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BREVITIES.

When is the moon in a had financial condition? When she is in her last quarter.

In pocket-picking as in almost everything else, man never improves until he gets his hand in.

Speaking of the theatre of war, that must be the only theatre where seats are desirable.

Minister tomas browns, president of the national bank, feebly, was the superscription on a letter that passed through the Boston postoffice, recently.

C. B. Hutchins, of Ann Arbor, Mich., has invented and patented a process for converting the refuse potato pomace, from starch factories, into pulp for making paper.

A wealthy bishop congratulated a poor priest upon the good air which he breathed in his parish, to which the latter replied: "Yes, my lord, the air would be good enough if I could only live on it."

The engineers of the North Pacific road have discovered vast veins of coal on the line of the road in the valley of the Missouri, sufficient to furnish fuel forever for locomotives over the woodless sections of the route.

A new ticket-printing machine, which has just been patented in England and Prussia, prints railway tickets on both sides, perforates them, and numbers them consecutively by one process, and does all this at the rate of two hundred a minute.

They have a female butcher at St. Albans, Vt., who carries on quite an extensive business in the hog killing line. She travels about the country in the vicinity of the village, and slaughters porcine quadrupeds for the farmers at the rate of fifty cents per hog.

"Gentlemen of the jury," charged a Western judge, "in this case counsel on both sides are incredible, and the plaintiff and defendant are both such characters that to me it is indifferent which way you give your verdict."

This is the pure undiluted English for "Jordan's a hard road to travel." Perambulatory progress in the pedestrian excursion along the banks of the sparkling river of Palestine, indeed attended with a heterogeneous conglomeration of unforeseen difficulty.

Dr. Simpson of Glasgow, the recently elected Professor of the Chair of Midwifery in the Edinburgh University, attempted, November 2d, to deliver his introductory address to the medical students. The uproar, however, was so great, and the conduct of the students was so disgraceful that the proceedings had to be brought hurriedly to a close. Principal Grant and Prof. Christison in vain attempted to quell the tumult.

The Progress of Lyons (which is inspired by the Prefect), says that the idea of an armistice could only enter the skull of a Prussian, and could only be there proposed by an Englishman. "It is only when the Prussian hordes are hunting for food like wolves in our provinces that our fellow ally (England) dares to dash her bucket of water upon the brazer of our patriotism."

M. Blanqui's programme of measures necessary to the public safety is a little hard on the priests. He says: "Let them be armed, taken under fire, placed before the patriots in the most perilous positions. We reserve to them a noble task; let them be martyrs; they will go to heaven; that will be their reward. We, who do not believe in them, demand that they shall die for us. Let them serve as bucklers to the fathers of families. It will be the only time they have been good for anything."

The German wagoners attached to the army have addressed a petition to the King of Prussia, praying for dismissal. They urge that they have been employed ten weeks with their vehicles, 400 miles from home; that both themselves and their horses are exhausted, and their agricultural duties are very urgent. Having failed in their representation to the military authorities, they have ventured to appeal to the King personally.

In New York the delinquent French lessee of a fashionable boarding-house up town being threatened by his landlord with expulsion if he didn't pay the rent, made this agonized reply: "You demand zat I pays you now. You must be ze brute. Vell; I go. You take my horse, anoter man he takes my wife, ze Procreeen take my country, and now, by tam, ze devil he take me?"

The story is told of a certain New Zealand chief, that a young missionary landed at his island, to succeed a sacred teacher deceased some time before. At an interview with the chief, the young minister asked: "Did you know my departed brother?"

"Yes, I was deacon in his church."

"Ah, then you knew him well; and was he not a good and tender-hearted man?"

"Yes," replied the pious Deacon with much gusto, "he very tender; I eat a piece of him!"

The Logan Elm—the famous tree under which the Indian chief, Logan, made his celebrated speech—is on the farm of James Boggs, in Pickaway township, Pickaway county, Ohio. It stands on the bank of a fine living stream called Congo, and is of great size. Its girth is about twenty feet, and its spreading branches cover an area over 125 feet in diameter. The tree is of no great height, and at a distance looks like a gigantic apple tree. It was a favorite tree with the Indians when the speech was made under its shade, at the time of Lord Dunmore's expedition in 1774. It is still healthy and flourishing, and bids fair to stand a thousand years.

By Telegraph.

Per WESTERN UNION Telegraph Line

WASHINGTON.

The Fishery Controversy. WASHINGTON.—The Georgia Senate-ship contest will be considered by the Senate judiciary committee on Saturday. The arguments will be presented by the two sets of applicants. Hill and Miller, elected on the 6th, and Whiteley and Farran, elected in '69.

The British Minister has, under instructions from home, already taken initiatory steps toward considering the fishery controversy and arranging for the settlement of the claims that will arise from the seizure of our vessels. Sir Edward Thornton has acknowledged the substantial correctness of Fish's position, as shown by diplomatic correspondence just published, running from April to November of the present year, relating to the fishery questions.

WASHINGTON, 27.—Secretary Boutwell has authorized the payment from to-morrow of the January interest without debate.

NEW YORK.

Firea—Summer feels sorry—Billiard Match. NEW YORK, 27.—There is good authority for saying that Bishop Potter has decided to prohibit the elaborate colored and embroidered vestments, now used in religious service at St. Alban and one or two other Episcopal churches of this city. By this action, Bishop Potter is likely to bring the Ritualistic question to a focus, as there can be no appeal, for the present at least, from his decision, and clergymen refusing to conform to it will render themselves liable to Episcopal censure or deposition from the ministry.

A billiard match for the champion cup and a thousand dollars a side, between Rudolphe and Dion will be played at the Academy of Music to-morrow evening. The game will be the American carom, pocket table, two thousand points up, push and croch barred.

ROCHESTER, 27.—A fire yesterday destroyed the building of the Daily Democrat, the office and press rooms, and a large flouring mill; loss, \$150,000, half insured.

POUGHKEEPSIE, 27.—A fire to-day destroyed nine business places on Main street and two on Garden street. The loss is heavy, but the amount cannot be ascertained at present.

A special dispatch to the Herald, dated Bordeaux, 25, says, the newspapers say the condition of the army is improving daily.

There is great excitement here at the conduct of the Germans at Orleans, who subjected Bishop Dupanloup to the most indignities. It is reported that he has addressed a pastoral to the clergy, invoking the vengeance of Heaven upon the barbarians, who, while the cathedral was filled with thousands of French prisoners, left without bread or fuel, caused the organ to be played in derision of their sufferings. A priest wearing the dress of a member of the international aid society while attending dying soldiers, had his head laid open by a sabre cut. Another priest was shot for refusing to give information relative to the French Army.

A camp has been formed between Saint Andre, Saint Rigieten, and Dupierre. There is great activity in the instruction of the troops, the best spirit prevails and men of all grades are ready to assist in the national defence.

The Tribune's Washington dispatch says the movement to remove Sumner from the foreign relations committee is abandoned for the reason that it is deemed impracticable, and because the majority can manage matters by having treaties and like subjects brought before the legislative session, instead of sending them to the foreign committee. It is also said that Sumner did not mean all he said in his speech, and is sorry for what he did say.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Labor reform Convention. CONCORD, 27.—The labor reform party of New Hampshire held a state convention here to-day, and nominated Lemuel P. Cooper, of Croydon for Governor.

VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, 27.—Eight persons are known to have perished by the burning of the Spottwood hotel. A number of the missing have turned up, but there are several others of whose safety there is little hope.

James river is frozen over this morning.

PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA, 27.—The following named officers, elected at the Quarterly Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Pennsylvania, F. & A. M., were this day installed in their respective stations, in due and ancient form: Robert A. Lamberton, of Harrisburg, R. W. Grand Master; Samuel C. Perkins, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; Alfred E. Potter, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; Robert Clark, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; Peter Williamson, R. W. Grand Treasurer; John Thompson, R. W. Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

Cornwall, 27.—The Cornwall woolen manufactory was burned this morning.

Over two hundred persons were thrown out of employment. The loss is estimated at \$300,000; insurance, \$150,000. St. THOMAS, 27.—A large fire here last evening consumed two dry goods stores and three grocery stores, with several other buildings. The loss is estimated at from \$70,000 to \$100,000, mostly covered by insurance. Two men are missing, and it is supposed they are buried under the ruins.

FOREIGN NEWS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

England tired of the Alabama Controversy. LONDON, 26.—The Pall Mall Gazette says England is heartily tired of the Alabama controversy, and is ready to pay any impartial money award if adjustment can be confined thereto.

Last Friday John Walter, jr., son of the chief editor of the Times, while skating fell through the ice and was drowned.

The colonists of New Zealand are dissatisfied at the delay of the mails via California.

The working parties opposite directions of the Mont Cenis tunnel are within hearing distance of each other. Greetings and hurrahs were exchanged through the dividing wall of rock for the first time at a quarter past four o'clock on Christmas afternoon.

LONDON, 27.—Meziers is surrounded by 15,000 Prussians and a siege is eminent. There is much indignation here and the British vice-consul at Rome is protesting at the sinking of six English ships, in the Seine by the Prussians.

Eight persons were killed by an accident on the railway near Hatfield. It is said the Belgian civic guard will be re-organized as mobiles.

Paris still wastes ammunition by ineffectual fire.

Mantelien, in pursuing the army of the north captured prisoners at Albert.

AUSTRIA.

Luxembourg.

VIENNA, 27.—The Official Press argues that as the neutralization of Luxembourg, under a collective guarantee, has failed, the future of the Duchy is now open for the consideration of the powers.

Bismarck urges on Switzerland a better observance of neutrality.

FRANCE.

The Alps tunnel.

BORDEAUX, 27, Poitiers, 25.—Ten thousand Prussians, with artillery, occupy Bordeaux, and have pillaged public and private houses. Twenty thousand Prussians are at Orleans. Men and officers are pillagers.

ALENCON, 25.—The enemy evacuated Etheil and Bourtheurde, at which place they had an entrenched camp. There is no news of the army of the Loire.

A grand review has been held at Bordeaux of 20,000 national guards. Cremlieux presented the flags and made a speech. He said the republic would save France. The officers and men were enthusiastic in favor of the republic, and when they passed the American Consul's demonstrated in favor of America.

A dispatch announced that the Alps tunnel was pierced through yesterday.

WEST INDIES.

Earthquake—Two German ships captured.

HAVANA, 25.—Advices from Panama to the 1st of December are received via Jamaica.

The Cuban Colonel Ryan arrived there on the 12th inst., on the steam ship Ocean Queen, with a large quantity of ammunition and arms intended for Cuba. Numbers of Cubans were expected to join Ryan at Aspinwall. There were 150 men with a steamer expected to arrive from New York. The Hornet, which is to convey Ryan and his companions to Cuba, had not arrived at Aspinwall.

HAVANA, 27.—Advices from Valparaiso to December 2nd, say there was a severe earthquake at Santiago and elsewhere; damage slight. New silver mines have been discovered in Calama. Costa Rica advises to the 20th say, the President has declared the treaty for the construction of a canal across the isthmus of Nicaragua void.

Lima advises to the 14th say that the effects of the European war are felt heavily in all branches of business.

A French man-of-war captured the German ship August from Hamburg, and Gascote, from California. Both vessels were taken to Tahiti.

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