

The loss of the farmers of Great Britain during 1879 is estimated at from £100,000,000 to £150,000,000.

Many an acknowledged truth was once a controverted dogma; the basis of every science has been at some time considered a fundamental error. Popularity is no evidence of right.

There is great activity in the Pennsylvania oil regions. The number of wells and the production are both increasing. Two hundred and seventy-five wells were completed in February, producing 7,770 barrels daily against 413 in January, producing 6,588 barrels.

According to Gen. Von Moltke, who recently made the statement in the German Reichstag, France at present has an army of 497,000 men, while Germany has but 401,000 soldiers. This shows the rapidly with which France has been silently gaining strength as a military power since the war with Germany which terminated at Sedan.

Following is a sensible benediction, said to have been uttered by a South Sea Islander after Sabbath services, "O God, we are about to go to our respective homes. Let not the words we have heard be like the fine clothes we wear, soon to be taken off and folded away in a box till another Sabbath comes round. Rather let thy truth be like the tattoo on our bodies, indelible till death."

The names of twenty-nine ladies appear in the list of candidates who passed the matriculation examination of the London University in January. Two of them are in the honors division, and one of these, Alice Elizabeth Lee, of Bedford College, London, is at the top of the list, but is disqualified by age for the first exhibition. Seventeen ladies passed in the first division and five in the second division.

Stoddard's Review is the name of a new weekly journal started at Philadelphia by the publishers of the American reprint of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. It is of a high literary order, and the first number contains a finely written article on "The Body and Argument for the Soul," in which the position is ably and learnedly supported that the body is the organ of a conscious spirit. J. M. Stoddard & Co., 727 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

An exhibition in Philadelphia of the electric light, "The Magic of Menlo Park," lasted just three minutes, when the lamp went out, electrifying the audience at first by its brilliancy, and at last by its sudden collapse. The Philadelphia Times says: "But for its failure last night, the demonstration of the perfection of the Edison electric light would have been a complete success." In other words, this particular exhibition seems to have been typical of the situation as a whole.

Miss Scott, a student of Girton College, England, in a recent examination on the same papers used in Cambridge University by the men for the mathematical tripos, has obtained marks which would have given her the eighth wranglership were she eligible. Last year three students from Newnham Hall, the other women's college, near Cambridge, reached a first-class standard also, one in the papers of the moral sciences tripos and the other two in the historical tripos.

The Empress Eugenie intends to take a journey to South Africa, for the purpose of visiting the spot where her son fell by the hands of the "savage Zulus." She will start from England on the S. S. *German*, in company with the widows of some of the officers who were slain in the war. This visit is expected to the Cape of Good Hope, and the journey to the valley of the Tugela is to be taken so that the party will reach the spot of the young Prince's death on the first of June, the day when he died.

THE EGYPTIAN PYRAMIDS.

The subject of the Pyramid of Ghizeh and its history and prophetic symbolism, although not agitated much of late in this part of the world, is still attracting great attention in many places. Several new works have been published in support of the theories of Taylor, Smith and Seiss; and a few in opposition thereto. But it is conceded by all that the gigantic pile is unique in its internal construction, and an evidence of advanced mechanical skill as well as the knowledge of principles, supposed to be of modern development, in the early ages of this world's history.

Among the new works likely to become popular is one entitled "Egyptian Pyramids, an Analysis of a Great Mystery," by Everett W. Fish, M.D. It is a book of one hundred and sixty pages, with many illustrations depicting the peculiar features of the "miracle in stone." It is not a mere volume of theses presented, and all its theories are advanced with caution and modesty. The hypotheses of the pyramidologists are not endorsed, denied, but the prominent points are given with fidelity, and it is early shown that the wisdom which aided the master minds in their age work of accurate and scientific masonry, was far in advance of the knowledge possessed by the students of the Egyptians at the time of its construction. The inference is that divine inspiration aided the master minds in their work of accurate and scientific masonry, was far in advance of the knowledge possessed by the students of the Egyptians at the time of its construction. The inference is that divine inspiration aided the master minds in their work of accurate and scientific masonry, was far in advance of the knowledge possessed by the students of the Egyptians at the time of its construction.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

This is a fruitful topic, reflection looks beyond the words used and seeks to comprehend as far as possible the thing itself. The Kingdom of God implies goodness, righteousness, based upon an understanding of God's law, obedience to which is goodness or godliness, and it is only in proportion to the knowledge and practice of this divine law that men are good or godly. A man is obedient to the laws of England, America or other country, and this obedience entitles him to be called an Englishman or American; he may be born in either or any country, but being lawless or rebellious he must forfeit the rights and privileges which spring from good and honest citizenship. The fall or reformation of his abiding place, his franchise is suspended. Many spend and end their days in rebellion, they are cast out to the great colonies as a punishment for the violation of law, and the voluntary forfeiture of inherent or acquired right.

So a man may have been born among God's people, or he may be a citizen by birthright, entitled in either case to all the blessings included in citizenship, and these may be measurably unused and unappreciated in early life; but the child grows to manhood, and intelligence should lead him to ponder upon his position, to understand his duties, to enjoy his privileges. When he so reflects he will realize that these are only his on condition of integrity, and faithfulness to that duty which is the privilege. Neglect implies lack of appreciation, and that which is unvalued is best withdrawn. Citizenship unappreciated will never sustain a man in trial or battle, will never give him force through which to accomplish good, or lead others to forsake their land or country for his, as the fruit of rare example.

There are many in the kingdom of God who fail to recognize it by their lives. Throw them into the world, or into society lower than the ideal of that kingdom, and they absorb the lower spirit. Put them in the company of the "Gentiles" and they will hear God's authority denounced, his institutions ridiculed, the gospel made a joke, and in silence they listen. They betray no emotion, they are not troubled with guilt, are not annoyed by criticism, but from all outward appearances you would certainly conclude that they had no more interest in the neutral or positive enemy of His cause.

Throw such men, without moral stamina or moral force, among drunkards, and they will drink with the drunkard and carouse with the unregenerate. Throw them among unbelievers and skeptics, and they will rail with the railer and profess skepticism with the infidel. These are not the men to move the world. They will never champion any cause to victory. They lack that decision which creates manhood, and that independence which never fails to command respect. Men who in the midst of opposition stand for the cause of truth, men who in the bosoms of hell would burn the truth, men who in their lives will personally righteousness, goodness, godliness, are the welcome citizens of a kingdom whose foundations are "hid with Christ in God."

Our young lads and maidens are the men and women, the fathers and mothers of the future, and so in their estimate of principle, their estimate of righteousness, the practice of their lives so will be the future of the kingdom in which they live. No stream rises higher than the fountain, no nation rises higher than the average of its citizens. The kingdom of God, though divine in its origin, can only bless as men put into practice its principles and honor its laws.

Now when a man, a family, a colony, or a community resolve to adopt and live up to the motto, "The Kingdom of God or nothing," there you will find God's "will done on earth as it is done in heaven." But much effort, much patience, many failures will be experienced before this many coming generations probably will come and go; the spirit men will like and die, persecution and martyrdom will be the lot of many; but every day leads upward, onward, nearer to the end they seek, and those who fall in the fight, who go down in the midst of surging opposition, will live again in the lives of thousands, who, catching enthusiasm from their example will pour no sacrifice too great, no labor too arduous, so they win success. And they will be sustained by those influences which belong alone to, and are enjoyed only by the faithful and the true. There are many who have named the white flag of truth to the flagstaff of their hope, who have begun to embody in their lives the practices of the Gods, and to them triumph will come as sure as the rising of the sun, and will come through the great and prolific history of the coming rule and Kingdom of our God.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Right Where Prospects. New York, 12.—The Bulletin publishes important reports from the grain growing States of the west and northwest in all the villages. The present condition of growing wheat is more than usually promising, and acreage is probably larger than ever before.

News in the Mining Exchange. The Tribune says: An important prolonged session of the committee on admission of the Mining Trust Company was held last evening. Over 450 applications have been received for seats in the American Mining Stock Exchange, and from this number the committee has been selecting 300 who will be received on the payment of a thousand dollars, and a hundred dollars in advance. Among those admitted was Grant's youngest son.

The Times Washington special says: One of the three French raiding parties provided for in the service.

A Peculiar Persuasion.

The Times publishes a two column account of a singular persuasion directed for the past three weeks against Rev. Morgan Dix, by party or parties unknown. Business men, and others, the country have overwhelmed him with answers to letters which he never wrote. Tradesmen of all kinds have called upon him, junkmen and old clothes dealers have rung his bell at all hours of the day, and clergymen have been invited to dine with him. All is the result of forged communications by some malicious persons. Detectives have vainly endeavored to ferret them out. Dix alleges he is ignorant of any cause for such persecution.

New Hampshire Preferences.

The Tribune's Nassau, N. H. special says: Town elections were held throughout New Hampshire on Tuesday and arrangements were made by the editor of the Telegraph to obtain an expression of presidential preferences from the republicans present at the town meeting. Voting cards were sent to an officer of the Republican Club in each town, with a special request that the marking should represent fairly the preferences of the republicans there. So far returns have been received from 62 towns, in all aggregating 3,322 votes as follows: Total number of votes, 3,322; Blaine, 1,890; Grant, 926; Edmunds, 190; President Hayes, 126; Washburne, 98; Gen. Sherman, 55; Garfield, 32; Chamberlain, 23; Conkling, 17; Evans, 8; Hawley, 7; Fish, 5.

Italians For San Francisco.

The steamer *Indra*, which arrived yesterday from Naples, has 67 Italians for San Francisco.

Flood's Boom.

The Tribune says: Justice Flood is having quite a boom on his dissenting election law opinion. Why give Justice Clifford one too?

A \$100 Prize Fight.

A brutal prize fight for \$100 took place last evening in a rear room of a liquor store at 87th street and 10th Avenue, New York. Michael Gallagher and Young Yorky, the contest lasted fifteen minutes, during which time three rounds were fought. Yorky knocked his opponent down several times, and badly punished him about the head and face. Gallagher's friends, seeing that their man was overmatched, threw up the sponge and Yorky was declared the winner. Although over 100 rangers witnessed the fight the police did not interfere.

Will He Be Washburne?

The Sun's Washington special says: It is well known in Washington circles that Grant will not go to the United States, by the urgent advice of those who have his campaign particularly in charge. They say he does not look well for him to seem to be unwilling to stay in his own country except when he is governing it. A large number of people believe that Grant will be nominated at Chicago does not gain strength at the capital. It is admitted on all sides that Sherman is a failure. Blaine's weakness lies largely in his inability to get delegates from any of the New England states except Maine, and possibly New Hampshire. The opinion gathers momentum that after all, and in some way or other, the outcome at Chicago will bring Blaine back to the White House's think so.

High Increase in the Wheat Yield.

CHICAGO, 12.—The Times publishes comprehensive reports from 11 States in the northwest concerning the winter wheat crop, of which the following is an analysis. The estimate is a safe one that the increased yield in the States will be about 60 per cent. It is, however, to be taken with consideration that much depends upon the weather for the next three weeks. In nearly every locality the depth of snow is deeper than in any severe changes occur the winter wheat crop will be a bounteous one.

Navigation Suspended.

ALBANY, N. Y., 12.—The present cold spell has again suspended navigation on the Hudson. Ice was rapidly forming last night, and the children tomorrow his knee. He was carried, speared by all who knew him, and was buried.

O'Leary's Fate.

SAN FRANCISCO, 13.—At eleven o'clock last night Weston had reduced O'Leary's lead to 12 miles, but during the remainder of the night by sticking to the track O'Leary drew away from his competitor. After a morning nap, O'Leary resumed the walk at quarter past seven, Weston not returning until an hour later, when he continued his attempt to close the gap. At midnight O'Leary led the race, 47 miles, 47 1/2 miles, 48 miles, 49 miles, 50 miles, 51 miles, 52 miles, 53 miles, 54 miles, 55 miles, 56 miles, 57 miles, 58 miles, 59 miles, 60 miles, 61 miles, 62 miles, 63 miles, 64 miles, 65 miles, 66 miles, 67 miles, 68 miles, 69 miles, 70 miles, 71 miles, 72 miles, 73 miles, 74 miles, 75 miles, 76 miles, 77 miles, 78 miles, 79 miles, 80 miles, 81 miles, 82 miles, 83 miles, 84 miles, 85 miles, 86 miles, 87 miles, 88 miles, 89 miles, 90 miles, 91 miles, 92 miles, 93 miles, 94 miles, 95 miles, 96 miles, 97 miles, 98 miles, 99 miles, 100 miles.

Train Wrecked.

COLUMBUS, 12.—A freight train, consisting of an engine and nine cars, was wrecked near Chillicothe, on the Scioto Valley Railroad, early yesterday morning. The engine and three cars were wrecked, the rest of the train struck three horses which were on the track. Edward Gales, fireman of this city, and a man named Berry, who was on the engine, were almost instantly killed. The wreck is said to have caused considerable loss of property to the railroad and trains were delayed all day.

Rival Republican Chairmen.

ST. LOUIS, 13.—General Geo. H. Stiebel, who was retired from the position of chairman of the Republican State Central Committee at its meeting here yesterday, by the election, Chauncey F. Filley claims that the action of the committee was arbitrary and illegal; that he is still its chairman, and will publish a notice calling the committee to meet at Jefferson City, March 22d, to call a State convention to elect delegates to the Chicago Convention.

A Georgia Sensation.

ATLANTA, 13.—Ida Fry, a multi-millionaire, filed a suit for \$15,000 against Frank M. Coker, President of the Bank of the State of Georgia, alleging deliberate seduction. This case is the first in the history of the State and creates intense sensation.

St. Paul's 13th—General Miles.

ST. PAUL, 13.—General Miles represents 8th Regt. Minn. camp one mile this side of the line, north of Round Buttes, on Milk River.

Blockade Raised.

The Northern Pacific blockade was raised at 4 p.m. There will be regular trade on Friday.

Public Execution.

SAVANNAH, 13.—Daniel Brigham, colored, was executed at Thomasville for the outrage of Mrs. Fitch. There were several thousand spectators.

Another Charge Against Hill.

WASHINGTON, 13.—Belva Lockwood, the female lawyer, charged Ben Hill with the ruin of four families. She wrote him she could give the name of one family residing on Capitol Hill, whose 16-year-old daughter he had debauched, whose son he had made a page in the Senate, another gave a place in the Signal service office, and the father he

FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Foreign News.

London, 12.—The steamer *Montana* is on the rocks in Church Bay and there is not much prospect of saving her. The crew and passengers are saved. In introducing a bill providing for the construction of a railway through the Arlberg mountain, the Austrian minister of commerce declared its construction a necessity to protect home production in competition with the foreign productions of America and Russia. Wallenstein leads Parole in the betting on the Lincolnshire handicaps. It is reported that Wallenstein beat Parole in a trial. Sir Garnet Wolseley has accepted the post of Quartermaster General at the Horse Guards. He returns to England from the Cape. The plan of a technical commission for the settlement of the Turkish boundary question, they have no favor with the Turks, and the Turkish minister of foreign affairs told the British ambassador such a commission was unnecessary as hope of peace depends upon the success of Greece was not yet abandoned. He further stated that people could not guarantee the safety of the Balkan peninsula during its operation. If, however, Europe should insist on the scheme Turkey ought to be represented.

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