

In the sacred city of Amarpooa, Burma, Asia, there is said to be a Bo tree, which can claim well a authenticated age of 2,171 years, historical documents keeping a trustworthy record which shows it was planted 288 years before Christ. The big trees of California are mere babies beside this.

Statistics show that not quite one-third of our population is foreign born or foreign in the second degree. Of the fifteen millions included in the above computation, about four millions and a half have Irish fathers. The number having German fathers is three hundred and fifty thousand larger, showing that the Germans outnumber the Irish in the Union. The Irish are less than a third of the foreign population.

Mrs. Langtry's share of the profits of her seven month season in the United States is \$100,000. This is a large sum for meagre dramatic talent, but in reality it was not paid for that, but was a tribute to her beauty, and if "a thing of beauty is a joy forever" perhaps the amount is not excessive. Half that amount however, to Oscar Wilde, was foolish in the extreme. He was no "thing of beauty" but quite the reverse, besides being a humbug of the first water. America is now the most fruitful field in the world for lions of all sorts, and foreign notoriety or reputation, savory or otherwise, operates as an open sesame to the pockets of our people.

It is a proverb in the northwest that eorn in the ground by the first of June will mature, but this presupposes three months following, of warm weather. Whether it will come this year is more doubtful than usual. No man is sufficiently weatherwise to hazard anything more than a conjecture one way or the other. But wheat, the great staple, is doing well in most localities, with prospects of an average crop. The old adage "make hay while the sun shines" may be applied to other productions of the soil, and to the general work of the farmer. Industry and adaptation to circumstances may do much to improve the situation, whether favorable or otherwise.

The crowning of the Czar of all the Russias at Moscow in due and ancient form, with magnificent ceremonials, and amidst the obsequious, and it may be presumed, heartfelt worship of his people, is a disappointment to many readers who had been led to believe that the occasion would be signalled by a tragedy. The entire absence of nihilistic demonstration, or any evidence of popular disfavor, may be attributed to measures of discovery and repression which would render such demonstrations fool-hardy in the extreme; but it is a more reasonable supposition that the popular vindictiveness and hatred to the person of the Czar, of which we hear so much, has been greatly exaggerated.

Dr. Tanner, the renowned faster, who now resides at Jamestown, New York, has just published a long array of recent cases of suspended animation and premature burial, which is startling, if well authenticated. One of the cases is that of a Miss Mosely, a domestic in a family in West Middlesex, Pa., who died suddenly. Physicians could not diagnose the case, and her death was pronounced very mysterious. Her family, previous to her death, had moved to Missouri, and Miss Mosely was buried. Last week her friends from Missouri arrived to remove the remains, and, upon opening the coffin, a heartrending spectacle was presented. The young lady had been buried alive, and had turned over on her side and was lying face downward, her hands clenched in her hair, and her distorted features plainly showing the intensity of her suffering.

Sergeant Finley, signal officer at Kansas City, has issued a practical pamphlet on precautions against prairie cyclones. Wherever possible, he advises the excavation of an underground chamber of refuge a short distance from the house. The earth above this chamber should be at least three feet thick, and the roof on a level with the field or open space. Cellar dug-outs should be excavated from the west wall and toward the west. If no such retreat has been provided the best place of refuge is in the cellar against the west wall, face forward. A position against the south wall as near the southwest corner as possible, will answer. If one sees the tornado vortex coming while he is in the open field, he must either run to the north or south to get out of the track. If he is near the southern edge of the apparent path he should run south bearing a little to the east. It is fatal to run to the east or northeast. In case there is no time for escape by running, one can only throw himself face downward on the ground with his head to the east, throwing the hands over the head to protect it as far as possible.

The state of Virginia extended more than a million of dollars in 1882 for the support of her common schools. Of these 4,062 are white schools and 1,225 are colored.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

GOSSIP FROM WASHINGTON.

Postmaster General Gresham is about to order an investigation as to the causes of mysterious disappearance of newspapers mailed by private persons. It was represented to him that through the carelessness of postmasters fully three-tenths of all such newspapers fail to reach their destination. It was represented to him that they were often opened and read by postmasters and then thrown away. The postmaster general says that newspapers should be as sacredly regarded as though they were so many letters. He said he would dismiss a postmaster guilty of opening a newspaper as quickly as though he had opened a letter.

The adjustment of salaries of postmasters of the various classes shows a marked increase in postal revenues for the last quarter, and it is thought probable by officials of the postoffice department that the decrease after Oct. 1 will not be more than one-half the amount that has been predicted. Reduced postage on first-class matter is responsible for the decrease, but not more than a year will suffice, it is thought, to bring the department up to a self-supporting basis.

Indian Agent Wilcox has telegraphed from San Carlos, Ariz., to the commissioner of Indian affairs an account of the recent surrender to the military of the Indians belonging to Loco's band. He says they were cut off from the main body of the band by Mexican troops. They heard the country was full of soldiers and fled to San Carlos for refuge. He declined to receive them, and they are now being fed by the military.

It is reported at the treasury department that the British government is sending papers to this country by a round about process. The people are said to be assisted to Belgium, and then again aided to emigrate to the United States. These assisted migrations are, of course, from Ireland. It is charged that this plan is adopted to prevent complaint on our part through diplomatic channels.

Col. Bright, sergeant-at-arms of the United States senate publishes a card setting forth that misrepresentations have been published about the removal of H. F. Hayden from the position of chief engineer of the senate, and that he was removed for cause, and the reasons will be furnished if the President of the senate should deem the matter of sufficient importance.

The soldiers are getting ready for a systematic movement upon the next congress with a view of receiving another increase of their pensions and other legislation in their behalf. The president of the Maimed Soldiers' league is sending out circulars calling for contributions to influence legislation in their interest.

The customs receipts, which were expected to pick up during this month from the fact that the new sugar tariff went into effect on the 1st, have not so far undergone so marked a stimulus as was expected. The customs receipts June 3rd, were but \$652,263.

Charges of corruption are made against parties prominent in public life in connection with the Southern Pacific land grant. A tell-tale stub hook looms athwart the mental vision of susceptible statesmen.

Postmasters commissioned: Iowa—John Frazer, Ruckers; James L. Rhineheart, Slagle. Minnesota—Pierre E. Ward. Post-offices established—Carlton, Dak.; Gresham, Minn.

Secretary Chandler says he is expecting a report from the navy yard board very shortly and the result will be that some of the navy yards will be closed before the 1st of July.

The president said recently he would take up the question of consolidating the internal revenue districts when Secretary Folger returned, and dispose of it at once.

The reporter for the agricultural bureau at Washington reports Texas crops as being fifteen days late, but in good condition and prospects for an abundant harvest promising.

Washington Special: Speaking of the report that a plenary council of the Catholic church for the United States is to be held, Father Chappellock of this city says:

The postmaster general has selected metallic red as the color of the new two-cent postage stamp.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

The St. Paul & Northern Pacific elected the following solid board of directors: Henry Villard, Frederick Billings, Edward D. Adams, E. F. Fabri, T. F. Oakes, George B. Wright, George L. Becker, Alexander Ramsey and Francis R. Adams. Sand and gravel may now fly before the snow. This road was originally the Western Minnesota, and was organized in 1874 by F. R. Delano, P. H. Kelly, P. F. McQuillan, J. J. Hill, N. W. Kittson, C. W. Griggs and L. E. Reed.

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania company operating lines of the Pennsylvania system west of Pittsburg, was held in Pittsburg recently. The annual report for 1882 showed the net income of the Pennsylvania company proper, after the payment of expenses, interest, rentals, etc., to be \$1,867,883, which, after reducing a dividend on the capital stock of 4 per cent, \$800,000 leaves a surplus for the year of \$1,067,883.

The total land sales of the Northern Pacific for the month of May aggregated 82,512 acres, for which \$325,735 was received; town lots, \$25,922; total receipts, \$351,657. The land sales were divided as follows: Eastern division or district, 44,917 acres, for which \$174,428 was received; western district, 30,926 acres, \$154,249; Montana district, 6,670, \$30,058.

When the Thunder Bay Branch of the Canadian Pacific is in operation the average daily consumption of coal by the syndicate will be 400 tons. Up to this season the coal used has come from Iowa, via St. Paul. It is now brought from Pittsburg to Duluth by the lakes, and thence over the Manitoba to St. Vincent.

Controller Lawrence decides that the Pacific railways are entitled to pay for carrying mail over unsubsidized and leased roads.

The Northern Pacific in May sold 82,517 acres for \$358,725.

GENERAL NEWS GOSSIP. Amasa Stone's will is not yet on record

or accessible, but trustworthy information is that he leaves \$100,000 to Adelbert college, making his contribution to that institution \$600,000. He leaves property valued at \$1,000,000 to his widow, and the remainder of his fortune, variously estimated at from \$6,000,000 to \$12,000,000, to his two daughters, Mrs. Col. Hay and Mrs. Samuel Mather, whose husbands are executors of the estate.

The annual meeting of the National Educational association this year takes place at Saratoga, commencing July 5, and continuing six days. The exercises arranged embrace a wide range of thorough-going educational topics. The programme in the department of higher education sets out with an address from President Folwell, of the Minnesota state university, on the present outlook of the higher education.

The tin plate manufacturers of the United States met at Pittsburg Monday and organized the American Tin Plate association by electing officers, William J. Lewis of Pittsburg president. The object is to introduce, foster, and develop the plate industry, and endeavor to have such laws enacted as will afford adequate protection to the trade.

At a meeting at Springfield, Mo., last night, it was determined to hold a grand reunion of survivors of the battle of Wilson's Creek, on the old battle ground, ten miles west of Springfield, Aug. 8, 10, and 11 next. Survivors of the battle of both Union and confederate armies will be invited.

Capt. John P. Walker of the Third cavalry, whose wild escapades for four or five years have been numerous, is again defying the war department. This time he has left his post and is wandering about New Mexico. A medical board will examine him, and probably he will be put in confinement.

George M. Willing, an old resident of St. Louis, backed by lawyers of St. Louis and California, is about to institute proceeding to secure a tract of 2,700 square miles of land lying along the Gila river. The property embraces several mines, and is estimated to be worth \$10,000,000.

Sunday trains on the Housatonic railroad were stopped yesterday by the Massachusetts authorities. Clergymen of Berkshire county, Mass., presented a petition against running of trains on Sunday, but the railroad company disregarded them.

James R. Grant, who in 1869 killed Rives Pollard, a Richmond editor, for slandering his sister, died Friday in Goodland county, Va. He had been on the minstrel stage some years under the name of James Russell.

In about one month a marble statue of Zachary Taylor will be unveiled at his grave, eight miles from Louisville. All the survivors of the Mexican war are to be invited. Gen. Grant will probably attend.

Mayor O'Brien of St. Paul, created a sensation on Wednesday by ordering the closing of all the gambling dens. The gamblers submitted quietly and will go to other localities or pursue their business in secret.

Christopher O'Brien was inaugurated mayor of St. Paul on Tuesday last. He is expected to warm the gambling fraternity. He appointed John Clark, chief of police in place of Webber.

The Pennsylvania senate yesterday passed the house bill to abolish the contract custom in prisons and reformatory institutions. Gov. Pattison will sign it.

There are about 75,000,000 feet of logs, about one-half of the entire cut tributary to Duluth, hung up, the water in streams being so very low.

The Oregon Iron and Steel works, at Portland, were ordered to construct 500 cottages for the new rolling mills employes. A recent estimate states that New York pawnbrokers have \$200,000 worth of pledges on hand.

CRIMES AND CRIMINALS.

James H. Langley, alias Dr. Langley alias Henry Langley, known throughout the country as the king of Peter Funks, was arrested in Boston recently. For years he has been operating in leading cities of the east and west as a promoter of stock jobbing corporations organized on paper for swindling purposes. One corporation is the United States Construction & Investment company; another is the Limited Live Stock Express company. During the last five years Langley organized a score of bogus concerns. A Bostonian named Worrell, was inveigled into one enterprise and lost fully \$100,000. All of Langley's concerns proved worthless. Dr. Langley is now in jail under nominal bonds of \$10,000, which will probably be increased to \$100,000.

John Anderson and Frank Brown, two more of what is known as a gang of Crooked Creek cow boys, got into a shooting affray at Wiota, Iowa, last Saturday night, and both were fatally shot by an unknown person. They were carried into a hotel and physicians from Atlanta were summoned by special train. Anderson died at 5:20 Sunday morning. At last account Brown was alive, but as there are four bullets through his body, he cannot recover. In April last two others of the same gang were shot and killed by a man named Hallock, whom they were pursuing with revolvers.

John Baily, aged twenty-eight, and Harry Wimbish, aged thirty, negroes, were hanged Friday, at Macon, Georgia. Eight thousand people were present, mostly negroes. Baily murdered Pariah Tappan, an old negro, last July, during a dispute over \$1. Wimbish killed Morgan Washington, a negro, last June. Wimbish quarreled with Washington and told him to say "sheep," and he would shear him. Washington said "sheep" and Wimbish killed him.

The safes of the county treasurer of Van Buren county, Ark., S. Clinton, and of Bradshaw & Thornborough, merchants, were blown open by burglars. The treasurers safe was robbed of about \$7,000 and the Merchants of \$700. Two suspected parties are being tracked by bloodhounds.

Edwin B. Stiles, who has been keeping a butcher shop at Fisher, Polk county, has skipped out for Canada, leaving numerous debts and a sorry partner. He had purchased about \$200 worth of meat at Crookston on the credit of another, and seems to have forgotten about it in his flight.

In the case of the Joliet (Ill.) prison convict, John Anderson, found dying from knife wounds in his cell, the coroner's jury found that he was murdered by his cell mate, Michael Mooney, who had secretly made a knife from a file to accomplish his purpose.

A Galveston News San Antonio special says Maj. Wasson, the army defaulting pay-

master, in an elaborate address to the court, will plead guilty of embezzlement of \$5,400, but resists the charge of embezzling \$18,000 he is alleged to have lost.

A child was born to Ben Brookins' unmarried daughter in Baldwin county, Ga. She confessed that York Cooper, a negro was the father. Brookins thereupon killed Cooper, and the coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

Mrs. Susan E. Douglass, aged twenty-seven, of Cumberland county, Pa., during the absence of her husband, cut the throats of her three children (boys), and then killed herself. Insanity was the cause.

John Randolph, who shot D. L. Sparks, had his preliminary examination before Justice Williams at Aitkin, and was held for trial before the district court to be held at Brainerd at the September term.

James Dolan, pardoned by Gov. [Butler of Massachusetts in a "dying" condition, was arrested recently while breaking into and entering a liquor saloon at Wonsocket.

John J. Rosier of Illinois was convicted and sentenced to five years' imprisonment at Jackson, Mich., on the charge of being too much married, having three wives living.

Anna Beddner, sixteen years old, committed suicide at Limetown, Sunday, by taking strychnine. She had just arrived there from Minneapolis.

RECORD OF CASUALTIES.

At Hutchinson, Kans., the Hazard Powder company's magazine, containing 1,300 pounds of powder, was struck by lightning, and the consequent explosion broke nearly every glass front in the city, wrenched several buildings from their foundations and knocked down plastering, lamps and clocks a mile away. One dwelling, 300 yards away, was completely riddled by flying bricks.

At suspension bridge, N. Y., during the performance of Nathan's circus, the canvas tents were struck by a terrific rain squall and utterly demolished. About 1,500 persons were in the tent, and a terrible panic ensued. A large number of persons were injured, though none fatally.

J. Hoyt of Detroit, Minn., Northern Pacific attorney Ohman of St. Paul, and a man by the name of Graves of Chicago, were upset in Detroit lake during Tuesday's storm and narrowly escaped drowning.

Mrs. Mary Neal, seventy-six years old, on her way to Grafton, Dak., from Canada, fell off the Manitoba train at Kandiyohi and was seriously injured, and probably cannot live.

Mr. John Proud, a former resident of Rochester, now living at Aberdeen, Dak., has recently lost three children from disease caused by the alkali water of that section.

Texas had a violent tornado on Saturday last and lost much property but only a few lives.

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES.

The anniversary of the death of Gen. Garibaldi was commemorated Saturday night throughout Italy. The syndic of Rome unveiled a bronze bust of Garibaldi in the capitol. A number of persons formed in procession, and marched to the capitol to witness the unveiling ceremony. In passing the Austrian embassies the processionists shouted, "viva oberdank." The chamber of deputies to-day passed a bill providing for the erection of a national monument to Garibaldi on Janiculum hill, the site of Garibaldi's defense of Rome against the French.

The Pall Mall Gazette publishes another portion of the letter from the Russian nihilist, Stepiak, in which he declares that a widespread society exists in the Russian army, composed exclusively of officers, including many colonels of regiments. In regard to the present quiescence of the nihilists, he says it would be foolish to attempt a revolt when the enemy are alert. An attempt to assassinate the czar might still form the beginning of a revolt or coup d'etat, but such attempt of itself, he says, is no longer of importance.

Edward Harrington, M. P., editor of the Kerry Irish Sentinel, and the printer of that paper have each been sentenced to six months' imprisonment on account of publication in the office of the Sentinel of a placard inviting persons who wished to join the Invincibles to attend a meeting. They will appeal from their sentences. Two compositors on the paper pleaded guilty to assisting in the publication of the placard, and each were sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

London Cab: A novel wager is interesting London society. Mr. Labourche, wishing to put thought-reading to a practical test, has staked a £1,000 bank note to £100 that Mr. Bishop, his principal exponent, will not guess the number of a note, which will be placed in the hands of a member of parliament. Opinion is divided upon Mr. Bishop's claims to read thoughts.

McCann, M. P. for Wicklow, in a letter to Parnell, informing him of his withdrawal from the Parnellite party, says his reason for severing his connection with the party, beside his offense at Parnell's action in his (McCann's) affair with O'Kelly, is that his aims and methods have long ceased to be those to which he subscribed three years ago.

The dynamite conspirators Dr. Gallagher, Bernard Gallagher, Austin, Curtin, Whitehead and Wilson, against whom true bills were found Friday, were arraigned in the Old Bailey Saturday morning before Justice Hawkins, and pleaded not guilty. The trial was fixed for the 11th inst.

Edward Harrington, the editor of the Kerry Sentinel, was arraigned in court at Tralee, recently. He admitted the placard requesting persons who desired to join the invincibles to attend a meeting, was printed in the office of the Sentinel, but declared the work was done without his knowledge.

It is stated that Curran, divisional magistrate of the Dublin police, has arrived in London and is in consultation with the authorities relative to the suspected poisoning in Ireland by invincibles of persons who rendered themselves obnoxious to that organization.

Jesse Pomeroy, the boy murderer in Concord, Mass., prison is now a young man. He has been well supplied with books and has studied two or three languages quite thoroughly. His moral sense is as dull as it was when he was murdering little children.

The emperor and empress drove to Sokol-

niki Monday to attend a military fete. They were not attended by any escort. The municipal authorities will give a grand dejeuner at Sokolniki to the foreign newspaper correspondents who attended the coronation.

The Cuban budget, read in the Spanish chamber of deputies Wednesday, provides for the payment of the remainder of the indemnity of \$494,860 awarded by the Spanish-American commission to Americans who suffered losses during the Cuban revolt.

Owing to the fact that grave imputations have been introduced in questions put in the house of commons on Irish affairs, it is contemplated to call the attention of Gladstone to the necessity of modifying the rules relating to the questions.

The prince of Wales wants Henry Irving, the actor, knighted, but the queen objects.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Gen. Horatio G. Wright, chief of engineers, United States Army, passed through St. Paul on a tour of observation throughout the northwest, his principal object was to see for himself what improvements have already been made and what others are necessary to carry out the design of the government in making good harbors and navigable rivers. Gen. Wright will visit Duluth, Superior and the Red River valley and then extend his trip to the Missouri.

Chicago Special: Last Tuesday evening at the residence of the bride's sister were quietly celebrated the nuptials of Mrs. Nellie E. Brigham of this city and Judge Frank Ives of Crookston, Minn. Owing to a recent death in the family, only the immediate friends and relatives were invited. Judge and Mrs. Ives left for Crookston where they will remain for a few weeks, after which they will settle in St. Hilair town.

Mr. and Mrs. Mackey and their pilgrimage to Moscow attract great attention, and the whole European press is taken up with the magnificence of Mr. Mackey's private car and the fifteen Worth dresses which were contained in Mrs. Mackey's private baggage car. Even at Moscow neither Orientalism nor imperial splendor could throw Mrs. Mackey in the shade.

Rev. Julian Benoit, vicar general of the Catholic diocese of Fort Wayne, Ind., has been named "Monsieur" and appointed prelate of the papal household at Rome. Father Benoit came from France as a missionary forty years ago, and is the seventh priest in the United States upon whom this honor has been conferred.

The friends of Judge Kelly distrust the report of his hopeful recovery; and say his advanced age is not likely to stand much strain, and a return of the cancerous growth is feared.

Hon. Edmund L. Cushing, ex-chief justice of New Hampshire, died in Charlestown, N. H., on Sunday of paralysis. His literary attainments were notable.

Ex-Senator B. K. Bruce, register of the United States treasury, owns two large plantations in Mississippi, worth more than \$100,000 each.

Frank Pendleton, son of the Ohio senator, is a law partner in New York of Gov. Chamberlain, formerly of South Carolina.

At Brattleboro, Vt., James Fisk, Sr. died at the residence of his son-in-law Col. G. W. Hooker, aged seventy-one.

Perry H. Smith, the once crazy Chicago millionaire, is with his family at a Neenah summer resort to stay a month.

Laura Keyser (Montague) Forepaugh's \$10,000 beauty, has secured a divorce from her husband, Paul Keyser.

Popular Appreciation of Carey.

A Dublin dispatch says:—James Carey and other informers who testified at the trials of the Phoenix park murderers have been notified by the government that they must indicate places out of the country to which they wish to be sent. Carey protested he would remain in Dublin, but the authorities pointed out that he would receive no police protection, and that on no condition would he be allowed to remain in Ireland. It is inferred from this action that the extradition proceedings in the cases of Walsh, Sheridan and Tynan are collapsing.

Discipline for Postmasters.

Washington Special.—One of the good results of the order of the postmaster general directing postmasters to the higher grades to give personal attention to their official duties and forbidding absence without permission of the department will be that postmasters will have to quit running to Washington for pleasure politics, as is the custom of many. The present attorney general when he came into office issued an order similar to that just promulgated by the postmaster general in reference to United States district attorneys and marshals. Not long since a United States marshal from one of the Western States, a power in local politics, came here in violation of the order, and was pretty severely rebuked by his superior officer.

The Latest New Patents.

E. G. Beebe, Wiota, Wis., vehicle brake; A. S. Burnham, Parkersburg, Iowa, sofa bed; F. C. Dexter, Des Moines, Iowa, paper-folding machine; E. G. Durant, Racine, Wis., folding seat; Max Goldberg, Milwaukee, apparatus for administering medical vapors; William D. Gray, Milwaukee, flour-dressing machine; E. G. Hastings, Nevada, Iowa, grinding mill; William Honick, Racine, Wis., granulated food for infants and process of preparing the same; A. S. Hughes, Jackson, Iowa, combined road scraper, cart and dump; O. F. Lowe, Hampton, Iowa, equalizer for spring carriages; F. Meinelcke, Milwaukee, folding sleigh; S. M. Nicholson, Milwaukee, trunk tray; W. E. Richardson, Marinette, Wis., traction engine; M. Ride-out, Lakeside, Minn., harvester; G. T. Stillman, Madison, Wis., micrometer callipers; S. Thompson, Masonville, Iowa, car signal; William E. Varney, Daytonville, Iowa, woodworking machine; Oscar H. Woodward, Clinton Junction, Wis., lock.

One Way to Get Rid of Him.

The grand jury at Falls City, Omaha, recently indicted Mary Ferron, living three miles north of Rulo, for the deliberate murder of her husband, Frank Ferron, on the 10th of April last. It is a most horrible case, as stated in the indictment. It is stated that Mrs. Ferron poured coal oil upon her husband while he was asleep and set fire to his clothing, her object being to dispose of him that she might marry another man. The woman was arrested and lodged in jail at Falls City. She is badly broken up and her own admissions tend to criminate her.