

PROGRESS IN AGRICULTURE.

Reference Thereto by Commissioner Coleman in His Annual Report.

Washington dispatch: Norman Colman, commissioner of agriculture, today submitted his second annual report to the president. He describes in general terms the progress made in agriculture during recent years and the conditions which contribute to make this "the best fed nation on the globe."

Every effort possible under existing laws has been made to locate the diseased animals and isolate all that have been exposed. It would have been most fortunate if every animal exposed to disease had been liable to contract it.

As the first step of reform, undoubtedly, the land policy of the United States, in the timbered regions, requires a change according to the conditions of the localities.

Special telegrams to Bradstreet's record rather less activity in the movement of general merchandise, although at Chicago there has been an increasing volume of sales, particularly of dry goods, and a less noteworthy degree at St. Paul, Minneapolis, Milwaukee and Burlington.

Washington dispatch: The president is experiencing some difficulty in filling the office of United States district attorney for the eastern district of Wisconsin.

Judge Anthony, of Chicago, has sentenced to three years in the penitentiary a handsome young Scotchman, a graduate of the University of Edinburgh, who has been robbing fashionable boarding-houses in New York and Chicago.

FORTY MEN BURNED.

Terrible Explosion of a Coal Mine in Pennsylvania.

Wilkesbarre (Pa.) special: At ten minutes past 7 o'clock this morning a terrible explosion of fire damp occurred in the Conyngham shaft, owned and operated by the Delaware & Hudson Canal company, and located in the Second ward of this city.

From the indications this evening twelve of the injured will die. The number of persons badly injured is now learned to be forty-two, and there were several others slightly hurt.

THE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

Bradstreet's report indicates a healthy tone in general trade. It cost \$30,000 to receive and count the vote in San Francisco.

The funeral of the late H. M. Hoxie was largely attended at Des Moines. Dalrymple, the old Chicago left-fielder, has been secured by Pittsburgh for 1887.

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CHICAGO IS AFTER IT.

That City's Board of Trade Working to Secure the Indian Warehouse.

Washington special: Mr. Uplaw, acting commissioner of Indian affairs, heard the committee of the Chicago board of trade this morning in support of the proposition to remove the Indian warehouse from New York to Chicago.

Washington, Nov. 27. Hon. J. D. C. Atkins, Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

The commissioner heard Monday to hear St. Louis, Tuesday for Kansas City and Wednesday for New York.

LAD AWAY TO REST.

The funeral of the late H. M. Hoxie held at his old home. Des Moines special: A special Rock Island train from Chicago, bearing the remains of the late H. M. Hoxie and wife and friends, arrived here just before noon.

Chicago special: United States Marshal Bierbower, of Omaha, arrived in the city last Sunday in search of Dr. William W. Salisbury, who is wanted in Nebraska for complicity in the alleged scheme to defraud the government.

LONGER TO LIVE.

Justice Scott Grants a Superedeas in the Anarchists' Case. Bloomington (Ill.) dispatch: At 11 o'clock this morning Judge Scott granted the superedeas in the anarchist case.

THE GOVERNOR WILL READ IT.

But There is Not Much Likelihood of His Interfering in the Case.

Paris dispatch: M. Rouget, secretary of the Paris municipal council, forwarded to United States Minister McLane a petition adopted by the council November 27, asking for his intervention with the governor of Illinois in behalf of the condemned Chicago anarchists.

As the petition is destined for the governor of Illinois and made with the object of sparing human life, I will not refuse my assistance if you persist in demanding it. Now allow me to inform you that in the present case it is useless.

TREATY LEGISLATION NECESSARY.

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SMALL-SIZED CYCLONES.

MANDAN, DAK., Nov. 25.—Two children named Melsal were frozen to death ten miles north of here while searching for lost stock.

A SECRET CIRCULAR.

Philadelphia dispatch: The Press publishes a secret circular issued by the general officers of the Knights of Labor, in which the following are the principal points of general interest.

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A DELEGATE IN CONGRESS.

This is What the Governor of Alaska Says That Country Should Have.

Gov. Swineford, of Alaska, in his annual report to the secretary of the interior estimates the white population of the territory at 2,350, and the native population at 32,000.

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THE CONGRESSIONAL LAY-OUT.

Important Measures to Claim Attention in a Short Session.

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