

on Essex farms beyond the forest and the marshes of the river Lea; the corn which filled her markets came down the river in barges from the inland country. All the supplies necessary for the daily food of the city were brought in from the country round. Should these supplies be cut off London would be starved.

NOTES.

Cortez captured the City of Mexico August 13, 1521.

Book of Psalms first printed from cut metal types, August 14, 1457.

The People's party of Minnesota are the first to come out with a full-fledged organization.

Paris had seventy-three acres under roof for its exposition, but Chicago will have 115 acres.

The first of Bazaine's defeats during the Franco-Prussian war took place August 14, 1870.

A big strike in rich ores was recently made in Leadville. The old camp is good for another boom.

The first wire rope of the great Brooklyn bridge was thrown across the East River August 14, 1877.

Judge Terry of California was shot by Nagle, while Terry was about to assault Justice Field, August 14, 1889.

Windmills can be exported free to reciprocity countries. There is a chance to get rid of our long-distance prize-fighters.

The great battle of Blenheim was fought August 13, 1704. Marlborough and Prince Eugene destroyed the French army.

General John Morgan was driven out of Gallatin, Tenn., by the 69th Ohio and 11th Michigan volunteers, August 13, 1862.

The "Teutonic" arrived in New York on August 19, 1890, having made the voyage across the Atlantic in 5 days 19 hours and 5 minutes.

The celebrated Jeremy Taylor, bishop of Down, in Ireland, died August 13, 1676. He was celebrated for his frightful description of hell.

The steamers "Thingvalla" and "Geyser" collided off Nova Scotia, August 14, 1888. The "Geyser" sank with 117 persons aboard.

It is reported that the Union Pacific railroad is in shallow water financially. Wall Street is talking of a receiver for it, unless Jay Gould gets back in time to prop it up.

They know how to bid for the farmer vote in Ohio. The State board of equalization has taken \$37,000,000 off the valuation of farm lands and placed it upon the cities.

The Penrose murder trial is progressing rapidly. It was proved yesterday that one of the men charged with the murder said he would fix Penrose before leaving Butte.

The young Prince of Naples is receiving many presents these days. Princess Victoria recently gave him the mitten, and Queen Victoria now gives him the garter.

Politics is not discussed to any great extent at summer resorts, but it is a generally established fact that on the

moonlit end of the piazza the third party is always unpopular.

Judging from the close proximity of the faces of a pair of lovers in an out-of-the-way corner of the hotel piazza, one may well believe that love, if not blind, is at least very nearsighted.

England and France are preparing to take joint action to protect their subjects in China. Would it not be well for America to move in the same direction.

A Bar Harbor, Me., man is such a devoted worshiper of Dickens that he reads from one of the great novelist's works every night before retiring, no matter how busy he is.

A Wichita, Kas., woman has had twenty-seven servant girls within less than a year, and the last one that she employed had worked for thirty-two different mistresses during the year.

When the monument to the tuneful Burns was appropriately unveiled at Ayr the other day, 30,000 people came to do honor to the excelsman who was so poor in all but brains and feeling.

The pale horseman is busy among the literary celebrities of America just now. James Russell Lowell the distinguished poet, essayist and diplomatist is dead. So is Editor Jones of the New York Times.

All exhibits at the World's Fair remaining unsold at its close will be free from customs charges. The London chamber of commerce calls on English manufacturers to forward large exhibits.

Italy, Spain and America all have an acknowledged part in the glory of Columbus. France is now seeking a share by an endeavor to prove that he was a Frenchman, and was born at Calvi, on the island of Corsica.

Augustus Harris, the London theatrical manager, is the first British subject connected with the stage to receive the honor of knighthood. It will be pardonable, therefore, if he regards himself as an August personage.

The Italian government will grant amnesty to all the deserters from her army now in the United States. We sincerely hope that all such will take advantage of the amnesty and return from whence they came.

A fine legal point has been raised in an Ohio law court at Cleveland. It is this: Is a man guilty of intoxication if he is not boisterous or fighting drunk? The magistrate is looking it up, and numerous citizens are standing about in thirsty anxiety.

It hailed so hard in Cheyenne county, Kansas, one afternoon last week, that sixteen men working at a threshing machine were cut about the face and hands so badly that they were unfit for work the rest of the day. Their clothes were literally riddled.

The indications were that if Quay resigned the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee the Democratic editors would be happy and joyful. But they seem to be no better pleased now that Clarkson fills that position. Some people are awful hard to please.

E. E. Steadman, the New York broker poet says that Mr. Lowell was at the head of the American literary guild, and was equal to any of the

celebrities of England. Queen Victoria sent a message of condolence on the death of Lowell to President Harrison.

A fearful tornado in Berlin demolished several large buildings. The inmates had not time to escape. While the confusion attending the crash was highest, lightning struck the ruined buildings and set them on fire. Eight corpses were found on the 12th inst., but several persons are missing.

Norway is getting restless in her union with Sweden. She wants to get a divorce and then establish a republic. Russian agents are urging Norway to this course, so that in time Russia can gobble the northern part of Norway and thereby gain a foothold on the Baltic. Then Russia can fight England at home.

King Oscar II. of Sweden is becoming alarmed at the depopulation of his country. He has commissioners now in the United States investigating our land system. He contemplates a reform in his own dominions in order to keep his people at home. Swedes are leaving their country so fast that Oscar will soon be a king without subjects.

Acting-Secretary Nettleton has received a letter from Vice-President Bryan of the World's Fair, asking if Chinese citizens visiting the World's Fair will be admitted to the United States. China has been invited to participate with other nations and the question asked raises a delicate point. Vice-President Bryan has been informed that the matter will receive prompt attention.

Cupid is still playing his pranks even in prosaic Iowa. George Brock loved Miss Upson of Marshalltown, but the lady's parents objected. Brock came with a vehicle to take away his love and her effects. The old couple got hold of him and beat him fearfully. Meanwhile the girl slipped away. Brock, though his face is disfigured beyond recognition, has the girl after all, and Mrs. Upson, the old lady, is wandering around the streets like a raving maniac.

Is it not an insult and an outrage to the name and memory of that great American, Benjamin Franklin that a little street noted for its disorderly character should bear his name? This street is but the length of one block, yet it has 28 bagnios, two rumholes, and one dime theatre. Why not change the name to "Goodwin's Garden," or to "Lannan's Lane," or to "Orlando's Orchard?" It is to be hoped there is some patriotic American in the city council who will see that Franklin Avenue is changed to some one of the above names.

The most of the articles in a Mexican newspaper are signed and the paper has to print in every issue the name of a man who is responsible for those which are not signed, and in case of trouble as to the unsigned articles this man goes to prison. In some of the newspaper offices in Mexico the attaches assume this responsibility turn about. The *El Tiempo* or the *Times* is the organ of the Church party, and it often denounces the government. Its editors are frequently imprisoned, but it makes about \$10,000 a year and it considers itself doing well.