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The total losses by fire in the United States during January and February are estimated at \$17,850,000.

Charles J. Bonaparte, attorney-at-law, adorns a sign on St. Paul's street, Baltimore. This grand-nephew of the great Emperor is a busy member of his profession.

Gov Sherman, of Iowa, has refused to call an extra session of the Legislature of that State to consider the prohibitory amendment recently upset by the decision of the State Supreme court.

American Register: Cotton planters of the South are gravely told by their kind advisers that the credit system accomplishes their ruin. What other recourse have they? Does not the Federal taxing system wrench from them all their cash?

Almost before we realize it the world will be called upon to witness two gigantic engineering feats. It is estimated that within a year and a half the tunnel from England to France will be completed, and probably in the course of five or six years DeLesseps' Panama canal will be open for business.

Washington Critic: When George Washington first came here he was content to spend at the rate of \$4.50 a day. When he found how easy it was to get his money through he hired a parlor at the rate of \$10 a day. While Geo Bliss occupied a day apartments and draws \$100 a salary there is no probability of the star route trials coming to a speedy conclusion.

The result of a recent election for county officers in Falls county, Texas, was determined by the votes of seventeen naturalized Chinamen; and the defeated candidates are testing the election upon the ground that a State law, passed in 1875, limited the issuance of naturalization papers to white foreigners, and it is claimed, disfranchised Chinamen who had already taken out naturalization papers.

There is in Illinois a family named Hisey, whose aggregate weight is 2,877 pounds. The father weighs 480 pounds, the mother 385, the oldest daughter 307, the next 225, the third 280, the oldest son 520, the second 302, the third 290 and the fourth 176. The paternal family has two sisters who tip the scales at 310 and 270 pounds respectively. Such a family carry great weight in any community.

A smoker who found that his daily use of the pipe was making him nervous, tried the experiment of filling the bowl of the pipe one-third full of table salt and pressing the tobacco hard down upon it. The result was very satisfactory. During the process of smoking the salt solidifies, while remaining porous, and when the hardened lump is removed at the end of a day's smoking it is found to have absorbed so much of the oil of tobacco as to be deeply colored. The salt should be renewed daily.

As compared with the people of Great Britain and Ireland, Americans must be exceptionally litigious. In the British Islands with a population approximating 37,000,000, there are between 11,000 and 12,000 lawyers. In the United States, with a population larger by only 15,000,000, there are 65,000 lawyers. There is a lawyer to every 3,000 people in Great Britain, while in America there is a lawyer to every 800 people. The ratio of increase of the profession here shows no diminution.

Recent investigation into the density of population in Paris, as published in the Globe of that city, develops the fact that there are 68,126 houses, with a population of 2,289,000 inhabitants, giving an average of 33 persons to each house. In New York the average number to each dwelling-house is 16, in Boston 8, in Philadelphia nearly 6. There are more individual owners of houses who reside in them in Philadelphia than in any other city in the United States.

Philadelphia Press: O'Donovan Rossa comes promptly to the front as usual with the intimation that he knew all about the arrangements for the dynamite explosion in London long before its occurrence. "We could not follow out our system," he remarks, "unless we used dynamite." O'Donovan Rossa apparently thinks the American people are a pack of fools; otherwise, how can he expect them to believe his idiotic talk about his foreknowledge of all the devilry that happens abroad? The fact is he is a blatherer, silly and simple; a ranting coward who wouldn't kill if he could, and who couldn't if he would, because his lusty yarp about blood would betray him to his intended victim.

The case of Mr. Sullison Hitchens is an odd one. For fifteen years he had been separated from his wife on account of incompatibility. And yet, we are told that she was a good father and that she was a devoted mother. After so many years the parties agreed to a legal divorce, and Mr. Hitchens promptly married another lady. On the day of his second marriage, according to a correspondent, he received a letter from this wife of his youth and mother of his children, full of kind wishes for his future happiness and prosperity, and expressing the hope that his second marriage would bring him the contentment he had failed to find in his first marriage.

The correspondent significantly adds: "The woman who could do this must possess a strong, magnanimous nature, great enough to sacrifice herself for her children, and also for the man who put her aside for another woman. He could hardly forget his wife in New Hampshire, sending from her home among the bleak, granite hills a word of blessing on his wedding. In such brave Christian words." No wonder Rev. Morgan Dix, in the face of these strange experiences, has preached a series of Lenten sermons that stir the social consciences of many New England people.

The Charge Broke Down. VIENNA, March 19.—It is evident that the charge of high treason against the socialist on trial here has been broken down.

MANUFACTURING IN THE SOUTH.

All the signs of the times point to the conclusion that the South will in time, and that no very remote time, be not only the cotton producing section of the country, but also the great manufacturing section, not only of cotton goods, but of iron and other articles. Already the New England manufacturers are beginning to feel the effects of Southern competition in the Western trade, and have been asking the railroads to give them such reduced rates of freight as will enable them to compete with Southern mills, which have the advantage in rates on account of the shorter distance they have to ship. Thus early in the race of competition this is a significant confession, and an indication of what may be expected when time, experience and increased capital enlarge the output, as they will year by year. It needs no array of arguments to demonstrate that the cotton crop of the South will be spun and woven in Southern mills, and that the day for shipping back cotton and buying back woven fabrics is passing away. Every day affords proof of it. Not only the cotton manufacturers, but also the workers of iron, are beginning to feel the effects of Southern competition, and the latter are even now, many of them, confessing their inability to keep up a successful contest with Southern furnaces, which, from the abundance of iron ore, cheapness of labor, and other advantages, can make at less cost and undersell the iron makers of Pennsylvania and other Northern States. These are but two of the industries in which the South is taking the lead, but there are others, also, which grow out of these, and on which she has not yet entered, in which she will in time take the lead.

When a Cincinnati man can send a telegraphic message to an interior town in Germany and receive a reply in five hours, the annihilation of time and space may be considered as practically accomplished.

Atlanta Star: The indications are plain that our farmers are preparing for a heavy crop of cotton in Georgia this year. Dealers in cotton report large sales, and the farmers are preparing their best land for cotton. The area in wheat and oats is much less than has been estimated, and the indications now are that provisions will be high in the fall.

Augusta, Ga., News: There lives in Irwin county a man who has been voting for Joseph E. Brown for Governor ever since Mr. Brown's first race for that office. His name is Joshua Luke. No matter who the candidates were, Luke, it is said, always cast his vote for Joe Brown. Senator Brown last week made the old gentleman a present of a fine gold headed cane, with the following inscription upon it: "From Joseph E. Brown to his faithful friend, Joshua Luke."

American Register: The South, under nature's laws, has a monopoly of cotton production. Under the unobstructed natural operation of these laws, as in the olden time, the South would grow enormously rich; but the Federal government repeals nature's code by conceding forty per cent. premium to northern industries and taking the same percentage from southern toil, making a difference of eighty per cent. in the profits of the industries of the two sections of the Union; and yet we are gravely told that the South devotes too much time and energy to cotton production, and therefore its profitlessness. The solemn advice given the South by wisecracks is simply absurd. There is no reason in the nature of things, and only in this unequal and unjust legislation of men, for the poverty of cotton growers.

Tom Ochiltree is likely to get his salary because he is unearthing some big bugs in the same fix as himself. A correspondent of the Sun reports that President Arthur himself is security to the amount of eight hundred dollars for a defaulting Federal official. Senator-elect Culom, of Illinois, is security for a Federal official who has defaulted by the thousands, and if Colonel Ochiltree's is to be withheld, so should the President's and Governor Culom's until the amounts for which they are responsible are liquidated. Two of the Senators who went out on the 4th of March, Messrs Windom and Tabor, were also on the bond of defaulting officials, and yet their salaries were paid in full without any deduction. It is said that a judgment for eight thousand dollars on this account has been obtained in favor of the United States against Mr Windom, but no attempt has ever been made to collect it.

Atlanta Journal: The Earl of Dalhousie has sent an autograph letter accompanying a circular to the Governors of all our States, and the press generally, requesting their opinion respecting the working of the laws allowing, or not prohibiting, marriage with a deceased wife's sister. The Augusta News says: "Without knowing the personal intent of his Lordship in the matter, we do not hesitate to say that it works just splendidly, so far as our knowledge and experience extends. Most of our people look upon it, too, as fulfilling in the completest manner the object of marriage. That the maternal aunt of one's children should become their step-mother is far preferable to the introduction of a strange mother, who could not have any sympathy with them, into the family. This reminds us of the case of Governor Claiborne of Mississippi, who, after taking four wives from one family, returned at last for the fifth, when the old gentleman warned him to take care of her health, as she was the last, and if he came again he supposed he would have to give him the old woman."

Another London Scare and Other Matters. LONDON, March 19.—It is rumored that two barrels of powder have been found in the vicinity of the large gasometer at King's Cross, London. The House of Commons, this afternoon, Lord Edmund Fitz Maurice, under foreign secretary, said the government had never proposed to appoint a British resident at the Vatican. The Irish members of Parliament discredited the story of Lady Florence Dixie that she was attacked with knives by two men disguised as women.

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One Vessel Aground and Another Afloat.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 19.—The steamer City of Lincoln, already reported as having been aground, ran aground off the channel in South Pass, near Crane Island. Tow boats will make an effort to get her off. She may have to be lightered. Her cargo consists of grain and other articles. The Italian bark, Giuseppe Lanata, hence for Havre, after sailing on Sunday morning, discovered she was on fire. She was taken in low and run ashore between South Pass and Pass a-Loutre. The fire is reported to have been extinguished. She had a cargo of cotton.

Floods in the Tallahatchie. YAZOO CITY, Miss., March 19.—The news by the steamer Desmet, which left Greenwood yesterday morning confirms the previously reported overflow of the Tallahatchie river. Greenwood submerged, and only 12 inches below that of 1882, but it is rising slowly. From Greenwood to Henry Island the whole country is inundated. Concerning the effect of the flood, reports from the Sunflower and Tallahatchie opinions are divided. Some of the largest Yazoo river planters say that their interests will be seriously damaged.

A Suspected Attempt at Abduction. TAYLORSVILLE, ILLS., March 19.—Emma Bond, the victim of last summer's outrage, mysteriously left her sick room last Friday night, and was discovered by attendants lying on the ground north of her house in an unconscious condition. The incident created a suspicion that an attempt at abduction had been made to prevent her appearance before the grand jury, as she seemed on the road to recovery. The prospect of her recovery is now doubtful.

Ross Challenges Hanlan. ST. JOHNS, N. B., March 19.—A Toronto telegram having stated that Hanlan expressed a desire to row against Wallace Ross this year and was willing to make the stakes \$100 a side, Ross to-day issued a challenge to Hanlan offering to row a 4 or 5 mile race for the amount stated the winner to receive all the money received from the railroads, &c. Ross will give \$500 for expenses, provided Hanlan will row at St. Johns or will take \$500 and row at Toronto, the race to take place on or after July 1st.

The Star Route Trials. WASHINGTON, March 19.—In the star route cases the entire session of the court was consumed in argument upon the pertinency of the question as to whether or not the witness of General Brady had any knowledge of the Price drafts. This is regarded as an important point by both sides, for if the question is admitted it will probably lead to the admission of testimony by Price in support of the government's charges. Argument will be continued to-morrow.

Printers Strike in Atlanta. ATLANTA, March 19.—To-day the printers in the Evening Star office and in James P. Harrison & Co's printing house refused to go to work for less than 30 cents per 1000 ems. The rates have been 25 cents. The present force of the Star consists of two small boys. Both parties to the controversy refuse to yield.

Weather. WASHINGTON, March 19.—Middle Atlantic, excepting New York, occasional rain or snow, much colder northwest with winds rising barometer, followed by clearing weather. South Atlantic and East Gulf, partly cloudy or cloudy weather, local rains, much colder north westerly winds, and rising barometer.

The Atlantic Road Troubles Adjusted. RALEIGH, March 19.—The troubles so long lasting between the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad and the Midland and Norfolk Roads, have at last been adjusted. Major John Gating has taken charge of the property. This gives satisfaction to all of the stockholders and puts the road on a safe footing.

Coming to the Relief of Distressed Workmen. PARIS, March 19.—M. Ferry, prime minister, stated in the Chamber of Deputies to-day that the government, after Easter would introduce a bill for the relief of distressed workmen.

Right's Disease of the Kidneys. Diabetes and other diseases of the kidneys and liver, which you are being so treated, can be cured. It is the only thing that will surely and permanently prevent and cure the disease. It will relieve for a time and then make you many times worse.

If you want to smoke a good cigar call for "One of the Finest" 5 cent Cigars, for sale by G. B. Nazarene & Co.

German Kaitit and Acid Phosphate. For these two articles apply to the Wando Phosphate Company, Charlotte, N. C. See ad.

Having been troubled with a very bad cough for several weeks, I have tried many different remedies, but none have done me any good. I have found one that has given me relief, and I recommend it to all afflicted. BENJ. F. DUGGAN, 14 Park Place, New York.

Doing a Great Deal of Good. Mrs. J. Berry, of Portland, Me., writes: "Your BERRY'S CARBOLIC TABLETS are a great deal of good to me. Some of my friends have been greatly benefited by its use. I think it is the best I have ever used. Beware of counterfeits."

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Horstford's Acid Phosphate In Sick Headache. Dr. N. & B. WAD, Chicago, says: "It is a remedy of the highest value for all mental and nervous exhaustion, attended by sick headache, dyspepsia and diminished vitality."

A Big Strain of Luck for Mayville. Charles D. Rigney, an industrious, worthy young gentleman, and Mrs. Elizabeth Burns, of Mayville, were so fortunate as to be the holders of one fifth of ticket No. 57,012, in the February Louisiana State Lottery, the number was won the capital prize. Mr. Rigney and Mrs. Burns are each of them worth \$25,000.

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