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During the last famine in China it required fifteen days to transport relief to the people over a distance of 200 miles.

There is a considerable increase in the force of Protestant missionaries in Mexico. The results thus far are anything but discouraging.

The Queen of Madagascar recently attended the opening services of two Christian churches at Ambokimanaga. In fourteen years 700 Protestant chapels have been built in Madagascar.

A little girl of Metz, Alsace, 14 years old, named Louise Fuchs, has been condemned to eight days' imprisonment for having insulted the Emperor of Germany. The insult consisted in writing a private letter to one of her little friends.

Taking all crops, corn, cotton, wheat, oats, rice, sugar, tobacco, etc., and the enhanced values into consideration, it is very reasonable to estimate that agriculture yielded to Southern farmers in 1887 \$75,000,000 more than in 1886.

It has been calculated that the quantity of beer brewed yearly in the undermentioned countries is about as follows:

Great Britain, 1,050,000,000 gallons; Germany, 900,000,000; Austria, 270,000,000; Belgium, 180,000,000; France, 150,000,000; Russia, 50,000,000; Holland, 33,000,000; Denmark, 30,000,000; Sweden, 30,000,000; Switzerland, 17,000,000; Norway, 16,500,000.

A recent lecture given at the National Museum at Washington, by Fernow, undertakes to show the need of forest protection and forest culture for the fourfold reason: (1) Forests furnish our material in the industries; (2) they are regulators of climatic conditions; (3) they are regulators of hydrologic conditions influencing the waterflow in springs, brooks and rivers; (4) they are regulators of soil conditions.

Frederick Ellison, who was appointed Consul to the Island of St. Helena by President Cleveland, has handed in his resignation of the position, and returned to his home in Indianapolis, Ind.

A Government agent traveling in Alaska says that the American citizens in some portions of that country still pray for the Emperor of Russia. In one town only one man was found who knew the name of an American city, and that was San Francisco.

The efficiency of oil when dropped upon the water to calm boisterous waves may now be regarded as established. It is astonishing how small a quantity of oil will answer the purpose.

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TERRIBLE CYCLONE

SPRINGS INTO BEING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO.

A Magnificent Electrical Display in Succeeded by a Wind, That Dealt Havoc and Death Right and Left.

The recent storm which swept over Georgia was dived down from place to place in a manner at once bewildering and sensational. From the fatal visit to Lumber City to the house-smashing in Calhoun was a long distance, but the country between was pretty well spotted with smaller wrecks.

The day was the most beautiful one of the Spring. It was perfect Spring day, and when the sun went down there was no indication of the storm which was then hanging over the country.

At first it came steadily in large drops, but in a minute a perfect deluge ensued. Then with the rain came the wind; it was intense. It moved along only as a cyclone can move, and with it houses, barns, fences and timber went down.

Austell felt the effects of the cyclone most severely. The town is built upon two hills, one on the north side of the railroad and the other upon the south side. Between the two hills is a narrow vale in which the business houses are located.

The wind hit the house in rose and dropped back. Then it rose again and again dropped back. Then the timbers began creaking, and in an instant the roof dropped into the water. The cyclone struck the house as flat upon the ground, completely ruined. Howard was instantly killed, and his boy was severely hurt; the wife escaped serious injury.

Calhoun suffered the most of any place visited by the cyclone. About half a minute before it manifested itself at Calhoun, it struck the residence of Farmer Gaines, about a mile and a half south-west of the town. He and his family were sleeping when the storm laid low their house.

The Western & Atlantic railroad agent's house, occupied by Mrs. Willingham as a boarding house for school children, was blown to atoms. Near by was situated a handsome residence, belonging to N. J. Boaz, and rented to a lady.

The general merchandise store of Hicks & Engrams was destroyed, entailing a loss of nearly \$2,000. The Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches were badly injured, and altogether the injury to property cannot be less than \$30,000.

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Such a scene was never before witnessed in a Christian court, and the crowd surged around the unhappy prisoner trying to get a view of the tragic spectacle. The wretched man was utterly prostrated by the intensity of his feelings, and continued to weep and talk to himself.

she 20th, 1888. She was so earnest, that somebody wrote up the incident, and it was published. She missed it only one day.

The turpentine works of Whidden & Holland, two miles north of Lumber City, were completely demolished, the still, commissary and every house and shanty being blown away.

In Lithuania a dozen other buildings were injured, some blown entirely down. The wind track was about one half mile wide and took fences and trees before it.

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Chief Justice Waite, of the Supreme Court, died at his residence. The Chief Justice was in his usual health, though exhausted by his recent severe labors, when on returning from Senator Hearst's, where, with his daughter, he attended a reception, he complained of a chill.

Two miles from Talladega the beautiful iron bridge of the A. & A. R. R., spanning Talladega creek, was piled by the wind into a mass of ruins in the middle of the stream. The storm seems to have divided up into sectional cyclones, taking various directions, switching, as it were, from the main body of the hurricane which swept northwest.

Dispatches state that the hurricane passed over East Tennessee. At and near Lenoir's much damage was done, and several lives lost. The residence of J. H. Williams, three miles east of Lenoir, was completely swept away, and his wife was killed.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL.

INTERESTING DOTS ABOUT OUR UNITED STATES OFFICIALS

Gossip about the White House—Army and Navy Matters—Our Relations With Other Countries and Nations.

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There is excitement at Durham, N. C., growing out of the arrest of a number of liquor dealers, on the charge of violating the local option law. A New York detective went there, and soon got evidence against a number of them.

At Wilmington, N. C., S. B. Dudley and F. Aldrich were tried upon a charge of publishing a libel upon Judge C. F. Means, of New Andover superior court, in the *Waxley Bulletin*, their editorial charging that Judge Means grossly discriminated between white and colored people in court, and was very abusive in tone.

John Peabody appeared before the House committee on public lands, favoring Mr. Oats's bill providing that the government shall forfeit lands given to the Mobile & Girard Railroad under the land grant act when the railroad failed to comply with the regulations of said act.

East Nashville, Tenn., has suffered by an epidemic of fires, a dozen stables and several residences having been burned. The stable of W. Moore was fired seven times, and the other night was destroyed, as was his house.

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SOUTHERN GOSSIP.

BOILED DOWN FACTS AND FACTS INTERESTINGLY STATED.

Accidents on Land and on Sea—New Enterprises—Suicides—Religions, Temperance and Social Matters.

The first train over the first section of the Lookout Mountain, Tenn., Railway passed over the road recently.

Several young men caught Balaam Sims at Lansing, Tenn., cut off his hair and threatened to kill him, when he became so alarmed that he died in a few hours.

At Loveless convict camp, near Birmingham, Ala., Archie Stokes, a negro convict, was shot and killed and Henry Allen, another convict, severely wounded.

The Elyton Land Company at Birmingham, Ala., closed a contract with the Binghampton Hoe and Tool company, of Binghamton, N. Y. for the removal of the granite plant to Birmingham.

Revenue officers F. F. Fowler and W. T. Westcott returned from a raid in Butler county, Ga., raided and captured an illicit still in Butler county.

Two more of the indicted Bald Knobbers, at St. Louis, Mo., have presented written confessions to the sheriff.

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WORLD AT LARGE.

PEN PICTURES PAINTED BY A CORPS OF ABLE ARTISTS.

What is Going on North, East and West and Across the Water—The Coming European Storm.

A dangerous \$5 silver certificate is in extensive circulation in the West.

The Pope is displeased because of the misrepresentation of his views on the Irish question. The misstatements he says that have been circulated have greatly increased the difficulty of his work of reconciling England and Ireland.

A collision occurred at Cisco, Cal., between two freight trains. Two engines were attached to the trains, and all four of the engines and a number of cars were badly wrecked.

The local branch of the National League in Mansion House ward, in Dublin, Ireland, passed a resolution condemning Mayor Hewitt, of New York, for refusing to allow the Irish flag to be hoisted on the city hall on St. Patrick's day and declaring that such refusal was an insult to the race throughout the world.

The low lying districts along the banks of the rivers Elbe and Vistula, in Germany, are inundated. The village of Dornitz is isolated in the midst of a great lake. A number of soldiers from the nearest garrison, after arduous effort, succeeded in reaching there with a supply of food for the inhabitants.

Keely's secret of the manipulations of his mysterious motor, which he has guarded so securely for many years, in spite of the efforts for disclosure made by dissatisfied stockholders of the Motor Company, is at last to be divulged.

The Burlington company will shortly begin legal proceedings in Chicago, Ill., to compel the Northwestern and St. Paul roads to handle "Q" freight.

For April, Rev. I. R. Hicks makes these predictions: A disturbing astronomical cause centered on April 1st, the period will end about the 4th, cool weather and frost for several days will follow.

READING THE MILESTONE.

Iskopped to read the Milestone here, A lagged school-boy, long ago; Came not far—my home was near— But oh, how far I longed to go!

Behold a number and a name— A finger, Westward, cut in stone; The vision of a city came; Across the dust and distance show

Read the Milestone, day by day; I yearned to cross the barren land, To know the golden Far-away, To walk the new Enchanted Ground!

PITH AND POINT.

"Precious green"—the emerald. An object of charity—to do good, of course.

Cupid is always shooting and forever making Mrs. The political speaker is usually plausible, even if not applicable.

Some of our contemporaries are remarking that in Kansas there is a postoffice named "Zero." Well, what of it? That is nothing.—*Lowell Courier*.

A dyspeptic traveler recently suicided at a country hotel by hanging himself to the bunk. His rope made of twisted doughnuts.—*Portland Oregonian*.

Caligula once spent \$100,000 on a recent supper. So history says. The truth probably is that he spent \$100 on the supper and handed over the rest as tips to the waiters.—*Baltimore American*.

Everybody in the church, except the new pastor himself, seemed to enjoy it when he lost the place in his manuscript, and while hunting for it spook of "Esau," who sold his message for a birth of potright.—*Burlington Hawkeye*.

There is nothing that goes further toward breaking the heart of a wretched mistress who doesn't understand anything but English than to have the mail contain a postal card written in a feminine hand in German and addressed to a young man whom she knows.

Guest at Country Tavern—"Have you any cheese, landlord?" Landlord—"Not a bit in the house, sir." Guest—"Not even little piece?" Landlord—"By gum, there is no cheese in the house. I'll run down cellar and fetch up that rat-trap!"—*Droit News-People*.

Perkins—"And so you're going to the fancy dress ball? What costume are you going to wear?" Smart Aie—"I think I'll borrow your summer suit and go as a tramp. What are you going to wear?" Perkins—"I guess I'll put on your diagonal Prince Albert and go as a lookin'-gaw."

A Cowboy's Wonderful Nerve. The somewhat tame performance of the bull fights at Laso Del Norte, Mexico, were enlivened during the proceedings recently by the daring exploit of a Texas cowboy who was cheered to the echo by the densely packed audience who filled every accessible nook in the vast amphitheatre.

He was at once taken at his word, and the mounted Mexican bull fighters soon had the animal lassoed and thrown. The cowboy then had himself fixed in the proper position, and the now furious bull was turned loose. To the wonder and astonishment and intense delight of the audience, the animal was unable to shake the daring cowboy off, who not only kept his perambulatory seat, but after some wild plunges succeeded by some means in so manipulating the beast's horns that he was thrown. The Mexican performer rushed up once to the struggling mass, and in a twinkling had the Texas untied and released. It was a wonderful piece of daring and dare-devilry, and exceeded anything done by the Mexicans.

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