

ITEMS OF INTEREST. Atlanta, Ga., is puzzled over a perfect iron wedge that was taken from the middle of a blue granite rock found forty-six feet under the ground.

When Ansel Randall, of Montville, Mo., was dying he demanded that there be no mourning at his funeral. His coffin and tombstone he had prepared beforehand.

Some enthusiastic fish man thinks that the day is coming in this country when an acre of water can be made as profitable as an acre of land if people only knew how to work it.

For thirty years Mrs. Martha P. Graves, of South Killingsly, Conn., had been deaf. She recently dreamed that her hearing had been restored, and on the second morning following she awoke with hearing perfect.

Bishop Massaia, after a residence of thirty years in Southern Abyssinia, during which he had collected a great deal of information on the Galla countries, has been expelled by John Kassa the present emperor.

The engineer-in-chief of the English navy has lately been inspecting the monster iron-clads at Spezia and Naples. He does not think very favorably of the build of the Duilio and Lepanto.

Canton Schwyz has decided that railway making comes within the operation of the federal factory law, and the local authorities have forbidden the gentlemen of the work on the St. Gothard line on Sundays and church festivals without special permission.

There are in England and Wales 9,358 county voters, and 1,588,877 for the city and boroughs, with the university constituencies, 2,301,676. In Ireland the total is 231,535, and in Scotland 305,514; so that the grand total of electors comes to 4,685,769.

A letter wandered late the dead-letter office the other day, on which the writer, a lady, had placed a two-cent stamp and half of another of the same denomination. The critic, who was correct, but her method of marking change had not proved acceptable to the post-office authorities.

Tulare Lake in California, is five miles from water's edge, and is five years ago. On the land reclaimed by the change are found the remains of a corral and cabin, and irrigating ditches can be traced running in straight lines. What is now growing on the bed of the old lake.

Six hundred barrels of whisky were lost by the sinking of the steamer Astorian in the Missouri river two years ago. An attempt to raise the wreck failed, but now the coast of the river has changed, and the whisky, which now lies forty feet under the sand is to be dug for.

A lunatic was recently petitioned in a London divorce suit by his committee. It was pointed out on part of the respondent that assuming even his wife's misanthropy, he might, when he recovered, forgive her offense and still wish to live with her. The judge thought the case too important for immediate decision.

One of the English election phrases for which there is no equivalent in the United States is "plumping." Wherever a constituency returns two members, each voter can give one vote each to any two candidates, but he cannot give his two votes to any one candidate. If he chooses he can give one vote to only one candidate, and this is termed "plumping."

The Iowa Supreme Court, in a case appealed from Jasper county, decides that where a candidate for office is elected on the promise that he will perform the duties of the office less than the legal salary, said election is void, because the candidate's proposition is tantamount to a bribery of the voters.

The Paris Gazette des Tribunaux publishes the following note: "Several jewelers sent to the Prefect of Police complaints of swindling against the head of a family bearing a very rare name. The Prefect stated that numerous purchases of jewels had been made on credit, on the pretense of a marriage, and immediately sold to other dealers. The amount is said to reach nearly a million.

A millionaire—an Italian Senator—residing in Montecarlo, was on his way to Fizzo a few days ago, when he unwittingly dropped from his carriage a ja-net of note of the value of 8,000 francs. A poor peasant who noticed the accident picked up the parcel, and running after the carriage gave up the missing property to the Consul, who rewarded him with a gracious smile and continued his journey.

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