

Our export trade is rapidly increasing.

It is estimated that, on an average, gold in circulation wears out in 240 years.

The London Engineer announces that it will give 1000 guineas in prizes for the best forms of horseless vehicles.

The new Salisbury Government has gone into power in England absolutely untrammelled. It published no platform and stated no issues.

And now a chap out in Kansas insists that the Russian thistle is good fodder for milch cows, and declines to desist from raising a nice patch for the purpose.

The system of kindergartens established on some of the Indian reservations has proved so successful that it is to be widely extended, especially in the Southwest, where the Indian children are extremely shy.

For some remarkable reason not made apparent to the New York Sun, Portland, chief commercial city of the Pine Tree State of Maine, is buying clapboards in the State of Washington, 3000 miles away.

There are between 600 and 1000 deaf mutes scattered through the city of Chicago, and, according to the Detroit Free Press, they are all industrious and fairly prosperous, earning their living honestly and uncomplainingly.

Texas still does things in a big way, or not at all, admits the New York Mail and Express. For instance, one woman owns 2000 square miles, embracing an entire Congressional District, and, as she controls the votes of all her employes, she practically selects the Congressman. There's a new woman and a half.

A new street railway company in Detroit, which has just begun to operate its lines, is obliged by the conditions of its franchise to sell eight tickets for twenty-five cents. These tickets are good only up to 8 p. m., after which time night tickets, sold for twenty-five cents, are accepted. The holder of a ticket is entitled to general transfer privileges. The company's franchise runs for thirty years, the city reserving the right to purchase the property at the end of the time.

The English idea of speed has been so often illustrated by somewhat disconcerting the examples of American progress in various departments of human endeavor, that it is not surprising to the Washington Star to learn from a London technical journal that it was considered a great feat for certain engineers to replace a section of a great English railway bridge with new materials inside of thirty days. Commenting on this declaration the Engineering Record, published on this side, declares that American railway managers would have had the job done in a few hours and would have considered the loss of a day's traffic as inadmissible.

Says the New York Times: It would probably puzzle most people to tell, off hand, in what shape the Arctic regions have supplied even a quarter of "the products worth \$1,200,000,000" which General Greeley told the geographers assembled in London had come out of the frozen North during the past two centuries, and upon which he based his appeal for a vigorous continuance of Arctic exploration. Voyages in that direction are usually regarded as leading to frightful tragedies, rather than to any practical benefit for mankind. These tragedies, indeed, have developed and served to display heroism never surpassed and perhaps never equaled in other parts of the world, but that cannot be measured in money, valuable a possession as it is, and, of course, does not count in the twelve hundred millions. First among the things that do, no doubt, are the whales, vast numbers of which have been captured in the icy seas since the hardy explorers proved that those waters were not impassable; other Arctic products are fossil ivory, the mineral cryolite, rich in aluminium; the furs of seals, bears, foxes and a few other animals; small quantities of gold—and about there the list begins to become difficult to lengthen, though specialists could probably continue it through a line or two more. Some day the North Pole—an object no less, or more, worthy of respect than the equator—will be added, but even then the enormous sum mentioned by General Greeley will seem quite beyond the average statistician's power to account for.

The New York Evening Post asserts that the recent reports of startling crimes are most of them baseless.

The New York Times calculates that New Yorkers expend annually about \$3,500,000 on churches, while theatres absorb about \$6,500,000.

The New Haven Register has just discovered the rather curious fact that there is no copy of the Bible in the public library of that city.

The very poor of Berlin are better housed than those of any other large city in the world. The German capital is absolutely without "slums."

It is estimated that eighty per cent. of the iron manufactured by Tennessee is sold outside of the Southern States. It is said to be the favorite iron with pipe, plow and stove makers in the East and North.

The fire hazard in electricity has led to the formation of an electrical bureau by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. The headquarters are in Chicago, where an efficient system of inspection and testing and has been developed. The bureau issues to insurance agencies frequent reports of tests of new electrical appliances and quarterly reports of fires caused by electricity, with details of the exact cause, when known. The practical value of the dissemination of such information is found to be very great.

Turf, Field and Farm has not a word to say, directly, of the bicycle, but the following little parable is believed to be a covert shaft aimed at the rubber-shod steed, as its contribution to the momentous controversy "Horse vs. Bicycle." "When the mushroom looks up at the oak, which has stood through storm and sunshine for decades and commanded the admiration of generations of flesh and bone, and says: 'Old fellow, you are no longer in it; you are a back number,' the stalwart tree is not crushed in spirit. It is simply amused. The pink-lipped lungus is as ephemeral as the day, while the solid and majestic oak keeps company with the century."

Little more of conquest seems left for the bicycle. Even the wild redskin and his fiery cayuse have been subdued. Two Indians on horseback were cutting up capers in Pendleton, Oregon, and broke several city ordinances in a few minutes. Marshal was started to arrest them, and the Indians put spurs to their horses and made for the prairie. The Marshal is an expert bicyclist, and he mounted his wheel, and, with one hand grasping the handle bar and the other clutching his gun, he put after the fleeing redskins. Before he had reached the city limits he had winged one, and a few hundred yards further he caught up with the other and brought him back in triumph.

The Atlanta Journal observes: Estimates by the Indian Bureau based on the fullest and most reliable data obtainable place our local Indian population, exclusive of Alaska, at 248,253. The New York Commercial Advertiser compares these figures with previous estimates and concludes that they indicate the probable disappearance of the Indian before the end of another century. A continued decrease at the rate for the past twenty-five years would verify this prediction. Just before the annexation of Texas our Indian population was estimated at 400,000. The census of 1870 put the number at 350,000. A decrease of over 100,000 since 1870 shows a terrible rate of decline, the most rapid that has been known in any quarter of a century. Put there are hopeful signs to relieve this dark picture. In 1871 the number of Indians on the reservations was 237,478, more than two-thirds of all. This year there are on reservations only 133,417 Indians, about one-third of the whole number. This comparison shows how successfully the effort to settle Indians on farms of their own has been prosecuted. A majority of all our Indians are now said to be self-supporting. The improvement among them has been steady and there is reason to expect that it will continue even more satisfactorily. Some of the civilized tribes are wealthy, and among nearly all of them there is a growing appreciation of the virtues which strengthen a people. The Indians generally appear to be coming to a proper sense of their situation and the cultivation of the peaceful arts is progressing in nearly all the tribes. It is evident that the rate of their decrease for the past twenty-five years will not continue, and we shall not be surprised to see at the next census a substantial increase of the number of Indians now reported. There is no danger of the extinction of this interesting race.

THE MISSION MASSACRES.

Detailed Account of the Butchery of Christians in China.

THRILLING TALES BY SURVIVORS

Only One American, Miss Mabel C. Hartford, Was Hurt, But Nine British Subjects Were Brutally Killed—Many Wounded and Much Property Destroyed—Fanatics Perpetrated the Atrocities.

Dr. Gregory, an American missionary, who escaped from Kuehng, China, gives the following account of the massacre there to the representative of the New York World in Foochow:

"At 12.30 p. m. on Thursday, August 1, a native Christian rushed into my study, saying that several of the foreign ladies at Hwasang, a mountain resort four pao (about twelve miles) from the city of Kuehng, had been killed that morning, and that two houses had been burned. Fifteen minutes later a note from Mr. Phillips confirmed this. He wrote that five ladies were dead, the Stewarts were missing and four persons were seriously wounded. He expressed the hope that I was then on my way to Hwasang. "I immediately went into the Yamen, where hundreds of excited natives had already gathered, and requested the district magistrate, Cong, to send some soldiers at once to Hwasang to protect those still living. In half an hour the magistrate went to Hwasang with an escort of about sixty soldiers. "At 3 p. m. I left Kuehng City under an escort of thirteen soldiers, arriving at Hwasang at 8 p. m. to find that nine adults, all British subjects, had been murdered, and that all those still alive at Hwasang—eight only—had been more or less severely injured, excepting Mr. Phillips, who arrived there only two or three days before, and was lodging at a native house some distance from the English cottages.

see how matters were. He returned in half an hour, telling me to come home, that five ladies of the English Mission had been killed and some had been wounded, but that my house—reputed native house—had not been troubled at all. "I went home to find Miss Cordington much out about the head and beaten all over; Mildred Stewart, twelve years old, with knee and bleeding very hard; Herbert Stewart, six years old, cut on the head and almost dead; Baby Stewart, with one eye black and swollen; the second Stewart girl, Kathleen, eleven years old, with the second boy, Evan, three years old, were beaten and pierced with a spear, but not seriously injured. The boy vomited all day, but we thought it was from fright."

MORE MISSIONS ATTACKED.

Infuriated Mob Demolishes American and British Hospitals

A Hong Kong special says that the British and American Missions at Fat-Shan, near Canton, were attacked by a large and infuriated mob, and the hospitals were demolished. Some of the missionaries fled to Shameen, while others remained. A Chinese junkboat has been despatched to quell the riot. It is reported that all the missions at Kwanungung will soon be destroyed and the missionaries driven to the treaty ports. The Vegetarians are 12,000 strong and well armed and organized and able to withstand the Chinese troops. A later dispatch from Foochow, China, says: Baby Stewart is dead, the eleventh victim of the massacre of missionaries by the Chinese at Hwasang. One of the murderers of the Stewarts has been caught and confesses that they cut off the hands, feet and head of the wife. Mrs. Stewart was frenzied and fought till she was killed. Americans at Shanghai have sent a cable despatch to President Cleveland protesting against the action of Minister Denby in consenting that a British Consul should represent the United States at the inquiry into the outrages on Christians at Kuehng. They recommend in the despatch that the commission of inquiry be reformed, and that an American official of adequate rank be made a member of it, while Chinese officials who were in any way implicated in the massacre be excluded. The despatch also urges that the Commission be escorted to Kuehng by marines. The British warship Rainbow was ordered

THE G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

The Twenty-ninth National Convention to Be Held At Louisville, Ky.

FIRST MEETING IN THE SOUTH.

The Kentucky Metropolis Prepared to Entertain 300,000 Visitors—The Warriors of the Confederacy Will Welcome the Soldiers of the North—The Programme Arranged by the Order.

A recent count of the Grand Army of the Republic shows that there are still 365,000 warriors enrolled upon its books. Fully one-third of these will make the journey to Louisville, Ky., where the twenty-ninth National Encampment of the Order will take place on September 11 to 12. Many of the



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF THOMAS G. LAWLER.

warriors of the Confederacy will be there, too; also the sons of veterans, the wives and families of the old soldiers, members of the Women's Relief Corps of the G. A. R., and a host of followers, numbering in all 300,000 visitors to the Kentucky city.

It will be a notable encampment for many reasons. It will be the first time that the Grand Army has met south of the line, and the Southern folk intend to show the old soldiers the vast difference between entering the Southland on missions of war and peace. For months the Citizens' Committee of Louisville, which has charge of the encampment arrangements, have worked industriously to meet the huge task of entertaining 300,000 visitors, a number greater than the whole population of the city. Subscriptions to the amount of \$60,000 have been collected to defray the expenses. There are fifty-five public schools in the city, and all of these, together with other public buildings, will be placed at the disposal of the visiting veterans. Across the Ohio River, on the Indiana side, are the towns of New Albany and Jeffersonville. The citizens of these places have organized to care for the overflow from Louisville. All of the schools and public buildings there will be devoted to the use of the visitors whose tents will be pitched there.

The country in and around Louisville gave 3500 men to the Confederacy. Those of them left have entered into the spirit of the occasion with even more ardor than the average citizen. They know a number of men in the city who fought them a generation ago. There are also a great number of men in the city who fought on the Union side. In all, Kentucky contributed 100,000 fighters to the Northern forces. The particular heroes of the occasion will be the few who are left of Rousseau's old brigade, which formed the nucleus of the Army of the Cumberland.

Gordon and Longstreet, of the South, will be here, and both of them will bring from Georgia many wearers of the gray who will help along the general jubilation. Soldiers of the Confederacy from all parts of the South will gather there, too, and when the armies of old meet, some strange tales of adventure will be told.

The Louisville committee has attended to many details which will be gratifying to the veterans. All the physicians of the city have been organized, and will doctor anyone who may need their care, free of charge. The drug stores will also dispense prescriptions free or for a nominal charge. Every precaution has been taken to protect the visitors against any schemers who may seek to overcharge them. Commander-in-Chief Thomas G. Lawler, of Rockford, Ill., has already arranged the general programme. The headquarters will be at the Galt House. The Council of Administration will meet September 11, at 7 p. m. The encampment will meet at Music Hall, September 12, at 10 a. m., and the parade will move Wednesday, September 13, at 10.30 a. m., Columbia Post, of Chicago, being the escort to the Commander-in-Chief. No other organization than the Grand Army bands and Louisville committees will participate. C. C. Jones, of Illinois; Thomas G. Sample, of Pennsylvania, and J. W. Carnahan, of Indiana, have been appointed a Committee on Credentials for the encampment.

There are many places of interest in and around Louisville for the visitors. Four miles east of the city, on the old Brownboro pike, is the grave of General Zachary Taylor, the hero of Buena Vista, Monterey, Resaca and Palo Alto. This famous warrior is buried in the family graveyard of the old Taylor farm, and his resting place is marked by a granite shaft surmounted by a life-size statue of the famous soldier. Directly in front of the city are the falls of the Ohio. Bridges span the river connecting the city with the towns of New Albany and Jeffersonville. A new steel structure running to the latter city has just been completed, and will be used for the first time by the Big Four Road during the encampment. A hundred miles south of the city is the Mammoth Cave, which can easily be visited by the veterans and their friends. The battlefields of Perryville, Richmond, Bowling Green, Cynthiana, Wild Cat and Munfordsville are all within easy reach of the city. They will be visited with a deal of interest by many of the old warriors who saw them in less peaceful times. Colonel Henry R. Cohen, an Ohio man, will be the Grand Marshal of the big parade. It is expected that fully 1200 delegates, with voting rights, will attend. The official encampment badges have been struck from blended metal of two cannons, both of which figured in the great struggle, one on the Union side and the other on the Confederate side.

Prominent People.

The King of Siam owns only five white elephants. The Duke of York has developed into an expert polo player. Archbishop Ireland is the only archbishop who wears the button of the Loyal Legion. Gladstone's health is said to be better than it has been at any time during the past five years. Lord Rosebery declares that the Premiership of England was to him a purgatory, from which he was glad to escape. Professor Leyden, the eminent German physician, was paid \$25,000 for his attendance on the late Czar in his last illness.



NATIVES OF KUEHNG, OF THE TYPE WHICH COMMITTED THE OUTRAGE ON THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.

"I delayed in leaving Kuehng, owing to the fact that the natives refused to carry chairs. On my arrival I set to work to make the injured as comfortable as possible. "Miss Mabel C. Hartford, of the Methodist Mission, the only American residing in Hwasang at the time, who was living in a small native house some twenty rods from the English cottages, was attacked by an assassin armed with a trident. She received a slight cut in the lobe of the right ear, was thrown to the ground, beaten about the head and extremities and the body. While the murderer was engaged in this attack a servant grappled with the assailant, and during the struggle Miss Hartford escaped. "Of those killed outright Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, Nellie Saunders and Lena Fellow, an Irish nurse, were almost wholly incinerated in the burned house. In all probability they were murdered before the house burned. "This frightful massacre was done by members of the secret society known as the Vegetarians, who have been causing much trouble alike to Christians and heathens in and around Kuehng City. "From various reports of those who saw the attack, I believe that about eighty men were engaged. They were armed with spears and swords, and seemed strongly organized under one chief leader. "The attack came like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky, not one of the victims having the slightest intimation of the intention to assault them. Thirty minutes from the time the onslaught commenced not a single Vegetarian was to be seen near the grounds of the massacre. "Miss Cordington tells me that the ladies were first seized and told that they were to be bound and taken away into captivity. Afterwards several faint-hearted attempts were made to kill them when they pleaded for their lives. At this time the leader appeared upon the scene, and noting the wavering of the gang, shouted out to them: 'You know your orders. Kill them outright!' These orders were at once obeyed. "It is obvious to all who have given the matter a moment's thought that China has been encouraged to continue to be slack in caring for foreigners' lives and property within her territory by the fact that heretofore a money indemnity has been accepted as the price of foreign blood spilt by murderous subjects. "Just as long as the foreign Powers are satisfied with such a settlement of this wanton, barbarous destruction of life, just so long will China fail to govern her people as she should govern them in this enlightened century. J. J. GAZDAR."

JULY CROP CONDITIONS.

The Lowest Cotton Average Ever Reported—Other Crop Conditions. The August report of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture shows a reduction in the condition of cotton during the month of July from 82.3 to 77.3, or 4.4 points. This is the lowest average for August ever reported, being a half point lower than the average for August, 1903. The reason for low condition generally given by correspondents is excessive moisture, though in South Carolina drought seems to be the principal cause of injury. There is much complaint of grass, and not a little of rust, blight worms, and insect enemies of the plant. The State averages of condition are: Virginia, 81; North Carolina, 74; South Carolina, 81; Georgia, 87; Florida, 89; Alabama, 81; Mississippi, 83; Louisiana, 71; Texas, 71; Arkansas, 80; Tennessee, 82.

The returns show an improvement in the condition of corn about three points during the month of July, or from 93.3 to 102.5. The condition of spring wheat has fallen since last report 6.3 points, being 93.9, against 102.9 for the month of July. The condition of oats has advanced 1.3 points since last report, being 84.5, against 83.2 July 1.

Spring rye condition is 84, against 77 in July last. Barley has fallen to 87.2 from 91.1 in July, whereas it is 82.7, against 85.9 at that date, and 74.9 in August, 1894. Rice is 84.1; last year, 91; apples, 71.2, against 44 last year; peaches 83.3, against 22.3 last year; buckwheat has an average of 98.5 per cent. of last year, against 83.2. Area under hay 91.5 per cent. of 1894; condition of timothy 69.9, against 75.6 last year; product of clover 66.7, against 72.1, and quality of clover 87.3, against 90.2 a year ago. Condition of pasture 71.8, last year, 67.8. Irish potatoes, condition 87.7, a fall of nearly 4 points from 91.5 in July.

Woman Becomes Sheriff.

Mrs. Helen C. Stewart, widow of the late Sheriff, took the oath of office and became the Sheriff of Greene County, Missouri. She gave a bond of \$20,000, which was approved. She reappointed all the old deputies and said that she would rely largely on her son, who is a minor, in conducting the office.

MABEL HARTFORD'S STATEMENT.

A Loyal Servant Saved Her From a Chinese Assassin's Spear. Miss Mabel C. Hartford, the only American at Hwasang at the time of the massacre, makes the following statement: "August 1, at 7.30 a. m., I heard shouts. They were the yells of servants, who rushed in shouting to me to get up, for the Vegetarians were coming, tearing down the houses on the hill belonging to the English Mission. A few minutes later a teacher came to my door and told me to run. I put on my clothes and rushed to the door. I was met by a man with a trident spear, who yelled: 'Here is a foreign woman.' "He pointed the spear at my chest. I twisted it to one side and it just grazed my ear and head. He threw me to the ground and beat me with the wooden end of the spear. A servant came and wrenched the spear away, then told me to run. "I jumped down the embankment and ran along the road. A servant came and pulled me along until I got up on the side of the hill. 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