

It is estimated that in Oregon, Washington, Montana, Nevada and Idaho there are at present 2,000,000 of half-breed wild horses, for which no market can now be found.

A "German Navy Union" has been organized at Baden-Baden, with the object of collecting funds for the increase of the German navy.

England has plenty of money for investments, notes the Louisville, Courier Journal. Tenders of \$5,000,000, treasury bills were opened recently at the Bank of England, and the total amount applied for was not far short of \$35,000,000.

The Manufacturers' Gazette says that over half the sawmills of the country could make more money selling their logs for wood-pulp than they do by turning them into lumber.

That blindness is on the increase in the United States is shown by statistics, maintains the New York Post. In 1850 the population was 23,000,000, the number of blind 9,000, about 400 to the million.

The railways of the United States in earnings passed the billion mark in each of the four years ending with 1893, but last year a decline of \$122,000,000 in receipts sent them below the line.

Some very interesting and instructive statistics as to real estate conditions in the South are furnished by the Southern States, published at Baltimore.

Upon reports of real estate agents in different sections, made in reply to inquiries addressed to them by the publication in question. They show, admits Frank Leslie's Weekly, a most remarkable movement of agriculturists southward from the North.

Thus, one firm in Atlanta reports having sold in ninety days an aggregate of two thousand seven hundred and forty acres of farm property, and adds that it has an order for a tract of from fifty thousand to one hundred thousand acres for colonies of Swedes, and similar orders from Nebraska, Pennsylvania, and Ohio for smaller tracts for colonization.

Since September last some twenty-two thousand acres of farm lands in Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana have been sold by a Memphis firm to purchasers from Iowa, the Dakotas, Nebraska, and Illinois, who bought for immediate occupancy and cultivation.

A Chattanooga dealer reports that he has received, in the last two months at least fifteen hundred inquiries from prospective emigrants, and has made actual sales of thirty farms. Important sales are also reported from western North Carolina and Virginia.

TERROR AT FLORENCE

Houses Swayed Like Ships at Sea by Earthquake.

Panic-Stricken Audiences Rushed from Theatres into the Streets, Trampling Women—Wild Excitement in Several Italian Towns Where the Shocks Were Felt.

Florence, May 20.—The population of this city was thrown into a state of panic Saturday night by a series of earthquakes that did much damage here and other places. People who were in their houses when the first shock came ran terrified into the streets.

The wildest scenes were at the theatres where performances were going on as usual. The first shock caused those in the audience to look wonderingly at each other. Then the earth swayed, and amid shouts of "Earthquake!" the crowds made rushes for the exits.

At Grassano, a suburb of Florence, the shocks were very violent. The extent of the earth movement may be judged from the fact that a loaded omnibus was overturned. Twelve residents of Grassano were hurt.

Many Lives Lost. Around Florence a number of houses were destroyed and four persons killed. At the time of sending this dispatch full details are wanting, but it is believed that later reports from the country affected will show that there has been a considerable number of lives lost.

Young Mother's Sad Fate. As further reports of the disaster come to hand, the extent of the disaster widens. At Leppaggi, a village near Grassano, no less than forty houses were thrown from their foundations and completely wrecked.

More Shocks Feared. The director of the observatory, of whom many anxious inquiries were made, does not venture to prophesy as to a recurrence of the disturbances, but further shocks are feared. The seismic manifestation of Saturday night was the most violent that Florence has known since 1445, the earthquake of 1730, which is historical in the annals of the city, having been slighter.

FOR A BIG COAL STRIKE. Pittsburgh Convention Decides to Call Out All Miners at Once. Pittsburgh, May 18.—At the convention of coal miners of the Pittsburgh district it was resolved almost unanimously to immediately call out all the miners now working in the district, irrespective of the wages they may be receiving.

To Investigate Dantel's Accounts. Atlanta, Ga., May 20.—A sensation was caused here by the announcement that an investigation would be made of the accounts and accounts of Grand Secretary Dantel, of the order of railway conductors, which is in session here. Mr. Dantel has held the position seventeen years but was defeated two days ago by Martin Clancy, of Kersh.

Donation of the Dedication. Brookton, Mass., May 20.—Fletcher Webster post 18, G. A. R., has endorsed the attitude of Department Commander Joseph Thayer concerning the proposed dedication of the Soldiers' Monument at Chicago, May 30.

Strike Closes Mills. Utica, May 20.—Mills Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of the Globe Woolen company, shut down Saturday night on account of the strike of the weavers, which has been on there for five weeks.

HEPPEHEIMER'S STATEMENT

Denies That He Profited Through New Jersey State Contracts.

Jersey City, May 20.—Gen. William C. Heppenheimer, who for some years under Gov. Abbott's administration was comptroller of the state, and upon whose administration of his office testimony was taken by the Voorhees investigating committee at Trenton, has issued a statement in which he explains several matters which, he says, he had not an opportunity to do before the committee on account of the absence of important witnesses.

WANTS NO ASSISTANCE. O'Brien Refuses Aid in His Financial Difficulties. London, May 20.—William O'Brien, M. P., has asked his friends not to collect the subscriptions left to them by Viscount Wolmer for the purpose of repaying the claim of Patrick A. Chance, M. P., which, if not paid, will result in Mr. O'Brien being declared a bankrupt.

IRON ORE STATISTICS. The Product in the United States Increased Only 2 1/2 Per Cent. Washington, May 20.—Iron ore statistics prepared for the United States geological survey by John Birkinbine, of Philadelphia, state that in 1894 the product of iron ore in the United States for 1894 increased only about 1-2 per cent. over the product of 1893.

KICKAPOO LANDS. News of the Opening Causes Great Excitement in Oklahoma. Perry, O. T., May 20.—The news that the Kickapoo Indian country would be opened Thursday, May 23, at noon, caused great excitement in Oklahoma.

GUILTY OF INTOXICATION. Republicans Report That Charge-Populists Say Medicine. Topeka, May 20.—The legislative committee appointed by Gov. Morrill to investigate the charge against Senator Rogers, a regent of the state university, charged with drunkenness by Chairman Leland, of the republican-state central committee, made its report yesterday.

Prominent Baltimorean Dead. Baltimore, May 20.—Ex-City Councilman Cecil J. Karner, a well-known real estate dealer, dropped dead in the Columbia club last night from heart disease. He was 38 years old. Under President Garfield's administration Mr. Karner was deputy collector of the port.

French Troops Defeat the Hovas. Paris, May 20.—An official cable dispatch from Matanga, Madagascar, states that the French have defeated the Hovas at Sakalava, killing sixty of them.

Edith Gets a Job in Vienna. Dresden, May 20.—Edith Walker, the American soprano, who is at present in this city, has been engaged by the director of the Imperial Opera house at Vienna.

TREASURY'S DILEMMA

Aggravated by Defeat of the Income Tax.

No Extra Session of Congress is Likely—The President, It is Understood, Would Prefer a New Issue of Bonds if Any Action at All is Needed.

Washington, May 20.—The supposition that the United States supreme court will declare the entire income tax law unconstitutional has created considerable talk about an extra session of congress. President Cleveland is unqualifiedly opposed to the calling of an extra session. He thinks that it would upset the business of the country, and that the new congress would be apt to remain in session all summer, discussing the silver question and useless legislation.

Another Bond Issue Probable. Ex-Representative Coombs said yesterday that he was inclined to believe the government would find it necessary to make another bond issue before the fifty-fourth congress convened in regular session.

A Big Deficit. The government receipts are \$6,000,000 behind the expenditures so far for the present month. This indicates a total shortage for the fiscal year of over \$57,000,000.

HER BROTHERS SWORE TO KILL. Meeting in the Mountains Which Cost Two Lives. Middleboro, Ky., May 20.—A few days ago Henry Cooley, of this place, eloped with Sallie Dains, the two crossing over into West Virginia, where they were married.

EMPEROR WILLIAM'S GOOD BYE. Profuse Perspiration of Attendants Who Pick Up His Game. Berlin, May 20.—Emperor William is enjoying a season of deer-stalking upon the Silesian estates of Count von Hochberg.

Rochester Bakers Will Win. Rochester, N. Y., May 20.—The bakers' strike, which was inaugurated in this city for an advance of wages, seems likely to be declared off in a few days.

An Odd Fellows Building Burned. Shelburne, Mass., May 20.—Fire of unknown origin was discovered in Odd Fellows block early yesterday. The losses aggregate about \$10,000.

Death of David S. Sammis. Babylon, L. I., May 20.—David S. S. Sammis, formerly proprietor of the Surf hotel, Fire Island, now owned by the state, died at his home in Babylon yesterday of Bright's disease, aged 77 years.

Close of St. Andrew's Conventions. Syracuse, May 20.—The state convention of the brotherhood of St. Andrew closed a two-days session last night with a farewell service at St. Paul's cathedral.

Gen. Handle Field Gen. Dead. London, May 20.—Lieut. Gen. Handle Fielden, member of the house of commons, died of the cholera at Bangalore, India, on the 17th inst.

Miss Dodge Slowly Sinking. Washington, May 20.—Mary Abigail Dodge (Miss Hamilton) is reported to be slowly sinking and it is said this morning that she will hardly survive the day.

A MILLING PROCT.

Serious Damage in New York and New Jersey.

New York, May 18.—There was severe and killing frost on Long Island Thursday night, ice forming in many places. In Jamaica and Patchogue the damage was quite heavy, especially to tomato plants and beans, which will have to be replanted. Hundreds of acres of several inches were destroyed.

Damage in Northern New Jersey. New Brunswick, N. J., May 18.—Northern New Jersey, after congratulating itself on escaping any serious effects from the cold of the last few nights, awoke yesterday morning to find itself the victim of a severe freeze.

Peaches Escaped Injury. Deckertown, N. J., May 18.—The frost of Thursday night did great damage to the early gardens in Sussex county. The strawberry crop suffered severely.

Damage in Genesee Valley. Genesee, N. Y., May 18.—The freeze Thursday night probably ruined what fruit was left in the Genesee valley. Ice nearly half an inch thick formed on still water in exposed places.

Frost and Ice at Bethlehem, Pa. Bethlehem, Pa., May 18.—This section of the country was visited by heavy frosts last night. In some places ponds were frozen over.

MAJ. SNIFFEN AT WASHINGTON. He Was on the "White House" Staff During the Grant Administration. Washington, May 18.—Major Calver C. Sniffen, paymaster U. S. A., recently received from his post in Texas and ordered to duty in New York city, arrived in Washington yesterday from Texas.

AN INVESTIGATION FOR BOSTON. Condition of City Departments to Be Looked Into. Boston, May 18.—The senate has adopted, 19 to 12, an order for the appointment of a recess committee of the legislature, to consist of three members.

The Lambert Mandate Found. Camden, N. J., May 18.—The mandate in the case of Theodore Lambert, the convicted murderer of Baker William G. Kaiter, has at last been heard from. It will arrive here on Monday.

Swept by Fire. St. Albans, Vt., May 20.—More than half a million dollars worth of property in the business portion of this town was destroyed by fire yesterday which broke out in W. B. Fonda's lumber yard.

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CHAPTER VI.—Continued.

He seemed convinced of the truth and brought out the paper, and handed a copy of a New York daily which he was reading. The intelligence saw a marked paragraph:

"WRECKED.—The schooner Morstar, on the Florida coast, in a gale, drifted vessel was bound from New Orleans. All lives saved by first mate, two seamen and a passenger having heroically stayed on to the last helping of the others, swamped in the last boat half an hour ago. The wreck and the shore passenger lost one Albert F. J. who was bound for America to his wife and child in one of the South States."

After reading this a thought struck Burton Arold's mother had an El Mura and had married in England on a visit to relatives in that country. Could she be the one whose husband was thought to have deserted? I found out by further conversation with the negro the initials in the name of the seaman's husband were A. F. J. settled my mind upon this point.

Engaged in deep thought, I strove toward the gloomy old house. It growing dusk when I reached the steps of the building. I entered, went stairs and sat down upon an antique chair at the end of the hall near a double window and country beyond, upon which the phantom lady, whom I saw when they slowly disappeared in the deepening gloom of night. I bush and listlessness of the darkness the influence of the soothing dark I fell into a pleasant sleep.

CHAPTER VII. THE PHANTOM LADY APPEARS TO BURTON. Words warm with the eloquence of ecstasy of love and of woe, addressed a wild, passionate vehemence, manly voice (to the phantom lady, surprised, echoing through the grotto house, started me from my sleep, arose and started down the steps, stopped midway as I saw the light-door swing open and Burton stepped ward. His face was pale and set. His soul within were wrenched with pain of sorrow so deep and unspoken as to even render emotion inaudible and still. I knew by his looks that phantom sweetheart had appeared to him, and that the voice which awakened me was his. He strode ward to the landing of the stairs, suddenly stopped. How grand he looked there in the hall, standing so erect, surmounting the moonlight by his statue standing lone and a stately marble pedestal, in ancient light the shadow of princely grandeur, I have presented a more striking picture. I almost expected to hear another burst of eloquence, accompanied some spiritualistic manifestation of and more beautiful than I had yet met. Instead, a groan echoed from statue-like form and it began to forward. I leaped to Burton's side in time to save him from a precipitous fall down the stairway, and to catch him down its dark and crazy flight into the air.

"Is that you, Hal?" he asked. I answered affirmatively. "Did you see her?" was his next question. I replied that I had seen no having been asleep in the hall awakened by his voice.

We both sat down on the front veranda railings and taking out cigars smoked in silence. Burton brooding, dreaming, and I wondering what was next. It must have been late in the evening when the silence was broken. It had become tedious, I ventured to ask Burton what the cause of his profound meditation could be. Pointing toward a wooded walk on the lawn, which I could just discern through the moonlight, he answered:

"Down in yon valley, where the blue and the ivy cling to the noble blue the grave of her who would be mine part of my life if she had been here death years ago. I have lived; only in appearance. She was dead, my existence. Upon her will I hung as upon the breath of life. Her eyes I looked at into a blue as upon whose filmy waves I should be borne away to lands of evergreen."

CHAPTER VIII. A MANUSCRIPT DISCOVERED AT ROME. A mysterious manuscript, discovered at Rome, was found to contain details of a supposed conspiracy against the emperor.