

BREVITIES.

It is with our thoughts as with our flowers—those that are simple in expression carry their seed with them; those that are double charm the mind, but produce nothing.

A Detroit constable discovered a partially intoxicated colored man who was carrying a naked yellow male baby, three or four days old, rolled up in the skirt of his coat. Being arrested, the man declared he had found the infant thrown out into the street, and he was taking it home to his wife, who was entirely out of that household convenience, and "wanted one the best she knew how." An investigation showed that the story was true.

A family of seven brothers and sisters, all living, now reside in the neighborhood of Bull Run, Knox County, Tenn., where they were born and have lived all their lives. The united ages of these seven people amount to 543 years. They consist of John Cox, 89 years of age; James Cox, 83; William Cox, 79; Sarah, widow of William Conner, 77; Henry Cox, 73; Moses Cox, 73; Mrs. Hill, wife of Marvin Hill, 68.

Experiments have been made to test the practicability of supplying the North German army and navy with compressed or condensed food. The principal object was to ascertain the best means of furnishing a soldier in the field with a three days' stock of provisions reduced to a minimum of weight and bulk. It has been found that a sort of meat-bread is admirably adapted for this purpose, as it may be either eaten dry in the form of cakes, or it can be converted into soup. Similar attempts have been made to compress hay and other provender for horses. The cost of this prepared food is considerable, so that its employment in peace time would be out of the question.

Jeremy Taylor says, if you are for pleasure, marry; if you prize health, marry. A good wife is Heaven's last, best gift to man; his angel of mercy; minister of graces innumerable; his gem of many virtues; his casket of jewels. Her voice is his sweetest music; her smile his brightest day; her kiss the guardian of innocence; her arms the pale of his safety, the balm of his health, the balsam of his life; her industry his surest wealth, her economy his safest steward; her lips his faithful counselor; her bosom the softest pillow of his cares; and her prayers the ablest advocates of Heaven's blessings on his head.

A very pretty mantle ornament may be made by suspending an acorn by a piece of thread tied around it, within half an inch of the surface of some water contained in a vase, tumbler or saucer, and allowing it to remain undisturbed for several weeks. It will soon burst open and small roots will seek the water; a straight and tapering stem, with beautiful glossy green leaves will shoot upward and present a very pleasing appearance. Cheesnut trees may be grown in this manner, but their leaves are not as beautiful as those of the oak. The water should be changed once a month, taking care to supply water of the same warmth; bits of charcoal added to it will prevent the water from souring. If the little leaves turn yellow, add one drop of ammonia in the utensil which holds the water and it will renew its luxuriance.

In Dresden there is an iron egg, the history of which is something like this: A young prince sent this iron egg, to a young lady to whom he was betrothed. She received it in her hands and looked at it with disdain. In her indignation that he should send her such a present, she cast it to the earth. When it touched the ground, a spring, curiously hidden in the egg, opened and a silver yolk rolled out; a golden chicken was revealed; she touched a spring in the chicken and a crown was found within; she touched a spring in the crown, and within it was found a diamond wedding ring. There is a moral in this story, and that is, not to trust to outward appearances.

The new tunnel under the Thames, in London, is now virtually completed. Its length is 1,329 feet. A writer describing a visit to the tunnel says that everything that transpires on the river over head is distinctly heard in the tunnel. The passage of a steamer is heard with a noise so loud and vibrating in the confined air of the tunnel that it is only the knowledge of the unalterable and almost immovable strength of the tunnel structure that gives the hearer confidence. Not only can every vessel be heard passing—steamers large or small—but even such slight noises as hammering on the ships above can be distinguished, not only by the sound but even by the slight though perceptible vibration of the air. Yet, the whole tunnel is not only water tight but air tight.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Eastern Budget*, writing on the 26th of October, reports: "Full particulars have now arrived of the terrible fire at Yeniseisk, Siberia. A tremendous storm was raging at the time, and, as the town consisted mostly of wooden houses, nearly the whole of it perished in the flames. Great numbers of persons took refuge in boats and other crafts on the river, but the storm was so violent that many of these vessels went to the bottom, together with their occupants. Several hundred persons thus perished, either by suffocation in the burning houses, or by drowning in the river. The number of houses destroyed was upwards of 1,500, besides four churches, two monasteries, the government offices with all the official documents, and the principal storehouse. A great deal of corn and 500,000 pounds of hops were also lost. The houses that still remain standing were only saved by the energies of a good peasant, who offered 5,000 rubles to his workmen as a reward if they would protect his property and the adjoining buildings."

By Telegraph.

RICHARDSON MARRIED AND PAST HOPE.

PUBLIC DEBT LARGELY REDUCED.

REMARKS OF THE UNION PACIFIC R.R.

Cotton Culture in Russian Possessions.

VIEWS ON THE IRISH QUESTION.

Policy of the Democratic Party in New York.

ENTHUSIASM OF THE RICHMONDITES.

Napoleon's Speech devoid of Prestige.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Reformed Church.

PHILADELPHIA.—In the General Synod of the Reformed Church, the presence of the Rev. Dr. Holmes, delegate from the Reformed Dutch Church, was announced.

The committee of finance reported the assessment of the Synod at a hundred and thirty thousand dollars, which was proportioned among the district synods.

The special committee, to whom was referred certain memorials, in which the General Synod petitioned to withdraw the permission given by the last General Synod to use a certain order of worship, reported adversely to the petition. The report was tabled for the present.

The special committee to whom the subject was referred, reported that a constitutional number of classes had declared in favor of the omission of the word "German" in the title of the church. It was thereupon officially declared that the title of this church, known hitherto as the "German Reformed Church" is now the "Reformed Church of the United States of America."

CHICAGO.

The McGarragh Claim—Earnings of the U. P. R. R.

CHICAGO.—Secretary Cox takes the McGarragh case to the Supreme Court on a writ of error. The statement that the Secretary will now be compelled to issue patents to McGarragh, is erroneous, since the Secretary of the Interior has nothing to do with issuing land patents, which are ordered by the President.

The Union Pacific shows its earnings for October to exceed a million and fifty seven thousand dollars; net revenue five hundred and forty thousand.

ALABAMA.

Legislation.

MONTGOMERY 30.—In the Legislature today the business was of a local character. In the course of the proceedings a bill was referred to make grand jury men swear that they never belong to the Ku Klux Klan. A bill to allow the United States Governor and the Speaker of the House and the Attorney General to appoint local and municipal officers was recommended.

LOUISIANA.

State Elections.

NEW ORLEANS.—The election for the Constitution and State officers in Mississippi and Texas commenced today. In Mississippi the election lasts two days; in Texas until Friday evening. Dispatches indicate a quiet election in both States.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Larger not intoxicating.

BOSTON.—The jury in the case for the larger beer seized by the State constabulary, decided that liquor is not intoxicating liquor, and also decided in favor of the plaintiff.

NEW YORK.

A. B. Richardson married.—No hope of his recovery.—More trouble for Ireland.—A murderer arrested.—Meeting of Democrats.—Whisky dealer arrested.—Enthusiasm in Richmond.—\$100,000 to manufacture public gas-tiven.—Public debt.—A. D. E. given up.

New York.—Richardson is in a very precarious condition to-night; he is very weak, having refused nourishment for several days. His friends and physicians are despondent. It was rumored this evening that the late Mrs. McFarland, by the Reverend Henry Ward Beecher, assisted by Rev. O. B. Frothingham.

New York 1.—A special to the *Herald*, from London, says that information from the secret agents of the Government leads to the belief of a rising of the people in Ireland. In the Cabinet the question of continuing the suspension of the writ of Habeas Corpus had been considered, and it is plain that extreme measures will be adopted shortly.

Edward Schaner, who murdered Slatt, in New York, was found last night at Beady, the Blacksmith's Saloon, in this city, and arrested.

There was a meeting of the prominent Democrats at the residence of Governor Hoffman, at which the policy to be pursued next year was freely discussed. Tweed, Gen. Nelson Hall, and others, were present. The *Times* dispatch says all the guests recommended the action of the last Legislature and to repeat the 15th Amendment. The canal question then came up and gave room to prolonged discussion, the general feeling being that the rate of tolls should be lowered and the present contract should be abolished. With respect to municipal reform the conclusion arrived at was that a delegation from each party should prepare bills and deep negotiations. The Commissioners in New

York are to be abolished. Other matters of less importance were merely touched upon.

A number of whisky dealers about Kingston were arrested by Marshal Barlow a few days ago, their stock seized and their places of business closed on charges of defaulting the revenue officers, no stamps having been used on their packages. The revenue officers in charge of the district said they have not reported a stamp sold for two years. The frauds amount to a hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

The *Herald's* Richmond dispatch says the greatest enthusiasm exists among the mercantile community here over the meeting of the national board of trade, which commences its session tomorrow. A committee of reception was appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to extend the hospitalities of the city to the delegates. Nearly half the members have arrived, chiefly from the North and West; the Southern members will be here to-morrow. Prominent among the subjects to be discussed will be the completion of the James River and Kanawha Canal to the Ohio. It is believed that an appropriation by Congress of twenty millions will be asked to complete the line. A banquet will be given to the Board by the Chamber of Commerce. An excursion to Hampton Roads is in the programme. The *Times* correspondent at Perkin says the Chinese government clearly understood that Burlingame's treaty had not been rejected, but that action thought best to wait until the result of his negotiation and union with other countries has been received. The confidence of the ministry in Mr. Burlingame remains unshaken.

Rumor says that Delameter has bought the *National Intelligencer* to be used as a Spanish mouthpiece. It is said that the Spanish government have sent \$100,000 here to be used in manufacturing public sentiment in favor of Spain. The statement of the public debt will show a great reduction for the month, being three millions eight hundred thousand. Richardson is considered past hope, and will probably die before sun set; his wife, brother and other relations are with him.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Report of Indian Bureau.—The Public Debt—Assistant Attorney General—No Gold Sales, the reason why.

WASHINGTON.—The report of the Commission of Indian affairs is completed. It enters fully into the Indian policy of the Government as executed by the Indian Commissioners and Quaker agents, which is found to have been satisfactory.

The Public Debt statement shows the debt to date, including coupons due and not presented to be 2,648,284,682 dollars and 29 cts. The amount in the Treasury in round numbers is, coin, \$108,000,000, currency, \$12,000,000. The total including the sinking fund and coin interest bonds purchased is \$194,674,947.88. The debt, less the amount in the Treasury \$25,559,735 dollars 25 cts. Showing a decrease for the month of over \$7,500,000, and since March last of \$73,000,000.

The President has appointed Thos. H. Talbot Assistant Attorney General in place of Dickey.

It was ascertained to-day, that the withdrawal of the sale of gold at New York yesterday, does not involve a change in the policy, but it was on account of the low price offered.

VIRGINIA.

National Board of Trade.

RICHMOND.—The National Board of Trade met at noon to-day. The report of the executive council shows that the National Board consists of 87 constitutional bodies, including 16,000 business men. Among the prominent questions to come up before the board are weights and measures, the conveyance of real estate, the regulation of joint-stock companies, the legal rate of interest for the use of money and the relations between debtor and creditor. Frederick Frally of Philadelphia was elected President for the ensuing year. Gen. Hiram Walbridge delivered a lengthy address.

FOREIGN NEWS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The "Times" on French affairs.—Fen body's remittance—Effect of Napoleon's Speech.

LONDON.—The *Times* to-day, in an editorial on political affairs in France, says the Emperor has not yet mastered the full truth that ministerial responsibility, which he has conceded, is incompatible with government, which he would retain; and he is embarrassed between the two principles, and is undecided, halting and uncertain which way he will incline. The time was when such a condition would bode ill for the peaceful development of French progress, but that time is now passed.

Schneider has been re-elected President of the Corps Legislatif.

The *Monarch*, with the remains of Peabody, will sail for America next Wednesday.

The Irish of Southwark have put the Fenian Burke forward as a candidate for the House of Commons.

LONDON.—Various Paris letters published in the morning papers, agree that the Emperor's speech at the opening of the Corps Legislatif, fell flat on the public mind, which was disappointed. The more the speech is considered the less it is liked.

RUSSIA.

Cotton Culture.—A deputation waited upon Prince Gortchakoff yesterday.

relative to establishing cotton fields and trade at Bokhara and elsewhere in the Russian Asiatic possessions, in order to be able to successfully compete with other nations. The Prince promised the scheme his support.

FRANCE.

Disturbances Appreciated.—PARIS.—Apprehensions are entertained of disturbances on the anniversary of the death of Baudin.

CANADA.

Proceedings at Red River.—TORONTO.—A special from St. Paul says that late Red River advises say a convention assembled at Fort Garry on Nov. 18 and discussed the following propositions: first, a compromise between Governor McDougall and an independent Republic; second, annexation to the United States; third, a colony under Great Britain; fourth, a return to the Hudson Bay Co.'s rule. So far the French half-breeds have only taken up arms, the English and Scotch half-breeds are yet undecided.

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