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A CHINESE INDUSTRY.

Rev. B. C. Henry states that the
 fan palm of China grows only in the
 San (1) district, some twenty miles
 long by ten miles wide. The trees
 do not yield leaves suitable for fans
 until six years old. Some trees are
 said to be over 100 years old, but the
 tallest measure only about twelve
 feet. From April to November the
 leaves are cut monthly, from one to
 three being taken from each plant.
 From 10,000 to 20,000 people are em-
 ployed.

It is said that Mrs. Ballington
 Booth, the cultivated, rich and
 handsome head of the feminine sec-
 tion of the Salvation Army, has
 interested many fashionable and
 wealthy New York women in the
 work of the army, and it is likely
 that many of them will come under
 her influence. For this class the
 bass drum, tambourine, fish-horn
 and bells will be discarded, and a
 different but energetic crusade
 against Satan inaugurated.

THE PLEIADES.

Forty-five years of observation
 have shown that the fifty-three stars
 catalogued by Bessel in the Pleiades
 nearly all have a drift in space op-
 posite to our own. This drift is
 doubtless only apparent, being due
 to the motion of the solar system.
 Six of the stars do not partake of
 this backward movement on ac-
 count of their extreme remoteness,
 while two appear to move more
 rapidly than the others on account
 of their nearness to us. The former
 are so distant that the path, moder-
 ately estimated at 21,000,000,000
 miles in length, traversed by the
 sun during the forty-five years since
 Bessel's measurements, becomes too
 small to be detected from them!

CREATURES OF YESTERDAY.

With all his pride at our progress,
 the thoughtful student beholds with
 dismay the rapid sweeping away of
 many animal and vegetable species
 which to future science would be
 most precious. In the more thickly
 settled districts of New Zealand, im-
 ported species of birds alone are
 now to be seen, while the natives
 are fast being pushed inland and
 must soon vanish. These native
 species are almost exclusively pecu-
 liar to that country, and supply a
 link with the past that once lost
 can never be recovered. The forms
 of life that are being killed off are
 mostly the ancient ones, that must
 teach us more than the recent ones
 of the way life has been spread over
 the globe.

WOMEN AND RAILROADS.

The experiment at Oskaloosa,
 Kan., where the mayor and city
 council are all women, is resulting
 in a number of reforms. There is
 no sign of an increase in taxation as
 the result of the improvements
 which the women are making.
 The railroad company sent in its
 passes to the newly elected officers
 soon after the election, but they
 were returned in every case with
 the information that the mayor and
 council of Oskaloosa would pay their
 way when they travelled. It was
 not long before the company was
 notified that it must reduce the rate
 of speed of its trains in the city
 limits of Oskaloosa to conform to
 the statute and ordinances in such
 cases made and provided. The
 trains are now run more carefully
 through Oskaloosa than through
 any of the larger cities along the
 line, where women are not in pos-
 sitions of authority and where rail-
 road officials exchange passes for
 value received.

The San Francisco papers tell us
 that the various through routes are
 in a very dull, languishing condition
 down South. When during former
 years they were sending dozens of
 cars two or three times per week
 crowded, now there is but one or
 two half filled cars once a week, and
 no second-class travel to speak of.
 All right. Perhaps the railway
 companies may yet learn that even
 the many rich people in the United
 States can not keep them going.
 They must appeal to the six-sevenths
 of the people, to the women and
 minors and the very poor, hard
 working men, and they must do it
 by offering such terms as they can
 afford. Surely human beings can
 be carried as cheap as hogs. Re-
 member the hog goes but once,
 whereas the human goes and comes
 and comes and goes and invites and
 induces others to do the same. Try
 the experiment just as government
 tried cheap postage, and see.

HOW MANY?

How much more would it cost
 the government to deliver mail to
 all persons within, say five miles of
 the postoffice? It seems a little
 unfair to deliver mail to those who
 live within a few blocks of the
 postoffice and to compel those who
 have to come a long distance to do
 their own delivery. After all it is
 a question of cost. If it costs the
 people more to come for their own
 letters perhaps 'tis better the way it
 is according to some reasoning.
 According to others it is wrong.
 But it is very evident that the time
 is coming when mail will be de-
 livered to all persons to whom ad-
 dressed as it is in England, and ere
 long it will require about one-third
 of all the voting population to serve
 the remainder of the people in some
 government employment, civil or
 military. As it is if we will count
 up all the people that hold office or
 place, national, state, county, town
 or school district, there is a mighty
 host, and yearly it increases.

THE PIONEER TORPEDO BOAT.

A remarkable secret has just been
 revealed after burial in the sea for
 more than thirty-six years. On
 Feb. 1, 1851, a submarine boat built
 by Wilhelm Bauer was sunk in the
 harbor of Kiel, where it has remain-
 ed in forty feet of water until lately
 discovered in the course of dredging
 operations. The curious craft has
 been raised and its mechanism—
 kept secret by its inventor—has been
 exposed to view. The boat was
 made of sheet iron, and was twenty-
 six feet long, ten feet deep, and six
 feet wide. The driving was effected
 by means of a three-bladed screw
 worked by two large wheels, each
 wheel being turned by a man tread-
 ing on projections on its periphery.
 The bow extended upward in a pecu-
 liarly shaped head provided with
 bull's eyes closed by thick glass.
 Sinking and raising were effected
 by admitting and pumping out
 water. The boat was designed for
 placing torpedoes under hostile ves-
 sels, and was successfully tested, but
 was unfortunately crushed by the
 pressure of the water at a depth of
 thirty feet. It will be reconstructed
 and preserved as the first venture in
 submarine warfare.

The Filled up Pensions.

The cost of pensions in this coun-
 try for the current year will be over
 \$87,000,000.
 This is \$21,000,000 more than the
 net ordinary expenses of the gov-
 ernment in the year before the war.
 It is \$60,000,000 more than the cost
 of pensions thirteen years after the
 close of the war, when, under the
 operation of natural laws, the list
 would have begun to decline. The
 increase in pensions since the close
 of the war is within \$14,000,000 of
 the yearly diminution in the interest
 upon the public debt within that
 time; so that, as a charge upon the
 taxpayers, the enormous war debt
 has for the most part merely chang-
 ed its form. As bonded, it would
 all be paid in 1907. As represented
 by pensions, it will run on indefi-
 nitely.
 The pension list for the United
 States costs this year within \$3,000,-
 000 as much as the annual cost of
 the standing army of Great Britain
 and within \$18,000,000 as much as
 the enormous standing army of
 Germany. And there will be no
 halt in piling it on so long as the
 surplus holds out and pension agents
 can make fortunes and demagogues
 gain votes by the indiscriminate
 voting away of the people's money.
 —Albany Democrat.

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BOXMOUTH NOTES.

Miss Littlepage of Portland has
 entered school.

A. T. Wain, a graduate of last
 year, has accepted a position as
 teacher in Crook county, near
 Prineville.

Miss Grace Bosworth, who has
 been under Dr. Rowland's care for
 the past few months, has returned
 to her home in Washington.

Your correspondent took a trip
 through portions of Polk and Marion
 counties the first of the week and
 found farmers very busy but nearly
 done sowing their spring crops.
 Although there is not a very large
 acreage of wheat sown it was never
 known to be in better condition.
 Stock is looking fine, especially cat-
 tle, some almost fat enough for beef.
 Sheep are also looking well and
 from the number of young lambs
 seen frolicking about we will not
 want wool another year.

The Athletic entertainment given
 at Independence was a great success
 both financially and otherwise.
 They played to a full house which
 seemed to appreciate them very
 much. They will give an entertain-
 ment at Dallas Saturday night,
 March 16.

To Make Hens Lay.

Put two or more quarts of water
 in a kettle, and one large seed pepper
 or two small ones, then put the ket-
 tle over the fire. When the water
 boils stir in the coarse Indian meal
 until you have a thick mush. Let
 it cook an hour or so, and feed hot.
 Horseradish is chopped fine and
 stirred into mush as in the above
 directions, and for results we are
 getting from five to ten eggs per
 day, whereas, previous to feeding,
 we had not had eggs for a long time.
 We hear a great deal of complaint
 from other people about not getting
 eggs. To such people we would
 warmly recommend cooked food fed
 hot. Boiled apple skins seasoned
 with red pepper, or boiled potatoes
 seasoned with horseradish are much
 better than uncooked food. Corn,
 when fed by itself, to a hen, has a
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Vaccination.

In Paris, where the law requiring
 vaccination is feebly enforced, the
 mortality from smallpox ranges from
 136 to 10.1 to the 100,000 inhabitants,
 while in the principal German cities,
 where the vaccination laws are rigidly
 enforced, the death rate is but
 1.44 to the 100,000 inhabitants.
 London, under compulsory vaccina-
 tion, has a death rate from smallpox
 of but 0.8 the 100,000 inhabitants.
 On the other hand, in the Canton of
 Zurich in Switzerland, since the
 compulsory vaccination law was
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 put into a quart of soft water, put
 your lamp-burner in it (an old to-
 mato can is good enough), set it on
 the stove, after boiling for about
 five minutes remove the burner, and
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