

Disastrous Effects of Earthquake Shocks in Andalusia.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

A NATIONAL Federation of the work- ingmen of all classes is one of the prob- abilities of the future.

Several years ago a Mr. Bold intro- duced Chinese golden pheasant into Or- egon, and they are evidently adapted to that climate, and propagating success- fully.

THE year 1894 has been a great one for mercantile failures. Only the fittest have survived, and so 1895 will have the best material upon which to build a prosperous record.

IT is estimated that the proposed Nicaragua Canal would cost between \$60,000,000 and \$100,000,000.

GENERAL GORDON seems to be in good health and tolerably comfortable in Khartoum. He was so at least a fortnight ago.

THE principal of one of New York's many "finishing" schools, where young ladies are presumed to get the final touches of polish to fit them equitably for society, includes in her course of lectures one on the art of slumbering presentably.

IN North America there is a larger percentage of newspaper readers than in any other division of the world.

THE price of pig iron has fallen to about the figure of January, 1879, when it was \$17.25 per ton.

A FRENCH artist, finding it somewhat annoying to have his creditors constantly at his door pressing him for money, procured a bear, which he taught to answer the door bell, and to show its teeth every time an unwelcome visitor appeared.

THE oldest college student in Amer- ica, if not in the world, is probably Rev. J. C. Wilder.

THERE is now a garment of hope that the money for the Bartholdi statue will be raised.

ARKANSAS FLOOD.

Great Damage to Railway Lines and Partial Cessation of Traffic.

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