

There are over forty factories in Richmond, Va., employing 2500 persons.

Brigham Young is going to retire to private life with the proceeds, \$8,000,000.

A young lady at Buffalo, last week, pitched her lover out of a third-story window.

Half the territory of the United States is drained by the Mississippi.

Deacon Alvah Kimball, a prominent citizen of Nassau, N. H., died in a prayer-meeting on Sunday night, at the age of 64.

The negro Republic of Hayti ought to be well governed. It now has four Presidents in the field.

Ninety-three flocks of sheep were recently killed in Switzerland by a thunder cloud which passed over the country.

Wolves of a very ravenous nature are said to be numerous in Hampshire county, Virginia.

It is estimated that by the recent New Orleans inundation small property owners there lost \$500,000.

Seventy-five female clerks are to be discharged from the Treasury Department at Washington this week.

California contains 120,047,841 acres of land, of which it is estimated 80,000,000 acres can be devoted to profitable husbandry.

Both Gen. H. Pendleton and Senator Sherman are ill at present from the effects of protracted public speaking in the open air.

A Mexican claims to have solved the problem of perpetual motion. His machine produces electricity, which causes motion, and the motion in turn generates electricity.

Gov. Brownlow intends to resign his office about the 1st of February next. On March 4th he becomes U. S. Senator from Tennessee.

A couple of parents, in England, recently hanged their daughter, because she persisted in receiving the addresses of a young man they disliked.

The bridge over the Susquehanna at Columbia is very rapidly approaching completion. But three spans need to be added to bring it to the York county shore.

The liquids belonging to the estate of Ex-President Buchanan, were sold at public sale on Tuesday the 6th instant. The sale footed up over \$1,200.

The latest advices from Montana report business and amusements dull; fights scarce; no one lynched; and murders even less frequent than usual.

Real soldiers were introduced at Astley's, London, in the play of the "Siege of Magdala," and a real gun burst, almost killing two fustleers.

The immense fire in the forests of Washington Territory is said to travel at the rate of five miles an hour. The houses of many settlers have been destroyed.

Mrs. Lucy Osgood died in Maine last week, aged 100 years and some months. When she died she left seventy-three of her direct descendants surviving her.

A fireman on a lake steamer was caught recently by a crank of the engine and squeezed through a hole six inches wide in its rested descent. He was found in pieces in the hold.

The Grecian head has come to grief in Mobile. Two young ladies who ventured out with it recently were so mercilessly ridiculed that they had to take refuge in a shop.

The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, is arresting drivers of coal carts and others who venture into the streets with horses having sore backs.

A whale in the Pacific, fastened to by a Chilian whaling bark's boats, not long ago, crushed three of the boats in his ponderous jaws, and killed one man, besides breaking the leg of another, before he was captured.

At midnight on Saturday a serious affray occurred at Birmingham. Patrick Finnigan and Wm. Moore were drinking together, when a quarrel sprang up, and Finnigan stabbed Moore, it is supposed fatally.

The Hollidaysburg papers announce that a son of Mr. John Shaffer, of Gayport, Blair county, aged one year and eight months, died from hydrophobia on the 7th instant. He was bitten five weeks before, through the hand, by a mad dog.

The recent disastrous explosion at Metz was caused by a workwoman, in a moment of passion, throwing a pair of scissors among the fuming powder used in the manufacture of cartridges. Forty-five persons were killed, besides twenty-eight badly wounded.

A short time ago an Irishman was thrown overboard and drowned by a party of negroes on an Ohio river steamer. The Evansville (Ind.) Courier now informs us that eleven of the negroes have been indicted for murder in the first degree.

The Elevated Railway in New York city has been erected for the distance of half a mile at the lower end of Greenwich street, and the road having proved successful, both as regards its construction and the machinery to be used in its operation, will be extended to the northern end of Manhattan island. It is asserted that passengers can be conveyed from the Battery to Thirtieth street in fifteen minutes.

During the trial of a case of trespass in Quincy, Ill., on the 8th inst., a sprig of a lawyer incautiously reflected upon the family of a handsome little lady witness. An eruption was imminent, but the judge calmed the temper for the time being. After the adjournment, however, the irate lady entered the lawyer's office, and putting her fist under the legal man's nose she dared him into the hall to "fight it out." The challenge to mortal combat was declined, and the warlike beauty retired in disgust.

A youngster in "Pekin," Ill., recently in exploring his sister's things, came across a package of letters dutifully laid away, being a correspondence which she was carrying on with a nice young man. He carried them down on the street, and, standing on the corner, gave them away singly to the passers by. The young lady didn't find it out until a mutual friend, also a nice young man, brought her one that her brother had thus given him.

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