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The Congressional Credit Mobilizer, investigation is ended.

PRESIDENT GRANT keeps on pardoning the southern ku klux. They soon will all be free.

A Virginia City, Nevada, doctor went to a drug store for bitters; in a mistake he took acetone. He died in a few hours.

LOCAL OPTION was defeated in Reading on the 14th inst. No other result was expected from that portion of the country.

THE hair of Foster, the street car murderer, who is in prison in New York under sentence of death, is rapidly turning grey.

THE snow in the neighborhood of Madrid, Spain, on the 14th inst., was so deep that railroad travel was entirely suspended.

PRESIDENT GRANT has issued a message to Congress in regard to affairs in Utah.

ON the 12th inst., the city collector and Democratic inspectors of the city election in Lexington, Ky. were arrested on the charge of preventing negroes from voting.

ON the 11th two passenger cars of the Erie express going west from Philadelphia and Erie railroad, were thrown from the track near rugeway, by a broken rail and fifteen persons were slightly bruised.

SENATOR SUMNER'S physician tells him that if he abstains from participating in the business of the Senate this session, that by next winter his health will permit him to resume his place in the Senate.

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The Centennial Exhibition—A State Mass Convention on the 23d Inst., at Philadelphia, to further the Project.

Congress has incorporated a commission to take charge of and conduct the celebration of the one hundredth birthday of this Nation in 1876.

One hundred years in the lifetime of a nation is but a short period of time, if the duration of the nations of the past, and the age of the nations of the world now, are to be accepted as a standard to judge by.

We should all give to this casting up of accounts of one hundred years of national life a hearty support. It will be a satisfaction to know what has been done and a stimulus for future generations.

A State Mass Convention to provide for the celebration of this Centennial anniversary will be held on the 23d of this month, at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia.

Geological Survey of Pennsylvania. J. P. Lesley, a distinguished geologist, has addressed a communication to Governor Hartranft, in advocacy of a geological survey of Pennsylvania.

Sir: You have done me the honor to say that, if I have any information likely to be useful in proposing a geological survey of Pennsylvania, you will be pleased to receive and consider it.

I reply, that all well educated persons now recognize the importance of increasing human knowledge, believing not only that there is no limit to be put to this increase, but that every kind and quality of knowledge is, or will be, in some way or other, useful.

It is not generally known how entirely the buying and selling of mineral lands depends upon the private surveys and reports of professional geologists.

But a still stronger argument for a State Geological Survey comes from considering that geological knowledge requires the widest range of facts to make it reliable.

Just so, the local geology of this or the other man's property would be pretty much all costly guess work, but for the State Geological Surveys of 1836-1841, and 1852-3.

Two gamblers—blacklegs—were sentenced by Judge Allison of Philadelphia to the Penitentiary. The honest people of Philadelphia rejoice.

SHORT ITEMS.

Switzerland is overrun with mice. Kansas raised 4,000,000 bushels of potatoes last year.

The street lamps of Des Moines are lighted by women. Homely servant girls are in demand in Topeka, Kansas.

The Kansas Pacific Railroad has 45 miles of snow fence. Elks take the places of draft horses in some portions of Nebraska.

Flour is \$30 a barrel in Texas, but the stuff of life is only ten cents a drink. The late editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial has gone to farming in Florida.

The house disease has again broken out in some portions of Washington country. The poisonous snakes of India are said to find 20,000 human victims a year.

Wages are eleven cents per day and board in Brazil, and workmen are scarce at that. An old woman died lately at La Salle Ill., aged 73 years, who had survived ten husbands.

A Minnesota farmer had his stables covered to the depth of some twenty feet by the late snow storm. A Brooklyn man kicked his son to death for refusing to go for a quart of beer without money.

A Pittsburgh father presented his daughter with two loaded coal barges for her wedding present. The Eric knitting mill, at Cohoes, was burned on the 14th. The loss is estimated at \$70,000, partially insured.

Licensed venders in New York are selling fine lemons in the streets at the low rate of twenty-five for 25 cents. Governor Geary had a \$10,000 policy on his life in the Penn Mutual Insurance Company of Philadelphia.

A California wife has applied for a divorce on the plea that she accepted and married her husband while under the influence of liquor. A Montreal dentist has recovered \$400 in a suit for breach of promise of marriage, against the fair and false daughter of a well-to-do farmer.

Miss Mary J. Johnson, of Richland county, Ill., recently got judgment against John McNulty for \$7,000 damages in a case of breach of promise of marriage. A clergyman at Des Moines was a little annoyed the other Sunday to find that some one had taken the Bible away and left a copy of "Dick Turpin" on the pulpit.

The snowfall plant is being used in Minnesota for fuel and is said to make excellent fuel. When dry the woody stalks burn admirably, and the oil of the seeds afford an intense heat. The Fairview Reporter says there is a couple living in Cranberry township who now, in the eleventh year of their married life, are the happy father and mother of twelve children.

A Chinawoman committed suicide in Reno, Nevada, a few days since, by taking opium. Her excuse was that she was tired of her life of shame and slavery. Miss E. J. Beers has been elected county school superintendent of Grundy county, Iowa, over two worthy masculine competitors. She is a graduate of the Pennsylvania Normal school.

Among the articles from America to be exhibited at the Vienna Exhibition is a log of black walnut, the largest ever grown, six feet in diameter and weighs seven tons. "Principles, not men," used to be a popular political motto. But the New York Evening Post thinks it has not been successful. Men without principles appear to be ahead.

An Arkansas widow has inscribed on the headstones of five departed lords, "We will meet in heaven, husband dear." If so the resulting matrimonial embarrassment will be worse than that of the Sadducee brothers. In the Stokes case at New York Judge Boardman on Friday last declined to allow a new trial. The decision is to be taken up to the High Court of Appeals and Pardons for review. It is now before the High Court of Appeals.

The Wisconsin Legislature has passed a law providing that hotel-keepers may not collect their bills from boarders who are billeted above the second floor, unless their rooms be provided with fire escapes. The postoffice at Smithfield, Jefferson county, Ohio, was singularly entered on the night of the 12th inst., and all the letters and a small sum of money taken. Fifty dollars reward is offered for the apprehension of the thief.

While a freight train was crossing the village of Medina, N. Y., on Saturday on the evening of the 15th six cars fell through a bridge into the street below and down a twenty-foot embankment. One man in the street was killed. The Vanderspiegel family of Beannington Centre, Vt., boasts a snuff box 125 years old. It contains \$30 in gold, the representative value of which, at compound interest for the time it has lain in the box, is \$190,000. A pinch of snuff from a \$190,000 snuffbox is a rare luxury.

The Boston Journal, in moralizing over the alarming mortality record of New York, says that within the last year that city has had "every form of ill which flesh is heir to, except strangulation upon the scaffold. Perhaps the absence of that helps to account for the sixty-nine deaths by homicide.

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