of Snowden, the loftiest peak in North Wales, and from the top of which the most picturesque part of the principality can be seen.

MRS. EMILY CRAWFORD, who took up the work of her husband, G. M. Crawford, as Paris correspondent of the London News when he died, about eight years ago, is still maintaining it. Mrs. Crawford gained great popularity in Paris during the siege and commune.

THINGS OF INTEREST.

SEVERAL sharp reports, which were heard a distance of fifteen miles, immediately preceded the fall of a forty-four pound aerolite on the farm of Lawrence Freeman, Bath county, S. D.

THE old-fashioned brimstone match, which was used with a tinder box, was a little slip of very thin wood, six inches long and a quarter of an inch broad; it tapered at either end, and at either end was dipped in brimstone.

A PEAR tree which was set by Gov. John Endicott in 1630 is still standing near Danversport, Mass. It blossoms freely, although two hundred and sixty-two years old; but the fruit, like most of the pears of that date, is of poor quality.

ALTHOUGH it may not be generally known, the woods of northern British America are still infested by a queer species of bison known as the "wood buffalo." He is much larger than the buffalo of the plains, which formerly abounded in such numbers.

PERSONAL GATHERINGS.

REV. DR. HOFFMAN, who owns the Hoffman house, New York, is the richest clergyman in the world.

CHIEF INSPECTOR STEERE, of the New York police department, retires on a \$2,500 pension after thirty-five years of service, during which he never had a charge preferred against him.

IN the family of Philip C. Drumel, of Philadelphia, five generations are represented. Mr. Drumel is ninety-four years old and was a drummer boy under Napoleon, being present at the burning of Moscow.

H. B. McCLELLAND, who has been teaching school in Encinal county, Tex., for \$40 a month, has been notified that he has fallen heir to the title and \$2,000,000 estate of his uncle, Lord William Moore, of England.

MRS. MARTHA A. HOGAN, Mrs. Mary A. Fassett and Mrs. Sarah A. Fassett, triplets, were present at a celebration at Waltham, Mass., the other day. They are sixty-nine years old, and say they worked when girls in a cotton mill in which Gen. Banks was a bobbin boy.

THE FIRST.

THE Babylonians first divided the hour and minute into sixty parts.

THE first book imported from Europe was brought over by John Sabin, of Philadelphia.

ALJEZIRI ALHAMBALI says coffee was first made known as a beverage in 870 of the Hegira.

ABRAHAM presented his son's wife with a pair of earrings, the first of which there is historic mention.

THE first railroad to use the steam locomotive regularly in this country was the South Carolina railroad in 1831.

THE first French newspaper, the Gazette de France, was started in 1631 by Theophraste Renaudot. He also established the first Mont de Piete.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

A GARGLE of salt water as hot as can be used is one of the best, as it is one of the simplest, home remedies for sore throat. That persisted in, with a cathartic medicine to clear the system, will cure almost any sore throat that is not diphtheria.—N. Y. Times.

HAPPENING IN ENGLAND.

A NEW English coinage is to be put in circulation early this year.

WITHIN the last thirty years there have been on the British coasts over sixty thousand wrecks, with the fearful loss of twenty thousand lives.

UPWARD of 2,268 lives are lost annually in the inland waters and upon the immediate coasts of the United Kingdom, exclusive of those lost "at sea."

FIVE THOUSAND guineas was paid for the English hackney stallion Danegelt a short time ago, probably the highest price ever paid in England for any horse not a thoroughbred.

THE deaths of forty-five centenarians were reported in England last year, twenty-two men and twenty-three women. In 1891, according to the record, forty-eight centenarians died, and thirty-six in each of the three preceding years.

AN investigation which has been prosecuted by the British royal labor commission indicates that in England the servant is far better off in regard to facilities for legal redress than is the employer, and that legislation would not bring these two classes closer together.

RUSSIANS AND RELIGION.

Official Zeal and Peasant Worship in the Empire of the Czar.

We find the singular anomaly of a government apparently full of zeal (officially) for the propagation of one form of faith among its subjects, and for the suppression of all other forms, while the individual members of that government are notoriously indifferent to religion, and the people in the main, except the peasantry, no less so. And, again, there exists in Russia a priesthood, in numbers the most numerous, but in capacity the least efficient in the world.

I confess that I have never seen any religion which seemed to me so unreal, so artificial, and so little reverent as that of the Russian church; but is it wonderful, with so poor a standard of clergy? The churches are often full, generally with the peasant class, and they, at least, are earnestly bent on prostrations and what they believe to be worship. These peasants are intensely superstitious. But of the higher classes, who have to some extent cast out superstition and replaced it with indifference, who stroll in and out of church as part of their promenade, pose and cross themselves, and look about eying everything as if out in the street, what can one think? The men, however, don't often go, and when they do stay but a few minutes. Still, it is strange to see a man ostentatiously and repeatedly crossing himself, and all the while looking sideways at you and others, with an expression of lively interest in your dress or general appearance.

There are no seats in a Russian church; you walk about, stand or lie prostrate. There is never any organ or other instrumental music, but often excellent choirs, and some members of the choir are generally singing something. The singing is indeed a redeeming point; it is often very beautiful. The Russian has a natural aptitude for part singing; the soldier, the peasant, the student, all form themselves into part singers, and generally with excellent effect, wherever any number are gathered together. But in instrumental music they are no better than ourselves.

A FEW POLITICIANS.

WHITELAW REID is of Scotch ancestry; his mother, Marian Whitelaw Ronalds, being a direct descendant of the clan Ronald.

SENATOR McMILLAN pays the heaviest tax of anybody in Detroit, the collector calling upon him for a check for \$38,434.40.

SENATOR BRICE has taken a five years' lease of the Corcoran house, in Washington, and is having it put into residential condition.

GROVER CLEVELAND's Buzzard's Bay residence, Gray Gables, is for sale. It is stated that Mr. Cleveland will again make his summer home at Marion.

Mr. Editor—Where's Tommy?
Mrs. E.—Out in the woodshed filing a saw.

Mr. E.—What's he doing that for?
Mrs. E.—I don't know. I presume he is filing it for future reference.

HURD & DAVENPORT.

We have
Just Received

An immense line of Dry Goods, Fancy Goods, Ladies' Hoods, Fascinators, Infants' Hoods and Sacks. Come early for bargains—before supply is exhausted.

Our Winter Stock
Of Boots and Shoes

Has arrived. Fine assortment for both ladies and gentlemen. Do not fail to ask for our famous Jack and Jill children school shoe—all sizes.

HURD & DAVENPORT.

Groceries,
Groceries, Groceries!

Fresh stock always on hand.

Well Selected

Stock of Hats. In this line we excel all competitors.

A nice line of

Class,

Crockery,

Tin and

EARTHENWARE

ALWAYS ON HAND

HURD & DAVENPORT.

ORDERS BY MAIL SOLICITED.

THE SEATON STORE

[Keeps a full line of Extra Quality

DRY GOODS & GROCERIES.

HARDWARE, TINWARE, BOOTS & SHOES.

HATS & CAPS, MEDICINES, NUTS & CANDIES,

TOBACCO, CIGARS, FURNISHING GOODS.

Goods as Represented. Prices Will be Found Reasonable.

Knowles & Gettys, MANAGERS.

LINN & KAYS,

GIVE THE BEST BARGAINS IN

FURNITURE

and CARPETS

IN THE CITY OF EUGENE.

UNDERTAKING and EMBALMING a Specialty

All orders for Furniture sent us from the States will be shipped from Portland direct.

H. M. CHAMBERLIN,

THE JEWELER

WATCHES, * CLOCKS * AND * JEWELRY

REPAIRED PROMPTLY

AND WORK WARRANTED.

AT FLORENCE VARIETY STORE.

FRONT STREET,

FLORENCE, OREGON.