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GOSSIP OF THE DAY.

SINCE the Pillsbury act went into operation in England, 1876, 104 vessels have been detained at their wharves and examined.

A COLORED man may hold any office in Iowa except that of a legislator. When the constitution was amended, several years ago, the word "white" was stricken out.

The unhealthiness of tenement houses is shown by the fact that out of 5,970 deaths in New York in the months of July and August, 3,375 occurred in houses containing more than three families, and 804 in institutions the inmates of which mainly come from tenement houses.

The Secretary of the Interior has given a decision that when a homestead claimant's land has become valueless for farming purposes by reason of overflow or backwater of a river, he will be allowed to make another entry, with credit for fees and commissions.

ONE of the Middlesex magistrates in England has just declined an offer of \$4,500 for his collection of foreign postage stamps, but, on the other hand, an extensive collection of 17,000 varieties was sold in London recently for \$4,000.

"FOURTEEN years ago," says the Venango Spectator, "when the oil fever was at its height, Pithole was the largest and thrichest of the oil towns. Its post-office delivery was enormous, ranking the third in the State.

ACCORDING to a Louisiana paper, most desirable lands in that state, fronting on navigable streams, and capable of producing from 2,000 to 5,000 pounds of sugar and 100 to 200 gallons of molasses, an acre, or crops worth from \$200 to \$500 an acre, can be purchased for the low sum of \$15 to \$20 an acre.

IT has been the habit of the "divorce lawyers" of our cities to procure divorces in the local courts of Utah, and perhaps other Territories, without one of the parties, at least, knowing anything about it.

E. C. BASSICK, of Waldo county, Maine, discoverer and owner of the fabulous rich Maine lode in the Colorado gold and silver region, has been mining for twenty years, beginning in Australia, and always with a strong faith that he should make a rich discovery.

The population of Norway in 1865 was about 400,000 inhabitants. Since 1815 it has increased about 11 annually, and the census of December 31, 1876, gave the number of 1,817,000 inhabitants.

The coinage at the mint of the United States for the month of September, 1877: Double eagles \$4,922,000; trade dollars \$1,677,000; dimes \$129,000.

The extensive pork packing establishment of Armour & Co., Chicago, was partially burned on the 1st inst. The loss was estimated at \$40,000.

Two boys named Frank Mason, and Williamson were drowned in Papalia Creek, near Omaha, on the 29th ult.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

THE September statement of the public debt is as follows: Six per cent bonds \$700,000,000; five per cent bonds 700,000,000; four per cent bonds 100,000,000; gold certificates 100,000,000.

THE wound from Plevna overpowered the Russian hospital, and the wounded suffer much in transit to Russia.

THE London Times says: "The end of the campaign must be near, and it presents to present something like a drawn battle. The powers will attempt to avert another campaign by diplomatic means."

FEVER is prevalent in the Carowitz's army, and dysentery has increased much with the bad weather. The spirit of the troops, however, is unchanged.

W. ENOS, a prominent citizen of Buffalo, N. Y., a well-known vessel owner and contractor, died at the Kennard House, Cleveland, on the 1st inst.

THE proprietors of the Philadelphia Sunday Times, Judge Ross and Joseph S. H. Rogers, have been arrested for libel by the Rev. Edward Foggo, for the publication of an article which asserted that Foggo's wife found in his writing desk letters committing him in connection with other women.

THE Barnstable savings bank, Provincetown, Mass., closed its doors on the 27th ult. It is thought to be able to pay dollar for dollar.

JOHN S. MORTON, Secretary, R. F. Stokes, secretary, and Samuel P. Huhn, treasurer, of the Market street railway, Philadelphia, and Geo. Vickers, private secretary to Morton, were arrested on the 26th inst., on a charge of conspiracy to obstruct and defraud the company by an over issue of stock.

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CHAS. L. WOODMAN, a prominent Chicago baker, filed a petition in bankruptcy on the 26th ult. Liabilities about \$100,000.

MRS. JANETTE K. SMITH, who fell through a hole in the sidewalk some time ago, has recovered, Mich., by which she lost a leg, has detected \$40,000 damages from that city.

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THE veterans of the Mexican war, of the state of Ohio, held a reunion at Dayton, O., on the 25th inst. A goodly number was in attendance.

THE SEAT OF WAR.

THE resolution came to at the Serbian cabinet council is to ask the ports to withdraw their troops, and to ask the Russian cabinet council to ask the ports to withdraw their troops, and to ask the Russian cabinet council to ask the ports to withdraw their troops.

THE entire democratic ticket was elected in Hartford, Conn., on the 1st inst., by majorities ranging from 250 to 500.

COL. DAVID H. ARMSTRONG, an old citizen of St. Louis, and a pastor of the Democracy of the State of Missouri, for the 29th ult., by Governor Phelps, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Lewis V. Boyce.

THE Russian official dispatch, issued at Gory Stuz, says: "On Sept. 22, about 10,000 Turkish infantry from Sofia, supported by artillery, forced their way through our cavalry, posted to intercept them, and entered Plevna."

NEWSPAPERS announce that in consequence of the large concentration of Russian troops and the difficulty of obtaining supplies on account of bad weather, Mehelis Ali, on the 24th, commenced retreating to his Turkish positions on the Kara Lem.

THE Russian losses at Plevna seem to have been as heavy as the Russian, as 14,000 wounded are still in Plevna, when the Turks are unable to remove.

IT is stated that the Russian and Roumanian losses before Plevna exceed 25,000 killed and wounded.

THE famine report for Madras, India, is still highly favorable. The number on the relief works decreased 64,839 during the week ending Sept. 22, but the number seeking relief is still in Plevna, when the reports from Bombay are also favorable, but bad from Sunde, Central India, Rajpootana, and Punjab.

GREY has sent a fresh dispatch to the Mexican army at Vera Cruz, advising that neither intimation nor copy of main against Grey can suppress rebellion. An unjust attack against Grey by the press would infallibly cause an insurrection of the entire Mexican Republic.

THE Memorial Diplomatist asserts that the Sultan will press Prince Hissar to London at the end of October to give the British government an intimation of the conditions on which he would agree to peace.

SNOW commenced falling in Schenck Pass on the 24th ult., and continued for several days. On the 25th ult. it was ten inches deep at the foot of the mountains.

THE directors of the Charter Oak Life Insurance company, Hartford, Conn., ask policy-holders to release 60 per cent of the stock in the company.

THE President has appointed Joseph Cook, supervising inspector of steamships, for the Eighth District, Detroit.

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DEBTS OF THE STATES.

THE Bureau of Statistics at Washington has just compiled, from official documents, an approximate statement of the debts of the several States, with the following results, the computation being made to the close of 1876, except where otherwise stated in parenthesis:

MAINE \$3,129,107 New Hampshire 3,659,838 Massachusetts 2,556,461 Rhode Island 2,187,574 Connecticut 2,044,000 New York 2,315,989 New Jersey 2,269,641 Pennsylvania 2,278,931 Delaware 1,200,000 Maryland 6,274,151 Ohio 4,648,525 Indiana 1,927,755 Illinois 1,480,000 Michigan 2,292,140 Wisconsin 2,227,037 Minnesota 500,000 Iowa (1875) 544,224 Kansas 1,233,971 Nebraska 1,063,038 Virginia (1875) 2,754,428 North Carolina 2,747,948 South Carolina (1875) 7,674,705 Georgia (1875) 22,345,000 Alabama 12,574,579 Mississippi (1875) 2,166,432 Texas (February 1, 1876) 4,772,885 Arkansas 17,200,322 Kentucky (1875) 2,252,665 Tennessee 2,238,401 California (1875) 3,654,500 Oregon (1874) 108,159 Nevada 108,159

Colorado is reported without debt, and from West Virginia, Missouri and Florida no recent reports have been received. The debt of Georgia, after deducting the amount recently repudiated is placed at \$8,000,000.

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