

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The salary of a member of the Connecticut Legislature is three hundred dollars, with no allowance for traveling expenses.

It is believed in London that Gladstone has made an inglorious truce with Russia, and they are angry about it.

The driven-well patent, which has been the source of so much troublesome litigation to farmers, has expired, and any one is free hereafter to drive a well on his own premises without fear of prosecution.

The Russian Bear and the British Lion appear to be exceedingly likable at present. The late growl and threatened war over a slice of Afghan territory only proved to be two old women jangling over a back fence.

An exchange says that a pinch of salt put in a cat's saucer of milk and in its meat two or three times a week will prevent it from having fits.

SECRETARY LAMAR has given permission to the Little Sisters of the Poor to stand in the corridors and at the entrances of the Interior Department and solicit contributions from the employees.

An Arizona tanner has discovered a desert plant that can be very successfully used in the manufacture of leather.

The actual value of the dollar of the fathers is well illustrated by the arrest of a man and his wife in Indiana for making counterfeit dollars, in which they were said to have put as much silver as there is in the legal dollar.

Cows vary much in the amount of milk they give, according to the season, and also the length of time they have been in the business.

The tramp season has begun, and the farmers are being bored by these pestiferous creatures. They are disgusted at the offer of an honest job of work, and resent as an insult the suggestion of a basin of water and a piece of soap.

The supplemental treaty between the United States and Italy, the ratification of which has just been exchanged by the two Governments, will put an end to the vile padrone system.

A QUESTION of some importance has been definitely settled by the verdict in the case of General Hazen, profiteer as the trial seems to have been in other respects; and that is under a proper construction of the Articles of War, the Secretary of War is the superior of army officers.

A SOCIETY has been organized, called the Utah Emigrant Aid and Improvement Society, and leading spirits in the movement are Messrs. Amos Lawrence and Eli Thayer, who were so prominently connected with the Kansas colonization scheme.

A strong feeling is being raised in Washington in favor of the annexation of Cuba. It is favored by the supporters of this scheme that "free" sugar alone, which would be one of the results of annexation, would be more than sufficient compensation for the price to be paid for its acquisition.

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A BLIZZARD.

May Blossoms Nipped in the North-west.

A blizzard yesterday sweeps down carrying the temperature below the ice point.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 7.—Reports received to night show that the cold wave of last night and today extended throughout Southern and Central Wisconsin. The temperature dropped to several degrees below the freezing point, ice nearly an inch in thickness forming in many places, a high wind and frequent gusts of snow prevailed.

DEA MONROE, Ia., May 7.—A cold wave struck Iowa last night, and some places here had formed one-half an inch thick, and the thermometer was four degrees below freezing point after sunrise.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 7.—Considerable snow fell in this section yesterday and last night. The thermometer for day below freezing, and reports have been received from water-pipes freezing. A cold wind is blowing to-day, but there is no rain or snow.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, May 7.—The thermometer ranged to two degrees below the freezing point here last night. Ice formed half an inch thick. Small fruit was badly damaged, but no field crops were injured.

WARREN, N. Y., May 7.—Heavy frost here last night, forming one-sixteenth of an inch of ice. The weather is still cold to-night. Some damage to fruit and vegetables.

RATTLED TARS.

The Man-of-War Garnet Takes Precaution to Keep Dynamiters Off.

NEW YORK, April 7.—The British man-of-war Garnet, which has been lying close to the Staten Island wharf, steadily changed her base this morning and anchored off the Long Island shore nearly three-quarters of a mile from her original station.

It was the regulation man-of-war as employed in a protection against torpedoes. The tars of the man-of-war ran it out all night long.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC RE-UNION. BALTIMORE, Md., May 7.—After some angry debate the Robert E. Lee Camp, of Richmond, was invited to seats in the hall in which the Army of the Potomac was again united.

REPUBLICANS STEADY MARCH. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 7.—The returns from yesterday's special election in the Thirty-fourth Legislative District (Councils of Mason, Menard, Cass and Schuyler) for a successor to Mr. Shaw, Democrat, recently deceased, shows the election of J. W. Weaver, of Mason County, Republican.

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Many Chimeras Drowned. SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., May 6.—The steamer City of Rio Janeiro, which has arrived from Hong Kong, reports that a collision occurred on March 23, on the Huasteca River, between the Chinese ferry steamer Liu Yun, plying between Woo Sung and Shanghai, and the Ocean Steamship Company's steamer Orizaba.

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THE LUCKY ONES. WASHINGTON, May 8.—Postmasters commiserated over the fact that while William M. Bass, of Bend, Ind.; Wm. F. Crocker, of Manchester, Ind.; James C. Barb, of Whitesboro, Ind.; Augustus Lechner, New Bedford, O.; John Forrester, Sycamore, O.; Albert E. Roth, Turcasaw, O.; and the Postmaster General to-day established a post-office in Alaska.

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