

Miscellaneous News.

Three Hundred Indians on the War-path. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 8.—Lat-est reports from the seat of the Black-foot troubles in the northwest territory indicate that about 300 warriors have donned their war paint, and serious trouble is anticipated.

Assistant Secretary Porter to Resign. WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Assistant Secretary Porter said that he will tender his resignation in a few days. He leaves the department of state with the best feeling for all of its officials and is fully influenced to adopt this course by reason of Mrs. Porter's ill health and other reasons purely personal and private. He will return to his home in Tennessee upon the relinquishment of his office.

District Caused by Drought. SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 8.—Great distress from drought is reported to exist in this county. The people in the rural districts have been reduced to poverty bordering on starvation. The planting in the field for help that the more advanced, the institutions of charity to assist the destitute.

Robbery and Incarceration. LAWRENCE, Miss., Sept. 7.—Twenty days ago a bold robbery was committed in the town of Kilm. N. Decker, farmer, sold one of his farm horses to a man named John H. Decker, who has been arrested in connection with the robbery. In the afternoon, Mr. Decker went to a spring for water, leaving a six month old child in the house. Upon returning, when in sight of the dwelling, she observed smoke issuing from the second story window. She called to her son, who had been playing in the yard, and he told her that the man who had been seen in the house was gone.

Robbery and Incarceration. KOKOMO, Mich. Sept. 8.—Tuesday's raid is a godsend to the people of this section, for they have been scourged by fire and sword for weeks past. On Tuesday it was but certain that the village of Topsham must also be the scene of the outbreak at Bull post-office was only saved by a change of wind. Many of the stores had their clerks removed to a place of safety. Nearly every water cistern in this part of the state has been burned, and only the specimens of the settlements have prevented disaster that would have wiped out of the Huron peninsula a few years ago. On Tuesday a strip of country three miles wide by ten long was burned over, and was fought at every step by the settlers. The smoke has been so thick that the other side of Lottick lake has been invisible a large portion of the time, and visitors never know two and three miles. At present, however, a heavy storm and much rain are scattering the fires.

Poor Handy. We associate with pleasure that the man mentioned in the following tale was ridden on a rail and stuck in a mud puddle, when the facts of the case became known to his friends. As a reward for her twenty-five years of labor on his farm, he had taken his wife to a dress. When the homestead man came around the old lady looked wistfully toward it and said to this champion man man: "That's my side, ain't it, paw?" "I reckon so," said "paw." "Just look at them elephants, now." "I looks like it might be right good, side, her eyes fixed on the homestead." "Looks like feelin' raw; and the best of 'em made me ain't it staff to put into one's stomach." "Looks like it might be right good, side, her eyes fixed on the homestead." "I ain't dry, paw." "Well the show won't last more'n an hour, I reckon, so then we'll have a good will."

How She Married the Same Man Twice, Fifteen Years Apart.

About 15 years ago, on board a dancing barge, when a big Tammany excursion was holding high carnival, Morris Curran had drunk more fire-water than was good for him, says the Ulster (N. Y.) Observer. He got to fooling with some young girls from one of the upper wards of New York. "I want a nice little wife," said he, "which one of you will have me?"

A mischievous little girl, whose father was on board anchored at the bar, spoke up and wanted to take out her freedom papers and knew of no better way to escape her parents than to get a husband. "No time like the present," said Curran. "Here's a man who will marry you, and he called to a fellow who was passing. After a little more badinage the Tammany man made the proposing partners to take hold of hands. He went over a form and pronounced them man and wife. Just then the girl's father came up, and there was a discovery. Curran and little Della were married, sure enough, for it was Justice Ledwith, from Jefferson market, who had performed the ceremony. A scolding ensued, in which broken heads and torn clothes were conspicuous. The father hurried home with his child, and early next morning sought the office of Charles Spencer, the criminal lawyer. A divorce suit was started, and Justice Ledwith was married to another girl.

His daughter, Della, had been married to a man who had been a partner in the business of her father. She had been married to a man who had been a partner in the business of her father. She had been married to a man who had been a partner in the business of her father.

WHAT THE NEIGHBORS SAID. The idea some people have of Saratoga is a famous Watering Place. From "Anecdotes of Saratoga," by John A. ... The neighbors received the news that she was going to a waterin' place, and with ill-concealed envy. "Early morning," he would want to go down to waterin' troughs at our age. "And I told him it was a waterin' trough, and if it was, I thought our age was just as good as any, to go to it. He had the impression that Saratoga was an immense waterin' trough where the country all drove themselves down to be watered. He is dead as a hemlock post, and I jellied up at him just as loud as I did, for fear of breakin' open my own chest, that the water got into us, instead of our gittin' into the water, but I didn't make him understand, for I heard afterwards of his sayin' that, as high as he could make out, we all got into the waterin' trough and was watered. The school teacher, a young man, with long, small arms, and some pimply on his face, but well meaning, he said to me: "Saratoga is a beautiful spah."

Getting His Hand In. The other day, from a top-story back window in the Lewis block, a gentleman was observed on a neighboring roof diligently casting a trout-flying into the waterless waste around him. "What on earth ails the man?" said one; "can't imagine he's down the river." "Maybe he's gone fish crazy," suggested another. "Or asleep," ventured a third. Then the office boy came to have a look. "Hub, that's it, isn't it?" said he; "why, he's otty practicing. He's going up in the Canadian woods in a week or two, and he's getting into shape." The gentleman continued to cast and recover until his shadow stretched eastward over the house tops 50 feet, when he disappeared down the scuttles.—Buffalo Courier.

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INTERESTING VARIETY.

The city of Boston has over twenty-two thousand inhabitants above ten years of age who can neither write nor read. It is estimated that 10,000,000 acres of timberland are annually used in this country in the supply of wood for lumber and fuel.

An artificial wood made from straw and rendered thoroughly fire and water-proof is among the latest productions of American enterprise. An elevated railway line in New York City one day recently transported 571,412 passengers, an excess over the usual number of 14,000, the receipts for the day being \$28,770.

A RHODE steamboat on the Mississippi river recently landed on one trip 31,288 tons of coal. This would require 2,000 freight cars and 50 engines, if shipped by rail and was the largest load ever taken by a single boat down the river.

This statement of the Postmaster-General of the United States shows that the force employed by the department numbers fully 95,000 men. This is undoubtedly the largest number of employes under one civil official in the world.

It is estimated that the total amount of money in circulation in this country is \$1,250,000,000, or \$125 for every man, woman and child in the United States.

It is said that in Portland, Me. there is a man with a false nose, a glass eye, but three fingers and one thumb, one ear, false teeth, false hair and a cork leg. For all this he is the liveliest man in Portland. He walks ten miles every day, and survives them all, and has refused five chances to get married a year, so he says, since he lost his last wife, about a year ago.

THE ONLY known instance of a priest's setting as a freeman was that of Rev. Edwin Collins, of Cincinnati, who some time in the forties not only joined a free company, but rendered active and efficient service at sea. It certainly must have been a strange sight to see a man in the garb of a priest, and with spectacles on his nose, mingling with the freemen in their dangerous work.

WHAT THEY WERE LIKE, we give her Certificate. When she was a child, she used to Certificate. When she became a woman, she used to Certificate. When she started to marry, she used to Certificate.

Asking Too Much. The party from the Doan's house started at 3 a. m. to go to a peak from which a view of the sunrise could be obtained. They wandered around until 12:30 trying to find the peak; then they wandered around until 5 p. m. trying to find the hotel. Then they became hungry and weary and impatient, as summer boarders will sometimes become, and the boldest of them—a dark brown, silent man, who seemed to be perfectly devoid of fear, and who, it was reported, had once committed a murder, and as some one said, had even asked the waiter not to change his seat at the table during the meal—now asked the guide timidly: "Do you know in which direction is the hotel?" The indignant guide turned on him like a lion at bay: "Gaul starn it, no! I don't know nothing about whar we be; I ain't ever guided in these parts till this summer. Dew you 'rept a man to learn the hall state of Maine in one trip?"—Brooklyn Eagle.

Gypsies as Horse Traders.

But the main dependence of American gypsies is upon horse trading and dealing. Every gypsy man, woman and child is a master of horse lore and horse care, and of horsemanship. A lad of 12, or less of 15, is a trader, a jockey and a veterinarian. A large number of animals besides those in actual use always accompany the band. These are traded, sold, or their numbers added to, at a moment's notice. Of the keenness, cunning and wonderful proficiency of this race in horse care, trading and dealing, I could relate innumerable incidents. But it is an interesting general fact in this regard, that gypsies are gradually taking the place of all others as middlemen between the farmers of our country and our final markets. Nearly all the draft horses used in our large cities are gathered together by gypsies from farmers in straight for money, cared for a little time, got into excellent form and training, and then sent to the city dealers, who, supposed to belong to other races, are gypsies themselves. Not only is the famous Tattersall, of London, who has bought nearly all the nobility of England, with thoroughbred studs, a gypsy, but three of the largest horse markets in this country, in Boston, New York and Washington, are owned and conducted by gypsies.

It is said that a man in a newspaper office in New York is a gypsy. He is a man who has been in the office for many years, and is known to all the editors and reporters. He is a man who has been in the office for many years, and is known to all the editors and reporters.

THE reason that so many gold leaf signs on glass rail off, and a pointer as he passed in putting on some gold leaf on a sign, is that some don't pay enough for the work. Those signs don't last long, and they are always poor.

THE query as to what protection the minority of civilized persons can have against the majority, recently made an amusing incident that happened in 18—

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