

TUNNELING THE HUDSON.

The Engineers' Plan for Overcoming Obstacles—Compressed Air for a New and Valuable Use. The recent soundings of the North river on the proposed line of the Hudson Tunnel Railroad Company, and the tests made to ascertain the material through which it will be necessary to work, greatly encourage Mr. Haskin, the originator of the scheme...

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The Dead Giant of Texas.

If any evidence may be given to the following story from the Calvert Central Texas, there must have been at some remote period in the past a race of giants in Texas which certainly had the Americans. The people are considerably exercised over the unearthing of a skeleton of one of the giants near Smiley's crossing, on the Brazos...

Cruelties of the Seal Fisheries.

Attention has been called at different times to the barbarous practices identified with seal fishing. At the breeding season the unfortunate animals are swooped down upon in their lairs, and both old and young indiscriminately slaughtered.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

Mr. Ingalls, of Kansas, reported to the committee on Indian affairs with amendments the House bill to authorize the release of the Cattaraugus and Allegany reservations and to confirm existing leases. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. Dorey, of Arkansas, introduced a bill to establish certain telegraph lines in the several States and Territories as post roads, and to regulate the transmission of commercial and other intelligence by telegraph.

Mr. Merrill, of Me., from the committee on appropriations, reported favorably on the bill to grant a right of way and depot grounds to the Oregon Central Pacific Railroad Company through the public lands of the State of Oregon.

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Items of Interest from Home and Abroad. A cow valued at \$25,000 died in Kentucky lately. It is only a short time since a cow for which \$40,000 were paid...

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State Senator by the New Jersey Legislature, he receiving 49 votes to 31 for George M. Hobson. The Rev. Thomas D. Dudley, late secretary of the Church in Kentucky, was elected moderator of the New York State Temperance Society.

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