

Lynn, Mass., is the first city in the world in the manufacture of boots and shoes, and particularly those for ladies and children.

Not including Alaska, Brazil is in extent than the United States; it possesses within its limits an area of 3,294,964 square miles, with a population of 12,333,275.

In the report of the directors of English convict prisons is a curious account of the devices to which prisoners resort in order to obtain admission to the infirmary. It seems that prisoners almost invariably exaggerate their symptoms to such an extent that detection of the imposture becomes easy.

A number of the fast Atlantic Ocean record breakers have been laid up during the winter months. It is said that they can only be run at a profit during the summer, when the travel is great. The City of Paris, which has broken all records, however, will continue to run throughout the winter, next spring and summer.

During the past ten months England has imported 301,249 hundred weight canned meats from the United States, 52,244 hundred weight from Australia, 22,388 hundred weight from Belgium and 122,420 hundred weight from other countries. The receipts from the United States were 95,630 hundred weight greater this year than last.

Captain M. V. Bates, better known as Barnum's Kentucky Giant, was married recently in Troy, N. Y. He stands seven feet eight inches in height and weighs about 400 pounds, while his bride is nearly three feet shorter, and weighs a little more than 100 pounds. Both are in comfortable circumstances, and Bates owns several fine farms.

One of the foreign Catholic divines who rode on the Congressional limited from New York city to Baltimore thought that one of the strangest sights he had seen in the country was the eating of dinner on a train going at the rate of sixty miles an hour. We are known abroad as a nation of fast eaters, remarks the Washington Star, but foreigners are not prepared to see us eat at the remarkable rate of a mile a minute.

The dangerous accident in British Columbian waters to the Amphion, the finest vessel in the large British squadron, seems to show one thing very conclusively, and that is that the rules of the service compelling officers of war ships to pilot their own vessels in inland waters ought to be changed. Had there been a pilot on board thoroughly familiar with the winding passages through the maze of islands, the violent tide rips or whirlpools, and the other things which render navigation between Victoria and Vancouver excessively dangerous in time of fog, the lives of the Governor-General, Lord Stanley, and his party would not have been endangered, and the commander of the Amphion would not have been unhappy to-day.

The big ship Great Eastern is receiving her coup-de-grace on the banks of the Mersey, in England. She has been dismantled and her stranded hull is being broken up for old iron. The old leviathan of the deep has had an unsuccessful career. Her launching thirty years ago was attended with a frightful disaster, ten men being killed by the explosion of her steam box. She was never a successful sailer, and proved a disappointment to her builders as an experiment in ship construction as well as unprofitable to her owners. She was 691 feet long, eighty-three feet wide, sixty feet deep and 22,500 tons burden. In the opinion of the Washington Star, her fate proves the impracticability of ships of her size, and it is safe to say that we shall not look upon her like again.

A short time ago the papers had an account of a man who showed his wonderful powers by mesmerizing, or hypnotizing a person, but was unable to restore the subject to her normal condition. Fortunately, observes the Chicago Herald, there was an experienced hypnotist near by to undo the work of the exhibitor. But there might not have been, and the subject of the experiment might have remained mesmerized for a week, or until assistance could be had. Thanks to the work of some French and other European scientists, hypnotism is now one of the recognized means of relieving disease. It is now established on a scientific basis. Like all other means of treating sick people and disease, it is a dangerous thing when used by unskillful and ignorant persons, and its use by such persons can but tend to bring it into disrepute as a curative agent. The exhibitions of mesmerism should be discontinued as against the feelings of humanity and public propriety. A public exhibition of the effects of hashish would probably be interesting to a few people, but would at the same time be dangerous. The same is true of mesmerism exhibitions.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Eastern and Middle States.

WHITNEY & Co., New York dealers in woolen and silk goods, have failed for \$500,000.

PETER CLAUSSEN, a lineman of New York city, while on a pole repairing a wire was killed by a heavy fall for thirty minutes before it could be taken down.

CLAUS SPRICKLE'S big sugar refinery, with which he intends fighting the Sugar Trust, has begun operations in Philadelphia. It cost about \$3,000,000 and has a capacity of 2,000,000 pounds of sugar a day.

It was decided that no delegation from New York city to Washington until Congress should have taken up the Exposition bill. Mayor Grant issued another appeal for subscriptions.

THE American Federation of Labor met in convention at Boston.

OLIVER JOHNSON, the prominent anti-slavery agitator and newspaper writer, died at his home in Brooklyn.

THOMAS N. HART, Republican, has been re-elected Mayor of Boston by about 5000 majority.

ALL the schools of Marlboro, Mass., were closed owing to the prevalence of diphtheria.

THREE United States internal revenue gaugers have been arrested in New York city, and two others indicted for extorting money from merchants on the ground of expediting the gauging of spirits.

At the inquest in the case of the five men killed at the National Line Pier, New York city, a verdict of accidental death was rendered. Richard Johnson, one of the victims, was shown to have left three widows.

EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND urged ballot reform and Henry W. Grady discussed the race problem in the South at the banquet of the Boston Mercantile Association.

A CAYENNE merchant at Rundy's coal mine near Buller's Junction, killing an unknown man and fatally injuring Frank Hauff, both miners.

THE Pan-American Congress adopted the report of the Committee on Committees, and elected two Vice-Presidents.

PRESIDENT HARRISON and Vice-President Morton were present at the opening of the Chicago Auditorium, the largest opera house in America. The President made a speech of congratulation. The great edifice cost \$3,000,000.

THE Capital Loan and Investment Company, which was organized about six months ago at Lincoln, Neb., with a capital stock of \$10,000,000, has gone into voluntary liquidation.

A BOILER in Dean & King's sawmill, near Birmingham, Ala., exploded, killing three men.

COLONEL JUSTUS H. RATHBONE, founder of the Order of the Knights of Pythias, died at Lima, Ohio. He was born at Deerfield, N. Y., in 1829.

A TRAIN ran off the track at Watertown, South Dakota, causing the death of the engineer, fireman and brakeman.

WILLIE JOHNSON, aged twelve, of New Haven, Ky., shot and killed Tommy Ford, aged fourteen. The two had quarreled and Ford was attacking Johnson.

WHITE CLAY, at Holyoke, Col., horse-walker J. S. Bennett and W. D. Kelsey, two prominent attorneys of that place. The horse-throwing is the result of a county seat war.

W. C. CHESTERMAN, a conductor, was run over and instantly killed at the depot in Norfolk, Va. His foot got caught in a frog and he was killed.

TIGHTMAN McDERMID, a school teacher, and his wife have been drowned in the White River, near Shoals, Ind.

THE Indians on the Great Siyaton Reservation, in South Dakota, have voted to sell 1,000,000 acres of land at one price, and to use this large tract at once open to settlement.

A WORKING train on a logging road ran into a washout near Whitesboro, Cal., and was badly wrecked. The engineer and section hand were killed and the fireman badly scalded.

SEVERAL houses were swept away and one man drowned by a cloudburst in Santa Cruz County, Cal.; rain had been falling all over the State for eleven days, and the Sacramento River was alarmingly high.

THE First National Bank of Abilene, Kan., has suspended. Liabilities, \$110,000; assets from all sources, \$87,000.

SEVERAL men deserted a cabin on a ranch not far from Coolidge, Kan., the dead bodies of a man and his wife were found, who had evidently been murdered for their team of horses.

South and West.

THE South Carolina Civil Rights law, which provided that the same accommodation must be furnished for both races by railroads, hotels, theatres, etc., has been repealed by the State Legislature.

THOMAS SPOONER was hanged at Port Allen, La., for the murder of Seth Seaverling, and Carter Williamson for the murder of his wife at Dorseyville, La.

A BOILER at Randall Brothers & Co.'s sawmill, Covington, Tenn., exploded, completely demolishing the building and killing fireman Jones and Mr. Stewart, one of the firm. Two of the employees were seriously injured.

HARRY WALTERS fell into a vat in which he was boiling maple syrup at Union Springs, Ala., and was scalded to death.

So serious has the epidemic of diphtheria in Canton District, Va., become that the County Board of Health has directed the erection of a large hospital in the afflicted district, and will send a competent staff of physicians to take charge of it. Many deaths have occurred.

THREE magazines, containing ten tons of nitro-glycerine, were blown up at North Clarendon, Penn. Three oil derricks were wrecked, twenty-five thousand barrels of oil burned, and windows shattered for a distance of a mile around. Loss \$70,000.

THE American Federation of Labor in session at Boston made provision for a strike fund in preparation for the demand for the eight-hour day on May 1.

ANOTHER man has been killed by an electric shock in New York city; and a vigorous onslaught was made on the overhead wires by city officials, with the result that the town was left in comparative darkness by night.

A FLOOD in the Conemaugh River carried off several bridges and did other damage at Johnstown, Penn.

THREE men were killed by a coal train running through an open drawbridge over the Overpeck River near Hackensack, N. J.

MISS ERTA DUBOIS, of Dover, N. H., while walking on the track in the railroad yard, was run over and killed by a shifting car.

PRESIDENT HARRISON, ex-President Cleveland and Justice Fuller will participate in the centennial celebration in New York city of the first sitting of the United States Supreme Court.

FRANKLIN B. GOWEN, ex-President of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, committed suicide at Wormley's Hotel, Washington, by shooting himself in the head. He was a prominent Philadelphia lawyer.

A PORTUGUESE force in Africa, under Serpa Pinto, picked a quarrel with a savage tribe called Makololo, and butchered hundreds of them.

DURING the progress of an anti-Semitic meeting at Vienna a riot occurred between the Radical German Nationalists and Austrian Conservatives. Five of the participants were injured.

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A PANIC'S AWFUL RESULT.

Another Disaster in Ill-Fated Johnstown.

Many People Trampled to Death in a Theatre.

Johnstown, Penn., the city of disasters, has had another horror. It came in the night, and though its dead and injured victims do not number more than one hundred, all told, it came upon them with even less of warning or preparation than the awful deluge of May 31. Twelve persons at least were killed and thirty-five seriously injured as a result of a fire panic at the Johnstown Opera House, which was opened to the public only a week or two ago. Stetson's 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' was the play, and there was a large audience present, considering the very limited means which Johnstown people now find at their command for any kind of amusement purposes.

During the performance the cry of 'Fire' was raised. To a people among whom any sudden warning might mean very much, to those who had passed through the flood and had not forgotten its horrors, this cry was on every lip in an instant. Terrified and panic-stricken the hundreds of people in the audience rushed, over seats and struggling bodies, toward the one means of exit. There was only a single, narrow stairway, and over one another, headlong, the frightened people tumbled, regardless of the consequences.

By 1:45 o'clock A. M. nine dead bodies had been recovered from the wreck of the stairs and auditorium, and dozens upon dozens of the injured had been assisted to doctors' offices for treatment, for relief and restoration. By 2 A. M. ten dead bodies had been counted, and it seemed as if the number might yet be swelled, possibly doubled. The number of injured at that hour had reached thirty-five, and there had been only the most superficial and hasty of searches for either the rescued or the dead.

It was found necessary to turn a stream of water on the crowd from a fire engine to force it away from the doorway below, so that the wounded could be taken out.

When the jam was cleared the following persons were found dead upon the stairs: Miss Clara Burns, Mrs. Nester, George Horner, Charles Fiam, Mrs. Lister, John Miller, A. Weiss, John Wymann, Richard Worthington, Isaac Tolar, John Carr and an unknown woman.

Among the seriously injured were Charles Vaughn, Albert Owens, and a man named Weinger. There were about thirty others injured.

The alarm was false, and there were many threats against the unknown man who started it.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

MYRON W. WHITNEY, the famous basso, was a bricklayer seven years.

Mrs. LANGTRY has been playing at Dublin, Ireland, in 'The Honeymoon' and 'The latest debutante in Paris' Miss Langtry, a high soprano of great bravura faculty.

ANNE LLOYD, a bright and well-known child actress, has signed to support Barry and Fay in 'Irish Aristocracy.'

'A LIFE'S SECRET,' a new four act melodrama by Charles M. Delmont, is to receive its initial performance at Chicago.

The curtain for the Chicago Auditorium, the latest opera house in America, cost \$15,000, and is the biggest in the world.

LEW DOCKSTADER, unable to make a combination of minstrelsy and comic opera play, has given up his little New York theatre.

It has been decided by the managers of Bronson Howard's latest play, 'Shenandoah' to make the proposed London production of that play at the Princess Theatre.

The Grand Duke of Oldenburg has written a drama in three acts entitled 'Schloss Farsburg,' to be brought out at the theatre of Farsburg, Germany. The author pays all the expenses of production.

GILBERT and SULLIVAN's new opera, 'The Gondoliers,' has been produced at the Savoy Theatre in London. The opera was a big success. It is lighter and 'catchier' than 'The Yeoman of the Guard.'

LILY BELMORÉ, of Wilson Barrett's company, has received no less than four offers from American managers to break her present engagement. She says she will do nothing sensational but will stick to her contract.

MR. PATTI was engaged at the Covent Garden, London, in 1861 at the magnificent salary of \$75 for each performance, or about \$2000 for the entire season. She is to receive during her present American engagement \$5000 per night.

GEORGE ATKINS, an old-time actor, who has visited every part of the world during his time, died in New York, recently, of consumption. Atkins was the original Greppo in 'The Black Crook,' having been brought from Europe by Jarrett and Palmer to play the part.

There is much joy in the world of the English comedians on account of a decree which has recently appeared in the Journal Officiel, to this effect: 'M. Mounet-Sully, sociétaire of the Comédie Française, is appointed chevalier in the order of the Legion of Honor.' This is the first time that an actor has been decorated exclusively for his artistic services.

THE YEAR 1890.

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Eclipses for 1890.

- There will be three Eclipses this year, two of the Sun and one of the Moon—neither of them visible in the United States—and a Lunar Eclipse.
- 1. A Lunar Eclipse, June 3. The nearest approach of the Moon to the Earth's shadow occurs at 1h. 57min. morn., Washington time. Whether a contact of the Moon and the Earth's shadow (Umbral) will occur is uncertain, owing to the uncertainty of atmospheric conditions. If a contact occurs it will be visible throughout the United States.
- 2. An Annular Eclipse of the Sun, June 17, visible generally through the eastern continent.
- 3. A Partial Eclipse of the Moon, November 26, invisible in the United States.
- 4. A Central Eclipse of the Sun, December 11, visible in the Indian and Southern Oceans.

Morning Stars, Evening Stars.

- Venus, until February 15, and after December 3.
- Mars, until February 9, and after February 9.
- Jupiter, from January 19 to May 1, and after Saturn, from August 30 to December 8.
- Saturn, until August 30, and after December 8.

Planets Brightest.

- Mercury, January 10, May 8, August 21, and December 23, setting after the Sun; also February 26, June 26, and October 18, rising before the Sun. Venus, October 22, Mars, May 27, Jupiter, July 30, Saturn, February 15, Uranus, April 1.

Season for 1890.

- Winter begins December 21, 1889, and lasts 89 days.
- Spring begins March 20, 1890, and lasts 93 days.
- Summer begins June 21, 1890, and lasts 94 days.
- Autumn begins September 22, 1890, and lasts 90 days.
- Winter begins December 21, 1890.

Church Days and Cycles of Time.

- Septuagesima Sunday.....February 2
- Sextagesima Sunday.....February 9
- Quinquagesima Sunday.....February 16
- Ash Wednesday.....February 19
- Quadragesima Sunday.....February 23
- Mid-Lent.....March 16
- Palm Sunday.....March 29
- Good Friday.....April 4
- Easter Sunday.....April 6
- First Sunday.....April 13
- Second Sunday.....April 20
- Ascension Sunday.....May 15
- Whit-Sunday.....May 25
- Trinity Sunday.....June 1
- Corpus Christi.....June 15
- Advent Sunday.....November 30

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

ALL the police in England number 37,000. PETROLEUM has been discovered in Queensland, Australia.

No attempt will be made in Washington to build a State house for five years.

The total number of paying visitors to the Paris Exhibition was 25,000,000.

MARYLAND'S 488 cotton factories employ 25,000 men and 100,000 women.

The heaviest losses in the recent \$5,000,000 fire in Boston fall on English insurance companies.

HOG CHOLERA is prevalent in Kansas. In Greenwood County alone the losses run up into the thousands.

ECRU has an epidemic of influenza. Thousands of people in the leading cities are afflicted with the disease.

FREDERICK KRITZ, the German gun-maker, has given his company \$100,000 to help build themselves houses.

Mrs. MARY TAYLOR, the heroine of 'Mary had a Little Lamb,' recently died in Somerville, Mass., aged eighty-three.

The French Government has forbidden the sale in Paris of Bonlangers' photographs, which were everywhere displayed last summer.

The Russian Minister of the Interior is preparing a scheme to check the increasing immigration into Russia, especially of Germans.

The French railways during the six months of the Exposition earned \$17,000,000 over the earnings during the corresponding period of the previous year.

The Russian Government is building a railroad across Siberia to the Pacific Ocean. There will be 4000 miles of track and 2300 miles of river transportation.

An average of a million letters are delivered by post in London every week day. In the city districts there are twelve postal deliveries every day except Sunday.

The engineers of the Water Board in Boston reports that there were 22,000,000 gallons of water used for fire purposes in the city during the last three days of November.

It is expected that a law will soon be enacted by the present Chamber of Deputies in France, by the terms of which all foreigners residing in France will be subject to a heavy tax.

The largest landowner in the world is Mrs. Emma Forsythe, the daughter of the former American Consul at Samoa. She has a plantation of 150,000 acres and employs 500 people.

There has been a great snowstorm through all central Germany. All the Thuringian railways, as well as all those in the Rhine provinces, were so obstructed that travel was for the time at an end.

According to the report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, there were manufactured in the year ending June 30, 1889, nearly 280,000,000 more cigarettes than during the preceding year.

It is the intention of the Austrian Government to pass stringent laws with reference to emigration. Agents who are found guilty of fraudulent representations will be liable to a sentence of five years' penal servitude.

The bears that a famine would prevail in the Malabar Presidency, India, have been averted. There has been a slight rainfall there, and supplies of food were received from the north, where