the Intiy gistoxtan. $\xrightarrow{\text { ASTORIA, orbeon }}$

A Wassirator dispatch says:
The chief of the burean of statis: ties, giving clergymen some facts
for Thanksgiving sermons for Thanksgiving sermons, writes That the corn crop this year is esti-
mated at $\mathbf{1 , 6 8 0 , 0 0 0 , 0 0 0 \text { bushels, }}$
against $1,194,916,000$ but
 Berwzes this little planet, and the sun, is another called Venas,
which at regular intervals passes which at regular intervals passes pearing at the time like a littio black ball in its passage a arooss the
an's disc. Ou next Wednesday sun's disc. On next Wednessiay,
the 6th inst, the eyes of the scien-
tific world, will tific world will be turned toward that spot, for on that day will ocur for the last time till June 8th, non.
Of all the hundreds of millions of people now alive it is safe to say hat not more than a seore of peo-
ple will be alive when the next transit takes pilace. And though there are other and perhaps more
accurato medes of measurint the accurate modes of meazuring the
distance of this planet of ours from he plans for taking observations this last time that the opportunity
will be presented should be as complete as make them. ticn bill, passed nt the late session of cangress, there is an item of the -expenses of scientific expeditons that will be sent out to serThe purpose of these observationsis o ascertain as near as possible
distance of the sun from the carth and every civilized nation in th
world will have its expeditions in different parts
like purpose.

men of science, may be ssen in
the preparations matce for its ob
witness it have been projected, at
lars. The object of this great expenditure of time, labor, money an
brains, is the hope that the ol setress may determine, with an the earth's distanco from the sun A transit of Venus is not a glo
ious phenomenon like a total solar eclipse. It is simply the passage
of a binek ball over the surn bright face. But it is risible all
over the westera world, nad no human eye that now looks upward to
the eky will ever agaiu behold it

Up to a comparatively recen period it was universnlly though
that the sun was $95,000,000$ mile from the carth. The last transi apparently demonstrated the fact
that it was but $91,500,000$. It i thought that from the extensive preparations making by every civ exactly determiae our distance
$\qquad$ visible from beginning to end is the soutbern half of North Amer-
ice, nall of Mexico and Central America, the West Indies and al of South America and southwar to the South Pole in both hemi
spheres. The beginning will visible all over Africa, nearly all over Europe, on the Island of Madagascar, and the Atlanti
ocean from Newfoundland east Europe. The ending will be see from the Aleutian to all the Sout Sea is ald land, Tasmania
half of Australia
It has boen known to astrono cycle of two hundred and forty three years the planet Veaus passe four times across the dise of the
san. "This cycle"" says Professo san. "This cycle," says Professor
Newoomb in his treatise on Popu lar Astronomy, "is made up of four intervals, the length of which are in regular order, $105 \frac{1}{5}$ years, years, $121 \frac{1}{2}$ years, aud 8 years hese intervals repeating them dates of their
 $\square$ Dcocmber 3um x., we, of this loeality will no be able to see it.

Thise railway collisions Thanksgiving day; one at Nev
Waterford, Olio, another at Unio Point, Georgia, and the third near lalled and soveral injured. 1881. The latest estimate of the
wheat crop of the season of 188, year ending June 30,1882 , was
$8733,239,730$, as against 8832,925, 947 during 1881, a a falling off of
$8150,686,217$. This is due $8150,686,21 \%$. This is due almost
entirely to the failure of the crops of the country during the season
of ' 1 I. Imports daring the fiseal year were $8224,639,474$ larger than
during any previous one year in the histery of the country. The
number of :ons transported on fifteen leading railroads of the
United States in the last fiscal year was $96,663,160$ tons, as agains
$84,199,344$ during the preced fiscal year. The railroad mileage of the United States on January
1,1882 , was 104,816 miles. The Western Union, the company which
owns the principal part of the owns the principal part of the tel
egraph lines of the United States,
increased its line from 233,532 in 1880, to 374,
294 in 1882 , and the wires opera ted by that company would reach
fifteen times around the world.
$\qquad$ Grove, from London for Halifa ledges off Cape Canso, during a
gale and samk an hour later in fathoms of water. Three boats
were haunched shortly after the
vessel struck, two of whith then tessel struck, two of which, con-
tianing 13 people, reaceded the
shore safely. The remaining boat shore sately. The remaining boat
has not been heard from, and it is
feared was lost in the breaters. The Cedar Grove was a new
steamer of the New Brunswich
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