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A YEAR OF CALAMITIES.

This is unquestionably the year of calamities. Recently we published the intelligence of an earthquake which destroyed a town on the island of Ichia, just off Naples, in the Mediterranean, wiping out 3,000 lives. Ichia is a part of what Buchanan...

IMPORTED RAGS.

The importation of rags from Egypt to this country is largely in the control of one firm in New York. The cargo that created the recent scare, least the cholera should be spread by that means, was consigned to this firm, and its detention caused them some little annoyance, because, as they say, the freight was so ridiculous, for the reason that the rags were packed before the cholera broke out in Egypt. This firm avers...

AMERICAN BOIL.

It only the native productions of America soil are displayed to a foreigner, and he is impressed with their diversity, and astonished at the varieties of soil and climate which they evidence. To our own mind, however, the way in which the marvelous capacity of our country is best brought out is by reviewing the number of products which are now cultivated to advantage and to the profit of large sections of the country, but which are rare by adoption only. From the earliest settlement of the continent experiments have been made in the domestication of alien plants and animals, and in nearly all cases some part of the country has furnished soil, temperature and humidity suited to the demands of the foreigning. The statement that successful attempts to raise olives have been made in Georgia is the most recent proof of the ability of the country to reconcile all transplanted life to new surroundings.

QUACKS AND PATENT MEDICINES.

The state of Missouri has adopted a stringent measure against quacks. No one is allowed to practice medicine in Missouri unless holding a diploma from a medical college of recognized standing. All other practitioners must undergo an examination before the state board of health, which consists of seven members, including two physicians. Every county clerk is required to keep a list of authorized medical practitioners in his district, and the health board keeps a list for the entire state. This law applies also to dentists and bone-setters. Dealers in patent medicines are required to take out a special license, and persons violating any of these provisions are subject to a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$500, or imprisonment up to a whole year. It is a significant fact that, in this respect, Massachusetts is among the least protected states in the Union, and that Boston in particular is a veritable paradise for quacks.

EUROPEAN CROPS.

Recent cable dispatches give the general condition of the grain crops in Europe, and show that, while the results will be fair, there will be a market for our grain. While Holland, Belgium and Central Europe are favored, the prospects in Southern Europe are only fair, and in France and Italy the yield of wheat may be below the average. Should the cholera spread to Turkey and Southern Russia the grain from that quarter will be practically shut out from Europe, and the appearance of the disease in India would still further restrict the sources from which Europe supplies her wants. On the other hand the market for cereals is continually growing. The census of 1880 showed that Germany must be in the future class among the industrial states, as her agricultural population is decidedly in the minority. Within the last eight years she has taken her place among the nations that import more corn than they export. There is a prospect that our farmers may yet largely market their surplus products in Europe.

SUING BANK STOCKHOLDERS.

The suits brought by Receiver Williams against the stockholders of the City Bank of Jersey City, for working that bank, and for a new performance of hard labor at Sharon, should produce a serious condition of mind among the holders of stock in other banks. In national banks and in state banks shareholders are liable for an amount equal to the par of their shares, and the Jersey City stockholders against whom two suits have been begun will doubtless be made to suffer severely for their negligence in permitting a pair of rogues to have entire control of their bank. Receiver Williams demands 50 per cent of the amount of their shares to make up the deficiency due depositors, and the second suit is to recover deposits which they received after the bank became insolvent. Their punishment will perhaps impress upon other holders of bank stock a sense of the responsibility which such possession involves. It will be strange if a vast number of discreet per-

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Not in Russia. A collision occurred on the 10th between the Russian and the military at Ekaterinopol. Over 200 persons were killed.

The Deputy Toy Pistol.

Frank Weidner, aged 14, was fined the 7th inst., for lockjaw caused by a wound from a toy pistol received on the glorious 4th.

And Great was the Fall Thereof.

Bashford's brick block at Austin, Minn., fell yesterday. There was ample warning and no lives were lost. The damage is estimated at \$30,000.

A Test Case.

The income tax was tried at Chicago, and the result was a friendly suit has been brought against John B. Draper of the Grand Pacific Hotel, for that purpose.

Celebrity Not Dead.

A dispatch under date of the 8th inst., says that the Zulu king is reported to be yet alive. He is said to have been taken to a place alleged to have been ravaged by the existing agitation in Zululand.

Dynamic Trial.

The trial of O'Herley, Featherston, Dancy, Buchanan and Dalton charged with poisoning dynamite with lead, was held at Liverpool on the 7th inst.

At Brother Against Brother.

At Madison, Mo., a fight between James Edwards quarrel on the 11th inst. At the end of the abdomen with a knife and was stamped on him until his entrails protruded on the ground.

Three Boys Drowned.

Three boys were drowned by the upsetting of two boats on the Yamaqua River, Canada, Wednesday. The mother of one of the boys was in one of the boats at the time with her younger children, but she clung to them and the boat and all three were saved.

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Political.

The Mormons had all their own way in the election in Utah, on the 6th inst. The legislature of that state was elected by the vote of the democrats of Kentucky elected Proctor, 1000 majority on the 6th inst., by nearly 50,000 majority.

Arms for China.

Discovery has just been made that within eighteen months, arms and ammunition to the value of \$2,000,000 have been shipped from Springfield, Mass., via St. Paul, to China. Chinamen are using a red in pickle for France.

Shadow Catchers.

The annual convention of the Photographers' Association of America, began its session at New York on the 6th inst. The exposition building which was used for the purpose, was handsomely decorated with exhibitions of fine work by the various artists in attendance. There are over 2,000 delegates present.

Old Whisky.

Workmen excavating the foundation of the gigantic statue of Liberty on Bedford's Island, New York harbor, on the 6th inst., examined a jug of whisky that had been run carelessly in the concrete wall of the fort. Unfortunately the pick fractured the jug and the aged liquor was lost.

A Curious Incident.

A curious incident occurred at a committee meeting in Joliet, Ill., penitentiary in a peculiar manner on the 8th inst. He was feeding very much of the public for the purpose of making a smaller size, with a hasty "good-bye," he wound the wire about his neck and was drawn past the guard. He died in great agony from strangulation.

A Wild Man of the Woods.

A wild man who has been wandering about in the vicinity of Mason, Ohio, for some time, was captured by officers of that place on the 7th inst., and confined. He is described as a man looking like a bear, and was captured after a long chase.

An Editor Killed.

A dispatch of the 10th from Scranton, Pa., says: "A. Ross, editor of the Boston Advertiser, was killed by a falling stone on the 8th inst. He was severely injured by a 200 lb. block of granite, which fell from a building under construction. He died in a few minutes."

An Alleged Feinian Plot.

A Feinian plot to destroy the Welland Canal is alleged to be hatching in Chicago. The plot is said to be hatching in Chicago. The plot is said to be hatching in Chicago.

The Conditions of the Irish.

Bishop Logue, of Ireland, reports that the poverty-stricken people in County Donegal have been driven to the brink of starvation by the failure of the potato crop. The conditions are said to be the most deplorable since the famine of 1845.

A Reward for the Lyncher.

Governor Hamilton, of Illinois, has offered a reward of \$200 for the capture of the party concerned in the lynching of the negro in Pulaski County in July. However, it is said that the reward is not to be paid unless the murderer is brought to justice.

Important Decision.

Probably the most important decision ever rendered in Wisconsin was that of the United States court at St. Paul, Judge Dyer decided in favor of the St. Paul railroad in the celebrated Burnett case, which involved the right of a century of the case will now be taken to the United States supreme court.

United States.

A severe hail and rain did considerable damage in some counties in Iowa, on the night of the 7th inst. Cattle and sheep were killed, and the crops were ruined. The damage is said to be the most extensive since the late spring.

Crushed to Death.

While employed at Hixson, Hixson & Co.'s Steel Manufacturing establishment, at Pittsburg, Mo., a man was crushed to death on the 8th inst. The man was killed by a falling piece of machinery. The death was the result of a momentary carelessness.

Didn't Know, Etc.

At Cleveland, Ohio, on the 9th, a newly married couple, named Garrison and Baynet, were carelessly handling a pistol belonging to the husband, which was supposed to be empty. The wife was wounded by the pistol to her head and pulled the trigger. The ball entered her brain and she died in a few moments.

Three Tramps Probably Burned.

Three tramps, who were sleeping in a building, were probably burned to death on the 6th inst. The building was destroyed by a fire which started from a stove. The tramps were found dead in the ruins. The cause of the fire is not known.

A Man on the Edge of Marriage.

Major Boebe, a war department clerk at Washington, is reported to be on the edge of marriage. He is said to be engaged to a young woman. The marriage is expected to take place in the near future.

An Indian Execution.

A dispatch from Salt Lake City under date of the 11th inst., says: "News has been received from the Utah Valley, that a member of the Shoshone Indians, a buck named Red, was executed for the murder of a man. The execution was carried out in a public square, and the man was hanged from a gallows. The crowd was large, and the execution was witnessed by many of the Indians and whites."

A Diabolical Deed.

George Jeffrey and his wife were arrested at Southampton, N. Y., on the 7th inst., charged with the murder of a five-year-old child. The child had been found dead in a field. The couple were charged with poisoning the child. The case is being tried in court.

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accuse her husband of frightful and unbecoming cruelties inflicted on the child, and says the child was killed by a blow on the head. Jeffrey is charged with poisoning the child. The case is being tried in court.

Trouble Among Spanish Troops.

The outbreak among Spanish troops reported from Portugal, occurred in the city of Badajoz, on the 10th inst. The troops were angry because of the small amount of pay they were receiving. The outbreak was suppressed by the authorities.

Another Informer.

A New York dispatch of the 10th inst., says: "The informant who had been charged with the murder of a man in New York, was found to be a double agent. He had been working for the authorities while pretending to be a member of the underworld. The authorities are now looking for the real murderer."

The Spanish Revolt.

A telegram from the Spanish frontier under date of the 10th inst., says the situation is most grave. Bands of armed men have marched north, and the authorities are trying to contain them. The situation is becoming more and more serious.

Tar and Feathers.

Mrs. Engstrom, of Bird Island, Minn., left her husband, who is a cripple, a short time ago. She was tarred and feathered by a mob of men in the neighborhood. She is now recovering from her injuries.

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R. J. Ryan, night telegraph operator at South Bellin, Wis., was killed on the 11th inst. by a mob of men who were angry because of his work. The murder was a senseless act of violence.

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