HERE AND THERE.

A few elk have been seen on Fisher's range, near Mountain City, Nevada, lately.

There is a fish famine in Vera Cruz, Mexico, and much suffering among the poorer classes has resulted in consequence.

There are only thirty Chinamen in Truckee, Arizona, owing to the anti-Chinese agitators. One year ago there were 5,357.

London chimneys are relieved of the presence of fifty thousand tons of soot every year, for which the sweepers receive about $2000,000.

A monster bear came down from the mountains near Tullahoma, Tenn., one day last week and created a great terror amongst the colored people.

The Cascade mountains, near southern Oregon, are being penetrated by a huge tunnel. Two thousand feet are the result of the work up to date.

The codfish catch on the Pacific coast amounted to 1,823,000 during the past season. Eleven vessels, employing 219 men, are engaged in the industry.

The striking crane has reached Frankfort-on-the-Main, where the fashionable women have combined and refuse to buy articles of French manufacture.

The woman suffrage law recently passed by the lower house of the Vermont legislature required that female voters should own $250 worth of property.

A Woodland, Cal., paper gives the pleasing information that the road to Hell's Half Acre has been graded and graveled and is now in a passable condition.

"The father of the forest" in Tulare county, California, is the largest tree in the state. It is 450 feet high and measures 158 feet around the trunk. It is a chestnut.

Mrs. Cora Brown, of Sarub Oak, N. Y., is 14 years old, and has been married one year. She still wears short clothes, although she is the mother of a 2-month's old baby.

Coyotes are causing much apprehension among the sheep-owners near Ukiah, Cal. They are as thick as flies, and have already begun their attacks on the flocks of sheep in that vicinity.

A gentleman in Culpeper, Md., has been regularly paying taxes on three $1,000 bonds which he supposed he owned, but which, it has been lately ascertained, were stolen by his agent several years ago.

The Mormon church has nearly eleven hundred missionaries scattered in the south, and a large number of converts are reported. At Spartansburg, S. C., there are a number of elders, and large meetings are held nightly.

A young man in Lancaster, Pa., before going to bed the other night, hung his pantaloons upon the gas-jet. The weight of the clothes opened the stop, letting the gas out, and the young man was found dead the next morning.

A number of prominent women of New York have inaugurated a crusade against the slaughter-houses, boneboiling, fat-rendering, kindred establishments. They want pure air around their homes and intend to have it.

During the summer a swarm of bees took possession of a pumpkin growing on a farm near Santa Maria, Cal., and when the owner went to chop it up for cattle feed one day last week, he found seven pounds of the purest honey.

Grapes are now recommended as a remedy for obesity. A pound of grapes is given the patient to be eaten the first day, and this amount is increased till he can eat five or six pounds a day. Other food is gradually lessened, and the diet at last consists wholly of grapes.

A bin of bituminous coal in the Haven, Conn., 200 feet long, 50 feet wide and 14 feet deep, and containing about 4,000 tons, caught fire from spontaneous combustion, and smoldered for a week in spite of all the water poured upon it. Then workmen shoveled the coal out to cool it off.

A swarm of bees, for some unaccountable reason, have pitched their headquarters in the Baptist church spire in Gibson, Ga. The hive is in the small part of the spire, about sixty feet from the ground, and the bees can be seen by any one of good eyesight coming and going continually.

Richard Comstock, of Monroe county, Oregon, wore boots whose soles were fastened on with brass wire. Last week the leather shrunk and exposed a piece of the wire. A small particle of the wire entered his foot and made its way up toward the knee. Blood-poisoning set in, and Comstock died.

In Virginia amateur sportsmen are learning to shoot wild turkeys and other large game with medium-sized rifles. They find it less trouble to shoot the game several hundred yards distant with a rifle than employing the old, elaborate plan of blinds, and of creeping within a few feet of game with an old-fashioned shot-gun.

E. S. Tyner, Methodist preacher, postmaster, etc., at Plant City, Fla., is under arrest for robbing the government of $900 worth of stamps, envelopes, and other postal goods. He has a host of friends who are pretty well fixed financially, and it is thought the government will have considerable trouble in securing a conviction.

A new trick in pocket-picking has been discovered in Atlanta, Ga., where Hon. Patrick Walsh, of Augusta, was robbed in a crowded hotel elevator by a young man, who said: "Excuse me, sir, but my watch-chain is caught in one of your buttons." It was in straightening out the pretended entangle ment that the larceny was committed.

The fool-killer should stroll through Fayette county, West Virginia. He would find there a farmer who was recently told by a gypsy that if he placed $25 in an old stump and left it there during the night, double the amount would be found in the morning. He tried the experiment and got his $50. The gypsy then induced him to place $700 in the same spot, but upon going for his $1,400 next morning the silly farmer discovered that both money and gypsy had vanished.

The Indian on Taquina, Oregon, do their fishing wholly from canoes, and in about 150 feet of water. No bait is used, but the Indians have the shank of their hooks covered with block tin, the glitter of which attracts the fish, and the hook does not reach the bottom before it is seized by a fish. There are generally two Indians to each canoe. The beauty of this system to the fish-canning establishment, says *The San Francisco Alta*, is that there can be no great loss. If an Indian on a canoe goes down, all that is necessary is to go up to the reservation and get another one.

Tons of diseased and unwholesome salmon are being shipped daily to Astoria, Washington territory, to be canned. It seems, according to *The Portland Oregonian*, as if several cannerymen are determined to keep up for a month's enforced idleness at the commencement of the season by using worn-out fish from their spawning beds. Hundreds of the same kind, says *The Oregonian*, are seen in this market, their attenuated bodies, sickly colors, hooked noses, and ferocious teeth presenting an appearance anything but inviting. The sight of these fish slaughtered just as they were ready to deposit their ova, and sold to cannerymen in this unwholesome condition, shows that urgent necessity exists for the appointment of a fish commissioner who will have power to put a stop to this thing.

AUCTION SALES.

Being about to remove I will sell at public auction on the premises, three-quarters of a mile north of Royal Oak, known as the Dunham place, Monday, March 5, at one o'clock p. m., 1 4-year old Handy Andy colt, 1 heavy work horse, 1 2 year old heifer, 3 cows, Durham blood, all coming in, 31 sheep, 6 shoats, 1 buggy, 1 new McCormick reaper, farming tools and many other articles too numerous to mention. Wm. Gould, proprietor; A. W. Decker, auctioneer; John Benjamin, clerk.

Having sold my farm I will sell at public auction, 2 miles east and ¼ mile north of this village, on Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock p. m., March 1, 1888, 3 cows, brood sow, top buggy, lumber wagon, pair of trucks 3-spring wagon, reaper, 2 wheel cultivator, gale plough, 40-tooth harrow, shovel plough, iron scraper, road scraper, set of platform scales, cutter, hay rack 2 hay forks, set of double harness, log chain, scalding tub, kettle, cask, lumber, heating stove and household articles. For terms of sale see large bills. W. H. Hulsizer auctioneer, Finder Worth, proprietor.

On Monday, March 12, W. H. Hulsizer will sell for Perry Phillips, one and one-half miles west and one mile north of Birmingham, at 1 o'clock p. m., horses, cows, calves, buggies, harnesses, cutter, grindstone, cross-cut saw, grain cradle, farming tools, household furniture, etc. Terms as usual.

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BIG BEAVER BLIZZARDS.

John L. Rikerd is not feeling well. It is hard work for him to make his usual trips after the mails.

Mrs. Sullivan of Toledo and her husband are making her mother, Mrs. Pallister, a visit.

S. A. James lost a valuable mare Monday for which he has repeatedly refused $200. The animal struck her head against a post while playing in the barn yard and broke her neck.

Simeon Barr also lost a valuable horse which broke its leg in the stable Sunday night.

Walter Gould lost his little four year son, with diphtheria. The funeral took place the 22d. His wife and the remaining son are both sick with the terrible disease. This is hard luck. Henry Becker and H. H. Hayley are doing their best to relieve the family. Dr. Woodruff attends them.

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