

BREVITIES.

Any one can import nitro-glycerine into England if he is willing to go to jail for a year as the penalty.

An exchange says: "There are two hundred and fifty synagogues in the United States, and as for the demagogues, no man can number them."

'Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines,' has been superseded in the command of the Fools' Brigade, by 'Shoo, Fly, Don't Bodder Me,' which humorous ditty is now one of the idioms of Gotham.

There are at this moment 550 young American students at German universities, and upward of 1,000 American youths and girls attending the higher schools and educational institutions.

There are in a man five hundred and twenty-seven muscles, two hundred and fifty-seven of which are in pairs. Of these, no less than one hundred are constantly used in the simple act of breathing.

The Mayor of Manchester having been invited to attend the opening of the Suez canal, the Alderman of that city felt so elated at the honor done their chief that they voted an address of thanks to the Viceroy.

An aged Forfarshire lady, knowing the habits of her old and spoilt servant, when she wished a note to be taken without loss of time, held it open, and read it over to him, saying: "There now, Andrew, ye ken that's it; doo dinna stop to open it, but just send it off."

Goldschmidt, the husband of Jenny Lind, is a complete failure. He has squandered his wife's fortune, and she is now poor. It was said at the time that Jenny was not as careful in marrying as she ought to have been.

English writers are getting even worse than the Americans in taming their literary progeny. Charles Kingsley is about to introduce to the public "Madam How and Lady Why," and a female novelist has completed "Hither-to, a story of Yesterday."

In a steep rock, some six miles South of Quebec, an eccentric Englishman has excavated a dwelling. It has three rooms with seats, couches, fire-places, and all the conveniences, carved in the living rock. Here he lives, and spends his time in studying botany and entomology. His museum occupies one room.

Put an Englishman in the Garden of Eden and he would find fault with the whole concern. Put a Yankee in, and he would see where he could alter it to advantage. Put an Irishman in, and he would want to boss the thing. Put a Dutchman in, and he would proceed at once to plant cabbage.

Sulphuret of carbon is said to be an excellent remedy against headache, especially when it is of a neuralgic or nervous character. It is used by placing a wad of cotton saturated with this material in a bottle, and applying its open mouth to the temple, or part affected. The prickling sensation which is at first experienced is soon followed by relief from the pain.

The great conflagration in Bordeaux has suggested the following pleasant idea to a French journal: "In case a hostile fleet should bombard a port, all that would be necessary would be to pour several hundred barrels of petroleum on the water at ebb tide, and light it. Wooden vessels would be burnt, while on iron ships the crews would all be roasted."

A Norfolk paper speaks of the great number of colored people who enjoy the pleasure of travel on the railroads and steamboats running over the soil and out of the ports of the Old Dominion. Ten years ago a colored man, woman, or child, free or slave, could not leave the Old Dominion without a pass and security from an owner of real estate. Now their freedom not only adds to their own health and prosperity, but swells the revenues of the "superior race."

Study is to the mind what exercise is to the body; neither can be active and vigorous without proper exertion. Therefore if the acquisition of knowledge were not an end worthy to be gained, still, study would be valuable on its own account, as tending to strengthen the mind; just as a walk is beneficial to the health, though we have no particular object in view. And certainly for that most humiliating mental disorder, the wandering of the thoughts, there is no remedy so efficacious as intense study.

It is related of the witty Dominican monk Bocca, that he had a great dislike to tobacco, and when once preaching to a crowd of Spanish sailors he astounded them by telling them that there were no Spanish saints in heaven. A few, he said, had been admitted, but they smoked so many cigars that they made the Holy Virgin sick, and St. Peter set his wits to work to get them out. At length he proclaimed that a bull fight was to be held outside the gates of Paradise. Thereupon every Spanish saint, without exception, ran off to see the fight, and St. Peter immediately closed the gate and took care never to admit another Spaniard.

A curious idea is started by a correspondent of the English periodical, *Land and Water*. He proposes that criminals be fed on horseflesh for meat. The advantages would, he thinks, be numerous. The flesh is good, wholesome, and cheap. The criminals, as well as most others, have a great objection to eating it, however, and the restriction of the animal diet to this meat would, therefore be a punishment and a mortification of the flesh without working any real injury to the culprit, while the prospect of having to live upon horse meat would be an excellent deterrent from crime, and the use of it would serve to utilize what is now wholly wasted.

By Telegraph.

PUBLIC FEELING IN VIRGINIA.

Ferry Boats Collide—No Lives Lost.

NUMBERS OF ILLICIT STILL IN TENN.

David Walsh, the Murderer, Respired.

McFARLAND TO BE TRIED IN JANUARY.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

Standing Committee—Petitions—Various Bills—Special Legislation for Indians—Confirmations and Nominations.

The standing committee were announced by the clerk, embracing the changes already telegraphed.

A number of petitions were presented, including one from Cornell Jewett, asking that the working of the French cable be suspended on American soil until France has authorized an American cable to be landed on French soil. Also one from four officers of the navy, representing that justice had been done by the special promotion of many of their juniors in the service, and asking Congress to redress the wrongs they have suffered.

Edmunds gave notice that he would call up on Friday the House resolution regulating the hours of Government employees.

Williams introduced a joint resolution relating to Constitutional amendments, preventing one State legislature from rescinding the ratifications of a former legislature.

Terry introduced a bill for the repeal of all laws requiring the test oath.

A resolution, offered by Ramsey, in reference to the presence of Governor McDougall, in the Red River country, was taken up, and, after a short explanation by Ramsey, was adopted.

A bill for relieving 400 or 500 persons therein named, from political disabilities upon the final ratification of the 15th Amendment by three-fourths of the States, was taken up. Stewart spoke at length in advocacy of the resolution. The Senate went into executive session, and then adjourned.

WASHINGTON, 8.—The Senate has confirmed Belknap as Secretary of War and Robinson as Secretary of the Navy. All the other nominations were referred to appropriate committees.

The following nominations were sent in to-day, for Circuit Judges: George F. Shipley, of Maine, for the first circuit; Lewis B. Woodruff, of N. Y., for the second; T. W. McKernan, of Penna., for the third; George M. Pearce, of Md., for the fourth; W. B. Woods, of Ark., fifth; George A. Yeaman, of Ky., sixth; Thos. Drummond, of Ill., seventh; Lorenzo Sawyer for the ninth. The other nominations were appointments made during the recess, and include thirty-seven to the Treasury; sixty-two to the navy; one hundred and twenty-nine to the War Department, and eight to the Attorney General's Office. John M. Marshall will be first Assistant Post Master General. Rear Admiral Craven has been ordered to assume the duties of Admiral at San Francisco, on January 1st.

HOUSE.

Bills Introduced—Committee to be Revised—The Census—After the Negroes The Railroads.

In the House, to-day, among the bills introduced were the following: One by Davis to abolish the duties on coal; several to remove political disabilities; one by Sargent to procure and disseminate information of the extent of cereal and other crops in foreign countries, and to require our consuls abroad to furnish quarterly statements of the condition of crops abroad. The object of the bill is to furnish information to farmers and enable them to sell or hold their crops, in view of the exigencies of foreign markets. One by Cavanagh with a provision for the election of certain Territorial officers by the people.

The Speaker said, in reference to the recently admitted members, it was not in his power to assign them to the committees. It was suggested that he be authorized to assign them, as tenth members, to such committees as he deems proper. Farnsworth suggested that the matter be referred to the committee on the rules. He said a great many of the committees were obsolete, for, except on paper, they never met and have no place of meeting, and he thought it better that the whole subject of committees be revised by the committee on the rules. After considerable discussion the subject was finally referred to the committee on rules.

The House went into a committee of the whole, Dave in the chair, and proceeded to the consideration of the bill to provide for the taking of the 9th census, etc.

Garfield stated, succinctly, the points of the bill. In reference to the information to be obtained from railroads he remarked, now that the negro question is going over the next great fight would be with railroads. Congress should at least know what these great corporations are doing with the national wealth in their hands. The committee proceeded to consider the bill by sections, and after progressing as far as the fourth section the House adjourned.

The House Committee on Indian Affairs to-day, agreed to report a bill looking to the termination of all treaties with Indians, and providing for them by special legislation from time to time.

WASHINGTON.

Admission of Virginia.—The Tariff.—WASHINGTON.—The Committee on reconstruction held a meeting this morning on the subject of the admission of Virginia. The meeting continued two hours. Eight or ten speeches were made by radicals and conserva-

tives from Virginia and the members of the Committee. Some wanted the "iron clad" oath administered to the members of the legislature, while others contended that the oath to support the Constitution of the United States was sufficient. The committee adjourned to meet next Saturday, at which time the contending parties are required to submit their respective views in writing. The Committee of Ways and Means, this morning, had the Iron section of the tariff bill under consideration; the duties remain about the same with a new clause and classification. Collector Galbraith reports the destruction of several illicit stills in the first Tennessee District. This county is said to be infested with outlaws engaged in violating the Government revenue laws.

NEW YORK.

Public feeling in Virginia.—Drawback conspirators.—Small pox in Brooklyn.—Jim Mace accepts Tom Allen's Challenge.—Collision on East River.

NEW YORK, 7.—A Richmond dispatch to the *Herald* says the President's recommendation to Congress for the early admission of Virginia and the prospects of its being speedily carried out, cause a general feeling of rejoicing; the exceptions being among a few factions of radicals, whom the Republican party left to run the last convention by themselves and a few sore-headed old Democrats who exhibit cheap pluck by swearing they would rather be under Canby than Walker. The great mass of the Republicans rejoice at the prospect of the early admission of the State. The talk about the Legislature undertaking to upset the provisions of the new Constitution, or to render them inoperative is unfounded; the only parties interested in keeping the State out are non-residents, who have been appointed to civil offices by the military. All the northern people who came here, as farmers or business men, rejoice over admission, no matter which side they are on in politics; all office holders are opposed to it.

Government witnesses left for Montreal last evening, for the purpose of appearing against John, S. and Richard D. Caldwell, the alleged draw-back conspirators, whose case will be heard on Friday, on an application for extradition.

In the Board of Health, yesterday, it was stated that the small-pox was about becoming epidemic, in the 16th Ward of Brooklyn. Three special inspectors have been appointed to vaccinate the inhabitants.

James Mace has accepted Tom Allen's challenge to fight for \$5,000 a side, or more.

WILLIAMSBURG.—The ferryboats *Warren* and *Idaho* collided on the East River to-day, but though a large number of ladies were in the cabin of the former, which was smashed in, but one person was injured.

CALIFORNIA.

The "Orion" rescued.—Death of J. O. Rawlins.—Governor's Message.—Verdict Rendered.

SAN FRANCISCO, 8.—A Los Angeles dispatch says the *Orion*, from New York to San Francisco, went ashore at Yerigo Shoal, near San Diego, on the night of December 6th, and was rescued by the steamer *Oriflamme* and towed into the harbor of San Diego, leaking badly. She will probably discharge her cargo. The crew are down with scurvy. The crew and officers were down with the scurvy 45 days and were short of provisions the same length of time. Their sufferings were intense. On the 22nd of November the ship was within 30 miles of San Francisco where she experienced a heavy gale from the North, and lost her sails, and was driven South, and made for San Diego. On her arrival the sick crew was immediately landed and placed in a comfortable hospital.

J. O. Rawlins, U. S. Rev. collector for the San Francisco district, died to-day, from injuries received from the bursting of a sugar dryingpan in a sugar refinery recently.

SAN FRANCISCO, 9.—The Governor's Message is published. It congratulates the people on the general prosperity since the close of the last session of the legislature. It comments on the school system, and says an efficient militia is indispensable to the enforcement of the laws and the preservation of public order. The total of the funded debt of the State is four millions and sixty-eight thousand, exclusive of the outstanding warrants of the capital fund. It recommends aid to facilitate immigration from Europe and the Eastern States, and says legislation, however, to prohibit Chinese immigration and to remove all barriers to Chinese testimony is not only an act of justice but sound policy. It urges the completion of the State geological survey, and that the indebtedness incurred by the State geologist be paid, and urges further appropriations for the continuance of the survey.

The jury in the case of the United States against twelve thousand bags of Sandwich Island sugar, rendered a verdict for the plaintiff. The sugar was valued at \$200,000 and was seized for attempted violation of the revenue laws. The case will be appealed.

ILLINOIS.

More Frauds—Murderer Respired.—McFarland's Case before the Grand Jury.

CHICAGO.—A Washington special says the retrenchment committee had that great frauds have been committed in the shipment of goods to San Francisco, via the Isthmus, through the regulations respecting the seals on the packages, and Secretary Boutwell has issued new regulations, of an entirely different character, which will withdraw great temptations and undoubtedly cause a great saving to the Government.

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VIRGINIA.

Recovery of Bodies.

WHEELING.—Five bodies have been thus far recovered from the wreck of the *Rebecca*. These are all that are positively known to be lost, though it is reported that eight or nine are missing. The cabin passengers barely escaped with their lives, losing their baggage.

TEXAS.

The election returns.

GALVESTON.—The returns from four counties give Davis a majority of 5,489. Flannigan is elected Lieut. Governor by 3,260 majority. It is also claimed that the members of Congress and both branches of the Legislature are elected on the Davis ticket.

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