

The Secretary of the Treasury has made a ruling which is in effect that cigars are not tobacco.

A writer describes Kodiak Island, Alaska, as larger than either of the New England States, with a genial climate capable of producing many varieties of fruit.

Thirteen members of the new United States Senate are natives of New York, Ohio comes next with eight of her sons in the Senate, while Pennsylvania and Kentucky have six each.

India silks are as cheap in Boston as in Calcutta, and they do say, whispers the Boston Transcript, that most of the charming "Indian" fabrics now for sale on the bargain counters are made in Manchester.

Bradstreet's makes the statement that "out of 31,000,000 pounds of cottonseed oil produced in 1888, 70,000,000 pounds were used in the mixing with lard, and that the competition with this bogus product has reduced the price of pure lard from ten down to six cents a pound.

There is quite a little society war in England over the wearing of cockades by servants. When the custom began, the cockade on a servant's hat signified that his master was either in the army or navy. Now it signifies nothing, and military men are inclined to assert their prerogative to the exclusive right to adorn their servants' hats with cockades.

The old furniture mania has reached a second and, in the estimation of the New Orleans Times-Democrat, more rational stage. At first the rage was for old furniture, simply without reference to its quality. Now people are more discriminating, having learned that in the good old days there were bad or dishonest workmen, just as there are to-day.

According to a census bulletin, the ratio of land and water surface is 98.16 and 1.84 per cent. respectively. This bulletin also gives the area of the States and Territories by counties, and the classification of the latter by sizes. The average number of persons to each square mile of the land surface of the Union is 21.08.

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The New Orleans New Delta is convinced that "this country is suffering from indiscriminate immigration."

The Russian Government is contemplating an international congress, to be held at Moscow, to consider matters relating to education.

General Pacheco, Mexican Minister of Public Works, has resigned his post to establish an industrial colony at Motzorongro, where he will teach Mexican boys to raise sugar.

Grain farming, as such, according to the New Jersey State Board of Agriculture's report for 1890, must be abandoned, the State being destined to become agriculturally a market-garden.

A San Francisco newspaper learns that a company has been organized in San Diego for the purpose of importing fine cabinet woods from Central America and Mexico. They intend to tie the logs into rafts and tow them to San Diego by means of powerful tugs.

On apparently good authority 4559 books were published in 1890 in the United States and 5735 in Great Britain. Of these, 3180 and 4414 were new works. The Republic stands well in the comparison with its mother, comments the Washington Star.

Japan may be said to beat the world in the actual power of her heavy Canon guns. They have recently been subjected to the severest tests at Havre, and no expense has been spared to render them sure and effective.

Theodore Child's Impressions of the Argentine Republic, as published in a recent number of Harper's Magazine, were not altogether flattering to the people of that country. He could find in the life of the citizens of Buenos Ayres no poetry, no sentiment, no generosity...

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ACROSS THE CONTINENT.

The Daily Progress of the Presidential Train.

Reception of the Party at Various Points En Route.

The Presidential train arrived at Texas-Kana at 11:30 o'clock on the fifth night on the road. The station was thronged with people. The run from Little Rock was marked with enthusiasm at all stations on the route. This was especially the case at Malvern, Ark., where the President was honored with a display of fireworks and a serenade.

The Presidential train arrived in the quiet city of San Antonio, Texas, at 9 o'clock of the seventh morning of the tour in the midst of a driving rain storm. The streets were in a terrible condition, and the programme was altered considerably on that account.

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FOUGHT THE SHERIFF.

Rioting and Bloodshed in the Pennsylvania Coke Regions.

Sheriff McCormick, of Fayette County, Penn., had a desperate battle with the coke strikers on a recent morning at Leisearing No. 3, also known as the Monarch works of the Frick Company.

Three members of a family going overland from Tennessee to Texas, were fatally poisoned by coffee in which a mountain centipede was boiled.

MUTILATED THE ENVOY.

The King of Gambia Sends Back the Englishman in Bits.

News has been received in London, from Bathurst, West Africa, capital of the British colony of Gambia, that the native King of Gambia has committed a number of depredations and inflicted abuses from which the British colonists were sufferers.

The incident was a savage somewhat unceremoniously informed the Governor that "this was the King's answer."

STALWART COWARDS.

Fought Each Other for Their Lives While the Girls Drowned.

At low tide the water in St. John's (New Brunswick) harbor runs out like a mill race, and just at Reed's Point pier, where the steamer Dominion lies, are the swiftest eddies.

The men fought among themselves for the ropes, and while the girls were clinging to the stern and crying for help a couple of these cowards fastened the lines to themselves and were hoisted up. Two of the girls, Ethel Allen and Nellie McAllister, were drowned.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Eastern and Middle States.

BARON HIRSCH has purchased a tract of land near Ridgway, Penn., on which to establish a colony of Russian Hebrews.

FERDINAND MEYER, aged seventeen, committed suicide at his home in Philadelphia, Penn., by shooting himself through the heart because his mother would not buy him a new suit of clothes.

FOUR carloads of Pinkerton guards arrived in the coke regions of Pennsylvania. All were heavily armed. These men will take the place of the militia, as Governor Pattison will not allow the National Guard to be used to evict the strikers.

WALLACE ELLIOTT & Co., one of the largest shoe firms at Haverhill, Mass., has closed out its business owing to depression in trade. The firm did a business of \$300,000 a year and employed 250 hands.

AN abandoned woman, found murdered and horribly mutilated in a water street dive, gave rise to the belief that "Jack the Ripper," the butcher of Whitechapel, was at large in New York City.

TWO Italian laborers were killed and four others seriously injured in a railroad collision near Rock Point, Penn.

MRS. MANTHA HALL, aged sixty-five, of Lowell, Mass., who had one leg and her nose broken and her spine injured in the Old Colony Railroad accident at Quincy, was awarded \$11,000 by the arbitrators.

South and West.

WORK on the World's Fair site at Jackson Park, Chicago, is entirely suspended. Six hundred of the 650 men at work struck, and the remainder decided to go to work next morning.

CHARLES CURTIS, a colored boy, was taken from jail at Liberty, Miss., by a mob and hanged. His body was riddled with bullets. He had attempted an assault.

JOHN WRIGHT, of Spring Valley, Minn., bet \$1 that he could run across the Milwaukee bridge in advance of an approaching train, but the train overtook him and he lost the bet and his life at the same time.

WILLIAM MURPHY, alias William F. Jordan, who murdered Policeman George T. Scott, was hanged in the jail yard at Charlottesville, Va. He made a full confession of the crime in his cell a few minutes before execution.

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LABORERS at the Gilbert Hedge & Co. Lumber Yards Burlington, Iowa, drank freely of water drawn from an old well in the vicinity, and as a result of poison from sewage, five of them are dead and several others were not expected to live.

THE farmer-legislators of Illinois resolved to oppose all bills for the World's Fair until such bills as they desire for the interests of farmers and laborers shall be agreed upon.

GEORGE WHITMORE, President of the Nephi (Utah) National Bank, was "buncoed" out of \$8000 by gold-briek swindlers, who have disappeared.

GEORGE GRABER, a Cincinnati porter, shot and killed his wife and then himself. The entire street car system of Detroit, Mich., was paralyzed a few days ago by the strike of the car lines.

FIRE destroyed I. B. Cooke's boarding stables in St. Paul, Minn., with other property. Loss, \$125,000. In trying to save a valuable horse William Groves was burned to death.

positories of silver half dollars for currency. Two hundred of these now hold about \$24,000,000 worth of currency. The amount of silver half dollars in the Treasury equals or exceeds \$18,000,000. The net surplus is about \$12,000,000.

THE Secretary of the Treasury decided to withhold \$17,000 of the direct tax money due to Illinois until that State settles its account for an overdraft of arms.

SOLICITOR HERBERT and Special Agents Whitehead and Chase have practically completed their investigation of the New York Custom House and Appraiser's stores.

SECRETARY BLAINE returned from his Southern trip. His outing has proved of great benefit to his health. The Italian Government has not yet transmitted its reply to the Secretary's last note.

VICE-PRESIDENT MORTON and family left for the summer for their country place at Rhinecliff, on the Hudson.

J. N. HUSTON, the Treasurer of the United States, reversed the capital in the capacity of a special Commissioner to endeavor to negotiate a reciprocity agreement between San Domingo and the United States.

FOUR-FIFTHS of the Welsh tin plate manufacturers have met and agreed to close their works for a month.

MRS. ELIZABETH ORRIBELL, who died in Glasgow, April 12, leaves \$50,000 to General Booth for the benefit of the Salvation Army.

THE natives of Portuguese Guinea have revolted and raised the French flag; they have defeated the Portuguese in two battles.

PART of the Third Battalion of Grenadier Guards, quartered at Wellington Barracks, London, made a mutinous demonstration.

A GARDNER named Damm, living in the village of Allrothshain, Germany, murdered his wife and four children with a hatchet and then hanged himself. He is supposed to have become insane through worry over financial troubles.

THE Prince Edward Island Ministry has resigned.

BARON FAVA, the recalled Minister, has arrived in Rome, and has had a conference with the Marquis di Rudini.

THE Canadian Government agreed to grant American fishermen license. Several vessels started immediately for Nova Scotia and secured crews under a license.

CARA, who killed Charles III, Duke of Parma, in 1854, and escaped to the Argentine Republic, but recently returned to Milan, Italy, committed suicide by throwing himself beneath a railway train.

THE Russian Government has ordered that stricter measures be taken to protect the seal fisheries of the Behring sea, and that an especially vigilant watch be kept on the breeding places in Copper and Robbin Islands.

THE Chilean insurgents have defeated the Government troops in a battle at Iquique.

THE Premier of Newfoundland, Sir William Whiteley, stated the colony's case at the last of the House of Lords.

THE Liberal opposition have succeeded in forming a government in Prince Edward Island.

THE miners' strike at Dortmund has assumed gigantic proportions. Ten thousand men are out.

DISASTROUS rain storms and floods have visited Peru.

REV. IGNACIO LEON VELASCO, Archbishop of Bogota, is dead.

PORTUGAL has yielded to Great Britain's ultimatum, and has consented to the free passage of the Pangwe River, in Africa.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

EX-SPEAKER REED is at Rome.

SENATOR ELECT FELTON, of California, is worth about \$4,000,000.

DURING his lifetime Barnum sold 83,000,000 tickets to his shows.

GENERAL GREELY finally decided to retire from the Signal Service.

HENRY M. STANLEY is richer by \$10,000 as the result of his lecture tour in America.

EX-SENATOR INGALLS will soon start a stock ranch a few miles south of Atchison, Kan.

HENRY E. ABBEY, the impresario, began as a corset player in a theatre at Akron, Ohio.

SENATOR MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY, of Pennsylvania, earned his first money sawing wood.

LORD STANLEY, of Preston, Governor-General of Canada, is an enthusiastic player of foot ball.

GENERAL HAWLEY declares that he would much prefer a seat in the Senate to a Cabinet portfolio.

THE most beautiful unmarried royal girl in all Europe is Princess Alix, of Hesse-Darmstadt.

KING HUMBERT, of Italy, has sent \$100 to each child left an orphan by the steamship Utopia disaster.

MR. JUSTICE STEPHEN, who resigned from the British bench a week or two ago, will have a pension of \$17,500.

THE Sultan of Turkey is reported as saying that if it were not for his duty to his subjects he would emigrate to America.

I. R. GREEN is still in the active practice of the law at Louisville, Ky. He served in the Black Hawk war, and was admitted to the bar in 1831.

THE new Earl Granville is a pale-face lad of nineteen. He is at present a student at Eton, and cannot take his place in the House of Lords until he attains his majority.

NEBEKER, the new Treasurer of the United States, is a short, stout man, with a round and rather florid face marked by a black mustache. He is about forty years old.

BILL NYE and James Whitecomb Riley, who fell out a year or two ago while on a lecture tour because of Riley's over-confidence in the flowing bow, met in Indianapolis a few days ago and made up.

WHEN Mrs. Ye Cha Yan, the wife of the Korean charge d'affaires at Washington arrived in this country a few years since she knew no English. Now she can converse fluently in the language on any current topic.

HON. DAVID A. WELLS, the statistician and writer on political economy, has been awarded a gold medal by the jurors of the French Exposition of 1889, in recognition of his contributions to economic science and literature.

THE latest freak of the German Emperor, before setting out on his travels, was to bring up the torpedoes from the bottom and mount them in person on the Spree, in the presence of an enormous crowd of much astonished spectators.

HENRY H. SMITH, the journal clerk of the National House of Representatives, is considered the most able legislative expert in the country, and is the best knowledge of parliamentary law is unequalled. He has held his place for twenty years.