

SINCE 1703 wars amongst civilized people have caused the death of 4,470,000 men. The bloodiest recorded battle was Borodino, where 250,000 men were engaged and 17,000 were killed.

NEWLY killed venison in Ceylon is covered down with honey in large earthen pots. These are not opened for three years, and the meat so preserved is said to be of the most delicious flavor.

AN Iowa bank cashier in the penitentiary for defaulting got hold of a pardon that had been sent to another convict and wrote his own name in it so cleverly that he was nearly out before the forgery was discovered.

AT the ancient ceremony of blessing the Neva river at St. Petersburg, on January 18th, the czar went freely among the people without an escort. He probably heard that Koosher was in San Francisco jail.

THERE were condemned and destroyed in the last calendar year in New York city 709,410 pounds of meat and fish, 212,905 pounds of fruit, 37,905 pounds of canned goods, 72,700 pounds of candy, and large quantities of other kinds of food whose consumption would have raised the death rate.

THE civilizing influence of the daily newspaper is once more illustrated by the London Telegraph's purchase of a large tract in the Mojave desert, California, on which it proposes to raise enough of the Yucca plant to feed its presses their daily pabulum of a paper roll 200 miles long. The Telegraph may yet solve the Indian problem by employing the Apaches to chew cactus and expectorate tissue paper.

JANUARY 1st, the Minneapolis Tribune issued a sheet of thirty-two pages, giving a complete history of the growth of the city during the past year. The city contains to-day more than 140,000 inhabitants. In 1860 the population of the town was only 2,564, and as late as 1872 it was dismissed in the "Gazetteer" with a few lines describing it as a post village of Minnesota, with two national banks, a United States land office, three flouring mills and six saw mills. It is now the metropolis of the northwest with a real estate valuation of over \$77,000,000. The value of the buildings erected in 1885, alone was \$9,716,610.

A RECENT Chinese murder trial in St. Louis brought out the fact of the existence of a class of "high-binders" among the yellow fellows who would murder a man for \$5. The good people of St. Louis are very much horrified. It is amusing to read the awe-stricken comments of the St. Louis papers on the dreadful discovery. One of the journals in question which used to lecture us out here on the coast some time ago because we didn't show love for "the little brown man," asks "can this be true?" Yes, indeed, and it is true, and you've just begun to find them out. And we are glad of it. You never would acknowledge or believe it till they got among you and started to cut up their didos. We hope they will give you a benefit. Nothing else will open your eyes.

JUDGE PAYSON, of Illinois, says that the house committee on public lands, of which he is a member, has now under consideration bills to forfeit all land grants that were not actually earned by railroads to which they were given by congress within the time specified by law. These bills contemplate the restoration of about 100,000,000 acres of public land to the public domain, a considerable part of which has been sold by the railroad companies and is now in the hands of innocent settlers. They

include nearly the entire grant of the Atlantic and Pacific railroad and all the Northern Pacific lands that lie west of the Missouri river, as well as millions of acres in other states and territories along the lines of roads which were not constructed until after the expiration of the term. Some of these lands are in Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia and other thickly populated states. The disposition of the committee is for the forfeiture of everything. Judge Payson says, however, that congress will pass no sweeping measures. All unearned lands will be forfeited, he thinks, but congress will confirm title to all lands covered by grants lying along the railroads that have been actually constructed in good faith, regardless of the date at which that construction was completed. If this policy prevails all the Northern Pacific grants will be confirmed, except a few million acres on the Pacific coast, but all of the Atlantic and Pacific grant lying east of Albuquerque, N. M., will be forfeited.

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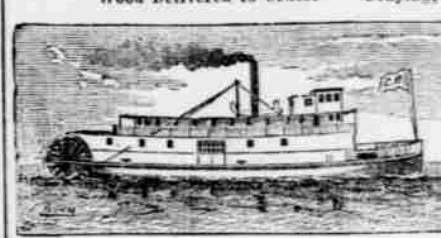
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