he had with an acquaintance: "He said he used to write for the papers once and meeting an editor one WOODWARD & BROWN, day, the editor said he would like something from his pen," and says he, "what do you think I sent him?"

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AN IOWA justice of the peace refused to fine a man for kissing a girl against her will, because when the lass came into court he was obliged to hold on to the arms of his chair to keep from kissing her himself.

VANDERBILT is nearly eighty and never drank liquor.

CALIFORNIA boasts that severe and destructive storms of any kind are practically unknown on that side of the Rocky Mountains.

But they have earthquakes. MARY Corpse is the name of a London woman ninety-two years old. It is to hoped that she's a lively old

WHEN a New Hampshire juror finds himself unable to decide as to the guilt or innocence of the prisoner, he reflects that every convict in the State prison yields a revenue to the State of \$200 or \$300 per year. And then he hesitates no longer.

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JACOB Hodges, a ferryboat man on the Missouri river, has not missed but one day during the last eighteen years and he excuses that one day by saying that he had to go and see his brother hung.

WORK has been commenced upon a mammoth balloon in New York by Messrs. Wise and Donaldson under the auspices of the Graphic Company, the builders agreeing to make an aerial voyage to Europe. The expedition will start about the 20th of August.

Additional reports to the Agricul- The Elmira Advertiser. tural Bureau show that the yield of oats and rye will rule above the average throughout the country. Indeed a majority of the States show an increased average and a better yield of both crops.

A CLERGYMAN in Wisconsin, while drunk, cruelly beat his little son, eleven years old, on the evening of Saturday, 12th inst. The neighbors interfered but were told to mind their own business and not until the man was arrested was the boy rescued.

AT a recent meeting of Trinitarian Congregational ministers of Massachusetts, Rev. Mr. Turner, of Hyannis, told the following: The Universalist church in Hyannis was struck by lightning. The nearest bell was on the Baptist church; but when they applied for the key the old Baptist sexton refused. "He was not going," he said, "to interfere with the will of God." The church was consumed.

A FORT Garry dispatch says that bail has been refused to Hay, Keegan, Fletcher and Blakely for kidnapping Gordon and the prisoners were commited for trial at the October term of the Court of the Queen's bench. Merriman was admitted in \$4000 bail for his appearance for trial at the same court.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE cleared \$20,000 on her State Prison last year and now several wealthy capitalists in the State want to go into the State Prison business and have applied for charters and permission to rope in convicts.

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how high a chicken roosts. My friends, if there is any man whom from the bottom of my heart I pity, it is the man who believes that all mankind are cheats and swindlers and who considers life merely a game of grasping and griping. If there is any young man for whom I feel deep regret, as for a young man sure to fail, sure to live and die wretchedly, it is the young man that goes forth in the world believing that the only motives in this world are selfish motives. Depend upon it per copy. that selfishness is not the only motive in this world-nay, it is not even the strongest motive.-Prof. A. D. White.

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