

PROF. SWIFT thinks that his new comet was eight million years getting here.

A MERCHANT was fined \$25 at Frankfurt, Germany, for using a Bible quotation to head an advertisement.

At Quito, the only city in the world on the line of the equator, the sun rises and sets at 6 o'clock year round.

JAY GOULD carries in his purse a ten-cent piece which he declares was one time all that stood between him and a dead-broke condition.

It is estimated that 3,500,000 theater tickets are sold in the country every week at 50 cents each.

The Salvation Army believes in the use of printers' ink. It publishes sixty weekly newspapers and five monthly magazines, with a total annual circulation of forty-five million copies.

Mrs. REED, lady manager of the world's fair for Maryland, has established a system of classes in American history in the schools of that state, and offers as a prize a free ticket to the fair for the best scholar in that branch.

The young grand duke of Hesse, grandson of Queen Victoria, who succeeded his father a few weeks ago, has commemorated that event by pardoning one hundred and seventy-nine criminals who were serving terms in the penitentiaries of Hesse-Darmstadt.

INVESTOR EDISON received in one instance a fee of \$40,000 for his opinion as an electrical expert. He was employed by the company organized to bore the Niagara power tunnel to examine the ground, study conditions and plans and give an opinion as to the feasibility and practicability of the work.

KING MALETOA of Samoa is not paid his salary (\$25 a week) with regularity enough to keep him in easy financial condition, so he has been leaving his wives to do washing for the well-to-do white residents of Apia, things do not improve the king will wash his hands of the whole royal business.

JAMES RICHARD COCKE, who recently graduated at the Boston university school of medicine at the head of his class, is the first person totally blind from infancy to receive the degree of M. D. He has been a diligent student and reader of anatomy for eight years past and obtained 98 per cent on his examination.

The grade of the high school commencement and of the speaking society given at the school is here, and the sound of the pink sash, neatly adorned with a blue ribbon, is heard in the land. Now we shall have to endure our greatest annual misery after having cleaned—that of listening to sorrowful discourses on "Withered Hopes," "Blasted Expectations," "Unfulfilled Aspirations" and the "Vanities of Human Existence."

The new cable between Africa and Brazil will be completed by the last of July. It will be 2,300 miles in length. It will be of varying thickness, weighing fifteen tons per knot at the shores and about three tons in middle ocean. The copper wires are bedded in gutta percha around which is a band of steel wires covered with rosin. It is estimated that since the first submarine cable was invented 100,000 miles has been laid.

ONE of the most interesting exhibits in the government building at the world's fair will be a display of uniforms, tents and flags in use in the United States army since 1776. This display is being prepared in Philadelphia, and Henry B. Thompson is in charge. He says that the uniforms were made entirely by Americans and of American materials. There is a collection of at least twenty-five flags, and these alone are valued at \$8,000.

The enabled goblet presented by the czar to Capt. R. W. Sargent, of the steamship Indiana, in recognition of the part taken by him in bringing the relief cargo of flour to Philadelphia to the starving peasants of Russia, has been received from the state department by Mayor Stuart, of Philadelphia. The goblet is a beautiful specimen of the jeweler's art. It is almost entirely of solid gold and studded with many costly gems. Several inscriptions upon it in the Russian language indicate the reason for the gift.

The census report of fisheries on the great lakes contains figures which prove that fishing in the interior of this continent is far from being merely the pastime which some people suppose it to be. About 100,000,000 pounds of fish are caught each year. They are valued at first hand at \$2,500,000, but cost much more than that to the consumer. They are captured by nearly 7,000 persons regularly employed in the business, who use boats valued at \$700,000. The other apparatus used is valued at \$1,500,000. It is figured we are raising two pounds of fish to the acre in the lakes each year.

QUEEN VICTORIA is colonel of one of the German cavalry regiments by appointment of her grandson, Emperor William, and now that personage has conferred a similar honor on another female representative of royalty, Queen Regent Emma, of Holland, with her 12-year-old daughter, heiress to the throne, who is visiting at Berlin and William has named Emma colonel of the first regiment of foot guards, to which all the Hohenzollerns nominally belong on first entering the military service. The German style of conferring military titles on women is limited by the Salvation Army.

The statement was recently made in a London journal that half the population of Vienna have no permanent or regular homes. Many live in boarding-houses, but the larger proportion occupy furnished rooms, taking their meals at restaurants or having their food brought to them. A similar state of affairs exists in Paris and Naples, and is gradually increasing in London. The like is true in New York, Chicago and other American cities. That which is known as the European plan of living is, at least in some of its details, fast becoming general in the large towns in this country.

LEONIDAS T. STACCHOUSE, representative of the Sixth South Carolina district, died suddenly in Washington. He was serving his first term, to which he was elected by a majority of 86,670 over E. H. Deas (rep.). Mr. Stacchouse was a native of South Carolina, and had been a member of the Fifty-second congress, his predecessors having been Kendall, of Kentucky; Ford, of Michigan; Spolina, of New York; Gamble, of South Dakota; Hook, of Tennessee, and Lee, of Virginia.

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DURING a riot at a colored picnic near Memphis, Tenn., three negroes were killed and a dozen were seriously injured.

The National League the percentages of the baseball clubs for the week ended on the 18th were: Boston, .672; Brooklyn, .597; Philadelphia, .577; Cincinnati, .550; Cleveland, .550; Chicago, .530; New York, .490; Washington, .480; Pittsburgh, .455; Louisville, .404; St. Louis, .358; Baltimore, .294. The percentages in clubs of the Western league were: Columbus, 730; Milwaukee, 611; Toledo, 514; Kansas City, 512; Omaha, 448; Indianapolis, 258.

GRIFR HIS PORTION. Ex-Secretary Blaine Again Feels the Heavy Hand of Death—His Son Emmons Expires After a Brief Illness in Chicago—And Thus Is Ended a Promising Career.

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The loss of life has been very heavy—how heavy will not be known for several days, as railway trains are abandoned because of washed-out tracks, and roads, bridges and telegraph wires are wholly impassable and telegraph wires are in such a tangle that it will be impossible to put them to rights in several days.

The loss of life in this county will probably be ten, and that elsewhere will bring the total up to nearly seventy, if not more. Besides this the loss to buildings, crops and railroad property is estimated at \$300,000. The Root, Zumbro and other rivers of southern Minnesota are raging torrents.

Most of the people received wounds, and scores of them were in the country they entered would torture them by exposure to cold wind and rain and lack of surgical attendance. The storm will entail great hardship upon those who lost their all, although crops are not injured.

WELLS, Minn., June 17.—A most disastrous hurricane swept over this county Wednesday night, destroying everything in its path. Its course was from north to south. Houses, barns and machinery were blown down, and property was totally wrecked and a large amount of stock killed. The cyclone was accompanied by a great electrical display.

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The trail of the storm is marked by ruined houses, devastated farms, dead and mangled men, women and children. The groves of trees surrounding farm houses were laid low—in many cases not a vestige remains of houses, barns or stock; everything fell before the terrible tornado. Horses and cattle have been found many miles from where the tornado caught them in its grasp.

At Wells, Minn., during the passage of the storm, which lasted about fifteen minutes, the air was full of rubbish of every description—scantlings, boards, window sashes, chickens, ducks and geese were whirled about in the grasp of the current 300 feet above earth. The cloud rose and fell at intervals of a quarter of a mile, and dozens of houses were wrecked at every swoop. The dead and injured in the Polish settlement, about 8 miles northeast of Wells, cannot now be estimated. So far as known the list of deaths in this neighborhood number eighteen. It is probable the list of dead is much larger than now known. The injured recorded thus far number twenty-seven.

Albert Lea reported the list of dead in Freeborn county difficult to ascertain, but so far as known numbers eleven. The injured list is a long one, while the destruction to property is great as the path of the cyclone was through the richest farming section of the state. Blooming Prairie also reports great damage in that vicinity, but no loss of life.

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