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The city of New York was incorporated on this day 226 years ago.

There are in the United States 200,950 miles of railroad track of all descriptions.

During the coming year India, it is estimated, will produce 110,000,000 pounds of tea.

The gold product of the United States for the last sixteen years aggregates \$572,900,000.

The committee to draw up the Declaration of Independence was appointed June 11, 1776.

When it comes to a question of God and home and native land and "\$50 a night, strictly in advance," ex-Governor St. John is in it.

"What is unselfishness?" asks a subscriber. Unselfishness is one of the rarest qualities in the world to find in any one else.

The annual product of salt throughout the world is estimated at 7,300,000 tons, the larger share coming from English works.

Queen Victoria has presented an elephant to the Sultan of Morocco "in appreciation of his promises to alleviate the evils of the slave trade in his dominions."

The Bishop of Salisbury, in England, has proclaimed himself as decidedly opposed to heresy hunting. England must be a happy country if heresy is so scarce there that it has to be hunted.

Most of the Southern senators who are apparently against Cleveland now will, in all probability, take the stump for him in 1892, after he receives the nomination.

The average man, who puts in eight to ten hours of hard work a day to make a living for himself and his family in this world, cares mighty little about the fine points of sectarian theology.

A Chicago newspaper published the following anonymous item: "There is an average of 2694 ties to a mile of railroad in this country." The name of the walker who furnished the information is not given.

A New York publisher has printed a book telling the public how to keep a store. This is a step in the right direction. Now let some one tell the public how to make money out of a store and all will be well.

Sir Gordon Cumming takes unto him an American wife, and retires to the hills of Scotland, while the Prince of Wales is receiving several severe lectures from Mrs. Grundy and the British moralist.

The Pan-American congress was an assemblage of the representatives of the different countries of North and South America, and its object was to establish closer relations between them, with a view to enlarging and protecting their commercial, political and other interests.

Under an old law of Russia the Jews were forbidden to enter Great Russia, but were allowed to reside unmolested within the pale of Little

Russia. This "pale" embraces the steppes of Southern Russia, the southwestern slopes of the central plateau, and the Carpathian and Lublin mountains, and the Carpathian plateau.

The talk of a combination to build a distillery to be run independent of the whisky trust has been revived by the Chicago rectifiers of spirits. There are over eighty of these rectifiers in Chicago, and they use annually about 3,000,000 gallons of spirits. This is nearly one-fourth of the product of the trust distilleries of Chicago.

Coal is the result of the mineralization of vegetable matter. No less than 294 species have been found and described in British coal alone. The great proportion of these plants seemed to have flourished in marshy swamps, and to have accumulated where they grew like peat, and through the great geological changes they were ultimately converted into coal.

Lieutenant Peary started on an expedition to explore Greenland on Saturday last. On Sunday another expedition left Copenhagen under the auspices of the Danish government, to explore the northern shores of Greenland also. This latter is commanded by Lieutenant Snyder, who will remain on the island this year and next, making observations and studying the situation there.

"The Republicans, if they get together and stand together, can in convention nominate a man who will be elected as surely as the fact that we have a Republican President of the United States today," emphatically remarks Gen. Alger. The New York Recorder says: "When asked what State he hails from we modestly can say: He's a wealthy Michigander and his name is General A."

In more than one-half of the 105 counties in Kansas the Farmers' Alliance is taking steps toward defeating the foreclosure of farm mortgages. In many cases the attorneys have been employed to look after the suits in such counties; each lawyer is to look after all the foreclosure suits in his county for a stipulated salary, to be paid out of the common fund collected from all the sub-alliances.

THE idea of transportation by means of electric power instead of steam is taking a start in the South. The longest electric railway line in the world is soon to be constructed in North Carolina. The power for generating the electric current will be furnished by water, and the system will include both freight and passenger traffic. The boldness of the enterprise is emphasized by the fact that the country to be traversed has never seen a railroad till two years ago.

In Bangor, Me., on the 7th inst., the sun arose like a ball of fire, and then vanished for the day. At noon the deep yellow light was at its height. The light disappeared so rapidly that hundreds of people made all preparations for a cyclone, and the streets became deserted. The barometers, however, gave no indication of an approaching war of the elements, and many relied upon the story which their instruments told, found plenty of occupation in promising salvation to their neighbors.

McKinley is talked of for the next Republican candidate for governor of Ohio. A politician says: "The Republicans will surely nominate McKinley; He won't be a candidate for the Senate. It is generally understood and stated, in fact, that the third party leaders will not interfere with the coming State fight. The senatorial fight promises to equal some of the campaigns of last winter. It is in this plea that the third party will push its finger. The third party leaders hope to elect enough State legislators to get the balance of power."

Silver City *Avalanche* says: Silver city is not quite as big a place as Chicago or Caldwell, but the town can get away with a big deal occasionally. On Thursday deeds were executed here and put it escrow, covering transactions amounting to nearly half a million dollars, without starting a drop of perspiration on the brows of any of the parties in the deal. The Howe Manhattan, Chautauqua and Alta properties, by this transaction, will probably fall into the hands of an English company which will set a business going second only to the great DeLamar concern.

There are whispers going around in a select set that not so very far in the future there may be two more hands and two more feet in the household of Grover Cleveland. They have an abrupt way of announcing such things in monarchical Europe, where the lives of royalty are numbered and set down in a little fat scarlet book called the *Almanac De Gotha*. In Democratic America we have no such book, no court circular to say these things abruptly, no royal family, but in a round-about way we arrive at the same results. Mrs. Cleveland's friends are all expectancy.

W. H. Forest, book keeper, in the Churchman office New York stole \$30,000. Forest is a young married man. His salary in the Churchman office was \$14 per week, but it is thought the young man stole more than \$30,000 from the firm. Mr. Mallory admitted tonight that \$10,000 had been taken. Forest had been stealing for nearly eighteen months. His plan was to raise checks. Every week he made out checks for the amount of the Churchman's pay roll, which is about \$700. After the checks were signed by a member of the firm it was returned to Forest. Then the young man got in his fine work. Once he raised a check for \$1000. Another time a check for \$200 was changed to \$1200. The appropriation of these large sums, of course, had an effect on the profits of this paper.

Baccarat is a French game of cards played by any number of betters and a banker, and with one or more packs of cards, according to the number of players. Each better deposits a stake, and all stakes are duplicated by the banker, after which the banker deals two cards to each player, including himself. The aim is to decide each individual bet by comparison of the total count held by each better with that held by the banker. The court cards each count ten, and the others according to the spots. The counts range in value by series of 9, 19, 29, 8, 18, 28, etc., 9 beating any