This is a very important subject to all who are engaged in the cultivation of fruit and ornamental trees, and, indeed, to all who are following the pursuit of agriculture, even if their labors are conor a farm of large or small dimensions to be cultivated in varied crops, mulching is an operation of great practical value. In our brief treatment of this subject we will mention in the outset the objects to be attained by mulching, which are twofold, viz.: To preserve a uniform degree of moisture in the soil during summer, and protect the roots of plants from severe frosts during wiffter. These conditions are obviously important to vegetation, and they can be very efficiently secured by covering the surface with a stratum of porous materials, such as tan bark, charcoal dust, leaves or strawy manure, which will prevent the surface soil from becoming compact or hard, and, at the same time, ssist in maintaining a uniformity in its mechanical texture favorable to the retention of moisture. Air is the best nonconductor, and bodies are represented as good or bad conductors, just as they are solid or porous. Iron is a better conductor than wood, granite stone a better conductor than brick, hard pressed soil is a better conductor than soil that is loose and porous. A hard trodden path is warmer in summer and colder in winter than the cultivated ground alongside of it. When the soil particles are in pressed contact, the condition is favorable to rapid conduction. Summer winds passing over such a surface carry off the moisture which the heat evaporates, the surface is speedily parched dry, and vegetation languishes. When the sur-face is covered with a mulch of such porous materials as those enumerated, it in effect secures a stratum of air in repose between the soil and the causes of radiation and evaporation. In the case of recently planted trees, the preservation of a uniform degree of moisture in the soil surrounding their roots is a great point toward their successful growth; and, other things being equal, they will languish or flourish in proportion as this condition of uniform moisture is secure.

Although mulching is a very simple operation, yet serious losses have occurred from its misapplication. It is often the case that trees are destroyed from too heavy an application of mulching material, such as grass, manure and tan bark. Before applying the mulch to a recently planted tree, if in spring, shape the soil around it in basin form, extending the rim beyond the extremities of the roots; by this configuration of surface rains will be retained, and if required, artificial waterings can be applied to best advantage. With reference to fall planting, the process should be reversed. and a slight mound formed toward the stem of the plant, so as to throw off the heavy rains of water. Of course such mound should be removed before the following summer.

As already remarked, the principal use of winter mulching is to prevent frost from reaching the roots. The best material for this purpose is undoubtedly charcoal dust. When manure is used, it should not be thrown close up to the day. In Terre Haute, Ind., the National party was successful over both Republicans and the shington monument greater stability was stem of the plant, otherwise it might prove a harbor for ground mice, which in rough ground or under a coarse covering are sometimes very destructive by eating the bark of young trees. When they are troublesome the precaution should be taken to trample firmly over the roots and around the stem after heavy snows, and keep the surface clean and compact.

In order to be effectual, it is not necessary that summer mulchings should be heavy. When sawdust, tanbark or charcoal dust is used, a layer of three inches in depth will be quite sufficient. Grass ent from lawns is very suitable, but a mere sprinkling only should be applied at a time. Thick coatings promote fungoid growths, which frequently destroy trees. Fruit or ornamental trees that have been transplanted will rarely be much benefited by mulching after the first year's growth.

The advantages of mulching to growing vegetables are equally important. Cabbages, potatoes, peas, onions and other crops will thus be enabled to maintain growth during the dryest weather. This covering is not intended to supersede stirring the soil, but when the plants secome so far advanced in growth as to be beyond the hoe and plough, mulchng may be applied, and those who give it a fair trial on their crops in a dry seaon will not require further promptings o repeat the practice. Let those who, eretofore, have not practiced mulching, ive it a fair trial, and experince for maelves the great benefits to be derived from its proper and judicious ap-

Farm Notes.

Cabbage furnishes a good article of diet for poultry.

If you have a sick fruit tree, dig it up nd plant a good one in its place.

Thorough drainage, plenty of stable manure, with a heavy top-dressing of coal ashes, will be found good treatment for soils of a close, heavy texture.

A writer in Moore's Rural has never known butter-milk, "poured on during warm days, to fail to cure a pig of 'black sourf,' even when the disease was of so ong duration that the animals back was with sores.'

posed by many if a man has health d strong arms, he is qualified for farm-Here is where so many fatal mises are made. Success is only won by ng years of patient study and experi-

The French mode of killing poultry sansing instant death, and perfect bleed ing without disfigurement, is accomplished by opening the beak of the fowl, and with a sharp pointed and narrow bladed muife, making an incision at the back of the roof of the mouth, which will divide e vertebræ and cause immediate death, which the fowls are hung up by the till bled. They are then picked warm, and, if desired, without

In this way the skin presents ural appearance than when

NEWS SUMMARY.

Eastern and Middle States. Frederick Wiegand, a New York saloon keep or, tried to eject a woman who had entered his place to beg, when she kicked him so severely that he died in a few days, after intense suf-

fering. The woman was arrested. Madame Restell, the female physician whose madame Restell, the female physician whose fined to but a small lot of land. In a word, if only a few shrubs or bushes are to be planted out in a village lot, a small garden to be kept as a source from which to produce the vegetables and small fruits necessary for family consumption, She had become artially decreased by anyiety. She had become partially deranged by anxiety attendant upon her case and the fear of punshment, and in this state committed self-murder. Madame Restell began to advertise as a physician in 1836, and in 1847 was arrested upon the charge of having caused the death of a young grl. The trial lasted nineteen days and attracted great attention. It resulted in a verdict of guilty and a sentence of a year in the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island, where she lived in lavish style with her hus-band during the period of her imprisonment. Of late years she had occupied a magnificent residence on Fifth residence on Fifth avenue, and her wealth is

estimated at over a \$1,000,000. Patrick and John Reilly were carried over Niagara Falis the other day while attempting to cross the river in a boat.

Booth & Edgar, prominent New York sugar refiners, have failed for nearly \$750,000; and Joseph Foulke's Sons, an old shipping firm, have suspended with liabilities of \$400,000.

The Womens' Hotel-the late Alexander T. Stewart's project to furnish a comfortable home for working women—was opened in New York to the general public for examination, and nearly 40,000 persons passed through the building during the evening. The immense marble structure faces on three public streets and is built around a spacious court yard, which is itself a beautiful garden with many rare plants and aslarge fountain. Everything about the building is new and handsome, and the place will be conducted on the plan of a first-class hotel. There are 502 sleeping rooms and accommodations for one thousand guests. The cost of the hotel has been \$8,700,000. Guests will be charged \$6 a week.

The New York Assembly has passed a bill imiting the salaries of officials in cities and placing the power of reducing salaries in the hands of the common council of a city, except in cities where there is a board of appor-tionment, who shall act as it deems proper in regard to the amount of salaries and number of employees.

Governor Van Zandt, the Republican candidate, has been re-elected in Rhode Island. The general assembly is Republican. Sylvester Town and his father-in-law, while

attempting to cross a small lake a few miles north of Auburn, N. Y., in a boat were cap-sized, and Town was drowned. Mr. Town had been married the previous evening.

General Thomas C. Devin, of the United States army, died at his home in New York, aged fifty-two years. At the Commencement of the New York

Medical College for Women twenty-five young ladies received diplomas to practice medicine. Holt & Bugbee, Boston lumber merchants, have failed for \$175,000.

A complimentary dinner was given in New York to Bayard Taylor, newly-appointed United States minister to Berlin. Speeches were made by Mayor Ely, William Cullen Bryant, Mark Twain and others.

Western and Southern States. In obedience to an order of the Louisiana supreme court General Anderson, of the re-turning board, was released. The court refused to reopen his case.

The joint resolution of Montgomery Blair, instructing the attorney-general of Maryland, to exhibit a bill in the supreme court of the United States on behalf of the State of Maryland praying for a judicial review of the elec-toral count and which passed the house of delegates, was also passed by the Senate.

The Maryland Legislature has adjourned

was successful over both Republicaus and Democrats. In Michigan the Nationalists also developed unexpected strength.

The Chesapeake and Ohio railroad was sold at auctio. in Richmond, Va., for \$2,750,000. It was purchased by the chairman of the committee of purchase and reorganization, in pursuance of a plan to reorganize the road. Mr. J. Rechte and his child were drowned

while trying to cross the Maumee river in a skiff, near Napoleon, Ohio. The steamer Dawn, with a cargo of cotton and live stock, was destroyed by fire, thirty-two miles above New Orleans. Loss, over

Moss & Martin, Vicksburg (Miss.) cotton buyers, have failed, owing \$100,000 and with no asssets,

From Washington.

The statistician of the agricultural department has completed his estimate of the condition and prospects of the crops for the next season. The reports from seven hundred correspondents of the department show that the area under cultivation for cereals, which has increased fifty per cent, during the past ten years, will, during the present season, exceed in acreage any former year. The winter wheat crop, which amounts to six-tenths of the cereal crop, will from present appearances and with a favorable season, yield 360,000,000 bushels. The corn yield, it is thought, will not be less than 1,300,000,000 bushels.

The total expense of the war with the Sioux vas \$2,312,530 The public debt was reduced \$2,313,514 in

A bill recently introduced in the House by Representative Harrison provides that there shall be created a new department, to be called the Department of Civil Service, to consist of shall be created a new department, to be called the Department of Civil Service, to consist of five commissioners, who shall be appointed by the President; provided, however, that not more than three commissioners at any one time holding such positions shall be appointed from any one political party. The term of office shall expire respectively on the first day of January in the years 1882, 1884, 1886, 1888 and 1890. At the first meeting the commissioners shall draw by lot for their respective terms, and the commissioner drawing the shortest term shall be the head of the department, and thereafter the commissioner holding the shortest term shall be such head. The salary of the head of the department shall be \$5,000 per annum, and of each of the other commissioners \$4,000. It shall be the duty of the board to prescribe the qualifications requisite for appointment into the several branches of the civil service, and to examine all applicants for appointment. The bill further provides that no assessment shall be levied upon any officer of the United States for political purposes and payment of any such assessment. officer of the United States for political pur-poses, and payment of any such assessment hall be cause for immediate dismissal from the service-

The Excess of imports over experts for February is \$30,937,909. In 1877 the excess of experts over imports for February was \$17,specially many if a man has health

The joint resolutions of the State of New Jersey with regard to the late Centennial Ex-position, presented by Representative Hardenbergh, have been referred to the House com-mittee on the judiciary. They instruct the Senators and request the Representatives of that State to ascertain the balance due to the subscribers to the board of finance, and to pre-pare and support an act appropriating the same from the United States treasury. The resolutions also request the Governors of the other original States to send a copy of the above named resolutions to the Senators and Representatives of their respective States re-questing them to "use their influence to have the Centennial anniversary of our nation's in-dependence closed up consistently with the honor and dignity of a nation holding so high a position in the estimation of the civilized

contested election case of Lynch (colored)

The United States commercial agent at Ga-boon reports to the department of State that the knowledge of the Congo or Livingstone river, derived from Stanley's discoveries in a ready bearing practical fruit. English missionaries have followed the course of the river to the first series of rapids, and are about to establish a missionary station at that point.

Foreign News. The following appointments in the British Cabinet are officially confirmed: The Marquis of Salisbury, to be secretary of State for the foreign department; the Right Hon. Gathorne Hardy, to be secretary of State for India; the Hon. Frederick A. Stanley, to be secretary of State for war; Sir Henry Selwin Ibbetson, to retary of the treasury, in place of the Hon, F. A. Stanley.

The British Government has issued a circu lar to the European powers, complaining of the terms imposed by Russia on Turkey. It objects to the treaty in detail, and says that it would not be the interest of England to enter a congress "restricted by Prince Gortschakoff's latest reservations." It appeals to the Treaty of 1856 and the Declaration of 1871, and imies that both are still in force.

Russia is strengthening her positions about Constantinople,

The Queen's message, explaining why the eserve troops were called out, was read in the British House of Commons.

A Constantinoplo telegram states that the Russians, fearing the Turks will remain neutral in a war with England, have called upon them to abandon fortifications on the Bosphorus and Dardanelles.

The Earl of Leitrim, his clerk and driver were all shot dead while riding near the nobleman's residence, county of Derry, Ireland. The assassination is thought to have been the result of troubles with tenants on the earl's property. The Mexican Congress has begun its session

A deputation of five hundred English Lib-erals called upon Lords Granville and Harting-ton and asked them, as leaders of the Liberal party, to oppose a war with Russia. A London dispatch says the troops to the four remaining Russian districts have been

called out. According to a dispatch from Rome, Russia has offered to send an ambassador to the Vatican at once on the Pope's accepting the present condition of the church in the Russian

CONGRESSIONAL SUMMARY.

The bill to regulate the advertising of mail lettings and for other purposes was taken up, and, after the adoption of sundry amendments.

and, after the adoption of sundry amendments, was passed... The bill to increase the appropriation for arms to the several States to \$1,000,000 was discussed. Mr. Morrill moved to amend by reducing the amount to \$200,000. Pending discussion, the Senate adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Edmunds, of Vermont, the resolution to transfer to the State department for safe keeping the records of the commission on the electoral count, was taken up and agreed to... The bill removing the restrictions on the enlistment of colored men was discussed... The Pacific railroad sinking fund bill came up, after which the Senate went into executive session and then adjourned.

into executive session and then adjourned.

Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, offered a resolution that a select committee be appointed to con sider the propriety of taking the tenth census of the United States. Agreed to...The Paci-fic railroad sinking fund bill was discussed without action. Adjourned.

House. Mr. Stephens introduced a bill directing that when the coin in the treasury shall exceed \$100,000,000, the secretary shall redeem legal tender notes in coin when presented....The bill providing for temporary clerks in the treasury department and the prosecution of trespassers on the public domain, was reported back, and the Senate amendments concurred in... A motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill directing that pensions for death or wounds in the late war shall date from the time of death or discharge from the service, was lost. Adjourned after an evening session for debate only debate only.

passed. Adjourned.

Mr. Butler, of Massachusetts, introduced a bill to supply a convenient currency with which the minor business transactions of the which the minor business transactions of the people may be done. It provides for issuing twenty-five cents and fifty cents fractional currency, and that any person paying into the treasury legal-tender notes or coin shall receive such amount of fractional currency as he may desire, and directs the secretary of the treasury to pay out one-sixth of all payments made from the treasury in redemption of national bank notes in United States legal-tender notes of the denominations of \$1.82.83 and \$5 of the denominations of \$1, \$2, \$3, and \$5.... The discussion of the case of Doorkeeper Polk was resumed, and after debate the committee's resolution declaring the office of the doorkeeper of the House to be vacant was carried by 139 to 80. Mr. Hale's motion that the House proceed at once to the election of a new door-keeper was defeated by a motion to adjourn, which was carried.

A Cubic Mile of Humanity.

A fanciful genius suggests that it is now time to celebrate the completion of the first cubic mile of humanity, and gives a calculation to show that the bodies of all mankind, from the first Adam down to the Adams just born, if closely packed without diminution of volume, would exactly fill that space. Here are his figures, which our young mathematicians who have nothing else to do may verify if they can,

According to the orthodox chronology the world has been inhabited about 6,000 years, or 170 generations. Its present population is about fifteen hundred millions; but this density of population must have been slowly reached, since all are descended from an original. Consequently he takes half the number of the present seven hundred and fifty milliens, as the average population of the world from the beginning until now, making the aggregate of unman bodies during the 170 generations, 127,500 millions. Since many die in infancy, and half are women, the average weight of each bedy is taken as seventy-four pounds. The aggregate weight of all mankind to date must accordingly be 4,212 million tons, or a little more than the weight of a cubic mile of sea water. Since the human body, with the lungs not inflated, is a trifle heavier than sea water, our calculator assumes that his estimated 4,212 million tons of humanity would fill the same space as 4,205 million tons of sea water, or precisely

one cubic mile. Taking the same figures and exercisag the same freedom in striking averages, the mathematically inclined may deduce any number of amusing results. For instance, assuming the average length of humanity to be a little under four feet, the bodies of all mankind, living and dead, placed end to end, would just make a bridge from the earth to the sun!-Scientific American.

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