

the light of past events the prospect for decrease in the adherents of the polygamous sect is very faint." Just so; discrease is not the order of our progress. Don't look for it.

Engineers in Berlin are making interesting experiments in war balloons, photographing the earth from a height sufficient to be out of range. Good views of the surrounding country have been obtained in spite of the rapid rise of the balloons, by the use of electric apparatus that limited the exposure of plates to a fractional part of a second.

A scheme is proposed for lighting force would be derived from turbines of 5,000 horse power at Vallorbes, and the water supply being constant and abundant, it is believed that gas, which is very costly in Switzerland, may be entirely dis-

A return of the shipping and ton nage which has passed through the Suez Canal from its opening in 1889 to the end of last year has been issued as a parliamentary paper. This shows that the amount for 1882 far exceeded that of any previous year. Of the total of 3,193 ships (as against 2,727 in 1881), which passed through the canal in 1882, 2,565 were English, their gross tonnage being 5,-795,584, as against 1,326,541, the

The Commissioner of the General Land Office has prepared a general circular containing detailed information in regard to the entry of public lands under the homestead, pre-emption, and timber culture laws. This new circular, which is to take the place of a similar circular issued in 1880, embodies all important rulings of the Land Office during the intervening period, and for the guidance of all local land offices in the performance of their work. Copies will be distributed as soon as they can be printed.

In the American Naturalist, Professor A. E. Brown thus closes an article on the kindred of man, which



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