

Miscellaneous.

The population of Africa is about 100,000,000.

It is a curious chemical fact that the substances required to form salt are both of them poisonous—chlorine and sodium. No one can use either of these articles separately with safety.

Thirteen school teachers went into a South Boston savings bank on their pay day, to get fifty dollar bills changed. That started the rumour of a run, and before night there was a run, indeed.

The Avon Marine Insurance Company, of Windsor, at the annual meeting, on Tuesday, declared the usual dividend of 260 per cent., being \$65 on paid-up shares of \$25 each, besides placing a large sum at rest.

The Baptists in Oregon have bought a missionary steambot, with the object of conveying preachers from one new settlement to another on the rivers, so that they may preach the Gospel to those who cannot at present be reached in any other way.

The experiment of heating the city of Buffalo by steam has been completely successful. Three miles of pipes have been laid down, and fifty-one buildings, including a schoolhouse, have been thoroughly warmed all winter by steam from a central boiler house.

During the outbreak of diphtheria in the city of Boston, a surgeon was appointed to make examination of two hundred houses where the inmates had been attacked. In every case it was found the drains were out of order. Comment is needless.

There are at present living at the farm of Corn, in Holm, the tenant, who is 81 years of age, his wife, who is 82; together with his two sisters-in-law, aged respectively 85 and 86 years. They all enjoy fair health, and are able to walk about when the weather is suitable.

Caution.—As there are many counterfeit \$2 notes of the Union Bank of Prince Edward Island afloat, we have been requested by Mr. Watson, Manager of the Pictou Bank, to inform the public that the Union Bank of Prince Edward Island has issued no \$2 higher than \$3,000.—Eastern Chronicle.

The heaviest storm ever experienced in West Virginia passed over Jefferson County on Monday night; the hailstones were larger than eggs, and fell an hour, unroofing houses, breaking glass, and killing cattle, hogs, and sheep. The heavy rain which followed washed out the growing wheat; the damage is estimated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Extravagance is rapidly ruining the Khedive of Egypt. He sustains twenty palaces, in which he supports in luxury three wives and nine hundred women of the harem. Each of the grown-up princes of the blood also has his separate palace and retinue of servants, and the horses in the stable of the father and sons are numbered by hundreds.

Mild winters are usually followed by cool summers. There was a remarkable instance of this in the early part of the century. In the year 1816—which is remembered in New England as "the year without summer"—it is stated that frost, ice and snow were common in June; and in August, ice half an inch thick was formed. According to all precedent, our unseasonable winter will be followed by an equally unseasonable summer.

Sudden Death at Bear River.—A young man named Thomas Howe, aged 24 years, was taken violently ill on Monday night, 11th inst., and after suffering acutely for ten hours, died. A post mortem examination showed the cause to be strangulation and dissemination of a large section of the bowel, which had become twisted upon itself. All circulation was thus eventually stopped in the affected portion, and death induced by the shock.—Courier.

The Lumberton, N. C., Times says some men, while digging marl in a swamp some eighteen miles north-east of Lumberton, near Cape Fear River, found embedded, eight or ten feet below the surface of the earth, a schooner or vessel sixty feet in length and forty in breadth. It was of the same consistency as the surrounding marl, and the nails or spikes with which it was put together were made of wrought iron. They were various kinds of teeth around and near it.

Physicians pronounce the recovery alive of Thomas Alsop, a Pennsylvania miner, buried by the caving-in of a pit where he and others were digging, as one of the most remarkable cases on record. He was covered with fifty feet of earth for fifty-six hours, impossible to move an inch, lying with his head lower than his feet, with neither air nor food, and a decaying corpse almost against his face. When rescued his impression was that he had been there only a few hours. He is still in a very weak condition, but is slowly recovering.

Telegraphic News.

Special Dispatches to the Morning Chronicle.

EUROPE. LONDON, March 14.—In the House of Commons this p. m. Sir Stafford Northcote stated that the mutiny bill and certain estimates are passed the House will rise on the 16th or 18th of April till the 6th May for the Easter recess.

He will introduce the budget on the 4th April. In reply to a question in the House of Commons this p. m., Sir Stafford Northcote said the Government agreed in principle to take part in the conference. The Government is now communicating with the Powers regarding the terms on which we enter the Congress. He could not enter into particulars, but he might say that in the Congress each power would maintain liberty of action. It was intended that the majority should bind the minority. England will maintain her views in the Congress, and will require before entering it that every article of the treaty of peace shall be placed before the Congress in such a manner that the Congress can judge whether the articles are to be accepted or not.

LONDON, March 26.—Corfu news from Epirus is meagre, but sufficient to confirm the reported complete suppression of the insurrection in the district of Chimeria. The entire expedition force was killed, captured or dispersed in the mountains. The Turkish irregulars continue their rapine, murder and devastation; 16 villages were burned and pillaged, the inhabitants of which fled or perished. The Turkish authorities profess to be collecting and protecting refugees at Delvino, but many are known to have been killed. The Consuls have represented the condition of affairs to their Governments and appealed for protective measures. The British Consul is particularly active. The British man-of-war Rapid has done everything possible for the refugees.

The Times says the Russians have not only occupied several villages around Constantinople, but taken possession of a point on the edge of the most northerly plateau running towards the entrance of the Bosphorus. Small forts, which command the entrance, lie directly at the foot of the position thus occupied, and as these works open on the land side, the Russians have power to march in at any moment and close the entrance to the Black Sea. Such a movement does not seem calculated to dispel the misapprehensions maintained that, though there may be no secret treaty, a tacit understanding has been established with Turkey which may involve arrangements most material to the decision of other powers.

VIENNA, March 16.—It is said serious negotiations are proceeding between Sir Henry Elliot and Count Andrássy for an alliance between England and Austria. If the negotiations succeed Andrássy's position will be strengthened. If they fail a ministerial crisis will ensue and Andrássy may probably resign.

LONDON, March 15.—Advice from Cape Town, Feb. 25, says there has been no serious fighting since last reports. The insurgent Kafirs are divided into small parties, which are endeavoring to force their way through the patrols and reach the pretensions for plunder. The work of preventing them carrying out their object is excessively tedious.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 13.—It is untrue that the Porte has given orders to prevent any more British men-of-war passing the Dardanelles. Mr. Layard has recently obtained a firman permitting the passage of the Hotspur and Condor, which vessels are expected in the Gulf of Semid shortly. Mr. Layard has also received permission to send the Rapid to the Albanian coast to embark refugees.

A Paris correspondent reports that it is now certain that England has unreservedly adhered to the French proposals for an investigation into the financial affairs of Egypt and administrative reforms. Nobody will oppose England freeing Egypt from vassalage if her acts are in accord with other powers. All the powers have agreed that questions of Egypt, Syria, Tunis and the holy places can be raised at the Congress with the consent of France and within limits she prescribes.

LONDON, March 14.—A despatch from Plymouth says the Wivern, turret ship, built for the Southern rebels, but detained by the Government, and ever since moored in the harbor, has been brought to Devonport Dockyard to be prepared for commission.

Thirty-six excursionists attending a fair at Bressa, France, were drowned by the capsizing of a barge. The deceased gentleman was born in England and at the time of his death was about 84 years of age. He was called to the Bar of this Province in 1816, and was senior Queen's Counsel. He was a member of Assembly from 1830 to 1850, was appointed to the Legislative Council in 1858, a member of the executive for some years, and was appointed to the Presidency of the Council by the present Government in 1875. In politics the deceased gentleman was a Conservative. He was very highly esteemed by all parties, and his appointment to the Presidency of the Council by the present Government gave universal satisfaction, and his death will be much regretted by all who know him.—Herald.

Intelligence was received on Saturday evening of the death of Lungenburg, Hon. John Creighton, President of the Legislative Council of this Province. He had been ill for some time previously to the meeting of the Legislature, and was consequently unable to take his seat this session. The deceased gentleman was born in England and at the time of his death was about 84 years of age. He was called to the Bar of this Province in 1816, and was senior Queen's Counsel. He was a member of Assembly from 1830 to 1850, was appointed to the Legislative Council in 1858, a member of the executive for some years, and was appointed to the Presidency of the Council by the present Government in 1875. In politics the deceased gentleman was a Conservative. He was very highly esteemed by all parties, and his appointment to the Presidency of the Council by the present Government gave universal satisfaction, and his death will be much regretted by all who know him.—Herald.

Recruiting has been actively going on in England, for the past six months and the recruits of the line are now all up to their full strength. The draft sergeants are every where busily employed.

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