

## NEWS ITEMS.

OIL has been struck at a depth of about 1,300 feet by an artesian well in the vicinity of Terre Haute, Ind.

THE workingmen of Troy, N. Y., recently opened a Free Library and Reading Room, which is prosperous. They now propose to enlarge it.

SEVERAL companies are now mining for gold in different tracts of land on both sides of the Potomac, above Washington. The gold is found in quartz veins, and is said to be abundant, and the specimens exhibited very rich. Shafts have been sunk and crushing mills erected, and great activity prevails.

IN the country west and northwest of Dayton, Ohio, the rats are said to be swarming, and apparently migrating southward, an indication of a severe winter. In many places they are so numerous that they have not only destroyed the corn, sweet potatoes and tomatoes, but are climbing fruit trees and destroying the fruit.

A DREADFUL fire broke out on the evening of the 28th August, in the town of Bodenstadt, in Moravia, which was almost entirely reduced to ashes, some four hundred houses, with the castle, the parsonage, and the two churches becoming a prey to the flames. Six persons are known to have perished in the flames. The next day the conflagration was not extinguished.

WE hear our railroad men estimating that if the good fortune which has attended them thus far in the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad continues, they will have it completed to the base of the mountains—550 miles distant—by next September, with the utmost ease. In this estimate they give themselves a wide margin, and the mountains may echo the shriek of the iron horse before that time though their estimate is perfectly satisfactory to the most sanguine or the most impatient. The grade of the fourth hundred miles is expected to be finished by the middle of November.—*Nebraska Republican*.

A RIOTOUS and disgraceful scene recently took place in the Common Council of Springfield, Ill. The Mayor attempted, contrary to the will of the majority of the Council, to swear in a newly-elected Alderman before the votes cast for him had been canvassed. They thereupon left the hall, but were met outside by a crowd of roughs stationed there, as alleged, by the Mayor, who beat many of them in the most shocking manner.

EXCLUSIVE.—The New Bedford (Mass.) *Standard* learns that the property of the town of Ashford, in that State, is in the hands of a few families who have enough to make them comfortable without depending on business; and desiring to live quietly and not be troubled with new comers, they are pretty sure to buy any real estate in the town offered for sale. The consequence is that the population of the town has decreased from 490 in 1790 to 178 in 1865.

OPPOSED TO PEW RENTS.—The pledge system, long a favorite engine of the temperance movement, has been applied by the Free Church Society of England in the following form: "I, the undersigned, believing that any 'charge' for the means of grace, or for the ordinances of Christianity, and any respect of persons in God's house because they pay, or don't pay, is against God's command in Holy Scriptures, and unjust to the poor, engage never to pay any pew-rent so long as I continue a member of the—."

THEY DO NOT HAVE COMFORT IN SCOTLAND.—Edinburgh has 1,530 one-roomed houses, of which 825 contain each six inmates. In Glasgow the state of things is still worse; for there the number of one-roomed houses is 2,212, of which number 1,253 shelter seven human creatures, whilst each of the other 959 dwellings has more than seven inmates. There are in all Scotland 7,964 houses, if they can be called houses, without windows! and 226,723 houses of only one apartment, proving that nearly one million of the people of Scotland, or nearly one third of the entire population, are living in houses in which neither the comforts nor decencies of life can be secured.

A HOAX.—The story of the invention of a bullet-proof coat, which recently appeared in the *Nord*, turns out to be a hoax. The pistol was loaded with a small cork only, and the indented bullet, which was afterwards shown to the astonished spectators, was dropped upon the floor by the perpetrator of the hoax the moment the weapon was fired.

## Varieties.

—A Latin motto on a seal-ring of A. T. Stewart says: "Keep busy and mind your chance."

—The Portland horse railroads are doing a better business since than before the fire—117,000 passengers in August.

—Rochester, New York, is made the seat of a new Catholic Diocese—so Bishop Timon announces in a late discourse in that city.

—An English writer says President Johnson has done more public business in one year than Queen Victoria has done in twenty-nine, and has done it better.

—When you see a man on a moonlight night trying to convince his shadow that it is improper to follow a gentleman, you may be sure it is high time for him to join the temperance society.

—She was all sorts of a gal, said a Yankee lover, describing his sweetheart; there warn't a sprinklin' too much of her, she had an eye that would make a feller's heart try to get out of his bosom; her step was as light as a panther's, and her breath as sweet as the prairie flower.

—I wish I could prevail on neighbor Rinder to keep the Sabbath, said good old Mr. Jones. I'll tell you how to do it! exclaimed incisive young Smith: Get somebody to lend it to him, and I'll be bound that he'll keep it. He was never known to return anything that he borrowed.

—An American paper tells the following story of a recent railway accident: An intoxicated Irishman was sitting on the line when the engine tossed him down an embankment. The driver backed his train to pick up the dead body. The victim was found alive, however, only somewhat bruised, and taken to Norwich. Here the driver kindly offered to send the man to his home, a few miles away, in a hack; but he insisted on his ability to walk, and refused to be sent home. The driver pressed the matter, when the Milesian, who had stood the butting of the cow-catcher so well, bristled up with, Go away with your kerridge—I'll go home by myself; and if I've done any damage to yer old engine, bedad, I'll pay it on the spot.

—A member of the legislature of a State lying beyond the Ohio, which is noted for its divorce-made-easy laws, when a bill was lately introduced for the purpose of tightening the reins a little on applicants for the severance of the marriage tie, "arose in his place," and said: Mr. Chairman, I'm opposed to the bill before the house, on principle. No difficulties should be thrown in the way of parties wishin' a divorce. Divorce is a good thing—a blessed thing. I speak from personal experience. I've been personally divorced seven times. I tell you it's a good thing. I advise you all to try it a few times before you commit yourselves on this bill. There's nothin' like experience in these matters. Go home and get divorced, and then you'll be in a condition to act intelligently on this bill. Mr. Chairman, I've raised my warnin' voice, and my duty's done, and so am I. The bill was defeated.

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