

News Summary.

A company of English cycle mounted infantry propose shortly to take a 100-mile ride in full marching order, that is, equipped with rifle, bayonet, kit, and 100 rounds of ammunition.

At Morewood, Pa., yesterday in a labor riot, the mob was fired on and seven of the participants fell dead, while fifteen were left on the ground wounded. Among our neighbors, "where the people are all sovereigns" there appears to be a growing disposition to hold sway with shot guns.—*Gazette*.

The building and grounds committee of the Columbian Exposition have accepted the design for a tower which is to be built of steel, 1,100 feet high, surmounted by a tall flag-staff. Ten elevators will carry passengers to the top. The tower will be one glow of electric light from base to dome, the very top being illuminated by powerful search lights, which will throw a brilliant glow over the exposition.

A farmer, of Searsbon, Iowa, while digging a well the other day, struck a vein of natural cheese three and one half feet thick, at a depth of eighty-three feet. It was of a beautiful yellow color, and seems to keep in the open air for a long time. The lucky man has been offered \$50,000 for his find (*Once a Week*). If the same man could find another vein of crackers as well, he would not have to board (bored) around any more.

Steps are being taken towards organizing a Young Men's Prohibition Club for the city of Winnipeg. The object of the club is to assist in securing total prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating beverages, to procure the election of municipal and parliamentary candidates who will vote and work for this end, and to disseminate the principles of prohibition generally by the distribution of temperance literature by means of public meetings.

The fight a Valparaiso has knocked some of the romance out of the torpedo boat. One of these destroyers which undertook to blow up the rebel ship Blanco, was smashed to pieces by a broadside from the sloop O'Higgins, the Blanco's attendant, while the attacked ship did the same service for the Florence, which was assisting the torpedo boat. Since the development of the torpedo boat this is the first occasion in which it has been tested in actual warfare, and it has come out worsted. So far as this lesson goes, pluck and skill are still the ruling elements in naval warfare.—*Gazette*.

Mining.

The opening of the Reduction Works at Rat Portage, is being eagerly looked for by those who have claims and are interested in mining. Several thousand ton of ore are ready waiting to be crushed, and until this is done, those interested will have to wait until they know whether there is "millions in it" or not. Meantime the manager of the works is working away, and promises to have all in working operation soon as possible.

A Handy Fire Extinguisher.

Ex-chief McRobie, of the Winnipeg Fire Brigade, has invented a harmless liquid for putting out fires. It was tested the other day before some of the aldermen and C. P. R. and N. P. Ry. officials, with satisfactory results. If it can do all that is claimed for it, Mr. McRobie will deserve the thanks of all householders, and especially the farming community, who are out of the way of the average means for putting out conflagrations.

It is said a factory will be started at once for the manufacture of this new extinguisher, when it will be put on the market for sale.

Spring Remarks.

With the advent of spring, comes the preparations for the seasons work. The careful farmer will have things all in readiness and can begin seeding soon as the ground will permit, while the careless farmer will be hurrying up to the last minute looking for the feet of his seeder used last spring, or some other part of his implements, thus delaying his seeding operations. "A stitch in time saves nine." When through with your implements, see that the parts are carefully put away for another year, and money will be saved. Do not sow more than you can reap or sow all one kind of grain.

The old saying "do not carry your eggs all in one basket," is as true in this respect as it is about the eggs.

Belgium's working men have demanded universal suffrage.

Dr. Koch's lymph for the cure of consumption, has been discarded by the Montreal hospital as a failure. It failed to cure in any case.

A law has passed the Tennessee Legislature, requiring that all school directors shall be able to read and write. The march of civilization seems to be ever onward.—*Montreal Herald*.

Scientific Notes and News.

A tusk 7 feet long and a tooth weighing over 7 lbs., supposed to have been part of a mastodon, have been unearthed at Monson, Iowa.

An electric light company has been started in Jerusalem, and a pleasure steamer is about to be launched to ply between shore resorts on the Sea of Galilee.

Strong boats will also be provided. Dr. Nansen expects to find hitherto undiscovered land in the neighborhood of the Pole, and he expects to have to make a good part of the journey at a temperature as low as from 36 to 40 degrees below zero.

Dr. Nansen purposes starting on his new Polar expedition about the middle of June. He will endeavor to get through Behring Straits to the islands of New Siberia, and he hopes to find in September open water stretching far away towards the north. His crew will include only eight men, and his vessel will be provisioned for five years. But he hopes to reach the Pole within two years. Tents are being taken as part of the equipment, to enable the party to stay on land or ice should the vessel be fatally injured.

Our Country.

Canada has the longest and greatest railroad on earth.

Canada's shipping interests are the third largest of all the nations of the earth.

Canada grows the best wheat of the earth.

Canada ranks highest in morality of all countries on the earth.

Canada has more good land to settle than any country on earth.

Canada has the most law abiding people of any nation on earth.

Canada has less natives illiteracy than any country on earth.

Canada produces better fish than any other country on earth.

Canada is more the land of liberty and freedom than any country on earth.

Canada can poach more American(?) seals than any country on earth.

Prince Napoleon is dead.

The Jewish persecution in Russia is on the increase.

The emigrant-ship "Utopia" collided with the British man-of-war "Anson" in Gibraltar bay, and went down with nearly 600 lives.