A convention of colored religious as sociations, lately in session at Indianapolis, Ind., demanded of the next Congress an appropriation of \$100,000 to promote a project for the permanent colonization of the colored people in the West.

Professor Thompson, of the geological survey, who has been at work near Reno, Nev., making surveys and maps for the purpose of establishing reservoir sites for the purposes of irrigation, is very enthusiastic regarding the work, and says the result will exceed his most sanguine expectations. He is confident that through irrigation millions of acres of arid lands on the Pacific coast can be re claimed and made productive.

London is really going to imitate Paris and become an intrenched city. Military storehouses have already been built for the troops, which might be used on its southern line of defense; intrenched camps are to be created, and one of them is actually to be near the town of Dork ing, the scene of the mythical battle The volunteer artillery is to be equipped at once with more suitable guns. It will, however, says the St. James's Gazette, be some time before the metropolis is impregnable.

Three expeditions to the South Pole are under discussion, and have been more or less determined upon. England has one under consideration, the French scientists are urging their Government to take up the matter, and the Germans of Hamburg, with Villard as their American agent, have been seriously contemplating sending down a body of explorers to the mysterious regions of the Antarctic. A general revival of interest in this comparatively neglected portion of the globe seems to be promised, and the San Francisco Chronicle thinks the time is at hand when the existence of a great Antarctic continent, the magnetic conditions of the South, and the relative flatness of the earth at that point will be definitely settled.

The carelessness of the Mexican Government in regard to money matters, the New York Sun declares to be most reprehensible. "Our neighbor has permitted herself to be robbed of \$1,200,000 in bonds. It appears that the robbery occurred in the fifth section of the Treasury Department, at the head of which is Mr. Enrique Abogodo. The stolen bonds were in two books, and it is stated they were placed on the market in London where \$920,000 were realized by their sale. There is some question as to whether the bonds were signed, sealed, dated and marked with the private mark of the Treasury Department; but this matters little, inasmuch as the robbers are apparently capable of signing the name of Secretary Dublan."

During the Russian Czar's recent visit to Germany, extraordinary measures for his safety were taken. No precautions seemed to satisfy the Russian officials. Count Schouvaloff fortified the Russian Embassy at Berlin. Six Russian artizans, especially attached to the Czar's retinue. examined the walls, flooring and furniture of the embassy and inserted grating barring at the tops and bottoms of the chimneys. Sentries were also stationed upon the roof, apparently to prevent explosives being thrown down the flues. The Berlin secret police assisted the Russian detectives as far as the frontier. In accordance with the Czar's desire the railway bridges at Neustadt, Dirschau and Marienburg and all the streets of Dantzic were guarded by troops. Until the moment the Czar left Dantzic even the officials were not allowed to know whether he would board the imperial yacht Derjava or make the journey by railroad. When the train started for the frontier, orders were telegraphed to put 50,000 Russian troops in motion to protect the

A small herd of young buffaloes which reached the Smithsonian Institution at Washington recently is regarded by the Government naturalists as a most precious acquisition. The buffalo has had his day, and, unless a few specimens are hereafter bred by persons interested in his preservation as the noblest specimen of our native fauna, the race will soon become as extinct as the American mastodon. Not many years ago, however, the noble animal roamed the plains in countless numbers, and a frequent and picturesque sight in the far West was an enormous cavalcade of buffaloes charging over the prairies at the heels of their shaggy leader. Civilization is even more fatal to the buffalo than to the Indian. With the opening of the West by the railroads their destruction began. Thousands of hunters for whom the buffalo country was now accessible began to kill them off by droves. So wanton was the carnage that the species has well-nigh disappeared, and a buffalo is now an unusual sight on any of the Western plains. Even the specimens received at Washington were not captured in their wild state, but were bred at an army post from animals caught

CURIOUS FACTS.

Postal cards are made: at the rate of 4000 per minute.

There is a growing demand in England for human skin leather. A pall-bearer at a funeral in Dorset,

Vt., dropped dead while stand at the A crazy man in the Milwaukee (Wis.)

Jail labors under the impression that he is a telephone. The art of making paper from cotton

rags was not introduced till about the close of the eleventh century. San Salvador is the first of the Central

American republics to establish telephone service throughout its territory. At the rate of increase in the past few years the wool crop of Colorado will soon

exceed in value the output of her silver

mines. J. B. Green, of Mosherville, Mich. captured an eel in his mill flume which weighed six and one-half pounds and

was forty inches long. The Government monopoly articles of Honduras are gunpowder, tobacco, cigars and liquors. It retains complete and abrolute control of the liquor traffic.

The Dictionary of Fossils, issued by the State of Pennsylvania, contains thirtyfour pages in small print correcting statements found on the other 405 pages.

Children as expert musicians are coming to be the wonder of the profession. Alice Liebmann, aged nine, is astonishing London critics with her skill on the vio-

A curious wedding ceremony recently took place in Dublin, Ireland, when the clergyman, the son of a well-known Dublin artist, married his father to a second wife.

At a California fair the other day s Plumas County man ate forty-three eggs for supper. The next morning for an appetizer he partook of nine boxes of

A single sheet of paper six feet wide and seven and three-quarter miles in length, has been made at the Watertown (N. Y.) Paper Works. It weighed 2207 pounds, and was made and rolled entire without a single break.

Lieutenant Schwatka estimates the number of living cliff-dwellers he has discovered in South Chihuaha at from 8000 to 12,000. They are wild and shy, and upon the approach of white people flee to their caves in alarm.

Adents at Stealing.

The native races along the southern coast of South America are described as professional wreckers and thieves. Their practices are told by the author of "The Cruise of the Falcon," not for commendation, of course, but to warn sailors who may be cast away on those shores.

One sailor is sitting half asleep on his sea chest. A gaucho comes up and taps him on his back.

"Bueno, Johnny; bueno, Johnny." "If you are not off, I will send a bullet into you," says Jack.

"Bueno, Johnny; bueno; till to-mor row," and off skulks the gaucho to his horse, which he mounts. With a sardonic smile he takes off his hat to Jack, bids him farewell, and digging his spurs into the flanks of his wiry little horse, leans over his neck and is off at full gallop over the short grass of the sandy plains.

At the first stride of the horse, to Jack's intense surprise, his box is wrenched violently from under him. He jumps up, rubs his eyes, and before he can recover his senses he sees his property rolling and bumping away over the sand hills at the heels of the gaucho's steed; for this clever gentleman had man aged to make one end of his lasso fast to the handle of Jack's box while engaged in conversation with him.

A Great Misfortune.

Heavy rains of ten produce disease among farm animals. Almost every day cases of roup, swelled head and a distemper very disous among poultry are reported. A part bis is also due to improper feeding. You astrous among poultry are reported. A of this is also due to improper feeding. cannot make a hen lay when everything you give her is being transformed into fat, and laying the foundation of disease, same as with an overfed child or person. Alfred T. Johnson, Hampton, N. H., says: "Last fall I had 80 fine looking hens, which began to droop and die; I changed their food and began us-ing Sheridan's Powder; in three weeks they ing Sheridan's Powder; in three weeks they were nearly well, and had increased the eggs sixteen a day. I have just bought six cans of it, as a preventive of disease the coming winter. It can't be beat, for that can saved me \$40 last year." I. S. Johnson & Co., 22 Custom House Street, Boston, Mass. (the only makers of Sheridan's Condition Powder), will send two 25 cent packs of Powder, and new Poultry Guide, for 06 cents; for \$1.00 five packs and book; for \$1.20 a large 2½ can and book; six cans \$5.00, express prepaid. Send stamps or cash. Testimonials free. For 5 cents a copy of the best Poultry paper sent.

GEORGE TALL and Lydia Short were married in Faltimore recently.

The Excitement Not Over.

The rush on the druggists still continues and daily scores of people call for a bottle of Kemp's Ealsam for the Throat and Lungs for the cure of Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma and Consumption. Kemp's Balsam, the stan-dard family remedy, is sold on a guarantee and never fails to give entire satisfaction. Price 50c. and §1. Trial size free.

Dr. NAUSEN, the Norwegian explorer, is organizing an expedition to the North Pole.

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Fort Payne, Alabama.

The wonderful growth of this New England city in the South has been such as to occasion exclamations of surprise from all visitors. Surely, say many, the magician's art alone could have produced this great transformation in a few short months. To those who have studied the situation the growth seems the most natural thing imaginable and not at all to be wondered at

though phenomenal.

Of all the flourishing towns and cities of the South this one has attracted most attention, perhaps, for here alone is to be worked out the result of the first organized move ment of the capital and brains from the North and East in the development of the

vast resources of this region of country.

Here the iron ore of the best quality is within a quarter of a mile of the furnace. Limestone for fluxing is yet nearer, on the opposite side, and the coke ovens are building on the lot adjoining the furnace. A like condition of fortuitous circumstances do not exist elsewhere in this or any other country to insure a cheap production of pig iron. Besides, this country abounds in clays that makes the finest quality of fire bricks, sewer pipe, terra cotta, etc.; in kaolin and haloy-site, from which is made the finest crockery and pottery; in sand for moulding and for glass making; in building stone of beautiful colors and shades; in forests of timber, both hard and soft woods; in a properties cold, in hard and soft woods; in a productive soil; in beautiful scenery; an abundance of pure spring water, and in healthful surroundings.

Its location is in the Wills Valley, between Lookout and Sand Mountains, on the Queen & Crescent Route, fifty-one miles below Chattanooga and ninety-two miles above

Birmingham, in north-eastern Aalabama.

The Fort Payne Coal & Iron Company, New England, with Col. J. W. Spaulding, as President, and C. O. Godfrey (Mayor of the city), as General Manager, located here in February last and purchased many thousand according to the control of the city. many thousand acres of land. At that time the population numbered 531; now it is a city of over 3000 population, with electric lights, water works, and rapidly growing. In that time there has been erected and in process of erection over five hundred dwellings, two large hotels, furnace, rolling mill, lime kiln, asphaltum block pavement factory, ice factory, stove works, very ex-tensive fire clay works, five brick yards, carriage factory, two saw mills, planing mill, two banks, many stores, school houses, churches, opera house, etc. The officers of the company are busy day and night ar ranging for new industries, answering scores of letters daily received, entertaining visitors and pushing the building operations of the new industries under way. The Fort Payne Herald, of August 25th, issued a sixteen page illustrated paper which gives a complete resume of the wonderful growth of the city up to that date.

Denmark now grows more oats than any other cereal, as much barley as wheat and rye together, and five times more rye than wheat. Twenty-nine per cent. of the acreage of this country is devoted to cereals, twenty per cent. to pasture and ten per cent. to meadow. This year's harvest is considerably below the average.

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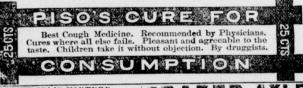
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