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THE JOURNAL.

E. E. HARPER, - Proprietor. C. T. HANCOCK, - Local Reporter.

Entered at the Postoffice at New Berne, N. C., as second-class matter. The New York Herald, in a column on investments in Western mortgages, shows that the people of the State of New York have over \$3,250,000 in them.

The press and land owners of Portugal are becoming alarmed at the death of cultivators, and demand that the Government shall put a stop to emigration, as husbandry is suffering.

According to the Street Railroad Gazette, the proportion of fatal accidents on the basis of numbers carried is very greatly in favor of the electric and cable roads and against the horse car lines.

The Utopia, which recently went down with 600 passengers on board, was quite as well equipped with life-saving apparatus, significantly observes the Washington Star, "as are the leading passenger lines going out of New York, the individual steamers of which often carry from 600 to 1200 passengers in the summer season."

Says the Washington Post: "The careless and apparently indiscriminate manner with which the courts to-day destroy the wills of rich men, documents that embody the purpose and object of a lifetime of toil, has become one of the notable and notorious abuses of the day, and against this evil there is rising a vigorous demand for rectification and reform."

It is said that Mrs. Kyle, wife of the Alliance Senator from South Dakota, felt overpowering confidence during the canvass that her husband would be elected, and whenever he talked of declining the nomination she insisted that he would yield and win. This, confesses the Boston Transcript, brings woman's intuition into play in politics in a new and admirable way.

The Statesman's Year Book for 1891 estimates the world's inhabitants last year, exclusive of the Polar regions, to have been 1,467,000,000 and the land surface they occupy in whole or in part at 46,350,000 square miles, of which 28,269,000 square miles are fertile, 13,901,000 steppe and 4,180,000 desert. The Polar regions are put down at 4,888,800 square miles, with a population of only about 300,000.

A London Board of Trade return, just issued, shows the large decrease in the hours of labor during the past ten years, which is bringing the eight-hour limit nearer and nearer. Bakers who, a decade ago, worked seventy-two hours a week now work fifty-four hours; miners, formerly sixty hours, now thirty-eight and forty-eight hours. Workmen of all trades now average fifty-four hours weekly, or nine hours a day.

The Atlanta Constitution remarks: First-class type-written copy is hailed with pleasure in newspapers and magazine offices, but very little of it is first class. It is a positive relief to get a manuscript legibly written on white paper in good black ink, with a pen that makes a broad stroke. The trouble with many writers is that they use a pen with a fine point, and write a hair-line scrawl that is hard to read. It is possible to make written copy as plain as print, and this is what every writer should do.

A profound sensation has been created in Italy by the report that a French house sent 100,000 Remington cartridges to King Moulek, of Abyssinia, by way of Obok. As Italy considers Moulek to be under Italian protection, this is regarded as an interference with Italian rights, and has not served to hasten the revival of friendly relations between France and Italy. A good share of the Italians, however, would like to give up African adventures altogether, one of the Roman newspapers saying that "when the whole truth is known, the necessity of abandoning the entire enterprise will be seen, and there will be only one more research necessary, namely, to find some one yet more foolish than ourselves who will take the charge upon their shoulders."

THE CENTRE OF THE EARTH.

The Latest Information About the Fires Below.

It is positively known that, as you descend into the bowels of our globe, the temperature rises steadily at the rate of one degree Fahrenheit for every fifty feet, until at least 4,000—some say 10,000—degrees is reached. Even at 4,000 degrees every known substance—metals, rocks and all—becomes fused and liquid. This condition of things is found when a point twenty miles from the surface is reached; from that point on the heat remains about the same all the way to the very middle. To understand this it must be remembered that the earth was originally an incandescent ball of the same temperature all the way through from the crust to center. Now that the crust has cooled sufficiently to enable life to exist upon it, the state of affairs is still the same inside.

The incandescent sphere was formed in one of two ways. Either it was thrown out by the sun, around which it has since revolved somewhat like a ball that a small boy whirls at the end of a string, or it was composed of an aggregation of meteors that generated heat by collision. Such are the two theories held by scientific men to day, though many other very extraordinary ones have been suggested. The celebrated Poisson advanced the idea that, owing to the heat given out by many of the giant suns that bespangle the universe, great variations in the temperature of space exist, some vast regions being cool and others intensely hot. While passing through a hot region, he surmised, the solar system acquired its present store of caloric.

It seems curious that such a great ball of fire as the earth is at present, with a crust ever so much thinner in proportion than the shell of an egg, should not be too hot to live upon. As a matter of fact, however, the crust is so good a non-conductor that the radiation is very small. Twenty miles down beneath your feet is all one vast furnace, and yet not enough warmth escapes from it to produce any appreciable effect upon the temperature of the air. It has been decided that the entire heat which escapes through the surface of the earth in one year would just suffice to melt a layer of ice a quarter of an inch in thickness enveloping the globe. It seems a pity that some of the warmth from this nether fire could not be fetched by artificial conduits outward, in order that it might run the machinery of the world and heat the houses. Unfortunately, supposing such a scheme practicable, a conduit might at any time transform itself into an active volcano, which would be unpleasant, especially in cities.

It must not be imagined that the fusion of everything inside the earth implies, as most people conceive, that rocks and metals are flowing about in a liquefied condition. The fact is that this enormous incandescent mass, which would flow like so much water if it were free, is held together by the pressure due to gravitation so mightily as to be as rigid and compact as so much steel. This pressure, increasing steadily all the way from the crust, amounts at the center of the globe to not less than forty-five millions of pounds on each square inch. Acting from all sides inward to the center, it has naturally tended to crowd the materials of which the earth is composed together, so that their density becomes immensely increased. An average piece of the earth's crust weighs a little over two and a half times as much as water. In the middle of the sphere the average weight of things is eleven times as great as water. That means that the innermost mass is as heavy and as dense as lead is.—Kate Field's Washington.

Couldn't Undersell Him.

A proprietor of a country store was noted for being particularly affable and obliging to his customers, and he had a clear headed and smart young man for clerk. One day one of the best customers of the concern called to buy a dress pattern. The price was seventy-five cents, and after a long talk the clerk closed the bargain at seventy cents. While the clerk was selecting trimmings, &c., in another part of the store, the genial partner came along rubbing his hands, inquired after the family of the customer, praised her taste in selecting that particular piece of goods, and, as a special favor, let her have it for sixty-eight cents per yard.

The clerk returned and the lady told of the reduction the proprietor had just made. The clerk was furious, but not in the least disconcerted. He saw that if the customers thought that he was selling higher than others in the store they would avoid him, and his discharge would follow, so he says:

"I just looked at the bill and can sell you that piece at sixty-five cents a yard." When the deal was completed the proprietor was as angry as the clerk.

"Do you know that I made the price sixty-eight cents?" said the proprietor. "Yes," said the clerk, "but I want you to understand that no man can undersell me in this store."—Dry Goods Chronicle.

Ice and Flowers.

The fields of flowers skirting the forests surpass in rank luxuriance and in brilliancy of color anything of the kind it has been my fortune to see elsewhere. On the terraces and lower slopes of the mountains projecting into the Malaspina Glacier one may walk for miles through flowery meadows, shoulder-deep in a sea of bloom. No daisy meadow in New England is more thickly carpeted with blossoms than these remote, unexplored gardens of southern Alaska. Winter and summer, lovely verdure and icy desolation, are here side by side. One may stand on the border of an ice field miles in breadth and pluck as beautiful a garland of flowers and ferns as ever graced a May festival.

A few hundred feet above the timber line it is always winter. Near the lower limit of the summer's snow there are occasional sunny slopes so situated as not to be swept by avalanches, which are covered with a dense plush of brilliant alpine blossoms, and form a most pleasing contrast to the sparkling cliffs of snow and ice surrounding them. In the higher mountains there is absolutely no vegetation. Even the tints of lichens and mosses are absent from the precipices, and all the less rugged slopes are buried beneath snow and ice.—Century.

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The noted Russian Nihilist, Stepanik, has been lecturing in Memphis, and told his auditors what Nihilism was in terms that conflict greatly with the popular notion here. Said he: "Nihilism sprung from an effort to throw off the yoke of despotism in Russia. Its prime object was to rebel against the violent methods of Russian Government. If you are asked what the Nihilists are you would be told that Nihilists are those people who favor destructive means to gain their political ends. But while Nihilists are working for a constitutional monarchy their work is an honest purpose. After they secure a constitutional monarchy they will hope for further progress and get a limited monarchy, verging as nearly as possible to the plan of a free republican government. France has gone through this process of gaining political freedom. Sooner or later Russia must have a better government."

According to the Boston Cultivator "the rate of farm wages has not declined, despite the depression to which farming business has been subjected. A young man willing to work can earn more net money working for a good farmer than he can at many city employments, where the strife for position has cut down wages to little more than the price of board and clothes. In farm work board is generally included, and the clothes need not be expensive. It was not an uncommon thing for young men fifty or sixty years ago to work out until they accumulated money enough to buy farms. Men who thus worked their way up were really serving an apprenticeship, and made much better farmers than those who went into the business without this experience. It is not often that a young man can get wages more than enough for his board while learning his business. He can in farming."

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