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## GENERAL EASTERN NEWS.

**St. Johns, New Foundland.**  
St. Johns, March 2.—The steamer Ewing G. Hall, hence to Cape Breton, has been lost with all her crew, numbering nine. The schooner Rolo drifted from her moorings and is a total wreck. Every boat in harbor was destroyed. The gale was the worst for sixty years. It is feared that the brigantines Margaret and Branch, hence to ports in the Mediterranean, are lost with all hands.

**Carpenter's Successor.**  
MILWAUKEE, March 2.—It is the opinion here among politicians that either Angus Cameron or ex-Chief Justice Luther S. Dixon, will be chosen United States senator; chances about even.

**Murder at Galveston.**  
GALVESTON, March 2.—Last night, as an enormous procession was passing English Kitchen, two shots rang out and Mrs. Elizabeth Percival, the proprietress, fell mortally wounded by her divorced husband Richard Stevens.

**A Texas Murderer Arrested in Colorado.**  
DENVER, March 2.—Matt Bangston, wanted at Houston, Texas, for the murder of a street car driver, was arrested at Como today.

**Murder in New Mexico.**  
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., March 1.—A miner, in self defense, shot and killed the dealer of a monte game.

**Two Disasters on the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad.**  
MACON, Mo., March 2.—A passenger train on the Hannibal and St. Joseph railroad which left here at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, was thrown from the track just this side of Bevier, six miles west of this city by a broken rail. The engine, tender, baggage car and two coaches were thrown completely from the track down an embankment ten feet high, and badly demolished, except the smoking car, in which were 49 emigrant passengers, 40 of whom were women and children. There were nearly a hundred passengers on the train, and that no lives were lost and so few injured is remarkable.

## WASHINGTON CITY NEWS.

**Pacific Coast Items.**  
WASHINGTON, March 2.—Among the items added by the senate committee to the sundry civil appropriation bill is \$40,000 for a new light-house on the coast of California.

**The Inaugural.**  
WASHINGTON, March 2.—The senate special committee on inauguration, composed of Pendleton, Bayard and Anthony, waited on Garfield today and informed him of the programme, and it was accepted and agreed to.

**Pending Nominations and the Special Session.**  
WASHINGTON, March 2.—Democratic senators will organize the committee immediately after the new senate meets and will act promptly on all nominations. The Chinese treaty will probably be considered, but the extra session of the senate will adjourn before the vacancy from Wisconsin can be filled, and that will leave the senate democratic until congress meets anyhow. Prominent democrats in the senate say that there will be no opposition to any of Garfield's nomination.

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## THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

Astronomers Predict that it will Appear in 1887.

Professor C. A. Grimmer of Kingston, Jamaica, who is a scientist of fame, recently made some wonderful prophecies in connection with the action of the planets and other heavenly bodies. He says: "In 1887 the 'Star of Bethlehem' will be once more seen in 'Cassiopeia's Chair,' and it will be accompanied by a total eclipse of the sun and moon. The star only makes its appearance every 315 years. It will appear and illuminate the heavens and exceed in brilliancy even Jupiter when in opposition to the sun, and therefore, nearer to the earth and brightest. The marvelous brilliancy of the 'Star of Bethlehem' in 1887 will surpass any of its previous visitations. It will be seen even by moonlight, shining with a quick, flashing light the entire year, after which it will gradually decrease in brightness and finally disappear, not to return to our heavens till 2202, or 315 years after 1887. This star first attracted the attention of modern astronomers in the year 1575. It was then called a new star. It was no new star, however, for this was the star that shone so brightly 4 n. c., and was the star that illumined the heavens at the nativity of Jesus Christ. This star has reappeared every 315 years since, and every educated astrologer is certain that it will reappear in August, 1887. The appearance of this star, accompanied as it will be by solar and lunar eclipses, together with the baneful influence that follows the positions that Mars and Saturn will occupy, will cause a universal war, and portentous floods and fearful shipwrecks. North America will be involved in civil strife, and a reign of terror will prevail in the Atlantic states, unless a Napoleon arises to quell it. There will be a war of classes—the rich will array themselves against the poor, and vice versa, everywhere." Could anything be grimmer?

**The Spring Travel Pacificward.**  
Boston Transcript, February 28th.  
A grand excursion to the Pacific is projected by W. Raymond on a scale beyond any that he has heretofore devised. It is no less than a tour of the continent, including opportunities for doing Chicago, Kansas, Colorado, with stops at Denver, Manitou, the Royal George, Black Hawk, Central city, Salt Lake city, other points in Utah and Nevada, and giving twenty days in San Francisco, whence incidental trips will be made to Monterey, the Yosemite, the Big Trees and perhaps Oregon, and other points of interest. Carriage drives are provided for at the principal points, hotel bills settled, and the excursionists will have no care but to follow the leader, I. A. Whitecomb, whose experience as a guide is unequalled. The forty-four days thus passed cannot fail of being pleasantly instructive. All means of conveyance, and every accommodation provided, are to be first-class, without exception. The party will leave this city on the 18th of April.

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## Mohammed.

Rev. Dr. Platt delivered a lecture recently in San Francisco, the subject being the Prophet Mohammed. The enigmatical character of Mohammed was first considered. His birth, parentage, occupation, marriage and piety were next sketched. Mecca, where he resided, was sacred to all Arabians on account of the shrine of Caaba, which, for years, had stood there. The associations of the place early inspired his mind with piety. Even in early youth he displayed great depth of religious feeling. Wit, judgment and observation he had, but piety was the one prominent feature of his mind. He became a fanatical devotee, a neophyte of sacred mystery. He was all devotion, and his sincerity could not be questioned. He was pious, according to the religion of his fathers; and we must judge him by what he was, and not by what we would have him to be. The religious element in him was his master. His convictions were strong and his will indomitable; and had he been less devout, he might have been a Hannibal or a Caesar. He took no pleasure in human suffering. He came into the world with a new religion. It was Monotheism against idolatry, more than against Polytheism. It was not the worship of many gods so much as the worship of many idols that he sought to destroy. He became convinced there was but one god, and in propagating this belief he arrayed himself against ancient families and ancient traditions. The creed was new to him. Everything that had been taught him was antagonistic to such a belief. Over three hundred idols were grouped around the shrine of Caaba; everywhere the multiplicity of gods was recognized and taught. The new creed was his own; with him it originated, and it received no aid or stimulus from others. Mohammed was a theologian, but no penitent. His religion was one of the head. The elements of love and pity and mercy did not enter into it. It was a stern antagonism. The Koran was an afterthought. Whatever Mohammed afterward became, he was at first intensely sincere. He had a pupil in his wife; in her the prophet had a believer; and thus Mohammedism became propagated in the family affections. As long as his wife lived he was an honest preacher of the unity of the God-head. He became hated at Mecca, and indignities were heaped upon him. The nobles shunned him; mobs of children hooted at his heels. But his courage commanded respect, and as he proclaimed in Mecca, day after day: "God is one God!" people began to listen, and, finally, to believe. It was not till after the death of his wife that he shamed the purity of his earlier days and added polygamy to his religion. With her he had been content. She believed in him; and her influence had lifted him above the coarse desires of life. But, after her death, he adopted polygamy, and married wife after wife, one of whom was daughter of his first wife. He became more fanatical than ever; nor is it to be wondered at that such success as his had been might persuade him that if he was less than an angel, he was yet more than a man.

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## Japanese Farmers and Farm Life.

Report of Consul Van Buren.

Something more than one-half the population of the empire is agricultural, and the half of these are women. In 1874, 12,000,000 acres were under cultivation, or about three-fourths of an acre per head of the farming population; but the tillage is most thorough, and two crops are invariably raised each year. All farm labor is hard work. A plow is seldom seen, and labor saving machines are unknown. Wages for farm labor seem low, \$35 a year, with board, \$40 without board for a man; and \$10, with board, or \$25 to \$30, without board, for a woman; and then, as the clothing of a laborer costs but \$4 to \$5 a year, and he gets a three-room (bamboo and paper) house for \$8 to \$10 a year, and clothing for a family of four or five costs not to exceed \$20, and his garden will produce one-half of his living the farm laborer is not in a desperate condition, and being exceedingly frugal, he manages to lay up something every year. Considering the cheapness of everything in Japan, and the low wages paid for even skilled labor, the taxes—including land tax of the government and local assessments—amounting in all to three per cent., are enormous. We, in Cincinnati, think we can hardly exist and pay 3.1, and ruin would seize the farmers of Ohio were they punished for the support of the government to the extent these Orientals are. Yet the Japanese farmers are prosperous. Nearly all can read, write, and keep farm accounts, while the boys are sent to school, and the girls taught music and needle-work at home, and there is not a house, not even among the Coolies or laborers, that does not have its bath-room, which is put in use every morning. Nine rivers in Prussia have been deepened by jetties, the most important being the Vistula and the Oder; the Vistula has been deepened from 7 to 10 feet, and the Oder from 7 to 24; between these two range the others, averaging a deepening of about 150 per cent. Four rivers in Sweden, three in Russia, and one each in Denmark, Roumania, and Holland, have been likewise deepened, with about the same average improvement. No other European river has been so much deepened as the Oder (7 to 24 feet), though the Niemen, also a Prussian river, has a present depth of 24 feet, its original depth having been 10 feet. The Danube, in Roumania, which was 7 to 11 feet, is now 20 feet in depth.

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## Horse Education.

In something written we have an indistinct recollection of having made reference to a general disposition among boys in their teens, as well as boys of maturer years, to enlighten and bless the world with their profound knowledge of the horse and his history. Our books and newspapers are full of this kind of literature, and it varies in style from the production of the child at school, commencing with: The horse has four legs and a tail; up to the eloquent tribute of the scholar when he quotes from Job: That his neck is clothed with thunder and the glory of his nostrils is terrible. He smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains and the shouting. Between these two extremes of the child at his first school composition, and the professional literature, we have every grade of pretension, and each professing to have mastered the whole subject. As we approach the close of this nineteenth century, we begin to look for something better in this department of knowledge from those who assume to instruct. And it is to be found in Kendall's Treatise on the horse, sent by mail to any person for twenty-five cents, postage paid. Apply to THE ASTORIAN office, or address D. C. Ireland, Astoria, Oregon.

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