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There are 44,000 deaf mutes in this country who are voters.

Morton is older than Harrison by nine years; and Thurman is twenty-three years older than Cleveland.

It is predicted that the iron product of Washington Territory will soon exceed that of Pennsylvania.

Admiral Luce, in a public speech, has called attention to the pleasing fact that temperance principles rule in the American Navy now as never before.

After a warm contest, Miss Ella Lehen has been elected Superintendent of City Schools in Portland, Oregon, and will receive \$5000 just like a man.

Sunday-schools are increasing rapidly in this country. Last year the American Sunday-school Union organized 1502, with 6233 teachers and 51,129 scholars.

Recent statistics show a total of about five hundred church members within the walls of Peking, China, connected with the five Protestant missions in that city.

The State Gazetteer for 1888, just issued gives California a population at the present time of over 1,500,000, nearly twice the population of 1880, according to the official census.

Congressman Cox figures up our population in 1880 at 64,748,993, while Mr. McKinley sets it at 64,503,000. The most ambitious American ought to be as ready willing to split the difference.

Three public spirited citizens of Chicago have agreed to purchase old St. Barnabas, the ancient relic of the past, and present it to the city if the municipal authorities will remove it to a safe place and have it properly cared for.

The paper money of Peru, says the Cincinnati Enquirer, is valueless, and at the same time \$3000 a yard was charged for this money in these depreciated bills. You can see a day for board at the hotel, and the Government tries to keep the paper in circulation.

The ancestral home of the Washington family in Northamptonshire, England, is to be sold. The estate contains 35 acres, and was granted to Lawrence Washington in 1745. His son, Lawrence, emigrated to Virginia, and was General George Washington's ancestor.

It is alleged that recently in Nazpre, India, a boy of sixteen was offered a sacrifice to the gods, in accordance with a superstition that human sacrifices caused a bountiful harvest. The head of the boy was severed from the body and offered as a god, while the body was tenured to a god.

After natural gas natural gas cannot be used, a surprise, and a vein of it is reported from Butler, Ga., at a depth of 317 feet. The pieces are round, hollow, very rough in the middle, have a pitted appearance, and are supposed to come from the fusing of the sandy soil to some intense heat.

The New York Mail and Express says that "the prison statistics recently given show that the proportion of the foreign born who become prisoners is nearly double that of the native born; but that the disregard of the foreign born for law is far more in the direction of immorality and disorder than in dishonesty or violence."

Pasteur, the hydrophobia specialist, is known as "Canehide the First" in Paris just now, because his recommendations inspired the Prefect of the Police to make strict regulations about dogs. All the animals must be held by a string while on the street, and wandering canines are promptly impounded and suffocated with coal gas.

The cherry crop has been a failure this year in England, except in Kent, where they have been abundant and delicious ever since the time when Richard Harveys, fruiterer, to Henry VIII., sent to Flanders for fresh grafts of a special kind, the old stock of English cherries seeming to be dying out, and planted 103 acres of the new fruit around Taysam.

Railroad men say that lightning occasionally strikes locomotives when they run through thunder storms, but it has never been known to harm them or the men in their cabs. The electricity thins out and spreads all over the engine, running off the wheels and along the tracks when its leaves the machinery. The impression is that the locomotives are lightning catchers and attract the bolts that otherwise might hit the cars.

The Queen of Sweden, who is afflicted with nerves, has been ordered by her physicians to rise early, make her own bed and sweep and dust her room. The Swedish medical profession may be lacking in science, observes the Chicago Herald, but it is certainly not deficient in good sense. The woman who gets up and makes the fire, hustles around and gets breakfast is seldom nervous, while his sweet and uninterrupted slumber during her matutinal activity tends to preserve the nerves of her husband.

A BRIDAL SONG.

From out whose gracious rays Came forth the day of days, When my dear love was born, Shine out!

A MISSING COIN.

"I beg your pardon, but could you give me a glass of milk?" Ellie Tier jumped up with a little involuntary scream.

HOME OF THE DIAMONDS.

THE GREAT MINES RUNNING IN SOUTH AFRICA. A Description of the De Beers Mine, the Scene of a Recent Terrible Disaster.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

Sea-Weed Decorations. Various decorative uses for the seaweeds which the coming months afford an opportunity to visitors to the seaside to collect are suggested by Decorator and Furnisher.

THE HAPPY FARMER.

At last, at last, the evening shadow's fall, And warmly but happily I lie me home, While in my heart I hear the welcome call.

WISE WORDS.

Praise undeserved is satire in disguise. Wit is folly, unless a wise man has the keeping of it.

RECIPIES.

POTATO SCALLOPS. Boil and mash the potatoes soft with a little milk or cream, and light with melted butter.