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Too Many People.

A snort time ago we commented on the fact that increase of population did not always insure prosperity, and that under certain conditions an augmentation of people acted as a direct menace to their safety. In the latest number of the Nineteenth Century is an article on the same subject in which the writer in speaking of the inhabitants of India, says:

What is the kind and measure of abundance upon which the single province of Bangal is breeding in the numbers I have quoted. The answer must be that, in regard to the great majority of these growing and crowding millions, the only abundance they possess is little more than a bare subsistence. A few handfuls of rice with a little salt and a little ghee is all they ever eat, and all they no occupation of new territory; there is not much even of land hitherto unoccupied, and which it which can bring imported food. The Organian says that Nor have the people any storesany accumulated wealth. On the contrary, they are for the most year or more has been flitting part deeply in debt to the from one suburb to another, has money-lender. "Wherever we says Mr. Hume, "we find agriculturists burdened with debts running on at enormous rates of interest. In some the past ten days. It is not too districts, even provinces, the evil is all-absorbing-a whole pop-ulation of paupers hopelessly meshed in the web of usurers." We know this only too well; for this is the fact which gives such tremendous meaning all over India to those terrible words, "failure of the monsoon." But in most countries one or more bad seasons can fin and buried at sea off Puerto be borne without distress. In Cabello. The Irish squadron bemost countries, too, the issue of a longing to the West Indian staseason does not depend on the issue of a few weeks. But in the wonderful and critical meteorology of the Indian ocean and the Indian mountain chains, if one great cur rent fails, if one great mass of vapor is not lifted, wafted and precipitated at the usual time, there is the total failure of at least one crop, and this is a loss which may reduce millions to beggary and thousands to starvation.

The people whom he speaks of are Caucasians, are moral and virtuous, and in the usual way of looking at this matter are deserving of a kindlier fate that in store for them. If the popular doctrine of the "survival of the fittest" mean the fittest to survive, there would seem to be an antagonism in this special instance. The point is that India's resources are not commensurate with the natural increase, and the same fate awaits any country in which the same conditions exist. The matter is happily one that will not be likely to affect this continent for several centuries to come.

Pointers.

OWEN LOVEJOY'S historic press, which the foes of abolition threw into the Mississippi at Alton, Ill., is now in the office of the Belmont, Iowa, Herald. The thrifty editor of that paper offers to exchange it with the Illinois Historical Society for a new power press.

The people of the Mississippi valley are said to be apprehensive of a cholera epidemic during the coming spring. They had cholera in 1849 and 1866, in each case preceded by high waters in the Mississippi, and another seventeen years have come about.

in New York the other day, was asked whether he was a candidate for re-election. "No," he suggestively replied: "I've got over that."

The Portland News says: Although the warm season has barely the same time it gave out an odor begun, the smell that arises from many of the public streets, gutters, alleys, and back yards in Portland, are as bad as possible. This is dangerous.

vinced that a man with \$9,000 insurance on his life ought not to sleep with a pistol under his pillow unless he is certain his wife is

not a somnambulist. Kentucky still retains the provision that no man exercising the functions of a clergyman, priest, or religious teacher of any sect, shall be eligible for election to the

The Utica Herald thinks if the Democratic house wishes to adopt outrageous rules at any time during its existence, it will not have ing its existence, it will not have to go far back for a Republican or af Gray's Dock, where Freight will be reprecedent.

legislature.

Dr. Bunsen, the eminent 'German chemist, has been elected a foreign associate of the French academy, a dignity which is one of the highest in the world and limited to eight persons.

Now that King Kalakuna is wearing a crown and firmly seated on a throne of American manufacture, he should import a board of health competent to wrestle with the leprosy question.

The following notice was recently posted on the doors of an Iowa bank after the sudden disappearance of its cashier: "Another pioneer of American civilization lights out for Polynesia."

There are said to be three seasons in Florida-the orange, vegetable and invalid-the last paying the best. In the summer the Floridians live on yams and sugar cane, and in the winter on Yan-

John Kelley is of the opinion that rebellion cannot succeed in can ever hope to eat. There is Ireland, and advises emigration to America as a sovereign cure for and four Afternoon Lectures to Ladies. the ills of misgovernment. "Pais possible to reclaim. There are triotism," he says, "is a noble sen-

> The Oregonian says that the real estate "boom," which for a reached the city proper. "We hear of several unprecedentedly heavy bids for corner lots during Read Carefully I I much to say that it would not be possible now to make a bad investment within the city limits of Portland."

Nearly three centuries ago the body of the gallant Sir Francis Drake was encased in a lead coftion will visit the port during the coming cruise and every effort will be made to recover the body.

The Hawaiian Gazette says that "twenty-five years ago there were not a hundred lepers in the Sandwieh Islands, whereas now, at a moderate estimate, there are 1,500 or 2,000." It is a notorlous as well as abhorrent and astounding fact that the lepers not only intermarry, but that sound, healthy women have been known to marry leprous husbands.

Rev. Dr. Scovel, a Presbyterlan clergyman of Pittsburg, discussed the immorality of the ballet in a recent sermon. He says practically that the ballet is not fit for respectable eyes to gaze upon; and rebuked members of his flock who went to hear Patti and applauded We offer SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS when Cavalazzi kicked her highest and floated about on tiptoe.

Travelers report that in some parts of Spain, where butter is a rare article of merchandise, it is sold not by the pound but by the yard. It is brought from the Laces. mountain district in sheep's intestines, like sausages that are "tied off" with sirings in lengths as required by the buyer.

A specimen of the "angry tree," FLANNEL COMFORTERS. indigenous to Australia, is reported growing on a farm in Nevada and is now eight feet high. When the sun sets, its leaves fold together and the ends of the tender twigs coil up like a pigtail. If the twigs are handled the leaves move uneasily for a minute or more. A singular thing concerning the tree was its apparent resentment on being removed from a pot in which Governor Foster, of Ohio, being it had matured, into a much larger pot. Hardly had it been placed in its new quarters before the leaves began to stand up in all directions, like the bair on the tail of an angry cat, and soon the whole plant was in a quiver. At most pungent and sickening, resembling the odor given off by rattlesnakes and other kinds of snakes when teased. So strong Fresh Eastern and Shoalwater Bay and offensive was this smell that The Buffalo Courinr is con. it had to be removed from the house several days.

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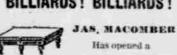
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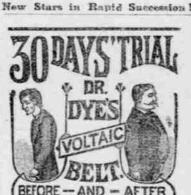
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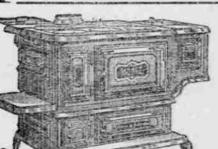
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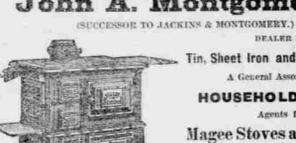
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