

PARAGRAPHIC.

—There are fifty species of owls. —Heavy showers, like heavy drinks, begin with little drops. —Nebraska has twelve hundred miles of railroad, with several new lines under way. —One million bushels of peanuts, valued at \$2,000,000 arrived in New York city last year. —Five head of cattle on a farm in Early county, Ga., were recently killed by one stroke of lightning. —Michael Reifsnnyder, aged 92 years, and the oldest citizen of Berks county, died at Reading on Thursday. —The New York Herald, to keep abreast with the times, puts it thus: "Fine promises olemargines no parsnips!" —By the will of Charlotte Harris, who died a few days ago, the Charleston Branch of the Boston Public Library will receive \$10,000. —Boston can boast a lower percentage of moisture in the air than any other place in New England, according to the observation of the signal corps. —Edwin Booth's is one of the half dozen names which appear on the list of contributors to the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford. His subscription is \$500. —The tree under whose branches the Blackhawk massacre occurred, years ago, is still standing in Chicago, and it is now proposed to enclose it in a fence and preserve it. —The New York Tribune complains that the dangerous habit of sleeping on the roofs of houses is frequently indulged in at present by the poorer classes of that city. —The promoters of the Liberian emigration scheme claim to have enrolled the names of 30,000 colored persons in the State of South Carolina who consent to emigrate. —The new German University established at Strasburg has about 700 students, those of theology being the fewest, numbering only 40, against 170 in medicine, and a still larger number in philosophy. —Some idea of the value of the oldest printed books may be formed from the fact that the contributions to the Caxton exhibition sent from Earl Spencer's Athorp library alone have been insured for \$275,000. —Permission is to be given to French soldiers in future to wear spectacles, as in the German army. Medical men have urged upon the Government that good glasses greatly ease sight, and even strengthen it. —Of the twenty-three persons who left New Haven, Conn., for the Black Hills last March, all have returned except three, and a majority of the party lost all their money, and had to tramp part of the way home. —According to the Chairman of the Grand Trunk Railway that road has lost \$4,750,000 in two and a quarter years from competition, and railways in America have lost \$47,000,000 in the same time from the same cause. —The Madras, India, famine has brought a curious misfortune in its train. There are scarcely any leeches to be had, the tanks from which they are generally obtained having all run dry. Patients cannot be bled, and the despair of the doctors is agonizing. —The invention of an India rubber fish-worm is announced, and hereafter the poor, unoffending sucker and catfish, like their littler less fortunate brethren, the trout and the pickerel, are destined to fall victims to their misplaced confidence in the honesty of man. —California sent abroad 301 cargoes of wheat and flour during the year ending June 30, valued at \$18,437,500. It was a remarkable year. The statement would have been even better yet, however, except for the war advance in wheat, which stopped the export entirely during May. —It is reported that the Southern Pacific Railroad Company have engaged a quarter of a million eucalyptus trees. The company will plant the trees along the line of their track, and will use the timber, when sufficiently grown, to replace the ties as they wear out. —Large numbers of persons from all parts of the country are attending the "Gospel Camp Meeting" of the Women's National Christian Temperance Association, now being held at Ocean Grove, N. J. The presence of Francis Murphy, the temperance reformer, is a prominent feature of the meeting. —John Texter, who farms 1,900 acres in Berks, Lebanon, and Lancaster counties, Pa., with extensive crops to harvest, does not own a mowing and reaping machine, but cuts his grass with a scythe, and grain with the sickle and cradle. He and his son are old-fashioned in every respect. —The Emperor of Russia has been leading a very simple life at Ploest. He worked without ceasing, signing hundreds of documents daily. Every document must be read over to him, for he will give no signature which is merely mechanical. To the entreaties of his servants to take things more easily he has always the same answer: "I am neither old enough nor ill enough to relieve myself from my obligations." The Czar reached his fifty-ninth year on the 23d of June. His dinner is served regularly at 12 o'clock noon, after which he takes a drive, usually with the Crown Prince. —The Mussulmans of India are beginning to take great interest in the war between Russia and Turkey, and feelings of sympathy with the Turks are spreading rapidly among them, and daily growing more intense. Subscriptions are being opened in most large towns, and are increasing in amount. In some cases even the women are offering their jewels and ornaments in favor of the cause. Public prayers for the Sultan are offered in the mosques, and pamphlets and proclamations, coming chiefly from Mecca, have been circulating largely among the Mohammedans. The movement appears entirely free from political motives, and is due wholly to religious impulses.

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