

THE EVENING NEWS.

Monday, May 10, 1870.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—We gather from official documents the information that the entire population of the Indian Territory is 17,000 souls, including 4,000 persons who were formerly slaves. In September, 1863, a treaty was made between the United States and the Cherokees, and Seminoles, by which it was provided that these freedmen should be recognized and regarded as members or citizens of these respective tribes. The United States caused to be appropriated the sum of \$300,000 to purchase certain territory in case they were recognized citizens. The Government holds in trust for these Indians, under treaties which they have entered by their disloyalty, over \$1,000,000, yielding annually an income of over \$50,000. The report states that all attempts in agriculture made in the territory since the war were made by the freedmen. In September last the freedmen among the Cherokees and Seminoles held a meeting, and adopted resolutions in declaration of their rights, claiming for themselves full citizenship and all its privileges and protection, and asking the government to bestow upon them their just proportion of the public land. Their petition is now being considered by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. The executive committee of the colored men's national society has interested themselves in the freedmen's behalf, and will urge upon Congress prompt and proper action.—Register.

THE SCOTCH AND THE ENGLISH.—The Scotch have an enormous energy of life. The marriage rate in Scotland is smaller than in England. In 1867, 19 74 per one thousand living were married in England, but in Scotland only 14-20 per one thousand. Yet with a smaller proportion of marriages the same result is observable in so far as the increase of population is concerned. The Englishman marries earlier than the Scotch. In Scotland 7-46 per cent. of the men, and 21-99 per cent. of the women married under twenty-one. Yet the marrying a year or two later does not appear to diminish the number of children. On the contrary, whilst in Scotland there are 4-46 children to a marriage, in England there are only 3-84. In education the Scotch are quicker than the English. Of the children examined in the day schools 10-09 per cent. failed in reading in England, whilst in Scotland the proportion that failed was only 5-55 per cent. And in arithmetic in England there failed 25-28 per cent; in Scotland 21-22 per cent. The mortality, also, is less in Scotland than in England:—in 1867 the number of deaths was 21-97 per one thousand living in England, and 21-77 per one thousand living in Scotland.

DEFINITION OF BIBLE TERMS.—A day's journey was thirty-three and one-fifth miles. A Sabbath day's journey was an English mile. Ezekiel's wheel was eleven feet, nearly. A hand's breadth is equal to three and five-eighths inches. A finger's breadth is equal to about one inch. A shekel of silver was about fifty cents. A shekel of gold was \$3 09. A talent of silver was \$516 32. A talent of gold was \$133 09. A piece of silver or a penny was thirteen cents. A gerah was one cent. A mite was one and a half cents. A homer contains seventy-five gallons and five pints. A bin was one gallon and two pints. A firkin was seven pints. An omer was six pints. A cab was three pints.

CHILDREN THAT NEVER CRY.—There is a lady in this city who is the mother of five healthy, intelligent children, the eldest of whom is about eight years old. A singular fact in connection with these children is, not one of them has ever been known to cry. They have been the victims to the pain and all the signs of pain they have ever manifested are low moans. They never cry. In other things they are as other children, full of fun and mirth, and more than ordinarily healthy. A physician now in this city, who has been steady in the practice of his profession for a third of a century, says this is the most remarkable thing that ever came under his observation.—E.

"How's THIS FOR HIGH?"—We have been favored by Colonel W. W. Delacy with the following statement relative to the altitude of some of the principal towns of Montana: Helena is 4,300 feet above the level of the sea; Fort Benton 3,000 feet; Virginia City 5,400 feet; Deer Lodge 4,000 feet; Missoula 3,300 feet. The height of the Rocky Mountains, at the Southern boundary of Montana, where they intersect with the Rocky Range, is 9,000 feet. The height of the Snowy Range, at a point thirty miles east of Junction station, is 10,000 feet. The altitudes of the prominent mountain peaks are as follows: Court d'Alene Pass, in Butte Root mountains, 5,100 feet; Lewis & Clark's pass, in Rocky Mountains, 6,500 feet; Caddo Pass, in Rocky Mountains, 6,000 feet; Mullen Pass, in Rocky Mountains, 6,000 feet.—Pioneer.

CURIOUS NAMES.—The following are given in a recently published work on English surnames, as specimens of the old Puritans in England about the year 1663. They are taken from a jury list in Essex county, and cannot fail to cause a smile in our day. Paint-not Hewit, Seek-wisdom Wood, Redeemed Campion, Accepted Trevor, God-reward Smart, Make-peace Heaton, Be-courteous Cole, Repentance Ains, Return Spelman, Kill-an-Idiot, Fly-debate Roberts, Be-faithful Sinner, Hope-for Bending, Weep-not Billings, Elected Mitchell, Fight-the-good-fight-of-faith White, Stand-fast-on-high Stringer, Search-the-Scriptures Moreton, The-peace-of-God Knight.

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