THE CENTRE REPORTER

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FROSTS IN THE WEST.

Chicago, May 29.—Special dispatches from Janesville, Beloit, Oak Creek, Fond-du-Lack, Racine and other points in Wisconsin, and from Freeport, Ill., report a severe and blighting frost which has done very considerable damage to the crops, particularly the corn.

Cleveland, May 29.—Dispatches from all over northern Ohio indicate that the frost last night did great damage to the fruit, vegetables and grain.

Lancaster, Pa., May 29.—There was a heavy frost in this vicinity last night, ice forming in many places. In some places the young tobacco plants were frozen hard, inflicting serious injury to the new crop.

Reading, Pa., May 29.—Reports from various points in this section indicate that during the night there was a severe frost. In some places ice was formed ¼ inch thick. Potatoes and garden vegetables were somewhat damaged.

Chicago, May 29.—A dispatch from Rockford says a heavy frost visited that section last night, doing great damage to growing grain and vegetables. Corn in many places is ruined and it is too late to plant again.

FIVE MEN KILKED IN A FACTORY.

Troy, N. Y., May 27.—A terrible explosion at Waterford last evening caused the loss of five lives and did much damage to property. It was not a boiler this time, but a bleacher in a straw-board factory of Moore & Wilson that did the damage. At the time of the explosion there were nine men employed in and about the building, and the wonder is that any escaped, as the entire establishment was wrecked, the building falling into a mass of ruins. A force was at once put to work to rescue the men buried in the debris.

It is said to be an open secret that the British Government has lately come into possession of most alarming information regarding the condition of affairs in the Soudan. Strenuous efforts are made to keep this information from the public, but it is known that El Mahdi's emissaries are successfully engaged in breeding discontent among the Egyptian soldiers who are garrisoning the Soudan. Military experts say that sooner or later there is bound to be a wholesale mutiny of the Egyptian troops, accompanied by massacres of the British officers, as in the Sepoy rebellion of 1858, which like the present rising in the Soudan, had a quasi-religious basis. It is estimated that El Mahdi's force includes 5,000 soldiers of the Egyptian regular army. Some of these men were captured after the defeat of Hicks Pasha, and willingly changed their allegiance to El Madhi. But the great number have come to his standard by the steady flow of desertions from the Soudan garrison, which has been in progress for the past seven months.

THE FATHER OF 27 CHILDREN.

Seneca City, S. C., May 25.—Near this place there lives one of the largest families in the United States. Mr. Joel Vaughn has been married four times. His last three wives were widows, all of whom had children by previous husbands, respectively eight, seven and four, a total of nineteen. These four wives bore Mr. Vaughn twenty-seven children, which, added to the nineteen children, gave Mr. Vaughn control of forty-six children. There are thus seven different sets of children. The old man is now 80 years of age, and his youngest child is an infant.

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NINE WORKMEN BURIED IN A TUNNEL.

Ligonier, Pa., May 29.—Knupps tunnel on the South Pennsylvania railroad, was the scene of a terrible accident by which nine men were instantly killed and eleven others seriously injured, with slight hopes of recovery. A large force of men was engaged in excavating the tunnel about 100 feet from the main entrance when a heavy scaffolding gave way with the above result.

SMALL POX AT ASHLAND.

Ashland, Pa., May 30.—Small-pox still continues to spread. The borough authorities have built a hospital, which is now almost filled. Three new cases have been developed to-day. The disease has broken out at Girardville, Centralia and intermediate points. No cause for spread of the disease can be assigned, save the carelessness of the people. The residents of the entire valley are alarmed.

Hon. L. A. Mackey, of Lock Haven, having positively declined to be a candidate for the legislature in Clinton county, that leaves only two candidates in the field—A. W. Brungard and A. H. Strayer. They both belong to Lock Haven and both are anxious to go to Harrisburg.

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Baltimore, May 30.—Soon after 2 o'clock the weight of the cotton stored in Hooper's building, No. 37, South Gay St., caused the structure to collapse. A lot of people were in and about the place at the time, and several were killed. Eight bodies have been recovered from the ruins thus far.

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GOOD LANGUAGE.

As soon as a child begins to lisp its first broken sentence, its education should begin. Habits are formed which will exist to a greater or less degree throughout life. Such being the case, the conversation of the older members of the family should be carefully guarded, lest the little ones hear and learn ungrammatical expressions and slang, which, sad to say, is so rife among our young people of the present day. The servants, with whom children spend much of their time, should be chosen with reference to this matter. A mother should feel it her duty to point out any grammatical mistakes made by them, and insist upon their language being correct, respectful, and devoid of slang at all times. It is exceedingly difficult to break children of habits once formed, and care in this direction will save much trouble and annoyance. One way to cultivate the use of language, and at the same time to learn of the occupations and companions of her children, is for the mother to encourage the daily narration of what they have seen, heard, and enjoyed, and the telling of their little experiences. The study of pictures, moreover, in which every child delights, may be used as a great provocation of language. Children always love to look at pictures, and can almost always be induced to talk about them. This study teaches them observation, and how to accurately describe whatever they see. When stories are read to children they should be obliged to reproduce them, using as far as possible the language of the book. The memory is much strengthened in this way, a habit of attention formed, and the power of expression increased. If such plans as these are systematically carried out, they will prove a wonderful help in the thorough education of a child. The constant, careful teaching and kind suggestions of parents will accomplish a work which can never be performed by study, and in after years such early home training will show itself in a ready command of language, and an easy, graceful power of conversation.

LONG LIVES.

There is a belief among the East Indians that the elephant lives about 300 years, and instances are on record of the animals having been kept in captivity as long as 130 years, their age being unknown when they were first taken wild from the forest. Camels live from forty to fifty years; horses average from twenty to thirty, oxen about twenty, sheep eight or nine and dogs from twelve to fourteen years. It has been observed that, as a general rule, the larger types of animals live longer than the vertebrated classes—quadrupeds and birds, reptiles and fishes. Some kinds of birds attain a great age; the swan has been known to live 100 years, and it is recorded that the raven has exceeded that age; birds of prey attain to great longevity, and the eagle has survived a century. Parrots have been known to live sixty and as long as eighty years. Pheasants and domestic poultry rarely exceed ten or fifteen years. A tortoise was placed in the garden of the Archiepiscopal Palace of Lambeth in 1633, during the life of Archbishop Laud, and lived till 1753, when it perished by accident. Such batrachians, as the toad, are known to live about fifteen years. Fishes and animals that live in the water attain, in many instances, to a great age. The carp has been known to live 200 years. Common river trout have been confined in a well thirty and even fifty years. A pike has been known to live in a pond ninety years; and Gesner relates that in 1497 an enormous pike was caught in a lake near Heilbronn in Swabia, with a brass ring attached to it, recording that it was put in the lake in the year 1230; the ring is still preserved at Mannheim. The whale, it is said, attains to an age of about 400 years.

THE MIDGET SHEEP.

The very smallest of all the kinds of sheep, says a contemporary, is the tiny Breton sheep. It is too small to be very profitable to raise, for of course it cannot have much wool, and, as for eating, why, a hungry man could eat almost a whole one at a meal. It is so small when full-grown that it can hide behind a good-sized bucket. It takes its name from the part of France where it is most raised. But, if not a profitable sheep, it is a dear little creature for a pet, for it is very gentle and loving, and, because it is so small, is not such a nuisance about the house as was the celebrated lamb which belonged to a little girl named Mary. It would need to be a very large little girl—a giant girl indeed—who could take an ordinary sheep in her lap and cuddle it there; but any little girl could find room in her lap for a Breton sheep, quite as easily as for one of those very ugly little dogs called by the ugly name of pug. One of this little creature's peculiarities is its extreme sympathy with the feelings of its human friends, when it has been brought up as a pet in the house, and has learned to distinguish between happiness and unhappiness. If any person whom it likes is very much pleased about anything, and shows it by laughing, the little sheep will frisk about with every sign of joy; but, if, on the contrary, the person, shed tears, the sympathetic friend will evince its sorrow in an equally unmistakable way. A kind word and a loving caress will also fill it with happiness, while a cross word or harsh gesture will cause it evident distress.

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