

"Oats lead in interest," says the market report. Must be wild ones.

Making our Indians citizens wouldn't let them to self-support, unless they led in close States.

The United States navy burns four times as much coal now as it did ten years ago. Just watch our smokes!

The Philippines are fast becoming civilized. Spitting on the floors of public buildings there is now prohibited.

All women are lars in a court room, says a New York magistrate. This is, in fact, and, we sincerely hope, untrue.

Steam plows and reapers are crowding horses off the farm. About the only use a horse can be put to now is to send him to war.

Mr. Bradley Martin has decided not to wear a coronet at King Edward's coronation. This will greatly detract from the gaiety of the event.

The new consumption cure requires the patient to sleep out of doors, so as to give the other microbes a fair chance to kill off the tubercular variety.

There is a boy in Iowa who gets up in his sleep and larks corn. That boy should have a little trouble in finding farmers who are willing to hire him.

With American marines guarding the line of the Panama Railroad there will be the best of assurance that there will be no interruption of communications.

Pretty soon the sword will become obsolete everywhere save in the swabstick drama, a lot more military experts having declared against it.

A surgical sewing machine has been invented in Paris for emergency use upon injured persons. But who would want to go about with a cheap machine-sewed scar?

King Edward has given Sousa a medal for playing his marches at the royal balls. The King will be sorry to miss when every band in England is to playing those pieces.

The credit men of the world are because funny marks opposite the name of Sick Man of Turkey. He is so bankrupt that if he were an ordnance merchant he would be closed out.

Two Philadelphia girls have gone over into Macedonia to get a name by being captured by brigands. It is safe to say that no United States warships will climb the Bulgarian mountains to look for them.

The fear that the forests of the country will become destroyed is accompanied by some apprehension that the telephone poles in cities will become so thick that pedestrians will be obliged to blaze a way.

"Empire William knows much more about ship-building than any of us," says Puff. Von Halle. And still the word goes and still the wonder grows that one small head can carry all Emperor William knows.

In a recent general estimate on the riches of the millions, J. Pierpont Morgan's wealth placed at \$400,000,000. This may be \$100,000,000 more or less than what he is actually worth, but what \$100,000,000 to Morgan?

hands of outraged justice. The circumstances in case of boat rocking never are. Last summer a party of young people were rowing for pleasure on Lake Icyor, in the State named. In the party was the inevitable smart young man, whose presence has blighted many a summer's joy. The world had been made joyous by his absence. This smart young man found that he could amuse himself by rocking the boat, and he rocked it violently. The girls screamed, and this intensified the smart young man's enjoyment. He rocked the boat all the more violently, and it finally tipped over. Five of the occupants were thrown into the water, and one of the young ladies was drowned. Nobody will be surprised to learn that when the boat capsized the boat rocker swam valiantly for the shore and left his companions to their fate.

On starting a case of duplicity as has ever been exposed, it is reported from New York. Joseph Goldman, good husband, fond father, reputable business man, was also leader of a band of thieves and receiver of stolen goods. For many years he had led these two lives without detection. Suddenly two of his accomplices, under fear of punishment, turned upon him, and in order to lighten their own sentences, gave evidence that left no doubt of his guilt. He was proved to be implicated in a dozen clever robberies which were carried out under his direction. In fact, he seems to have devised the villainies which his confederates executed. He was confederate and manager. The others simply carried out his instructions. It was not that he was exposed to sudden temptation and yielded. His guilt was darker than that. For years he had conducted a systematic robbing business. He had a large loft in Water street where he stored stolen articles, and from that "den" he distributed his booty. He had immigration laws in his pocket for the case of the United States, because the country settled mainly between 1850 and 1870. In England there is a similar though not so marked a decrease.

The rate of growth of population of the communities might still be considerable, even if no higher than in the last few years. An addition of even 10 per cent to the average every ten years would be far more than double the 500,000,000 of a century, and leave the white population at this century's end at 2,000,000,000. Secondly, some of the rates of increase mentioned, such as that for Russia and the United States at certain periods, are quite abnormal, and due largely to exceptional immigration.

Finally, there is the question which many people have resolved to discuss, namely, whether the reproductive power of the population is question is as great now as fifty or sixty years ago. It is a question which cannot be rushed, and I am unable to commit myself to any definite opinion from some quarters, that the rate of increase in these populations is, as in France, coming nearly to an end. The stationing of the population in France in the fact that the death rate there remained high, while the birth rate fell.

Plans are under consideration for a great Germanic museum at Harvard. Miss Helen Gould has now begun to make gifts to colleges, and has given \$200,000 to Yenching.

South, late President of Columbia and Mayor of New York, received his first honorary degree from Amherst, and he values it very highly.

Twenty thousand dollars have been spent at the University of Michigan in remodeling the boiler house. It takes thirty-two men to care for the university property.

Jessie Faussett, a young colored girl, was graduated from the Philadelphia high school, being the first colored scholar. This enabled her to take a four years' course in some college.

According to the report of President Schurman, of Cornell, the number of students in the university is 2,980. The property of the university, exclusive of the Western lands, is \$1,870,200.

After forty-one years of service in the public schools of Chicago, James R. Dewey has retired. Born in Westfield, Mass., he was graduated from Williams in 1854, and has taught Greek and Latin to many of the most prominent men and women of Chicago. During his period of service the high school has changed its location on four different occasions.

It is said to be a school in New York where the suddenly-became-rich young woman may under the art of becoming a lady, or at least to learn the proper manner in which to sit, stand and walk, and even take one's leisure elegantly. There are classes for the "buds" and classes for the matrons, and the older the student the more it costs to acquire the knowledge.

The current includes calisthenics, special exercises, dancing and conversation. For the women who have risen recently to the dignity of a brown-stone front there are all sorts of serviceable exercises, among them imaginary conversations, in which the student acquires a knowledge of the way people speak in drawing rooms, and, even what she will hear and reply when a titled foreigner asks her hand in marriage. The teachers pay special attention to the hands and feet, which they assure their patrons are the truest indices of good breeding, and will be sure to betray the origin and lack of refinement in which the lessons are rehearsed continually.

Hunt with Bow and Arrow. A new class of sportsmen has been growing up within the last few years, whose distinguished characteristic is based upon the line followed by the late Marquis de Morny, sportsman and author.

Thompson disdained to use the shotgun on small game, preferring to shoot skin against cunning. He made it a practice not to kill game until he was close enough to watch and study it. So he took a long bow and went into the woods to hunt. He hunted in the same manner in the same manner and was very successful.

When he went after quail he stole upon the flock in his haunts and picked off the birds with arrows that made no noise and did not frighten those that remained in the quarry as he hunted against a boat rocker. Other game birds are on parts of the land, by the dozen, by the score, and by the hundred, have had chances to distinguish themselves in this particular, but it remained for the grand jury of Washington County, Maryland, to demonstrate the "indefinite" of boat rockers is not sufficient to stay the

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of the blood of half a million of white men, the Indians have not become assimilated. The standard completely isolated and live, so far, merely because the white invaders have not entirely exterminated them. A foreigner traveling through the United States will find it rather difficult to convince himself of the existence of Indians on the American continent. The Indians are there, nevertheless. The United States government spends nearly \$10,000,000 a year for their support and education.

Scarcely a century ago the Indians occupied practically the entire territory of North America excepting the Atlantic coast. The United States, the coast of the Gulf of Mexico. Nearly three millions of square miles of a total of 3,000,000 were occupied by the Indians. Now there are but 230,000 Indians left, the majority of whom live upon reservations. A century ago they were the action of some millions of square miles of territory, while now they are confined to an area of 220,000 square miles.

The number of Indians in the United States is steadily decreasing. The last census shows that it has diminished by 40,000 since 1870. Thus it seems that the Indians are destined to share the fate of the Eskimos and the Aleuts, and to be confined to a quiet agricultural life within the narrow limits of their reservations. The Indians live a miserable life as a wild bird in a cage. They are confined to a narrow strip of land, and their food and clothing exercise makes them easy victims to tuberculosis and other diseases, and whiskey causes their rapid degeneration. There are few of them left in the United States, and the complete extermination of the latter.

Woman's Fashionable Clothes. I believe the dress of women this year to be the ugliest the world has ever seen. How swiftly upon the heels of another fashion comes another! First in vogue came the dragging, ill-conditioned skirts. Who fashioned and formed these ugly garments? There they are, thousands and thousands of them, daily paraded up and down the sidewalk, log-sided, bedraggled, inefficiently held up by clatching hands, stumbled over and stepped upon by scores of awkward feet. These are the First in ugliness come the striped skirt, in ugliness at least, comes a certain cruelly common atrocity in the dress of women. It is the striped skirt, shapless, bulging monstrous thing, which makes the woman who wears it look like an unmanageable, half-exhausted balloon.

The North American Indians. If a people invades a strange country in which another people, like the white people in this civilization, have lived for a long time, one of two things usually happens: either the invaders absorb or exterminate the original inhabitants. In the case of the Romans in ancient times absorbed the numerous peoples which inhabited the Italian peninsula and brought them into the fold of Latin civilization. On the other hand, the Indians of Mexico and South America to a great extent absorbed the conquering Spaniards and Portuguese and lowered their level of civilization.

In the case of the Indians of North America, however, neither of the two things happened. It has always been a struggle with the English people in the colonial invasions all over the world never to mix with the inferior races of the invaded countries. That is probably one of the reasons why the British people of England's colonial policy. The invasion of North America offers one of the best examples of that policy, if strictly followed. The white invaders have fought bloody wars with the Indians, and have repeatedly resisted the forward march of civilization. Periods of bitter strife have alternated with periods of peace and friendly commercial relations. In spite of all that the invaders have not absorbed any considerable number of the Indians. There was no danger at any time that the Indian race would be exterminated, and the invaders would be debased by the Indians.

Why There Are Fewer Ministers. To those interested in theological education the statistics of the seminaries for the last six years have given ground for serious thought. These statistics indicate a steady decline in attendance, amounting, in some cases, to from 40 to 45 per cent. This anxiety was not allayed when one turns from the seminary stage of education to the collegiate and academic stages as regards preparations for the ministry. In all colleges and schools a decreased number of students is reported similar to the falling off at the seminaries. It appears, therefore, that the low point in the ebb has not yet been reached.

It has been alleged that the church has lost its hold upon the community; that it has been invaded by the spirit of materialism, commercialism and materialism, demoralizing the religious life of young men and rendering them unwilling to take up the trials of ministerial life. It is a question whether the church could survive Christian civilization. But why this commercialism, materialism of the past half century, should have invaded the church, I do not know. It is further alleged that a large number of ministers are dying, and that the number of students is falling off. It is further alleged that a large number of ministers are dying, and that the number of students is falling off.

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It appears that they had been out in Washington County, running the dogs and making a record for their performance. "There is the fastest animal that runs on four legs," said one of the men, as he pointed at a long, lank, slender English greyhound that turned toward us with a countenance fairly beaming with intelligence. "I don't mean a particular dog," he continued, "but I mean his variety, and he is not the slowest member of it by any means. We have just been trying him under careful training, and found that he went, when on full gallop, twenty yards a second. This means a mile in a minute and twenty-eight seconds a speed that comes very near that of a carrier pigeon and would leave far behind any quadruped that we know of."

"This is a matter that I have studied and know something about. There are few thoroughbred horses that can exceed sixteen yards a second, and I have known greyhounds to better that by four yards. Foxhounds have a record of four miles in six and a half minutes, or nearly eighteen yards a second. That is fast going, and as good as the most rapid of the hare family can do."

"This speed is to some extent an inherited gift from away back, for I have been informed that wolves can run all night at the rate of a mile in three minutes. Nansen says that Siberian dogs can travel forty-five miles on the ice in five hours."

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According to the last census, Iowa is the second State in the Union in possession of cattle, hogs, sheep and horses. There are 6,399,849. The Hawkeye State really ranks first in quality of cattle. Kansas comes third with 4,435,043 head. Iowa has nearly double the number of hogs of any other State, the figures being 9,991,055. Illinois coming next with 5,994,103 head. The Northwestern States produce the largest number of sheep, but Iowa has 1,059,715. But on a per capita balance, that State leads in horses, having 1,401,427 head.

While Joe Cook, accompanied by his brother, were on the train starting east for treatment for mental failure, he jumped from the train and sustained fatal injuries. Cook was a prominent and popular stockman of Adel, and a successful horse shipper. His brother is a head of the stock of Adel. It was a case of deliberate suicide.

Ed Evans, the Scott County jail breaker, has been captured at Walcott. He was arrested there for the theft of a horse. He was watched and overtaken by the sheriff of Adams County. He was taken to the jail at Davenport and escaped through the lock of the door while the jailer was in another part of the building.

The Shiloh commission appointed by Gov. Shaw will ask no more money at the hands of the coming Legislature. The twenty-eighth General Assembly appropriated \$50,000 for the purpose of marking the ground occupied by the eleven Iowa regiments in the battle of Shiloh, together with \$2,000 for expenses. This latter sum will not quite meet the expense of the work.

The Dear Little Thing. "Oh, psaw!" cried the young friend, "this dictionary isn't complete at all."

"What's the matter?" inquired her husband.

SOLONS SOON TO MEET

IOWA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ABOUT TO CONVENE.

Leading Feature of the Coming Session Will Be Bill to Redistrict the State—Northwest Wants More Legislators and Another Congressman.

The coming session of the Iowa Legislature bids fair to be about the usual length. There will be no contest over the two United States Senators, and, according to a Des Moines correspondent, Willard L. Eaton of Osage will be chosen Speaker by acclamation. There is more or less discussion over the other officers of the two houses, and a large number of candidates have come out for each of the offices.

The agitation for redistricting is growing all over the State, and it would not be surprising if several bills would be introduced along this line. The people of northwestern Iowa want more Senators and Representatives from the State. They want other Congressmen. Among the other questions that are to come up are Appropriations for the State. There seems to be a general sentiment among the people of the State that Iowa ought to be as well, if not better, represented at this exposition than any of the Western States. A large appropriation is probable, and the least sum that has been mentioned is \$250,000.

Large appropriations have been asked by all of the educational institutions, and they will probably secure plenty of money for the coming year. The board of control has asked for large appropriations for all of the State institutions. The aggregate is over \$1,000,000, a greater sum of which is for improvements in buildings.

It is probable that another bill for biennial elections will be introduced. Senator Thayer, who introduced the bill that passed the last General Assembly and was carried at the succeeding general election, does not return. It is understood, however, that a bill similar to the one which he introduced and which was declared not to have become a law by the Supreme Court because it was not entered in full on the Senate Journal will be again introduced. It is probable that it will carry. It is for the people of the State really very beneficial legislation.

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According to the last census, Iowa is the second State in the Union in possession of cattle, hogs, sheep and horses. There are 6,399,849. The Hawkeye State really ranks first in quality of cattle. Kansas comes third with 4,435,043 head. Iowa has nearly double the number of hogs of any other State, the figures being 9,991,055. Illinois coming next with 5,994,103 head. The Northwestern States produce the largest number of sheep, but Iowa has 1,059,715. But on a per capita balance, that State leads in horses, having 1,401,427 head.

While Joe Cook, accompanied by his brother, were on the train starting east for treatment for mental failure, he jumped from the train and sustained fatal injuries. Cook was a prominent and popular stockman of Adel, and a successful horse shipper. His brother is a head of the stock of Adel. It was a case of deliberate suicide.

Ed Evans, the Scott County jail breaker, has been captured at Walcott. He was arrested there for the theft of a horse. He was watched and overtaken by the sheriff of Adams County. He was taken to the jail at Davenport and escaped through the lock of the door while the jailer was in another part of the building.

The Shiloh commission appointed by Gov. Shaw will ask no more money at the hands of the coming Legislature. The twenty-eighth General Assembly appropriated \$50,000 for the purpose of marking the ground occupied by the eleven Iowa regiments in the battle of Shiloh, together with \$2,000 for expenses. This latter sum will not quite meet the expense of the work.

The Dear Little Thing. "Oh, psaw!" cried the young friend, "this dictionary isn't complete at all."

"What's the matter?" inquired her husband.

SOLONS SOON TO MEET

IOWA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ABOUT TO CONVENE.

Leading Feature of the Coming Session Will Be Bill to Redistrict the State—Northwest Wants More Legislators and Another Congressman.

The coming session of the Iowa Legislature bids fair to be about the usual length. There will be no contest over the two United States Senators, and, according to a Des Moines correspondent, Willard L. Eaton of Osage will be chosen Speaker by acclamation. There is more or less discussion over the other officers of the two houses, and a large number of candidates have come out for each of the offices.

The agitation for redistricting is growing all over the State, and it would not be surprising if several bills would be introduced along this line. The people of northwestern Iowa want more Senators and Representatives from the State. They want other Congressmen. Among the other questions that are to come up are Appropriations for the State. There seems to be a general sentiment among the people of the State that Iowa ought to be as well, if not better, represented at this exposition than any of the Western States. A large appropriation is probable, and the least sum that has been mentioned is \$250,000.

Large appropriations have been asked by all of the educational institutions, and they will probably secure plenty of money for the coming year. The board of control has asked for large appropriations for all of the State institutions. The aggregate is over \$1,000,000, a greater sum of which is for improvements in buildings.

It is probable that another bill for biennial elections will be introduced. Senator Thayer, who introduced the bill that passed the last General Assembly and was carried at the succeeding general election, does not return. It is understood, however, that a bill similar to