

NOTES AND COMMENTS

France has the largest debt in the world. It amounts to \$1,190,000,000. The public debt of the United States is \$655,000,000.

The population of the globe is thus divided in point of religion: Protestant, 110,000,000; Roman Catholic, 191,000,000; the Greek Orthodox Church, 98,000,000; the Jews, 8,000,000; Mahometans, 172,000,000; and Pagan, 284,000,000; Asiatic Buddhists, 640,000,000.

GEORGE CLARK is a strong advocate of the union of the English speaking race. These now number, in all, 120,000,000, of which there are 70,000,000 in the United States, and at least 76,000,000 in North America.

PROFESSOR GARNER, who spent last year in Africa, studying the dialects of gorillas, and other quadrupeds, has written a series of articles describing the natives of the country.

The census returns showed that 100,000 tons, or 1,200,000,000 pounds of butter were manufactured in the United States in 1890, and the quantity has probably since been increased.

NAVAL officers sometimes smuggle without knowing it. An officer returning from a far voyage assented to bring home for a brother officer a package destined for friends in the United States.

There are now seven large beet-sugar factories in operation in the United States, two being in Nebraska, three in California, one in Utah and one in Kansas.

England's Great Lakes. Justin McCarthy. Inspiring men among members of the Labor party.

Known though Switzerland be the freedom and democracy of its institutions, there is no country in the world that is so drastic and severe in its treatment of inebriates.

Proposition to establish a Pasadena in India, which was first in Bombay, and has been advocated in public meetings at Madras and other Indian cities.

The Indiana State Medical Society at its session in Indianapolis, appointed a commission of five of its members to investigate the effects of alcohol on health and disease.

A REMARKABLE SENTENCE.

How a Judge Pronounced the Death Penalty.

At Santa Fe, N. M., during the past winter, while looking over the records of the District Court, the attention of a Detroit Free Press contributor was directed to the following sentence of the court in a murder case, the crime having been committed in a most cruel and barbarous manner.

RECENT statistics show that the English language is spoken at present by 115,000,000 people distributed as follows: British Islands, 88,000,000; United States, 65,000,000; Canada (exclusive of French Canadians), 4,000,000; West Indies, British Guiana, etc., 4,500,000; Australia, 4,000,000; South Africa, India and other colonies, 2,500,000.

And the court was about to add, Jose Maria Martin, may God have mercy on your soul, but this court will not assume the responsibility of asking an all-wise Providence to do that which a jury of your peers have refused to do.

The sequel to the above remarkable sentence is interesting, in that Jose Maria Martin escaped from the county jail and several years afterwards peacefully met his death in Lincoln county, by falling backwards out of a wagon and breaking his neck.

Irritability of Plants.

In an address upon this subject Professor Pfeffer points out that irritability is a fundamental quality existing in all plants, these organisms having the same power of reaction as animals.

A Self-sacrificing Act.

On one occasion General Lee, while making an observation, stepped to a somewhat exposed position to secure a better view, and thus stood for a moment at personal risk, when General Gracie, who was in the party, quietly stepped before General Lee, without obscuring his view, and remained thus covering the body of his superior until the fieldglass was lowered and the danger over—a simple, quiet act, but showing cool bravery and self-sacrificing spirit.

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