

New York and Brooklyn will begin married life with property whose assessed value is \$2,593,324.829. They ought to be happy.

There are now seven Methodist bishops that were born in Ohio, viz: Merrill, Thornburn, Joyce, Walden, Foster, Cranston and McCabe.

MARK TWAIN, who is lecturing in South Africa, will bring back a few pieces of crystallized carbon known as the diamond of commerce.

The crania has become a colonel in a German regiment. When she practices with a gun the target gets inside the ancient armor of his ancestors and prays hard.

The bicycle is the best temperance orator in the land. Bicyclists are not accustomed to stop at every saloon "to wood and water." A beer-fuddled head has no business on a wheel.

The trial of a man who stole a fiddle has cost New York state \$10,000. It is perhaps the most expensive case of robbing the law since the occasion on which Nero fiddled at a fire in Rome.

The annual rainfall in the basin drained by the Mississippi river is 78, 000,000,000,000 cubic feet. The clouds propelled by the winds carry all this water inland, mostly from the gulf.

JACOB OPPENHEIMER, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has been sued by his wife for divorce, says that the trouble grew out of her joining a woman's lodge and staying out late at night. See? It's coming.

The new illuminated life buoy is a humane invention. The unfortunate are directed to it by the brilliant light it carries, and are saved. It has been adopted for use in the United States navy.

A NEW glass has been manufactured that, while it allows the free passage of light, is a decided check to heat. In an experiment it was found that a glass plate four-tenths of an inch thick allowed but 4-6-10 per cent. of radiant heat to pass through it. Ordinary window glass lets 80 per cent. of heat through.

ABOUT 2,000 miles of railway are under construction in Japan, and the London Times says there are signs that American engineering and material will be preferred to English hereafter by the Japanese. Our Oriental neighbors will make no mistake when they order their railway iron, locomotives and war ships in this country.

DR. KNAPP, in the Century, shows that the American branch of the Anglo-Saxon race is not the nervous, lantern-jawed class that English critics have loved to picture. In fact, take us all around. Dr. Knapp would soon conclude that the American stomach can whip its weight in strawberry short-cake and patent medicine and never turn a hair.

THE silly young woman who married an Indian named Chaska a few years ago and who dreamed of amalgamating the red and the white races and ushering in the era of universal brotherhood, has come to grief like the rest of her tribe. Chaska, who was a squaw, who, no doubt, suited his course much better, and the once enthusiastic wife is supporting herself and three children by washing.

A SAVANT with an unpronounceable name, residing across the water, has discovered a means of proving the existence or absence of true love by photography. He photographs the electric sparks which jump from the tips of the fingers to those who truly love each other. No spark, no true love. Pshaw. This spark theory is as old as the hills. Being universally admitted, what is the need of photographing it? Besides, records of youthful folly are extremely embarrassing when they turn up in later years.

AN Englishman in Washington at dinner declined to eat an egg in the shape and color of the American flag. This he did because he held it to be bad for to absorb the national emblem. The incident was significant as showing the difference between the British idea of patriotism and our own. Englishmen lift their hats when their flag is carried past and rise when the national anthem is played in theaters and music halls. No true Briton, in trade or out of it, would use the flag of his country for advertising purposes.

ANOTHER Central American revolution has been suppressed—namely, that in Nicaragua. The losses on both sides were about 400. President Zelaya's army numbered 2,000 and the clerical insurgents had about 2,000. The duration of the war was about eight weeks. Now all is calm in Nicaragua until the next revolution occurs, which may be next week or next year, no one can tell. For a wonder there are no revolutions now in all Central America, but it may be confidently anticipated that business will be resumed before long at the old stand.

A MILITARY court at Berlin a few days ago sentenced Count von Kotze to two years imprisonment in a fortress as a punishment for his duel with Baron von Schröder, which resulted in the death of the latter. Dueling appears to be altogether too fashionable in German military circles to accord with the enlightened standards of civilization, but such punishment as that inflicted on Count von Kotze ought to tend in a great measure to make it less so in the future. The only correct view to take, however, is that the penalty for killing a man in a duel should be as severe as that for ordinary murder.

THERE are living 11 ex-governors of Vermont. The venerable was governor of the state, Frederick Hubbard, Brattleboro. George W. Hendee, of Morrisville, filled out the remainder of the term of Peter T. Washburn, who died in 1871, and John W. Stewart, of Middlebury, was governor from 1870 until 1875, when Redfield Proctor was elected. His successors, all of whom are living, were Russell Farnham, of Bradford, John L. Barstow, of Shelburne, Samuel E. Placere, of Hartford, Ebenezer J. Ormsbee, of Brandon, William P. Dillingham, of Waterbury, Carol S. Page, of Hyde Park, and Levi K. Fuller, of Brattleboro.

Epitome of the Week.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

The Proceedings of the First Session. Washington, May 21.—The senate yesterday passed the fortifications appropriation bill and defeated a proposition of Senator Gorman for the issue of \$100,000,000 of three per cent. treasury certificates to meet prospective deficiencies.

In the house the immigration bill was passed. It adds to the classes of aliens excluded from admission to the United States all persons between the ages of 16 and 69 years of age, except parents of persons living in this country, who cannot both read and write English or some other language.

Washington, May 22.—After agreeing to a conference report on the senate yesterday Senator Butler's bill prohibiting the issue of government bonds without the consent of congress was brought up and caused a lively discussion, but no action was taken. In the house the bill granting a pension of \$30 a month to Francis E. Hoover was passed. The president's veto by a vote of 196 to 87.

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Washington, May 23.—Saturday in the senate was consumed by the "dilled cheese" bill and the second installment of the speech by Senator Allen (pop. 2543) of the latter bill to prohibit the issue of bonds without the authority of congress. On the ground that the dilled cheese bill was a revenue measure several amendments to raise revenue were offered, but all failed. The calendar was cleared of all the private pension bills. In the house the conference reports on the river and harbor bill and the executive, legislative and judicial bills were adopted. Mr. Leonard (pop. Ala.) failed in an attempt to secure consideration of a resolution to impeach President Cleveland on eight counts.

FROM WASHINGTON. The internal revenue receipts for the past ten months aggregated \$121,660,770, an increase over the like period of 1895 of \$1,095,195.

Minister Taylor was instructed by Secretary Olney to make vigorous protests to the Spanish government relating to recent reports prohibiting the exportation of tobacco from the island of Cuba on the grounds that it amounts to a practical confiscation of goods in Cuba owned by Americans.

The exchanges at the leading clearing houses of the United States during the week ended on the 23d aggregated \$91,230,029, against \$1,019,000,278 the previous week. The corresponding week in 1895 was \$1,018,000,000.

In the United States there were 227 business failures in the seven days ended on the 23d, against 224 the week previous and 207 in the corresponding period of 1895.

Official statistics of the production of salt in the United States during the year 1895 show the total production was 12,605,549 barrels, valued at \$1,222,706, an increase of 600,500 barrels over the previous year, but a decline of \$300,000 in value.

THE EAST. Resolutions were presented at the Presbyterian general assembly in Saratoga, N. Y., denouncing Sunday excursions, Sunday baseball games, Sunday theaters, Sunday bicycle pleasure riding and the great loss of gain, which amounts to thousands against their will to work on the Lord's day.

At the age of 69 years ex-United States Senator William A. Wallace, of Pennsylvania, died in New York. He was senator from 1875 to 1881.

Abbey, Schaefer & Co., controlling the Metropolitan opera house and Albee's theater in New York and the Tremont theater in Boston, failed for \$200,000 assets, \$200,000.

The election of officers of the American Baptist Missionary union resulted at Astory Park, N. Y., in the election of Rev. Henry F. Colby, D. D. of Ohio, as president.

Representatives of the baseball clubs in the National League for the week ending on the 24th were as follows: Cleveland, 277; Cincinnati, 245; Boston, 227; Pittsburgh, 209; Baltimore, 222; Chicago, 218; Philadelphia, 217; Washington, 193; Brooklyn, 171; New York, 373; St. Louis, 307; Louisville, 233.

Near Boston the schooner Mary Sprague collided with an unknown schooner and sank her and nine men and one woman were drowned.

John Goldman, Theodore Chelton and John Fox were drowned in the Delaware river by the capsizing of a boat. All were residents of Philadelphia.

WEST AND SOUTH. Populists of the Second Tennessee district nominated William G. Oliver for congress on a free-silver platform. The democratic state convention at Columbia, S. C., declared for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of sixteen to one and the delegates to Chicago were instructed to vote for Senator Tillman for president.

Republicans of the Eighth Indiana district nominated Charles H. Henry for congress.

In Sevier county, Tenn., white captives went to whip Rufus Eggle, a peaceable farmer, and he shot Hinton Barnett, the leader, dead, and fatally wounded three others.

In East Los Angeles, Cal., Charles M. England, a young attorney, killed his wife and then committed suicide. No cause was known.

Seven miles south of Emporia, Kan., a cyclone swept over the wheat, corn and orchards and crops ruined by a cyclone. A cyclone passed through the Osage reservation in Oklahoma, devastating farms and ranches and killing a number of people.

A boiler in the Davidson Bros.' sawmill near Marietta, Ill., exploded, fatally injuring Thomas and Eugene Davidson and Frank Barran and wounding six others.

Wyoming democrats in opposition at Laramie elected free silver delegates to the national convention.

At Grayson, Ky., James Dewitt was hanged for the murder of his wife on November 14, 1895.

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"I say, Mike," said he to his fellow laborer, "and do you know what these fellows are saying?"