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According to the Mail and Express the United States now leads the world in the production of pig iron.

Ohio oleomargarine men want natural butter inspected, claiming that three-fourths of it isn't as good as oleomargarine.

A significant educational tendency of the day, thinks the Chicago Post, is the increased interest in the study of history and politics at Johns Hopkins University.

"It will not be long at the present rate of progress," believes the Washington Star, until the oyster will have joined the buffalo in the happy hunting grounds.

In the death of Baron Haussmann, Paris loses the architect who, with the assistance of Napoleon III, made her so beautiful. It cost a great deal of money, remarks the Cincinnati Enquirer, but in the long run it paid.

Within the past thirty years, estimates the Atlanta Constitution, the population of our cities and towns has increased 281 per cent., from 5,000,000 to 13,000,000, while the rural population has increased less than one-third as rapidly, or about seventy per cent.

At the recent convention of street-car men in St. Louis, Mo., it was shown by statistics, avers the New York World, that after fifteen years have been rung up on an ordinary horse car all the remainder of the money taken in for that trip is profit for the company.

There are 8000 Indians still living on reservations in New York. They are civilized, well educated and never give anybody any trouble. The same is true of the Cherokees in the Indian Territory. The Indians of the Northwest and far Southwest give us more trouble than all of the others.

The New York Mail and Express alleges that one of the great railroad corporations paid \$300,000 last year for towing car floats around the harbor. The amount paid by the five great trunk lines would equal the interest on \$30,000,000—enough to construct two or three bridges and tunnels.

The United States opened this year with 107,355 miles of railway in operation—enough, boasts the Cincinnati Enquirer, to go around the globe seven times, and enough to reach more than two thirds of the way to the moon. If it were all in a continuous line, and in absolutely perfect condition, it would take our fastest express train six months to run over it.

With regard to Germany, who can wonder, asks the St. Louis Republic, at the increase there of socialism in view of facts like these: In Saxony 73.51 per cent. of the population have an income of less than \$200 a year; and of this number 45.49 per cent., are wretchedly poor, having an income of less than \$125 per annum. The middle class embraces 23.47. Even there have less than \$20 a year. Only 0.60 possess over \$2400 per annum.

America is credited with many labor-saving devices, but there are some of origin, acknowledges the Boston Post, that throw our best into the shade of these—for the benefit of it is described in an English column. There are persons, it says, with no faculty of writing, who sum are prepared to contrive involutions and evolutions of a full complement of heroes, vers, heavy fathers, scheming all the rest of it."

M. Johnson, now a practicing lawyer, Kendall, Kan., tells an incident in which Custer was and Colonel Myers, command, were riding on a train. They saw a squaw prone on ground dead, and before five year old babe crying her to arise. Taking spouse the Colonel ordered sent to dismount and see if she was dead. He did so, and the Colonel nonchalantly said: "What shall I do with"

ment that the Duke of Schwerin wanted Prince Frederick of his Council sufficient to prompt him to abandon a pleasure trip. He comes the news that Bavaria decidedly object their army by the German though that army is an in defense of the Empire. A of Germany signs are rves the St. Louis Star the Bismarckian fabric of ates under Imperial rule so it was on a certain 890, when its foundation p down and out.

THE WAYSIDE WELL.

He stopped at the wayside well, Where the water was cold and deep; There were feathery ferns 'twixt the mossy stones, And gay was the old well sweep.

BRIGITTE'S FORTUNE.

Short, thin, dry and wrinkled as an apple that lay withered during a long winter, such was the good man, Farmer Landry. Indeed, he was one of those close-hoisted old peasants of whom it is graphically said that they can shave something from an egg shell.

THE INDIAN WITCH DANCE.

The Indian witch, or medicine dance, is very different from the performances before described. It is really a weird affair, and almost as difficult to witness as the celebrations that New England witches were said to indulge in the olden time.

THE RAVENS OF ALASKA.

FEATHERED SCAVENGERS OF OUR ARCTIC TERRITORY. Their Movements and Habits—Holding a Conclave—Their Peculiar Bill—Why Natives Venerate Them.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Electricity has been put to driving drills. It costs sixty-four cents to run a train a mile in England. Wooden-iron making is an extensive industry in Russia, about 30,000,000 being the annual product.

A TWILIGHT STORY.

"Auntie, will you tell a story?" said my little niece of three. As the early winter twilight fell around us silently, So I answered to her pleading: "Once, when I was very small, With my papa and my mamma I went out to mallow call;

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A peck of trouble—Henpeck. Can't be cured—The stage hum. Brevity is often a sign of the poverty of wit.