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CURRENT COMMENT.

MEXICO'S first linen mill has been opened near the City of Mexico.

FRED DOUGLASS has expressed himself favorably towards the projected granting of pensions to ex-slaves.

Mrs. JEFFERSON DAVIS is expected to select the resting place in Richmond for her husband's remains some time in October.

DURING the twenty-four hours ended at midnight of the 10th there were forty cases of heat prostration in New York city, all of which proved fatal.

The newspapers of Lima, Peru, contain elaborate accounts of the removal of the remains of Francisco Pizarro, who led the conquest of Peru, from a vault under the altar of the cathedral in Lima to the chapel of the victory in the same building. The remains were subjected to a careful examination and the body was found to be admirably preserved.

STOCK in the proposed candidacy of Senator Gorman for the presidency had quite a boom among the politicians in Washington by reason of the fact that the Farmers' party, which is generally supposed to be aiding and abetting the rebels and sends them to Iquique, the headquarters of the congressional party.

The progress of the European sugar beet crop is slow. The continued wet and cold weather has seriously set back the development of the roots, especially in the low lying districts, although the leaves are luxuriant. Even with exceptionally fine weather in September it is doubtful whether the increased acreage will yield an increased production. The present tests are on a level with those of 1888, when the final yield was twenty per cent. below the yield of 1890.

The Chilean congressional envoys in Washington have received advices from Chili which they say confirm the statements that President Balmaceda had removed all the judges in the country and appointed their successors to their places. The judges removed include the chief justice of the supreme court and his six associate justices, the judges of the courts of appeal and all the district judges. The envoys say this action of Balmaceda is in direct defiance of article 105 of the constitution of Chili.

ARRIVALS from the region of Sonora, Cal., on the Colorado river, report a small stream four miles north of Lerdo, which prior to the earthquake was readily fordable, has become impassable. The Cocopah Indians predict another earthquake, liable to occur soon. They say natural signs indicate it.

The grave situation created by the failure of the crops in Russia is causing the greatest apprehension in all circles. The Grashman declares that the local administrations will be unable to make provision for the inhabitants of the distressed provinces by drawing upon the surplus of other provinces if the speculators are allowed to keep their grain or if the artificial rise in corn is not checked. The public demands that the government immediately place a duty on rice. The Financial Messenger declares that it will be almost impossible for Russia to export corn this year.

Mr. SPENCER'S faculty for remembering names and faces is well known, but sometimes he makes a slip, and the following little anecdote shows his felicitous way of setting himself right on such occasions. Meeting recently a young student whom he had not seen for a year, he said: "Right glad to see you, Mr. Partridge." The student was of course immensely gratified to find that the great divine remembered him, but reminded the pastor that his name was not Partridge, but Partridge. "Oh, yes," quoth Mr. Spurgeon, "I must not make game of you any more."

"It is going to be a long time before the American product is admitted to Germany on an equal basis with their home goods," said P. D. Armore, of Chicago, who has just returned from abroad. "There is really something more involved than a matter of commodity between the two nations. A national rivalry in the matter of wheat is involved. The Germans will eat their meat raw. For that reason I think that no meats will get into Germany except under German inspection. As for the favorable French legislation, that appears to have been hung up by the French senate."

LORD COLERIDGE, chief justice of England, replying to a correspondent asking an opinion on the Bible passage "Swear not at all," and Christ's words "Let your words be yea or nay," says he has no doubt of the lawfulness of such an oath on special occasions. God also swears by Hisse, and the chief justice Lord is like that giving a cloak as well as a coat or offering both checks to be smitten. It is to be taken as a statement of principle, not as an order to be obeyed literally in every circumstance. The whole jurisprudence of Christian nations of nineteen hundred years has been based on oaths.

CONSULAR reports received at Washington on the 11th state that heavy rains have caused great havoc in the German empire and hold out no promise for average crops. In Austria-Hungary the cereal crops will this year be under the average, the wheat crop being over and under. The crops of Spain will be at least 15 per cent. under the average. The August condition of crops in France are worse than in July, through heavy rains. The rye crop in Russia is exceedingly deficient and for the first time known wheat and rye prices are on the same level. In India the threatened famine has been arrested by timely rains.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

SIR HECTOR LAMONTAGNE, of Ontario, has resigned from the ministry. VERY REV. GILBERT ELLIOTT, D. D., the well known English churchman, is dead. He was born in 1850, and was appointed dean of Bristol in 1896, and held that office ever since.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL was reported much worse on the 11th and the physicians had little hope of his recovery. W. W. AMSTUTSON, who it was claimed was the oldest living old fellow in the United States, died at Salem, Ore., on the 11th, aged 89. He was initiated into the order at Buffalo, N. Y., in 1854.

The Swiss government has nearly completed the work of fortifying Mount St. Gothard by making it impossible for a hostile army to descend into Switzerland from that quarter. An akase has just been issued by the Russian government prohibiting from August 27 the exportation from Russia of opium and rye meal of all kinds and brands.

A DISPATCH on the 11th said that the Poles were greatly excited over the possible erection of a monument by the present government to Count Murawiew, one of the "hangman of Poland." The Poles generally construe it as a national insult.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL, the well-known contributor to the Saturday Evening Post, died at the 12th. He was born February 25, 1819.

GEORGE JONES, editor of the New York Times, died at Poland Springs, Me., on the 12th. He overthrew the Tweed ring.

London advices from southeastern Africa tell of appalling barbarities by the Portuguese with a view of bringing the natives to subjection.

DR. A. L. LINDSEY, a professor in the Presbyterian theological school of Oakland, Cal., and one of the most prominent ministers on the Pacific coast, is dead.

The Maryland farmers' convention has endorsed Senator Gorman.

A DISPATCH from Erie, Pa., says: Congressman Scott's condition is slightly improved. Mr. Brand, his physician, says: "I am confident Mr. Scott will recover slowly."

EX-SENATOR BRUCE, of Mississippi, opposes the schemes of negro emigration to Liberia and says Bishop Turner is the only prominent colored man in the country who advocates it.

Mrs. SARAH C. POLK, widow of James K. Polk, tenth president of the United States, died at Nashville, Tenn., on the 14th.

The funeral services over the remains of James Russell Lowell took place at Harvard university. Interment was in the family lot at Mount Auburn.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The prince of Wales opened the international congress of hygeta in London on the 10th. There were 3,500 delegates present, among them Pasteur and Koch.

The present population of Iowa is 1,911,896 according to the census returns. This is an increase of 289,281 in the past ten years.

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The price of a Chinese woman, delivered in Sydney, is thirty-eight pounds, but two Chinese women only cost fifty-two pounds, therefore the Chinese import the women in couples. The import never sees his women before they arrive, and then he generally selects the best looking girl. The other is shown around to a number of well-to-do Chinese, and after they have inspected her she is submitted to what may be called public auction.

The writer happened to be present at one of these sales. A young girl, aged about ten, was offered, and after some spirited bidding, purchased by a wealthy Chinese shopkeeper, whose place of business is one of the leading towns of New South Wales, for one hundred and twenty pounds. The melancholy aspect of the girl as she went away in company of the man who had purchased her was deplorable in the extreme.—Sheffield (Eng.) Telegraph.

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