

ITEMS.

An organ that has just been built in Germany is believed to be the largest in existence. It counts 174 registers and is worked automatically by an O. to gas motor of four-horse-power.

Captain A. P. West, of Leesville, S. C., writes to the Fish Commissioners that he recently drew off his carp pond and found that the infant carp placed therein three years ago had grown to lengths of from twenty-two to twenty-five and a half inches and weighs from five and a half to ten pounds.

North Dakota's coat-of-arms is a shield draped with the American flag depending from the beak of an eagle. In the back ground are a range of hills and the chimney of a smelting-furnace; in the center is a river on which is a steamboat, and a train of cars are rounding a bluff.

It is said that glass is gradually beginning to take the place of wood and iron in the construction of bridges in England. The inventor makes blocks of glass, which he hardens by a special process.

In account of a want of cemetery accommodations and the proximity of her burial-grounds to the populous quarters the Municipal Council of Lisbon has passed a resolution by which the cause of cremation will be advanced.

The story is told of Senator Vance, of North Carolina, that soon after his second marriage he remarked to his bride: "My dear, I'm a stubborn fellow and you may anticipate trouble."

The estimated power of a horse, as applied to machinery, is that of lifting or carrying 150 lbs. (avoir.) at a rate of 220 feet per minute, or 33,000 pounds, at the rate of one foot per minute.

The King of Siam, who is only a boy of twenty years, has allowed his finger nails, it is said, to grow until they are more than a foot in length. This deformity reduces the monarch to a state of absolute helplessness.

"Yes," said Mrs. Brownsmith, "I want a good girl, and possibly you might do; but have you had any experience?" "Experience, is it?" replied the damsel, resting her hands on her hips and tossing her head in the air.

"Why didn't you deliver that message as I gave it to you?" asked a gentleman of his stupid servant. "I did the best I could, sir." "You did the best you could, sir, did you?" imitating his voice and look.

A couple of pickpockets followed a gentleman for some blocks, with a view of availing themselves of the first opportunity to relieve him of his purse. He suddenly turned into a lawyers office.

General Rosecrans.

A Colored Man's Notion of the Rights of His Race.

General W. S. Rosecrans, Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee, is in receipt of a letter, dated October 17, from Mr. Lee Nance, an intelligent and well informed colored resident of Washington, in which the writer considers at length the recent decision of the Supreme Court and the status of his people as affected by it.

"Speaking of myself, I would say I am bothered more about how and where I am to get the money with which to pay for a square meal than I am about where I shall eat it. I want money. I will take it, if you please, in the shape of bright silver dollars and yellow gold eagles."

Mr. Nance also believes in the legal and political equality of the races. That is firmly established. He believes further that the races have a common identity of interests, entering into all pursuits of life, and that it becomes the colored man, instead of wasting his strength and sacrificing his independence in an absurd struggle for social rights, which will regulate themselves, to look after his own material welfare by the same methods and for the same objects that all other men pursue.

"Your peoples route to independence and respect is strict attention to education of the children. First elementary, sufficient for them to be able to read and write, and next for industrial and moral education, so they can be independent. Democratic good will will be better law and a better guarantee of equality of rights than any that can be gotten by contention."

Refusing to Wed.

Strange Conduct of a Bridegroom from Philadelphia.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 3.—A large congregation was gathered in the Church of the Sacred Heart, this morning, to witness the marriage of Eugene Lynch of Philadelphia, to Miss Catherine T. Mul chey, arrangements for which have made unusual stir in the younger circles of the Catholic population for several days past.

The bride that was to be is the daughter of a prosperous Irish American with a wide circle of friends. The presents were numerous and costly, and the floral ornaments in the church elaborate. Nine o'clock was the appointed time for the ceremony. A few minutes after that hour the clergyman who was to officiate dismissed the amazed friends of the bride with the announcement that there would be no wedding to-day.

A Startling Prophecy Fulfilled.

The other day, while a party of newspaper correspondents were seated in the office of Judge Advocate General Swain, there walked into the room a neatly dressed colored woman. She looked the general firmly in the eye, and asked: "Have you found any more work for me, sir?" General Swain replied that he had not.

He said: "This woman came to my house the night before President Garfield was inaugurated, from South Carolina. She persisted in seeing me, and when she came in she entered precisely as you saw her a few moments ago. Looking me full in the face, and never taking her eyes from mine, she said she knew that President Garfield was to be assassinated, speaking earnestly and without any hesitation."

Judge Black's Bad Memory

The late Judge Gere Black was very careless in money matters. An incident is related by one of his intimate friends that is characteristic of the dead jurist. During the first year of Judge Black's career as Attorney General, said my informant, "I was a frequent visitor at the Department of Justice."

Startling Probabilities

It is estimated that the United States will contain 150,000,000 people fifty years hence. The natural increase of population, as judged by the tables of the past, in conjunction with the swelling tide of immigration from Europe, will accomplish this marvel of national growth.

COMPARISON, in no less than reality, makes men happy, and can make them wretched.

The Mormon Question.

Recommendations and Opinions of the Utah Commissioner.

WASHINGTON, October 30.—The Utah Commissioners, in their second annual report, submitted to-day to the Secretary of the Interior, say that "a marriage law enacted by Congress would be an efficient auxiliary in the suppression of polygamy."

The Commissioners are satisfied that, owing to the peculiar state of affairs in Utah, the Territorial law of woman suffrage is an obstruction to the speedy solution of the vexed question of polygamy.

"It has been asserted" the report continues, "that polygamic marriages have increased since the passage of the Edmunds Act"; on the contrary, we have the opinion of many Mormons and non-Mormons that they have comparatively decreased since the passage of the said act.

King Alcohol's Sway in England.

To get a just idea of the extent of King Alcohol's sway in this realm, your reader should see and study George Cruikshank's painting of the National Gallery on "The Drinking Custom of Society." The picture there drawn traces the human being from the cradle to the grave, and reveals him in all the various social and business relations of life.

The family domestic, in negotiating for a place, inquires as carefully after the daily quantity of beer allowed as about the wages, while in higher life the practice of drinking is so generally indulged, and up to quite recently was carried to such excess, that it is not long since the common way of speaking of one much the worse for liquor was to remark that he was "as drunk as a lord."

The women of England drink as generally as the men, and with as little conception that there is any harm in so doing. To see ladies of refinement regale themselves from brandy flasks while traveling on the trains is a sight that surprises only stranger, and such thousands of the most respectable of this sex do not scruple to stand with their husbands at the public-house bar, and even to take their children to these places.

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