

The ominous fact is stated that the navigation of Lake Champlain is so injured, owing to the cutting down of the forests, that access to some of its chief ports is difficult, and that every year the lake is becoming more shallow.

Eggs and poultry command a better price in the cities and mining camps of Colorado, take it the year round, than in any other place in the United States. Eggs are said to be worth thirty-five cents a dozen in the Denver (Col.) markets.

The total subscriptions to the Charleston relief fund throughout the country amount to about \$815,000, being a loss of over five and a half millions by the earthquake and the cyclone of 1885 to be borne by individuals, corporations and the Government.

The Princess Louise has made several drawings for the *Youth's Companion*, to illustrate an article on "Salmon Fishing on the Cascapedia," by the Marquis of Lorne. They use the money which they receive for their work in helping poor English and Scotch families to emigrate to Canada.

Woodchucks got to be such a nuisance during the autumn in Madison County, N.Y., that the authorities authorized the payment of ten cents for each woodchuck tail presented to the County Treasurer. The official was absent one week, and the boys of the vicinity passed off on his wife 1,400 chipmunk tails, on which she paid out \$1.40 bounty.

Two years ago, it is stated, not more than six rolling-mills and steel-works in the United States used natural gas as fuel; now there are sixty-eight rolling-mills and steel-works which use the new fuel, and sixteen more are making preparations to use it. Every rolling-mill and steel-works in Alleghany County, Pa., fifty-five in all, now use natural gas.

A New York oil merchant has for the past year furnished a line of steamships with oil, to be used to lessen the dangerous effects of heavy seas. Ten vessels, including all the cattle steamers, have been provided with the necessary appliances to use oil when occasion requires. The method adopted of using oil is by means of punctured canvas bags filled with oakum.

If any readers have received postal cards mailed at Atlanta, Ga., and written any time between 1883 and last week, they may here read an explanation of the delay. The postmaster the other day found over fifty postal cards that had fallen under a board of the letter box. Some of them were three years old. There was nothing to do but to mail them, as it would be a violation of the law to destroy them.

The number of prominent citizens of the United States who have died through the year just closed is phenomenal. Generals and statesmen must, after all, share the fate of all mankind, although in some instances life may be prolonged abnormally. General John A. Logan, the Illinois soldier and politician, was called to his rest on Sunday last, at the age of sixty years. Possessed as he was of good judgment, clear intellect, great executive ability and undaunted courage, he successfully played the double role of a soldier and statesman. His name will be cherished as one of the illustrious dead of the nineteenth century.

While we in Nova Scotia are experiencing an English winter, our friends in England are having a taste of one of our real old-fashioned seasons—sharp winds and biting frosts alternating with heavy snow falls, railway trains delayed, telegraph wires down, and such like wintry associations.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Times* says Austrian statesmen declare that the maintenance of peace is entirely dependent upon the action of the Czar, and as he drinks, *delirium tremens* may at any moment cause him to commit an act of folly which would precipitate a war. Austria must be ready for such a contingency. The *Peeter Lloyd* says the Czar's fear of the Nihilists is excessive. He is suspicious of everybody with whom he comes in contact, including even his wife and children.

Sir John Kirk, the British ambassador in Abyssinia, has just forwarded to London the copy of a letter sent by the late El Mahdi to Emir Pachia, governor-general of equatorial Africa. In this letter the El Mahdi describes the siege and capture of Khartoum, with the subsequent massacre of General Gordon, his troops and many of the inhabitants. This is the first official information that the British government has received as to the fate of Gordon, and should set at rest at once and forever the disquieting reports about Gordon still being alive.

The resignation of Lord Randolph Churchill as Chancellor of the Exchequer, has greatly weakened the Salisbury administration. The cause of Lord Randolph's resignation has not yet been satisfactorily explained, although it has been stated that excessive army and navy estimates prompted it. Lord Salisbury has offered the Premiership to Lord Hartington with several seats in the Cabinet for Liberal Unionists. No definite steps have yet been taken. Lord Randolph is entitled to draw, as a pension, a sum almost equal to that which he received as Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr. Parnell has given the Irish National party the choice between the "plan of campaign" and "a strong attack upon the whole policy and action of the Government towards Ireland" at the next session of Parliament. If they wish to hold what they have gained, they will choose, as did Mr. Pinkerton, M. P. for Galway, who announced that the plan of campaign has been abandoned. The plan of campaign, that of offering reduced rent, and if that is not accepted, putting the money into the hands of trustees to be used for League purposes, was an alluring one so long as it appeared that the tenants could not be interfered with, but as the tenants are likely to lose both their holdings and the rents they have deposited, the "plan of campaign" has already been opposed in many quarters by the Nationalists.

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