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ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Maryland widow named Hallett of a bear-trap at her smoke-house floor, and the first catch was a man who was courting her. He had packed up one hundred pounds of bacon to carry off.

A little colored girl in Albany, Ga., is gradually turning white, the skin of her face and arms being now hardly distinguishable in hue from that of a Caucasian child. Her hair, too, which was jet black, has become white.

Dunbury, Conn., thinks it has something valuable in the Indian arrow and spear-head quarry recently discovered near there. Over one hundred heads in perfect preservation have been found, and apparently there are hundreds more.

Geo. F. Knapp, of South Bridgton, Me., is bragging considerably about his two-year-old heifer. The heifer ought to be proud, any way, for the other day she became the mother of three nice calves—two red ones and one white—all of good size, and all males.

There is a wonderful brown and golden bird in Mexico, a species of the sea martin, that is remarkably expert in catching fish. He has a way of pulling up the feathers on top of his head, so that his crest looks exactly like a beautiful flower. When a bee comes along to sip honey from a delicious blossom it is snapped up and devoured.

A New York business man has a novel method of refreshing his memory. When he has something important to attend to the next day, he writes himself a postal-card, reminding him of the matter, and finding the card among the mail the next morning, attends to it the first thing.

A man of Grant County, Wisconsin, drained off his fish pond the other day, and in the bottom he found four silver watches and chains and a large number of silver spoons, knives and forks. It is supposed that a burglar, finding himself closely pursued, threw the plunder in the pond to get rid of it.

Queen Victoria has now reigned over England longer than any monarch but two—Henry III. and George III. She overtook Queen Elizabeth six years ago, and has outdone Edward III., who only reigned 148 days over half a century. If she lives a few years longer Victoria will have reigned longer than any Royal personage in history.

Mid. Victoria, who is known all over the continent as "the strongest woman in the world," and is sometimes spoken of as "the female Hercules," is of medium height, with a girlish, graceful figure, and nothing herculean-looking about her. Yet she readily lifts one thousand pounds. Her strength is wholly the result of athletic training since youth. She lives on very plain food.

John Leonardy was fishing with a sein in the river at Matanzas, Fla., a few days ago, when an enormous saw-fish ran into the net. The fish struck fearfully, and cut the net up badly, but only succeeded in entangling itself in the meshes more securely, and was finally captured. It was measured and found to be 13 feet and 1 inch in length.

Some of the greatest men the world ever saw were superstitious. Napoleon Bonaparte was a believer in omens; the great Duke of Wellington would not offer battle on any day that he met or saw a yellow dog cross his path; Hannibal used to get out of his camp backward so as to insure good luck for the day, and Frederick the Great carried a rabbit's foot to guard against evil.

A curiosity in Norwich, Conn., is a one-legged English sparrow which has a nest on the crown of a column in the front porch of the City Hall. He isn't worth much at building a nest, but he can help a little about hatching and making himself generally useful on one leg. His mate had to build the nest unassisted, but he furnished her with lively advice, and she seems to think as much of him as though he had two legs.

The oldest merchant vessel, with one exception, now in actual service, is the schooner Good Intent. She was built by Clapp & Loving in Brain tree, Massachusetts, in 1813, and was originally a sloop, with square stern and no foreleg; her length, 48 feet; her breadth, 16 feet; her depth, 4 1/2 feet, and her measure, 29 tons. The home port of the Good Intent, according to the list of 1886, was Camden, Me.

A prominent engineer says that it will be noticed that most boiler explosions come, like black coffee, right after dinner. The reason for this, as he explains it, is that the water in the boilers is in perfect readiness to become steam, and would be such for the pressure of the actual steam on top of it. When the dinner hour is over and the men and machines begin to work again, the valves are quickly opened, the steam rushes out, and the water suddenly becomes steam. As steam has 1,700 times the expansion of water the effect is an explosion.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

NEW BORAX MINE FOUND. The Sealing Fleet. Striking Seamen. Lighthouse Contracts. Immigration Board Pamphlet.

THE LIGHT HOUSE CONTRACTS. The Sealing Fleet. Capt. Dan McLean, has arrived at Victoria, B. C., with 2,500 skins as the season's catch.

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A Collision Avoided. The Umaitilla arrived at Victoria, B. C., from San Francisco and reports that while steaming slowly through fog 100 miles from San Francisco, a steamer's whistle was heard.

Prospecting for Black Coal. H. Heidensohn spent four weeks on Queen Charlotte islands prospecting and trading, and exploring for black coal banks.

Striking Seamen. Coasting seamen are on the verge of inaugurating another strike, and freights are going down.

Distinguished Japanese. Yoshihito Hirasu and Nobuquoh Oi, natives of Japan, on their way to Tokyo, arrived at San Francisco from the East.

Lighthouse Contracts Awarded. The secretary of the treasury has awarded the contracts for the construction of a lighthouse at Cape Meares, Oregon, as follows:

Penitents and Postoffices. Penitents have been granted as follows: Washington Territory—Original "invalid," Ira A. Doty, Rockford, increase, Watson Spencer, Seattle; Daniel C. Kane, Mount Vernon, Oregon—Increase, Alexander Borwick, Portland.

The Horax Mine. Certain commercial circles at San Francisco are much interested in the recent discovery of borax in the Bay of Lomar ranch, Curry county, Or.

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AGRICULTURAL.

DEVOED TO THE INTERESTS OF FARMERS AND STOCKMEN. A man near Bangor, Me., is trying the experiment of grafting apple twigs into a pine tree. He wants to raise pineapples.

Florida promises to become a large producer of opium. Sixteen plants will produce an ounce, and an acre of poppies will yield \$1,000 worth of opium.

Crisp refreshes are those that grow rapidly. The soil should be rich, the soil, free from stones or gravel, and the rows should be kept clean.

To prevent birds, mice or squirrels from pulling up seed corn until it shall have become warm; then stir in a little pine tar until every grain shall be coated.

It is claimed that the presence of the castor oil bean plants around the house will prevent mosquitoes from becoming very numerous.

According to an English authority, the world consumes annually 650,000 pounds of coffee, which, at an average price of \$400, represents a value of \$260,000,000.

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—Chang Yen Hoon, Chinese Minister at Washington, is famous at home for his possession of a magnificent palace and extensive gardens, filled with rare plants.

—Bismarck took sixteen drinks of whiskey while making his recent great speech. Beaconsfield used to drink a bottle or two of champagne before an important oratorical effort.

—Prof. W. B. Brooks, of Phelps, N. Y., the astronomer who makes a study of the sun-spots, a specialty, has been elected a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society of England in recognition of his astronomical discoveries.

—Charles Stewart Parnell stands six feet high in his stockings, and is as straight as his maternal grandfather, the famous Admiral, Charles Stewart—'Old Ironsides.' He is, according to his latest interview, in the full enjoyment of good health.

—A noted physician requires his shoemaker to keep a pair of shoes made in advance. As soon as one pair is delivered another is put in process of manufacture so that the doctor may have them when he is ready for them.

—Horace Bushnell Patton, who is a graduate of Amherst College, has recently achieved a great honor in being made Associate Professor of Mineralogy at the University of Heidelberg. He is a son of the president of Howard University in Washington.

—It is said that, notwithstanding his enormous wealth, Mackay is haunted with the fear of the poorhouse. Meantime Mrs. Mackay makes merry in London and Paris, and does not appear to entertain any horrid dreams of possible poverty in the near future.

—Mrs. Eliza Garfield was the only woman who ever saw her son inaugurated President of the United States. Washington's mother was living in Fredericksburg, Va., when the Father of his Country was inaugurated, but she did not witness the ceremony, which took place in New York.

—A Bronson Alcott was in his early years a sort of transcendental Anarchist, opposed to government. Taxes he especially disbelieved in and for a time persistently refused to pay any.

MARKET REPORT.

RELIABLE QUOTATIONS CAREFULLY REVISED EVERY WEEK. WHEAT—V. Valley, \$1.30 @ \$1.34

BARLEY—Whole, \$1.10 @ 1.14 ground, per ton, \$25.00 @ 27.50. OATS—Milling, 36 @ 38c; feed, 44 @ 45c.

HAY—Baled, \$10 @ \$11. SEED—Blue Grass, 14 @ 16c; Timothy, 9 @ 10c; Red Clover, 14 @ 15c.

FLOUR—Patent Roller, \$4.00 Country Brand, \$3.75. EGGS—Per doz, 25c.

BUTTER—Fancy roll, per pound 25c; pickled, 20 @ 25c; inferior grade, 15 @ 25c.

CHEESE—Eastern, 16 @ 20c; Oregon, 14 @ 16c; California, 14c. VEGETABLES—Beets, per sack \$1.50

POULTRY—Chickens, per dozen \$4.00 @ 6.00; ducks, per doz, \$6.00 @ 7.00; geese, \$6.00 @ 8.00; turkeys per lb., 12c.

PROVISIONS—Oregon hams, 12c per lb.; Eastern, 13 @ 14c; Eastern breakfast bacon, 12c per lb.; Oregon @ 13c; Eastern lard, 10 @ 11c per lb.; Oregon, 10c.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, \$5 @ 8c; Sicily lemons, \$6 @ 6.50 California, \$3.50 @ 5.00; Naval oranges \$6.00; Riverside, \$4.00; Mediterranean, \$4.25.

DRIED FRUITS—Sun dried apples, 7c per lb.; machine dried, 10c per lb.; pitted plums, 13c; Italian plums, 10 @ 14c; peaches, 12 @ 14c; raisins, 2 @ 4c @ 2.50.

WOOL—Valley, 17 @ 18c; Eastern Oregon, 9 @ 15c. HIDES—Dry beef hides, 8 @ 10c; mutton, 6 @ 7c; kip and calf, 8 @ 10c; Murrain, 10 @ 12c; tallow, 3 @ 4c.

LUMBER—Rough per M, \$19.00 edged, per M, \$12.00; T. and G. sheathing, per M, \$13.00; No. 2 flooring, per M, \$18.00; No. 2 ceiling, per M, \$18.00; No. 2 rustic, per M, \$18.00 clear rough, per M, \$20.00; clear P. 4 S. per M, \$22.50; No. 1 flooring, per M, \$22.50; No. 1 ceiling, per M, \$22.50; No. 1 rustic, per M, \$22.50; stepping, per M, \$25.00; over 12 inches wide, extra, \$1.00; lengths 40 to 50, extra, \$2.00; lengths 50 to 60, extra, \$4.00; 14 inch, per M, \$2.25; 14 inch, per M, \$2.50.

BEANS—Quote small whites, \$4.50 pinks, \$3; bayos, \$3; butter, \$4.50 Linnas, \$4.50 per cental.

COFFEE—Quote Salvador, 17c; Costa Rica, 18 @ 20c; Rio, 15 @ 20c; Java, 27c; Arabuckle's, 24 @ 25c.

MEAT—Beef, wholesale, 21 @ 22c; dressed, 6c; sheep, 3c; dressed, 6c; hogs, dressed, 8 @ 9c; veal, 5 @ 6c.

SALT—Liverpool grades of fine quoted \$18, \$19 and \$20 for the three sizes; stock salt, \$10.

PICKLES—Kegs quoted steady at \$1.35. SUGAR—Prices for barrels; Golden C, 8c; extra C, 6c; dry granulated, 7c; crushed, 14c; fine crushed, cubic and powdered, 7c; extra C, 6c; halves and boxes, 4c higher.

—For the convenience of housekeepers a sad or flatiron has been invented which makes use of the principle of expansion of metals by heat to ring a small bell when the iron is hot enough to iron clothes with.

RUSSIAN DESPOTISM.

George Kennan Explains Why Russians I have been asked many times by friends in America why intelligent and liberty-loving Russians do not get out of such a country. Many answers might be given to this question, but perhaps the most comprehensive and cogent of them will be found in Sections 325-328 of the Russian penal code, which are as follows:

SECTION 325. Whoever leaves the fatherland and enters the service of a foreign Government without permission of his own Government, or becomes a subject of a foreign power, such person, for violation of his allegiance and his oath shall be deprived of all civil rights and expelled from the limits of the empire forever. If he returns, he shall be exiled to Siberia for life.

SECTION 326. Whoever leaves the fatherland and does not return at the summons of the Government shall for this disobedience be deprived of all civil rights, and expelled from the limits of the empire forever—unless, within a period to be fixed at the discretion of a court, he shows that his disobedience was due to causes which were beyond his control, or which mitigate his guilt. Until he shall make such proof, he shall be regarded as missing (Ukazly absent without news,) and his property shall be controlled by the bureau of guardianship.

SECTION 327. Any person who, without permission of the Government and without adequate reason, lives abroad beyond the period fixed by law for persons of his status or shall be regarded as missing (Ukazly absent without news,) and his property shall be taken in charge by the bureau of guardianship.

SECTION 328. Any person who persuades a subject of the empire to emigrate to another country shall be punished with penal servitude in a convict company for not less than twelve nor more than eighteen months, or be banished to Siberia for life.

Under one of the above-quoted sections (326) Turgenoff, while living in Paris in 1863, was summoned to St. Petersburg to answer before the Directing Senate for something that he had written or said. One can see from his letters, that Turgenoff, in America, how humiliating and exasperating obedience was to him, but—be obeyed.

The Government does not recognize the right of its subjects to go abroad or to live abroad without its permission; and if, therefore, a Russian takes refuge from oppression in a free country, he must have the prospect of expatriation, or, in small groups, all the property left behind him, and exile to Siberia if he ever returns. Few people are willing to separate themselves for life in this way from friends, relatives, home, country and all that a man naturally holds dear.

It is strange, therefore, that in the oppressed when oppression becomes intolerable? They must either submit or fight; and if they are not willing to submit and are not able, under the provisions of this code, to oppose tyranny by peaceful collective action, they will inevitably resort to violence and in a single or in small groups, as they are now fighting, until they fly to Siberia in leg-fetters or perish in the scaffold.—George Kennan, in Century.

WOMEN AND MARRIAGE. Old Ideas That Can No Longer Be Considered Popular. In almost all the recent attempts to explain the nature and the causes of it seems to have been taken for granted that women's feelings with regard to it are uniform. It is certainly not true, however, that all women are waiting with "bated breath and whispering humbleness" for an advantageous offer of marriage. The feelings of women are changing, and the old ideas as to women and their social functions can no longer be taken for granted. Woman is now a worker and a thinker, and marriage for educated women is only one of many possible occupations; and educated women may be excused if they regard it the least desirable of them.

Who becomes a teacher, who enters one of the professions, or takes a commercial position lives a life of dignity and freedom. In politics, in literature, in science, in art and in social intercourse she has a thousand opportunities of distinction and pleasure which would be denied her if she became a mother. She is not at the mercy of a man's moods and humors. She is not a nurse and a drudge, but—for all practical purposes—a man and a citizen. She mixes freely with men; she profits by their conversation; she joins them in their enjoyment; she co-operates with them in their social duties. Her life is a life of freedom, variety, energy and resource. Her character becomes strengthened by the demands upon her; her intellect is enlarged by the problems she is called upon to solve; and as new and more important duties devolve upon her she is qualified to accept them with courage and discharge them with skill. In a word, the educated woman of to-day prefer freedom and the friendship of men to the practical slavery of the marriage bond, and in proportion as other careers are opened up to them it may be safely said that the attractions of marriage will still further decrease.—Philadelphia Press.

—During forty years \$200,000,000 have been expended by members of the Church of England in building and restoring churches. —The Presbyterians of Paris have bought for \$30,000 the church in which the American Episcopalians have hitherto worked. There are in that city 358 Sunday-schools, with 155,348 scholars and 15,363 teachers, constituting in all nearly one-fifth of the population.—Christian Union.

—On a recent meeting of the Board of Managers of the Evangelical Alliance of the United States Rev. Dr. James M. King was made Honorary Secretary, the office formerly held by the late Dr. Samuel Ironsides. There are in that office for some time a member of the Board of Managers.—N. Y. Tribune.

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As a pasture for cows no plant yields sweeter, richer herbage than white clover. Though its habit of growth is very close to the ground, it yields more pasture than would be supposed. It is not allowed to blossom long enough for seed to form, the herbage springs up quickly after cropping. Its roots are near the surface, and are easily reached by light rains, and owing to their spreading habit the roots are not injured by cattle tramping over them, as are those of red clover.

That the plantain is a nuisance is certain, but it is scarcely unmitigated, except in the sense that where it has once gained possession it can never be entirely eradicated. The common plantain has about two-thirds the feeding value of common hay, ranking higher than most other weeds in this respect. Cattle will eat it in pasture or in hay without being starved to it, as they have to be with the dairy. The large, vigorous plantains, that grow in rich ground, seem to be eaten more greedily by cows than the puny specimens dwarfed by poverty of soil.

Far too few Lima beans are grown. In their dried state they are superior for cooking, and would be more largely used for that purpose, did not their usual high price prevent. The Lima bean requires pole, but it is unnecessary to make the pole longer than six feet out of the ground. When the vine gets to this height, stop its growth and turn all its strength into fruitfulness. When raised on a very large scale the Limas are grown some times without poles, the vines trailing on the ground. This is a slovenly practice, but a good many beans may be thus cheaply grown.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

From Washington. The House conference report on the fortifications appropriation bill has been adopted.

The bill authorizing the postmaster-general to purchase improved Mare locks and keys has been passed by the House.

Train Collision. A freight train heavily laden dashed at full speed into a circus train, which was standing at Corwin station, Ohio. The caboose and rear of circus train were split in two, and four sleepers ahead were telescoped. Four men were killed and eighteen were wounded, and of these all were canvass men, except Andy Smith, who was a contractor. Smith is mortally wounded, and the injuries to the other seventeen wounded are trifling.

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Descriptive Pamphlet. The Oregon board of immigration is issuing 50,000 copies of a pamphlet entitled, "The New Empire: Oregon, Washington and Idaho." It will contain descriptive matter of the state and two territories, and will be enclosed in a lithographed cover. The cover will contain a pastoral scene on the first page, a general view of Portland from Portland Heights, on the last page, and views of the High school and Starr block on the inside.

Prospecting for Black Coal. H. Heidensohn spent four weeks on Queen Charlotte islands prospecting and trading, and exploring for black coal banks. He succeeded in taking five or six barrels of black coal, the finest fish in the Pacific, in two days. The weather was very rough, and the fishing was done in a canoe, in 250 fathoms of water. The coal was located without difficulty, and fish found to be very plentiful. Heidensohn is of the opinion that a good business can be done in deep sea fishing.

Striking Seamen. Coasting seamen are on the verge of inaugurating another strike, and freights are going down. Seamen are demanding \$50 for the voyage from Port Townsend to San Francisco. The schooner Wen. Renton