

differ from statements of it heretofore published in special telegraphic dispatches.

STUMM is the iron king of Germany. He owns enormous foundries at Neunkirchen, where over nine thousand men are employed. None of his workmen may get married, change their place of residence or join a society without his permission. He gives them good advice in regard to investments and aids them in many ways. He is a member of the Reichstag and was ennobled by Kaiser Friedrich.

A NEWSPAPER man who called to inquire about Mme. Bernhardt's health, during her recent illness, was ushered directly to her bedroom, where she was surrounded by a dozen or more artists, authors, et al., who took turns at sitting in one favored chair close to the bedside. Bernhardt lived, which goes to prove what a wonderful constitution she has. But she is now worse again, which scores one for medical science.

DURING the last two years or so persons by the name of Stringam have figured prominently in the courts here. As a rule the local papers persist in spelling the name with an h in it, although it embodies no such letter. We have struggled to keep the h out of it, but frequently the typos, who are always intelligent and accommodating, have insisted on inserting it, the protest of copy to the contrary notwithstanding.

NO ONE seems to have been legally to blame for the terrible flood at Johnstown a year ago. By the advice of the lawyers all suits against the South Fork Lake Fishing Club, which owned the notoriously dangerous dam, have been abandoned, but the slightest intimation that the dam was to be rebuilt caused such a storm of indignation as to lead to the abandonment of the place as a summer resort.

MISS ADA HEATHER-BIGGS, Lady Dilke and Hon. Mrs. Jeune have done a good thing in London in establishing what they call a series of "happy evenings" for the London Board School children. These are the children of the very poor, who, never having a penny with which to purchase pleasure, are to be invited every two weeks to a comfortable room where they will be entertained with music, magic-lantern pictures, games, etc.

THE statue of Thomas A. Hendricks, to be unveiled at Indianapolis July 4, is the work of R. H. Park, an American sculptor living in Florence, Italy, and is noteworthy for the mechanical fact that it was in one piece at the Royal Foundry in Rome. It is fourteen and a half feet high, weighs thirteen tons, is to stand on an elaborate and decorated pedestal of Bavarian red granite, with small statues of History and Justice on the base, and cost \$40,000.

SAYS the *Millennial Star*: From the *Jewish Chronicle* we learn that the movement looking to the getting of a better water supply for Jerusalem is making satisfactory progress. Those who have the matter in hand are encouraged. Every indication of progress toward the re-settlement of the Holy City is interesting to the Latter-day Saints, for they look for a remarkable growth of that city in the near future.

THE comedy of the twin cities is being played by St. Paul and Minneapolis over the census. The feeling between the two is about as cordial as that between St. Louis and Chicago, and the taking of the census has brought out all the bitterness that has been bottled up for months. They are both "boomers," and the only question is which can make the greatest expansion of population on the figures of the census takers.

SIG. CRISPI, the Italian premier, says: "A long period of peace in Europe is guaranteed." Von Moltke affirms that war is so near at hand that Germany must immediately increase its artillery and add about 40,000 men to its ordinary standing army. The Austrian chancellor declares that, while peace is certain, larger appropriations are needed for military purposes. In all this the poor tax payer of Europe pays his money and doesn't take his choice.

MISS CLEMENTINA DE VERE, soprano in Dr. Paxton's Church, New York City, receives \$4500 a year for her services, or \$112.50 each Sunday. This is said to be the highest salary ever paid to a choir singer either in this country or Europe. Miss Jennie Dutton, soprano of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, New York, draws \$3000 a year from the church and earns \$5000 more from concert engagements.

THE Westinghouse Electric Light Company, so the dispatches have stated, is to make another effort to save Kennmler from electrocution with one of its machines. The company proposes to institute a suit in the form of a replevin to recover possession of the dynamos now in the possession of the State, in which it claims a proprietary interest, and to ask for a restraining order to prevent their use for electrocution purposes.

MRS. CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW is a descendant of an old noted New York family. She is a daughter of the late Wm. A. Ogden Hageman, and was married to Mr. Depew when she was a little over twenty-one years of age. She is slightly above the medium height and her features reflect the intelligence for which she is noted. Mrs. Depew is almost as good a story-teller and conversationalist as her husband. She is quick and witty at repartee and appreciates the same quality in another.

WHILE all Europe is talking of Prince Bismarck, few know how the

great chancellor and his ancestors got their name. Bismarck is the name of one of those ancient castles a short distance from Stendal, on the road from Cologne to Berlin, in the center of the old marquise of Brandenburg. The castle had this name because it defended "Marca," or the line where the River Biese formed a boundary in former times or mark of defense against intruders. Hence the name Bismarck.

GLADSTONE was recently stopped by an amateur photographer in the street at Hawarden village and asked to stand still until the artist could get a snap at him. Gladstone declined with thanks and went his way. On his return late in the day the artist was still there, and looking very disconsolate at his failure to get a picture. He again renewed his appeal, and this time the ex-Prime Minister, entering into the humor of the situation, stood still, and was photographed.

SAN FRANCISCO *Chronicle*: The Orange County census enumerators ran up against a colony of queer people near Anaheim. The colony was composed of vegetarians who claimed to be trying to live a pure life and who denied any allegiance to Uncle Sam. As a matter of conscience they refused to answer most of the rather personal questions evolved by Superintendent Porter, and consequently three out of the fifteen members were arrested, taken to Los Angeles and held for trial.

AN eminent physician of Philadelphia rises to remark that the widespread discussion about the prevalence and treatment of hydrophobia of late has had an effect to promote the symptoms of that disease, and that the more it is talked about, the more alleged cases of it we shall hear of. He makes note of the interesting fact that on one side of the Rhine Pasteur treats 7000 cases of hydrophobia, while hardly any cases have occurred on the German side. This certainly looks as if a good deal of this scare was in the minds of its victims.

THE news about the possible danger to St. Paul's Cathedral in London, owing to its insecure foundation, recalls what is conceded to be the best of Sydney Smith's witticisms. The question of paving the courtyard of St. Paul's with wooden blocks was under discussion, when Sydney Smith remarked that he had no doubt it could be done if the dean and chapter would put their heads together. They will now have to put their heads together, it seems, to prevent the dome from tumbling about their ears.

A LOCAL cotemporary gives a lady, who has been engaged in the teaching profession in this city for a number of years, a complimentary send-off in consequence of her departure to a new field. In the course of a number of compliments, that are doubtless deserved, the newspaper referred to injects this astounding statement: "There is not a drop of blood in her veins that is not