

THE FATHERLAND.

Celebration of Emperor William's 87th Birthday.

DEVOTION OF HIS GERMAN SUBJECTS.

Interesting Sketch of a Busy and Eventful Life.

Heil, dir im Siegerkranz, Herrscher des Va erlands, Heil, Koenig dir!

The ruler of Germany entered upon his 87th year on Saturday last, and there was general rejoicing and festivity among the children of the Fatherland at home and abroad.

A Berlin cablegram says: The Emperor's 87th birthday was generally celebrated. At 6 o'clock in the morning a choral was played on the tower of the palace. The schools were closed and divine services were held in all the churches.

Among the mass of congratulations received the one of Emperor Alexander of Russia is especially hearty. Bismarck gave a dinner to the Diplomatic Corps here at night, in honor of the Emperor's birthday.

The day was observed throughout Germany with parades, banquets and festival performances in the theatres, schools and barracks. At a banquet at Stuttgart the toast to the Emperor was proposed by Queen Olga.

AN EVENTFUL LIFE.

The life of the aged Emperor embodies much of recent European history. He was born in 1797, on March 22nd, the second son of King Friedrich William III. of Prussia, and of the Princess Louise of Mecklenburg-Strelitz.

EMPEROR OF GERMANY.

Under Bismarck's Prime Ministership, Prussia rapidly rose to great fame by trampling in succession upon Denmark, Austria and France. On the 18th of January, 1871, King Wilhelm reached the pinnacle of his greatness, when, in the Hall of Mirrors in Versailles, he allowed himself to be proclaimed Emperor of United Germany.

"FOUR KINGS."

Prince Friedrich Wilhelm, the eldest son and heir apparent to the kingdom and empire, was born October 18th, 1831. He is a old marshal in the German army, and took a leading part in the campaign in France. His wife is the eldest daughter of Queen Victoria, the Princess Royal of Great Britain, to whom he was married January 25th, 1858.

THE SEVENTH MONARCH.

Emperor Wilhelm is the seventh monarch of the Prussian house of Hohenzollern. His kingdom comprises an area of 137,066 English square miles and about 28,000,000 inhabitants.

to letter in reply to the congratulations sent by the magistrates of Berlin on New Year's Day:

"I pray God that in His goodness it has still been vouchsafed to me to inaugurate the proud monument on the banks of the Rhine, which is destined not only as a perpetual commemoration of the happily regained unity of Germany, but also as an earnest sign of the invigorated and true might of the united German empire."

COLONIZATION COMPANIES.

Quantity of Land Granted and Money Received.

An Ottawa telegram says: The acres allotted to the colonization companies and the amounts received therefor during the calendar year of 1892 were as follows:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Acres, Payments. Includes Fertile Belt Company, Temperance Colonization Company, etc.

AN UNKNOWN COUNTRY.

Dificulties in the way of the British Troops in the Soudan.

The seat of war in the Soudan is practically an unknown country. Although travellers have frequently passed through the Eastern Soudan from Suakim to Berber on the west and Kassala on the south, the country has not been surveyed, either near the coast or further inland.

Cruelty to Animals.

- Lending a willing horse to two women to go driving. Condemning a hen to have its head chopped off by a woman. Compelling a dog to stay in the room while you practice on the flute.

The Only Man with a Beard.

Mr. Muntz, the senior member for Birmingham, who was one of those who congratulated Mr. Peel on his elevation to the Speaker's chair, was present at the baptism of the latter when he was named Arthur Wellesley, after the Duke of Wellington, who was also present on the occasion in the capacity of godfather.

Jacob Eyley, of Trotwood, O., aged 72 years, who is credited with owning the greatest part of the lively village in which he lived, committed suicide recently because he feared that he would have to pay a neighbor \$100 damages, resulting from an overflow of water from one of the ditches on his farm.

THE MAHDI AND HIS METHODS.

A New Story of the False Prophet of the Soudan—The Belief in His Divine Mission.

At the present moment the Mahdi and Gordon Pasha are the centre of public interest all over the world. M. Gabriel Charrier, in the Journal des Debats, devotes two articles to the heroes of the hour. He tells the following story of the Mahdi: When any of the Christians of the Soudan are brought before the prophet he urges them to abandon their faith and recognize in him the Messiah of the Scriptures.

Some Big Things.

- A ten-foot alligator was captured recently near Waxahatchie, Texas. The U. S. Government envelope factory at Hartford, Conn., uses a ton of gum a week. A party of Baton Rouge, La., bird hunters recently killed 1,400 robins with sticks.

Discovery of a Petrified Man.

A London despatch says: Geo. Simpson, of McGillivray, recently made a remarkable discovery. When digging on his farm he struck on a large stone, and after clearing the dirt away discovered a petrified man. The being must have belonged to a race long since extinct, as it measured 7 feet 4 1/2 inches in height, and was almost perfect in form.

A Rome despatch says the Congregation of Cardinals discussed yesterday the expediency of the Pope's leaving Rome, and also considered the question whether the next conclave shall be held in Italy.

A rumor was circulated in Havana in Saturday that an order had been received from the Government at Madrid declaring Cuba in a state of siege.

SCRAPS OF SCIENCE.

Practical Points Gathered from the World's Savans.

The tunnel connecting the Lancashire and Cheshire sides of the river Mersey is now nearly finished. The rock has been reported as very favorable for excavation. Whatever may be true of harmless luxuries in the way of drink, the Lancet maintains that health, happiness and work find stimulus enough in the unsophisticated well of nature—in pure water.

Direct electric lighting of one of the trains of the District Railway between Kensington and Putney is stated to be very successful. The light is not only superior to that obtained from oil or gas, but is reported to cost only two-thirds that of the latter.

Paper wash-basins, buckets and similar articles for domestic purposes are generally made of straw pulp, and after they are roughly made into the desired shape, they are subjected to hydraulic pressure in strong moulds, where they acquire the finished form.

A new religious sect in Boston holds that disease is caused by the absence of God from the body, and that it can be cured by the passage of the Divine affluence from the well to the sick as they sit with their spines in contact.

A cinerary urn has been discovered on the farm of Cuthyhill, Longside, in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. The shape of the urn is globular, fifteen inches in diameter and eleven inches in depth.

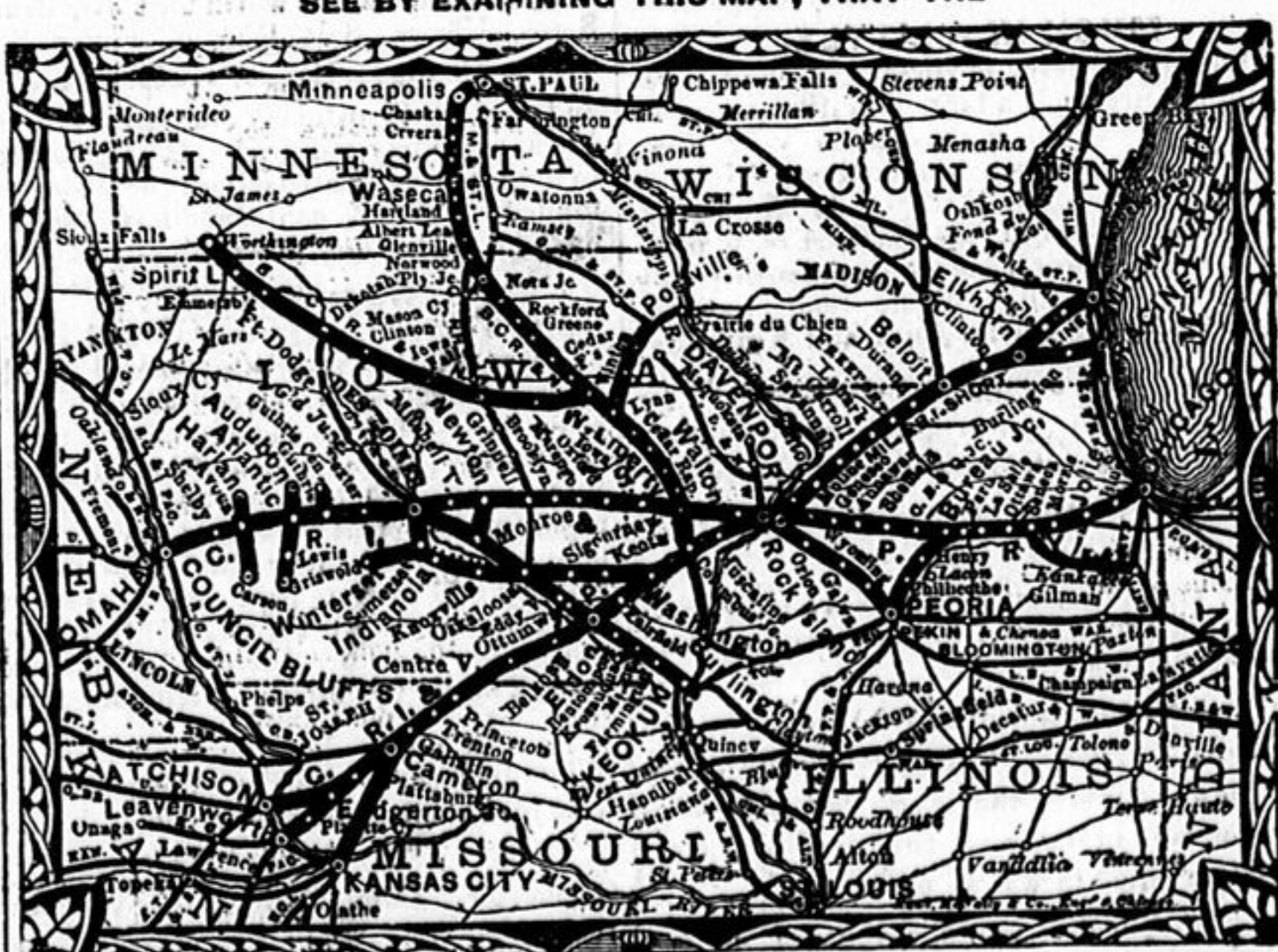
The coral industry on the Algerian coast is now regulated by a decree of the French Government. In future the fishing for coral must no longer be conducted with the use of apparatus made of iron or other metal.

Phylloxera on the roots of vines forwarded to England for examination by experts, through Kew officials, by the Government of Victoria, have been found in considerable numbers, although the vines themselves were effectually destroyed.

A man was suffering from gangrene of the lungs, with cough, difficulty of breathing and fever. The odor of the breath was most offensive. The patient was put upon a mixture containing carbolic acid, but as no improvement followed, tincture of eucalyptus was substituted for the acid.

A bomb explosion occurred at Trieste yesterday in front of the Governor-General's residence, causing no damage.

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