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RED CLOUD, - NEBRASKA

CURRENT COMMENT.

THREE billion wooden toothpicks are manufactured each year in this country.

THE Bank of England's rate of discount has been reduced to four per cent.

BIRMINGHAM, England, has the greatest button trade of any city in the world.

THE Dominion Government has decided to take a census of the Northwest Territories with a view to giving them representation in the Canadian Parliament.

An expert base ball player tried to catch a ball thrown from the top of the Washington Monument, but was unable to hold it. So great was its velocity that it dented the ground like a cannon ball.

JOSEPH PALMER, partner in the crime of Berner, the decision in whose case was the original cause of the Cincinnati riots, was granted a new trial by the Supreme Court. He was under sentence of death.

THE monogrosses imported into Jamaica to eat up the myriads of rats abounding there have accomplished their task. The important question now is how to dispose of the monogrosses, which the blacks have a superstitious fear of killing.

EVERYBODY is advised by a Boston physician to ascertain from what diseases their ancestors died, with a view to guarding themselves against inherited tendencies by adopting the requisite manner of life, place of residence and general self treatment.

RETURNING from the various spots of the United Kingdom show for the past year a decrease of nearly 200,000 tons from the amount of tonnage produced in 1883, when it is estimated that over 3,000,000 tons of shipping, principally steel, were built.

COLORED people in Anson County, North Carolina, have sent two representatives to Arkansas to arrange for a general exodus to the latter State. They think they can greatly improve their condition in the West, and propose to emigrate in bodies, so as to maintain their old associations.

AT a recent conference of representatives of British industries upon the subject of wages Charles Bradlaugh proposed a novel measure of relief for the existing commercial and wage depression. He advocated the compulsory cultivation, under penalty of forfeiture, of all tillable land at present uncultivated.

A WRITER says there is but one clean spot in the whole Jewish district of Jerusalem—a small parcel of land at the western wall of Haram, where, on Friday nights, Jewish pilgrims congregate to mourn over the fall of the Holy City, bewailing its departed glory in loud lamentations, and leaning with their heads against the walls to kiss the stones.

RETURNING from a visit to an island on Lake Champlain, a Troy Institute student strapped his baggage to a hand sled and a pair of skates to his feet and skated twenty-eight miles to make railroad connections, preferring this mode of travel to a mountainous drive of fourteen miles. His journey on the ice was made in four hours less time than if he had traveled in a vehicle.

THERE has been discovered near Yuba Dam a fugitive sheep, which, in swimming through the muddy water, had become thoroughly covered with "shiekens," in which much grass seed has been mixed. A thick crop of green grass is now growing upon the sheep's back. Both the sheep and grass are being carefully guarded, and when the latter has reached its full growth it will be harvested, converted into hay and preserved as one of the California curiosities.

DURING the absence of Sheriff McAlvey the other morning the prisoners confined in jail at Huntington, Pa., who were allowed the freedom of the corridors, engaged in a desperate conflict between themselves, in which Alexander Gray received dangerous injuries by being beaten over the head with a poker by a fellow prisoner named Tom Potter. The insurrection was quelled through the heroism of Miss Laura McAlvey, niece of the Sheriff, who forced the quarrelsome prisoners back in their cells at the point of a revolver.

ONE of the most remarkable cases in the jurisprudence of West Virginia has just been concluded in the Circuit Court at Point Pleasant. Henry J. Fisher, Sr., was a wealthy man of that place, and when he died left property, real and personal, valued at \$200,000. Mr. Fisher had one son, named for himself, Young Fisher in his youth became wild, and, to an extent, reckless. He went into the Confederate army and was a brave soldier, being promoted for bravery on the field. His father was displeased with his course and before his death executed a will in which the son's property was entirely disregarded. The testator had endeavored to entail the estate in accumulated trust before the investing of the estate to a period beyond which the law allows. Henry J. Fisher, Jr., now a lawyer practicing at the bar and residing at Chicago, where he is greatly respected, brought suit to declare the will void as to the disposition made of the property. The case was decided in favor of Fisher.

THE WORLD AT LARGE.

A Summary of the Daily News.

CONGRESSIONAL.

In the Senate on the 26th, Mr. Chase, senator-elect from Rhode Island, was sworn in, and the Senate adjourned.

Public Lands, reported a substitute for the House bill, forfeiting part of the lands granted for railroad construction.

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NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

Nebraska Legislature.

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