

## BREVITIES.

A man in Oxford was bitten by a rattlesnake 17 years ago, and he has been taking whisky to cure the bite.

It is a fact not easily accounted for, that, at parties, after supper, the guests begin to grow thin.

Of course, Louis Napoleon will not "give his countenance" to the future coinage of the French mint.

The man who was going to Liverpool and was told to "get aboard in a hurry," compromised by planking down his passage money.

A writer in Lippincott's Magazine announces that most of the lakes in Florida have holes worn in their bottoms, and are leaking badly.

Eliza Farrell, of Lowell, Mass., five years old, while playing with a rope fastened to a piece of timber, caught her neck and hung until she strangled to death.

The present empty state of London is attested by the fact that only six theatres are open; usually more than double that number are available.

The style of hair cutting for the day is as follows: Hair cut as closely as possible with scissors and then shaved; head well rubbed with fine sandpaper and then varnished.

Under the new regime at Philadelphia, the picture of persons not absolutely known to be dishonest, are to be removed from the Rogues' Gallery.

From the number who come to this country to be educated, princes must be as plenty in Japan as they are scarce just now, in France.

In the window of a well-known bookstore in Boston is a placard which reads: "Our Christian Friends—reduced from \$6 to \$2."

A polite young man in New York requested a married lady to elope with him. She referred him to her husband, who broke his nose.

Carpenters and masons get fifty cents a day in the cities of Sweden, but fifty cents will buy more in Sweden than five times that sum in the United States.

The Pullman Palace Car Company, organized in 1867 with a capital of \$1,000,000, has now increased it to \$30,000,000. It runs its cars over fifteen thousand miles of railroads, and employs about three thousand men.

A young man on the street, being charged with being lazy, was asked if he took it from his father. "I think not," said the scurrilous son; "father has got all the laziness he ever had."

Schooner "First Trial" arrived at Portland in a leaky condition and when hauled up for examination it was ascertained that she had been attacked by a swordfish, the sword having penetrated through her bottom, composed of solid white oak plank of two inches thick.

Even the children in the schools of Germany are doing something to aid the wounded. They are sent into the woods to pick berries, which, on certain days, are delivered at the depots of the Sanitary Commission, where portions are preserved in sugar and the remainder sent fresh to the hospitals.

While excavating a hill last week in the vicinity of Barryville, Mass., for gravel for the Attleboro Railroad, three skeletons were found, about forty feet down, in a good state of preservation. They are supposed to be the "native red men," and must have been buried over a hundred years ago.

A singular fate has befallen the wife of a master carpenter in Berlin. In the space of eight years she has been made three times a widow through war. In the year 1863 her husband was killed at the storming of Duppel. In 1865 she again married a carpenter, who was called up in 1866, and was killed at Koniggratz. About a year ago she again married a carpenter, and he was killed at the battle of Rezonville on the 23rd of August.

Hall's Journal of Health says: "Men may live long and in health who never taste meat, but they can never excel in anything that requires energy. The nations which eat no meat, as to the masses, are always inefficient and degraded. The hundreds of millions of Japan and China have failed in the centuries of the past in all that make a nation or an individual great in conception or magnificent in accomplishment. They are to-day what they were ages ago, and they live mainly on rice and other vegetables."

The chairman of an Iowa vigilance committee, who was instructed to duck a person, whose acts had made him obnoxious to the community, made the following report of the proceedings in the case: "We took the thief down to the river, made a hole in the ice, and proceeded to duck him, but he slipped through our hands and hid under the ice. All our efforts to entice him to come out failed, and he has now retained his advantage some hours."

In the police court at Chicago a wife thus ingeniously explained away serious charges of harsh treatment to her poor husband: One day when she was running across the room with a fork in her hand, he jumped in the way and struck his wrist against the fork, wrenched it from her grip by the times, which he ran into his wrist. Then he undertook to strike her, but she held up a pan of hot dish water between them and she split it all over his head. Then he got still more angry at this incident, and started to jump at her, but his head came against her hand and he fell down. She took hold of his hair to raise him up, and the hair was moistened by the hot water so that it came off. Then she saw it was no use to reason with him any longer, and she left the house.

## By Telegraph.

Per Western Union Telegraph Line.

The Prussians said to be in full retreat from before Paris!

DISEASE SPREADING IN METZ!

Coolie Insurrection in Peru—horrible Barbarities!

## NEW YORK.

The Prussians retreating—American Vice Consul mobbed—A swindle—Prussian barbarities—Astabbing case.

New York, 13.—A special evening telegram, from London says: A dispatch has been received from Tours, dated the 14th, by the provisional government, via carrier pigeon, which states that the Prussians are in full retreat from Paris. No particulars as to the cause of this had arrived, when our dispatch left, but a dispatch was also received from Paris, by another source, stating the enthusiasm in Paris consequent upon this unexpected event is indescribable.

New York, 13.—The funeral of the late superintendent of Police, Jourdan, was one of the most imposing pageants ever witnessed in this city.

E. C. Steadman & Co., were victimized of \$20,000 by a forged gold check to-day. The swindler is not discovered.

Brief Pomeroy and G. J. Tucker have disposed of the Daily Democrat to J. H. Lambert.

A Times cable says that a letter from Minister Washburne to his wife at Brussels speaks of the mobbing of the American Vice Consul in Paris by the French, which necessitated a diplomatic correspondence with Jules Favre. The Times correspondent with the German side writes that the bombardment of Paris will positively commence on the 18th or 19th.

When the steamer Alaska, from Aspinwall, arrived last evening, the captain gave one of the passengers, J. H. Lynch, in charge of the police, upon complaint of stabbing and shooting another passenger, John Collins, and severely wounding him. The prisoner will be handed over to United States authorities.

New York, 14.—A newspaper correspondent from Tours gives a dreadful account of the fury excited by the cruelty of the Prussians. Villages have been burned, Franc Tireurs shot in cold blood, and women outraged and murdered. At Miners Le Chateau a small detachment of Bavarians who had perpetrated great excesses in the neighborhood, having been surrounded and forced to surrender, the subaltern in command was flogged to death with sticks by the peasantry, and the rest of the men were hanged, one by one, from a tree.

The recruits flocking to the armies of Lyons and of the Loire are estimated at a thousand a day in each section.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

Electrons—Fatally wounded.

HARRISBURG.—From incomplete returns of the legislative vote the republican majority for the State Senate is reduced to one and in the House to twelve. An official count is to be made to-day, which may alter this.

PHILADELPHIA.—The physicians pronounce the wound received by Nolan, yesterday, fatal. He has made a deposition that he was shot by Alexander Crawford, and that the murder was committed at the instigation of and by the agency of William B. Mann, late district Attorney. Mann admits telling Crawford to defend himself but denies that he told him to shoot.

## WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, 13.—By order of the War Department, a general court martial, headed by Gen. Howard, meets at the Point on the 20th inst., for the trial of cadets Smith, (colored) Wilson, Davis and Hyde.

## VIRGINIA.

Funeral of General Lee.

LEXINGTON.—General Lee will be buried on Saturday, October 16, at 12 o'clock; the place selected for his interment is a vault beneath the college ground. This was the first building he had erected after his removal to Lexington. The corpse was removed to-day from his residence to the chapel, where it will lie till Saturday next. The faculty of Washington College, and the faculty of Virginia Military Institute, and the students of the Washington College held a meeting to-day and passed appropriate resolutions.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

Great Britain.

Royal marriage—Thirty prizes taken by French ships during the war—Arrival of American volunteers at Tours—An engagement in which the French got the worst of it.

LONDON.—It is stated that the Prussians have not yet been able to plant a single battery near enough to disturb any part of Paris. A steady fire has recently been maintained from the forts Mont du Valerien and D'Issy. The Prussians have been compelled to retreat from the fire of those forts behind the Plateau of Meudon and St. Cloud. The morale of the French soldiers is excellent. They are drilling constantly.

The wooden huts for the troops are arriving at the Prussian position before Metz.

LONDON, 13.—It is said that the Emperor Eugenie sent for General Bourbaki. Her object was to propose, through him, conditions of peace, on the basis that Prussia should retain Alsace and Lorraine, and leave the Prince Imperial under her regency, to govern France. When told by Bourbaki that nobody in France would tolerate even the presence of the Prince, the Emperor burst into tears. A letter from Eugenie to the Emperor, of which the Countess Guise was the bearer, doubtless referred to this project.

The town of Aulis has been burnt according to the threat of the Prussians. General Burnside has frequent interviews with Count Bismarck. The Prussians occupy Bretil. The Germans are certainly advancing on Amiens.

The rumored disorder in Rheims is denied. The rumor and the contradiction are equally untrustworthy.

A correspondent of the London Post, reports that a hundred and fifty volunteers, from the United States, recently arrived at Tours and met with an enthusiastic reception.

General Fulyer has been permitted to join Napoleon at Wilhelmshohe.

There is much curiosity to know what has become of Marshal Leboeuf, as nothing has been heard of him since the first series of battles around Metz. The people in Tours and vicinity are reported to be rushing to arms. It is expected that large masses of fresh troops, called out by Minister Gambetta, will take the field within ten days. It is reported that General Bourbaki has accepted a command in Tours.

An engagement took place on the 11th between the Prussians and French, at Messengers. The latter were defeated and completely abandoned the place. A corps of Franc Tireurs left Lyons yesterday for the Loire.

It is reported that the garrison of Montmedy made a sortie, which resulted in the recapture of Stenay.

LONDON, 13.—The preliminaries of marriage between the Princess Louise, fourth daughter of Queen Victoria, and the Marquis of Lorn, oldest son of the Duke of Argyll, have been arranged with the consent of the Queen.

LONDON, 14.—Official accounts show that the French war vessels have captured thirty-two prizes since the commencement of the war.

Rouen advises announce that the Prussians had captured Beotmil. The mobles repulsed the first attack, but the Germans came up a second time, with reinforcements.

## BELGIUM.

Belgium's waterfret.

BRUSSELS, 14.—Belgium renews her corps of observation on the border as Prussia designs besieging the towns on the north eastern part of France.

## PRUSSIA.

Premature celebration preparations in Germany.

BERLIN, 14.—Arrangements are completed in most of the German towns for bonfires, illuminations, fireworks and bell ringing to celebrate the entrance of the German army into Paris.

Late advices from Metz state that dysentery, scurvy and other diseases are prevalent. All able bodied citizens are compelled to serve in the defense.

## FRANCE.

Epinal taken by the Prussians—Lyons in a complete state of defense.

TOURS, 14.—A despatch from Epinal, dated yesterday, p. m., announces that the Prussians had entered there. That the city made a gallant resistance, but was not able to resist the artillery. The town is considerably damaged by the cannonade.

It is reported, unofficially, that the Prussians seem to be falling back from this side of Orleans. They are no longer in Beaugency and Meun.

The troops which were sent forward to reinforce the fifteenth corps, and subsequently participated in the actions near Orleans, are again arriving here. From the reports of their officers it seems that their losses in the two day action, were not nearly so heavy as at first reported.

Reliable information, by mail, from Lyons shows that that city is amply prepared to resist any force the Prussians can send against it. The heights, near the city, are strongly fortified and entrenched. Camps have been constructed and heavy guns placed in position. The entire population are armed and are drilling day and night. Large numbers of mobiles and franc tireurs have reached Lyons. Troops enough are there now for an army, and they may be easily organized to act on the offensive. All symptoms of disorder have disappeared, and, throughout the south of France, the situation is now tranquil.

## IRELAND.

Terrific storm.

QUEENSTOWN, 13.—The details of a dreadful storm last night are coming in. At Limerick the storm was little short of a tornado. One man was blown into a floating boat and drowned. Another's skull was crushed by a falling chimney. Houses were unroofed and vessels driven ashore.

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