

NOTED PERSONAGES.

Premier Gladstone will propose a grant of \$125,000 to General Roberts for his services in Afghanistan.

Archibald Forbes, the well-known correspondent, is pleased with American humor, and is laying up a stock of good and funny stories to tell when he goes home.

Herr Wilhelm is quoted as saying that he will return to his home on the Rhine next May. His concert tour will end in California in April.

The Marquess of Landdowne, believing himself endangered on his Irish estates, has fled to England. He is a great secretary of state for India.

General Nelson A. Miles says that Sitting Bull is one of the best specimens of a crafty and unrelenting savage he has ever met and who is cunning rather than brave.

Mr. Clarence King, director of the United States geological survey, in his annual report says \$300,000 per year will be required to carry on all the work that is desirable over the whole United States, and suggests that an appropriation of \$1,000,000 be made for the purpose.

When the late Professor Watson, the eminent American astronomer, was a young man at college, and in doubt as to what his future calling should be, he tossed up a coin to see whether it should be medicine or astronomy, to both of which he was partial. Astronomy won, and Watson afterward became one of the world's famous astronomers.

The Emperor William, old as he is, killed 118 deer and wild boars during his recent hunting excursion at Letzingen.

General Garibaldi's body below the waist, is almost insensible.

Pope Leo XIII. has entirely recovered from the indisposition engendered by his constant confinement in the Vatican during last summer. Before he was elected Pope it was his wont to perambulate the beautiful mountains around Perugia every summer and keep constantly in the fresh air.

Mrs. Hicks-Lord, at last accounts, was the guest of Lady Dudley, at her English country home, and there is no likelihood that she will return home before next spring. She has discarded her mourning, and blossoms out in costumes that are said to be absolutely stunning.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Eastern and Middle States.

The following were the earnings of the New York canal for the last five years: In 1875, \$1,340,004; 1877, \$880,594; 1878, \$908,848; 1879, \$941,674; 1880, \$1,155,001.63.

Four more bodies—the last of the twenty victims of the disaster at the Jersey City office of the Hudson river tunnel—have been recovered.

Congressman Everts W. Parr, member of the present and the next House of Representatives, died at his home in Littleton, N. H., a few days since, aged forty years.

The cargo executed at the mint in Philadelphia during November amounted to 7,420,300 lbs. Of these, 158,410 pieces were eagles, 187,280 half eagles, 2,960 quarter eagles, 1,400 gold dollars, 1,000,000 silver dollars, 300 each of five and three-cent pieces, and 6,200,000 cents.

The biggest man in the world arrived in New York a few days ago on an ocean steamer. His name is Chang, he is a Chinaman, and his height is nine feet.

Mrs. Valeria G. Stone, of Boston, from the estate left by her husband has distributed more than \$1,000,000 among various religious societies. Mrs. Stone has also given \$500,000 to various and sundry charities, \$100,000 to churches and needy students and for the redemption of mortgaged homes.

The first translation of the Bible into the English language was commemorated a few evenings ago at the New York Academy of Music by a Weyliffe semi-millennial celebration under the auspices of the American Bible society. The principal feature of the celebration was an oration on "John Weyliffe and the first English Bible" by the Rev. Dr. Richard S. Storrs. Short addresses were made by ex-Governor Joshua L. Chamberlain, of Maine, president of the American Bible society, Cortlandt Parker and Enoch L. Penner. Many prominent clergymen and distinguished laymen were present, and the audience crowded the academy.

The New York surrogate has decided the contest over Frank Leslie's will by sustaining the will and ordering that it be admitted to probate.

Dunham & Sons, of New York city, the oldest piano manufacturing firm in this country, have failed.

During the four weeks' engagement of Sarah Bernhardt in New York the receipts of the theater at which she played amounted to close upon \$100,000.

The crew of life-saving station No. 4, near Long Branch, has been presented with gold medals by the government in recognition of their gallant rescue of the crew of a Spanish brig last February.

The Keamsville mills at Portsmouth, N. H., caught fire the other day, and in a short time the immense six-story structure was laid in ruins, entailing a loss of about \$500,000. One operative was reported killed and several more badly burned.

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Superintendent of the Census Walker reports that all but seven of the 31,255 enumerators have reported, and that the work is substantially complete.

A summary of the operations of the patent office during the last fiscal year shows that in the twelve months ending June 30, 1880, the office received 20,900 applications for patents for inventions, and granted 12,884, besides 496 "reissues" and 569 patents for designs.

The receipts of the patent office from fees of various kinds amounted to \$720,547, and the total expense for salaries and all other objects were \$538,926, showing a net revenue to the government of \$181,621.

The debt statement just issued shows the decrease of the public debt during November to be \$5,809,361.23.

Can in the treasury \$210,126,763 98 Gold certificates outstanding 7,420,300 00 Legal tenders outstanding 35,727,250 00 Certificates of deposit outstanding 5,524,000 00

Revolving certificates 944,520 00 Total 263,802,834 00

U. S. bonds of 1880 outstanding 11,255,000 00 The expenses taken from the treasury by warrants during November were as follows: Civil and miscellaneous \$8,152,288 97 War 4,922,420 00

Interior Indians 1,677,474 13 Interior pensions 4,205,145 00 Total \$15,861,229 00

The annual report of Secretary Schurz is largely devoted to Indian affairs. He says that although at first accepting the reservation policy as he found it, observation and study gradually convinced him that it was a mistaken policy; that it would be vastly better for the Indians to respect their home attachments; to leave them upon the lands they occupied and to introduce among them the habits and occupations of civilized life; to dissolve gradually their tribal cohesion and merge them in the body of the people as independent and self-reliant citizens, invested with all the rights which other inhabitants of the country possess.

The civilized and un civilized tribes together cultivated last year 482,738 acres of land, or about one and three-fourths acres to each man, woman and child, estimating the total Indian population at 250,000. Nearly two thousand freight wagons have been in use by the Indians this year, with the result of saving considerable money to the government. The number of Indian youth learning trades at the agencies has increased from 185 last autumn to 355 this year. The aptitude shown for mechanical work has in many cases been surprising.

The secretary speaks highly of the progress of education and notes as an important civilizing factor the organization of an Indian police force at forty agencies, consisting now of 162 officers and 653 privates. Secretary Schurz says that in his opinion the management of Indian affairs should continue to be entrusted to the civil and not to the military branch of the service.

Secretary Thompson says in his annual report that the amount available for the support of the navy for the last fiscal year was \$14,794,644.22. The expenditures were \$12,196,639.45. The number of navy pensions on the rolls June 30, 1880, was 3,330, and the amount paid during the year on account of pensions was \$752,771.97. The total amount available for the operations of the navy for the year ending June 30, 1881, is \$15,096,061.45, and the total estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1882, are \$15,953,761.61.

The secretary favors the policy of government aid to steamship lines, and suggests that vessels built for carrying the United States mail should be so constructed as to be easily changed into war vessels, and says that the number of vessels should be increased.

The following is a statement of the coins executed at the United States mints during November: Gold—pieces, 22,197; value, \$940,000. Eagles—pieces, 128,850; value, \$1,988,800. Half-eagles—pieces, 357,280; value, \$1,786,400. Quarter eagles, 2,960; \$7,400. Dollars, 1,000; \$1,000. Total gold—pieces, 622,720; value, \$4,744,200. Silver dollars—pieces, 2,300,000; value, \$2,300,000. Five cents—pieces, 200; value, \$1.00. Three cents—pieces, 200; value, \$6.00. One cent—pieces, 200; value, \$2.00. Total silver—pieces, 2,300,200; value, \$2,307,000. Total gold and silver—pieces, 2,300,400; value, \$4,750,200.

A fire at Durham, N. C., destroyed sixteen buildings and swept away property valued at \$100,000.

An international cotton exposition will be held in Atlanta, Ga., next October.

Daniel Smith, a colored man, after being sentenced by the court at Pulaski, Tenn., to twenty-one years' imprisonment for attempting to assault a young white girl, was taken from the hands of the sheriff by a crowd and banished.

John Callahan was hanged a few days ago at Wooster, Ohio, for murdering Benjamin Tormie at an agricultural fair in October, 1879. Callahan and others set upon a young man named Martin, when Tormie went to his rescue and was killed in the back by Callahan. Diphtheria has prevailed in a very malignant form in Grayson county, Va. In some families five and six persons died; and in one instance the whole family died.

At Excelsior, Iowa, John Livingston, while drunk, in pure wantonness killed Margaret Stewart and her two-year-old child, terribly maiming them.

By a railroad accident at Carey Station, Ill., two persons were fatally and thirteen others seriously injured.

Andrew J. Gillis, a young lawyer who some weeks ago shot and killed Miss Sigerson, sister of the New York assistant corporation attorney, and then escaped, was arrested at Cedar Keys, Fla. After his arrest he shot himself, dying soon after from his self-inflicted wounds. Before death he stated that he had shot Miss Sigerson by accident, intending to shoot himself in her presence that she might witness his death.

The remains of the late Lieutenant-Governor George B. Robinson, of Colorado, lately shot by mistake during some mining troubles near Leadville, were received in Kalamazoo, Mich., by a procession, and after lying in state there two days the body was taken to his mother's home at Plainfield.

The Piedmont and Arlington Insurance company, of Richmond, Va., has failed.

Charles Henderson, a colored man, was hanged at Friar's Point, Miss., for the murder of Thomas King in December, 1879. King was shot dead while trying to stop a fight between Henderson and a white man.

From Washington.

While the estimates of internal revenue receipts for the last fiscal year were only \$114,000,000, they actually reached \$123,982,000.

Chief English, of the bureau of recruiting in the navy department, reports that there were 7,322 men and boys in the naval service on June 30, 1880. The enlistments during the year to replace men discharged from service were 5,272. At the close of the fiscal year there were 1,168 boys in the service, 0.6 of whom were on training ships and 552 on cruising ships.

The annual report of the navy department shows that the United States navy is made up as follows: In commission—Steamers, 29; sailing ships, 4; monitors, 8; torpedo boats, 2; total, 43. In ordinary—Steamers, 18; sailing vessels, 8; monitors, 7. Receiving ships—Steamers, 3; sailing ships, 3; monitor, 1. Storeships—Steamer, 1; sailing ships, 3. On stocks—Steamers, 5; sailing ships, 1. One on the Naval Academy—Sailing ship, 1. All kinds of yards and stations of vessels, 159.

The people of Prescott, Ontario, are considerably excited over the discovery that a number of bodies have been removed from the cemetery. It is believed that the work of robbing graves has been carried on systematically for some time, and that a large number of corpses have been removed after being interred by sorrowing relatives.

An Austrian count has had a railway built on his domain which is propelled by balls.

At Toronto, Ontario, the bodies of Mrs.

Cary's children—two three years and the other five months old—were found burned to death. Their bodies were discovered lying in the middle of the floor, with the mother was so intoxicated she could give no information as to the cause of the tragedy.

The second treaty drawn up by the United States commissioners and the Chinese government provides that Americans shall not import opium or carry the opium coastwise or sell it.

London court of common council has received unanimously to present to General Sir Frederick Roberts the freedom of the city of London and a sword, in recognition of his services in Afghanistan. This honor has been conferred only upon a few persons.

The war against the Jews still continues with great bitterness in Germany. Newspapers are denouncing the Jews as pouring forth, tumults are taking place among the students, and an occasional fracas still occurs in the streets. A large number of eminent Jews will meet to consider steps to defend themselves. It is proposed to establish a journal to support their cause.

The situation in Ireland grows no better daily. The British Iron-clad Valorous has been sent to the coast of Ireland with small-arm ammunition and steam pinnaces armed with seven-pounders for river transit. The English government is prosecuting the publication of the Silgo Claspings for asking a tenant to leave his farm.

General Gordon says that of any other people in the world the people in the west of Ireland are worse than that of any other people in the world.

General Gordon has been inaugurated as President of Mexico with much ceremony.

Two new ocean cables are to be laid immediately between England and Nova Scotia, to cost when finished \$7,250,000.

The rowing match on the Thames between the crews of Canada, and Triquet, of Australia, resulted in favor of the former.

The insurgent Basutos, of South Africa, have been repulsed with great loss by the colonial troops.

An immense land league demonstration has taken place at Waterford, Ireland. The procession, which included various societies with banners, escorted Mr. Parnell to the place of meeting. Houses and ships were decorated with flags and the streets triumphantly arched. Four hundred police, 200 infantry and 100 cavalry were drafted for the town.

Length of the Human Step.

At a recent sitting of the French Academy of sciences, Monsieur Marey read a very interesting paper, giving the result of his experiments with a machine for measuring the length and rapidity of a man's stride in walking. Marey found that a number of circumstances modified the length of the step. The step is longer going up a hill than going down; longer for a man carrying a load than for one unladen; longer with low heels than with high heels; and longer for a man wearing thick soles and those which protect slightly beyond the toes than for one wearing short and flexible soles. It was found that while the heel might be lowered indefinitely without detriment to the gait, the sole could not be made perfectly rigid nor prolonged so far without interfering with the speed and ease of the wearer. Experience alone was able to determine the exact length and thickness necessary to produce the best results.

A Pastor Made Happy.

I have been greatly troubled with my kidneys and liver for over twenty years, and during that entire time I was never free from pain, and my general health was ruined. I visited both the Hot and White Springs, noted for the curative qualities of the water. I am happy to say I am now a well man, and can do my duty as a pastor and a citizen. My recovery has been effected by the use of Dr. W. Ross' Kidney and Liver Cure. With such glorious results I can only say that I am a happy man, and that I can do my duty as a pastor and a citizen.

Coal Run Crossing, Ark.