

EASTERN NOTES.

Bears are becoming very troublesome in New Hampshire.

A man at Cannelton, Indiana, has been granted a divorce from his wife because she wasn't as plump as she made herself appear.

An Omaha paper says there is no use in making such a fuss about the shooting of a constable, as there are forty candidates for the office.

More rain fell during the first seven months of this year than during the same period of the previous twenty years.

At Mankato, Minnesota, a woman was accused of throwing a baby into the river. The river was raked by an incensed community and a dead cat brought to light.

Texas papers boast that the oysters off their coast are, without exception, the finest in the world, and predict that the trade in Texas bivalves will soon become one of the most important in the State.

Henry Connors, of Rutland, Vt., engineer on a locomotive, recently saved the life of a little child at the risk of his own. The father (a poor man, worth only \$75,000!) asked the courageous man to take a glass of soda, as a reward for saving the life of his child.

The death of one John Pattison by a pistol shot is done up by the Chicago Times in these head lines:

"Dead as a Door Nail—Mr. Pattison's Liver does not Take Kindly to Bullets—The Perforated Thief's Soul Goes Out for an Airing."

Whitney, one of the first laborers for a railroad to the Pacific Ocean, if not the author of the scheme died lately in Washington of typhoid fever. Whitney had lived in the District of Columbia for twenty years, and was seventy-five years old.

The rivers of Maine have kept fuller this year than ever before, and consequently no mills have suspended for want of water or materials with which to work. The Kennebec has been almost literally full of logs since the opening of spring.

Robert Collyer, of Chicago, thinks that Nebuchadnezzar was turned out to grass in mercy and not as a curse for his sins. He had, according to Collyer, become so engrossed with the city life of Babylon that he needed refreshing up, as it were.

In the search for rottenness in public affairs at Brooklyn, it is discovered that the water officials got up a "corner" in the water supply in order to get a fat contract for a new reservoir, costing a million and a half of money, given out.

The Woman's Tea Company of New York city has bought a ship and fitted it out for trade between New York and China. It has been named the *Madame Demorest*, after the president of the company. This is the first time a ship was ever bought and fitted out by women for commercial purposes.

Mr. Yung Wing, Yale '54, has made arrangements in New Haven, Conn., for the accommodation of thirty Chinese boys and girls who have recently arrived in this country to pursue the study of English. They are to be placed in private families for the present, where they will receive domestic care and instruction in the rudimentary branches.

"The old oak chest" tragedy was repeated lately in Kansas. Two children in Rock Creek, aged seven and ten, were left at home by their mother, and in their play climbed into a large chest "which closed with a spring," and they were buried in that "living tomb," and when found were smothered to death.

In the recent failures in northeastern cities, some very old and respectable business houses have gone down. Among the suspensions in New York is that of Philip Dater & Co., a prominent grocery firm, that has been in existence over thirty years and has descended from father and son.

George Francis Train was among the passengers leaving New York for Europe, on the 7th Sept. His farewell remark was that he withdraws this year from his candidacy for the Presidency. He thinks, further, that when a politician of his caliber is expelled from a convention of mere speculators and hirelings, like that at Louisville, it is time to emigrate for a season.—*Ec.*

A movement is on foot to utilize the hides of buffaloes killed on the plains, by converting them into leather. Several bales of hides have been sent to England, where they have been success-

fully tanned, and the leather after being split, used for carriage tops or for patent leather. The profit is said to be small, however.

Texas has a good thing this year. The crops in all parts of the State are glorious. The corn crop is unparalleled. The cotton is magnificent everywhere, the worms having done no damage as yet, and it will soon be too late for them to hurt the crop. Potatoes, peas, beans, oats, rye, barley, wheat, hay, fodder, pecans and the mast which fatten hogs without corn are absolutely immense.

Thousands of bushels of apples will be left to rot on the ground in the orchards of New England this autumn. In some towns the farmers are offering cider at \$1.50 per barrel, and it is difficult to find purchasers sufficient to exhaust half the apples at any price. The best varieties of winter fruit can be obtained back in the rural districts at a merely nominal price.

The Detroit Post publishes the following notice:

"Gentlemen and ladies contemplating suicide by drowning will confer a favor upon the harbor master and cornerers by leaving word at the Central station what dock they intend jumping from. The harbor master is now provided with a handsome new drag and set of grappling hooks, and is prepared to bring up dead bodies with neatness and dispatch."

We learn that the "head and front" of the "Greeley Colony"—Father Meeker—is in receipt of a letter from Horace Greeley, in which the "Philosopher" informs Mr. Meeker that in the event of his defeat in November, he intends selling out all his Eastern interests, throwing up his position on the New York Tribune, and coming out to the flourishing town named in his honor, there to pass the remainder of his "busy life."—*Denver Tribune.*

Our street Arabs, we sometimes flatter ourselves, says the New York Times, are as bad as any in the world. But according to a correspondent of the London Telegraph, they might take lessons in wickedness from their fellows of Berlin. These young ruffians, in age ranging from ten to twenty, are called "Banzel," and their chief amusement consists in stoning foreigners. But a lady on horseback is their special and most delightful prey, since she is most sure to be a stranger. Lady riders have, as a consequence, been so frequently thrown and run away with, thanks to the efforts of the worthy "Banzel," that a female equestrian is said to be as rare a sight in Berlin as some years ago it was in New York. The "Banzel" resemble our own street Bedouins in enjoying almost perfect immunity for their ruffianly pastime, since "the police are afraid to meddle with them, as they gather in hordes with magical rapidity when any of them get into a scrape, and will pull a man down and trample upon or kick him unmercifully until he becomes insensible." The Berliners, however, are in one respect, luckier than we, for their "Banzel" go into the army at last, and get plenty of rough usage to tame down their vivacity; while our juvenile scamps graduate into burglars and highwaymen; or, quite as bad as either, professional ruffians like "Reddy the Blacksmith."

WESTERN NOTES.

Prospecting on an extensive scale is still going on in the Grizzly Mountain District with considerable success.

The Silver State pronounces the Ginnaca reduction works at Winnemucca a complete success. The roasting or chlorination furnace is said to be fully equal to the Statesfeldt.

J. E. Woods, of King's Canyon, Ormsby county, Nevada, has raised an Irish potato this season weighing three pounds and one ounce.

The petty thieves of Eureka, Nevada, take everything that comes in their way, from a pair of pants to a pound of dried apples.

Clingham of Polk county has this year raised some grass which is twelve feet high, from seed furnished by Knott of Portland. K. received the seed from Peru.

A petition is being circulated through Oregon asking the Legislature to pass a law providing a chance for the votes of women to be counted at the Presidential election in November.

The Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company is constantly receiving accessions to its stock subscriptions, despite the defeat of the subsidy propositions.

The Mountaineer says eastern Oregon has proved itself to be a good agricultural country, and that corn, wheat, rye, barley and oats are raised there without difficulty. Fruit of all descriptions thrives and matures well under the genial suns.

Large numbers of Indians are in and around Carson City. They are terribly independent, and when asked to chop wood or do odd jobs, they set their price, and if not paid, they give an involuntary ugh! and say, "You ketchum Chinaman; Injun no work so cheap."

An old settler in Yamhill county, Oregon, has a horse which has reached his thirty-second year. He crossed the plains in 1844, being then a four-year-old. He has been constantly worked for thirty years, and still "his eye is not dimmed nor his natural force abated."

In all parts of the city new buildings are being erected. Some of our croakers are beginning to say that the thing is being overdone, and that so many buildings are going up that there will be no demand for them; yet every day we see parties in search of rooms.—*Territorial Enterprise.*

The total amount of mized bullion, gold and silver, received at the Carson Branch yesterday, says the Register of September 26, was 9,849 ounces, 861 ounces of which were sent in from Humboldt for coinage. The balance, 8,988 ounces, came from the Crown Point mine, Gold Hill, sent to the mint for melting and assay.

The surplus wheat crop of this State for this year, says the Stockton Independent, is estimated at 750,000 tons. When the population of the State is taken into consideration this immense surplus will seem more surprising. Our population in 1870 was about 600,000, and therefore it will appear that we have not only raised wheat enough to supply our own population, furnish seed for the next sowing, but we have a surplus remaining of one ton and a quarter, or forty-two bushels, for every man, woman and child in the State. If there is another State in the Union that can make a better showing than this we are unaware of that fact.

The price asked for wood at the present time in Carson City, says the Register, is higher than poor people can afford to pay, and therefore that article will, until further notice, come under the head of "luxuries." We understand that it is the intention of the coal companies in the eastern part of the State to introduce that article into our market as soon as the Virginia and Truckee Railroad Company run regular freight trains from Reno to Carson City. A citizen of Carson experimented on the difference between coal and wood last winter, and after a fair trial found that coal was cheaper than wood at \$5 per cord.

From W. D. Foster, who has just arrived from Robinson, says the White Pine News of September 23, we learn that the body of Samuel Powers, Justice of the Peace, residing on Murray Creek, near Mineral City, was found on Saturday morning last in his cabin, which had been destroyed by fire on Friday night. The body was burned to cinders, and upon examination it was found that he had a hole in the back part of his head, supposed to have been made by a bullet. There is some mystery involved in the death of Mr. Powers. He was a sober and industrious man, and respected by all who were acquainted with him, and was formerly a resident of Hamilton. Coroner Taylor left for Robinson yesterday morning, and on his return may enable us to clear up this mysterious affair.

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.]

By Telegraph.

GENERAL.

WASHINGTON.—The President's return gave the White House an animated appearance yesterday. There were numerous callers. Considerable delayed business was disposed of, and a number of appointments were made.

General Sherman had a long conference, and after furnishing many points of interest regarding his European trip, entered upon a full discussion of the Indian situation. The President said that notwithstanding the hostile demonstrations of certain tribes, he felt confident there would be no Indian war. General Sherman thought many of the army officers were of the opinion that a war cannot be avoided, especially in Arizona and Dakota.

The stamp duty upon all documents, except bank checks, drafts and orders, expires to-day, in accordance with the recent action of Congress. Hereafter no stamps are required on any legal documents whatever, no paper being subject to stamp duty except bank checks, drafts or orders, as above mentioned. No stamp is required on foreign bills of exchange.

NEW YORK, 30.—It is stated that alderman Dunn, Pat Keen and ex-auditor James O'Brien, of the 6th Ward, Brooklyn, fled last night, on account of the publication of affidavits proving them to have stuffed the ballot box in that ward at the last election, and then perjuring themselves by swearing to the statements which falsely convicted M. J. Wilson of their crime.

CHICAGO.—Reports from the lake ports show that the storm of Saturday night and Sunday was very severe, and much damage was done to shipping. So far, there are no accounts of loss of life. The weather here is cold and unsettled.

NEW YORK.—At half past 9, yesterday morning, a train filled with the employees of the road on the Booneton branch of the Lackawanna and Western Railroad, collided with a coal train near Patterson, N. J. The cars were thrown from the track and completely wrecked. Hiram O. Bagley, Jr., and John C. Wiggins were killed. Eight others were seriously injured. The cause of the accident will be investigated to-day.

LANCASTER, N. H., 30.—The extra passenger train on the Boston, Concord and Montreal railroad was thrown from the track on Saturday night by cattle on the track. Three cars were wrecked, and three passengers probably fatally wounded. The brakeman was seriously, the conductor and three ladies slightly, injured.

NEW YORK, 30.—Patrick Leary, recently discharged from the insane asylum, had a recurrence of insanity this morning and attacked and horribly mutilated his wife and daughter with a meat saw. Both will probably die.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Two hundred feet of the new breakwater in front of the harbor, have been carried away by the storm.

TITUSVILLE, 30.—The oil regions are extensively excited over the movement to suspend the production. The movement is almost universal. There are probably not over fifty wells producing to-night. In some localities it is reported that violence had been resorted to in carrying out the order. The well rigs were burned and the engines destroyed by sledge hammers, and the oil tanks tapped. Some are still strongly holding out against it, but it is thought they will yet yield. The effect of the movement is already felt in the advanced and more active market.

WASHINGTON, 30.—The acting commissioner of internal revenue has decided that wholesale and retail liquor dealers may continue to sell malt liquors under their special tax receipts without being assessed as malt liquor dealers, and that the collection of taxes assessed contrary to that construction shall be suspended until the question is brought before Congress.

DETROIT, 30.—Fourteen vessels, so far as reported, were sunk or beached in Lake Erie during the storm of Saturday night and yesterday. So far only one life is reported lost.

ST. LOUIS, 30.—The Indian delegations left for Washington, in charge of Captain Alvord. Santa and Big Tree were placed in custody and committed to jail to await further orders.

A Washington dispatch says that private advices from Japan report a crisis in public affairs, which indicates the ascendancy of the old Japanese party over the reformers, and the end, for the present, of the spread of civilization in that empire. Minister Mori is to be succeeded by a representative of the non-progressives. Horace Capron, commissioner of agriculture, who went from Washington to fill the same post in Japan, has been discharged. Peshine Smith, who went to organize a law department there, is also discharged. Information from Europe represents the embassy to the western treaty powers as stranded in London, without funds or authority. The work on their war vessel in New York is stopped, for want of these. In consequence of these complications Northrup, Connecticut's State commissioner of education, declines a similar position tendered him some time ago by the government of Japan.

TITUSVILLE, 30.—The Evening Press, non-partisan, announces the fraudulent registration in Titusville of nearly 1,000. There will be an investigation at once.