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## BREVITIES.

The Duchess of Aosta, the new Queen of Spain, is said to be very intelligent and attractive.

Spurgeon thinks that some ministers would make good martyrs—they are so dry they would burn well.

Many youths, not sixteen years of age, are said to be found killed or wounded on the Franco-German battle fields.

A Detroitier who took a flask of whisky with him on a shooting trip struck a race track, in the suburbs, on his return, and walked around it, all night, wondering why he didn't get home.

Clergymen cannot always be safely swindled. Rev. Mr. Henry W. Field, editor of the New York Evangelist, has recovered \$2,500 from the builder of his house, for putting up a cheaper front than he contracted for.

During the storm, last week, a man was blown from the top of a freight train on the Hartford and New Haven Railroad, and literally cut to pieces, and a woman near the depot at Hartford, was lifted by the wind and carried several rods.

A French theatrical manager in looking for a "full house," is reported to have said: "I wait for the Prussians with impatience. What receipts we shall have then! Those fellows have money, and adore the theatre; we shall have a repetition of the grand nights of 1814."

In the Antarctic seas there are seaweeds which have stems about twenty feet high and with a diameter so great that they have been collected by mariners in those regions for fuel, under the belief that they were drift-wood. They are as thick as a man's thigh.

A father was questioning his children one Sunday evening on that portion of sacred writ in Genesis, descriptive of the construction of the ark. "How was light admitted into the ark, as glass was then unknown?" queried papa of one of the misses. "Oh, Noah just lighted the gas."

In Canada, all women, whether maids, wives or widows, who pay taxes in their own right, are entitled by law to vote for school inspectors. The Detroit Western Catholic asserts that they exercise their right on election days without hindrance, and are treated with the greatest respect.

The brass and steel tipped heels now affixed to the shoes of the women are exciting a deal of comment. The wearers are likened to mounted cavalrymen, from the noise they make in walking, and economical housekeepers say they cannot stand the damage done to their carpets.

The fly-wheel belt of a large engine in Hartford, Ct., when in motion, develops electricity enough to ignite a gaslight situated at least six feet from the belt. By presenting the knuckles of one hand to the belt and the point of a finger of the other to the burner, the gas will be instantly ignited.

A mad living in Freetown, Bury (England), after the announcement, put up his wife for sale the other night, the two having become mutually tired of each other. There were three bids—4s., 6s. and 8s.—and for the last generous offer the woman was "knocked down" to a neighbor, for whom she had previously shown a liking. The "lot" was borne away with a rope around its neck.

A New York farmer wanted a farm hand, was applied to by an Irishman, who wanted to work. The farmer objected to engaging Pat, on the ground that two Irishmen, previously in his employ, had died on his hands. "Then you object to hiring me for that, do you?" said Pat. "Faith, and I can bring you recommendations from many a place where I've worked, that I never played such a trick."

The following epitaph is copied from a tombstone in the Hadley churchyard, Suffolk, England.

The charnel mounted on the wickets to be seen in funeral. A matron plain, domestic, in cure and pale countenance. Not slow, not gay, not prodigious, yet neighborly and hospitable. Her children seven yet living. Her seventy year hence did o' rest her body nature. In hopes to rise spirit.

"I say cap'n," said a little-eyed man, as he landed from the steamboat, Pat, at Natchez—"I say, cap'n, this ain't all." "That's all the baggage you brought on board, sir," replied the captain. "Well, see, now, it's accordin' to list—four boxes, three chests, two ban' boxes, a portmanteau, two hams (one part cut), three ropes—lyons, and a tea kettle; but I'm durnsum. I feel there's something short, though I've counted them nine times, and never took my eyes o' them while on board; there's something not right, somehow." "Well, stranger, the time's up; there's all I know of; so bring up your wife and five children out of the cabin, and we're off." "Them's um, darn it, them's um, I knowed I'd forgot something."

The reconstruction of the Strasbourg Library is making rapid progress. Besides the united action of the academics and booksellers of all Germany, there are single gifts pouring in of no small value. The well known scholar, Landermann, of Coblenz, has offered his own entire library, the result of many years' careful collection, chiefly rich in philology and history, and containing not a few rare works no longer to be had. He had hoped, he says, to leave these books some day to his son, Johannes Landermann, a young historian, that he might use them after him. But he had gone down in the trenches before Metz, and the Professor did not know what better purpose these books could serve now than the one he had, under the circumstances, destined them for.

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## CONGRESSIONAL.

### HOUSE.

General debate.

The session of the House to-day was devoted exclusively to general debate, as in committee of the whole. Wilson of Minnesota, and Rogers addressed the House in exposure of the Republican frauds in the late election in Arkansas.

### INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS, 7.—The State Senate yesterday passed a resolution by 25 to 20, appointing a committee of seven to form a standing committee of the Senate, thus taking this privilege out of the hands of the Lieutenant-Governor and giving the Democrats control of the committee. Hughes and Elliott, Senators, elected as Republicans, voted with the Democrats, as they did in the organization of the Senate, and it is said will continue to do so.

### MASSACHUSETTS.

Governor Claflin.

BOSTON, 7.—Gov. Claflin was inaugurated to-day and delivered his message to the Legislature.

### CALIFORNIA.

Legal suit—An actor disappears mysteriously—Shipwreck.

SAN FRANCISCO, 7.—Suits, involving the ownership of stock in the Oregon Central railroad, and the division and partnership of property and interests, valued at over nine millions of dollars, have been commenced in the fifth district court, by John Nightingale and C. G. Elliott, contractors, &c., against Ben. Holladay & Co., Theodore R. Brooks, Milton R. Latham, C. Temple Emmitt, Wm. Norris and others.

Capt. James McElroy, of San Francisco, died suddenly, aged 50. He was a native of New York.

The Labor Exchange provided, last year, employment for 4,306 persons, over half of whom were women.

SAN FRANCISCO, 8.—The North Pacific transportation company announce, in the New Zealand papers, that they have entered into a contract, with the Postmaster General of New Zealand, to carry the mails between San Francisco, Honolulu, Fiji, Auckland, Wellington, Lyttelton and Port Chalmers, monthly, and will put on the steamship *Nebreska*, *Nevada* and *Dakota*, of Webb's old Panama opposition line. The contract is for twenty years, with a subsidy, from New Zealand, of three hundred thousand dollars a year. The first steamer to leave San Francisco on February 18th.

Prince Alfred sailed on the 16th of November, from New South Wales, for New Caledonia, Auckland and England.

Handmann, the actor, has disappeared suddenly from Melbourne, leaving his wife behind. Some scandal is rumored in connection with his disappearance.

In connection with the great damage done throughout Australia by floods, the grain crops promise well.

The U. S. steamer *Saginaw* went ashore on the morning of Saturday, October 29th, on Ocean Island. Very few of her provisions were saved, though the ship did not go to pieces until the 14th of November. On the 18th of November, her executive officer, Lieut. Talbot, with sub-officers, started in a gig for the Sandwich Islands. After enduring incredible suffering they reached Kauai December 18th, but all of them were so weak that Lieutenants Talbot, Peter Frances, Quartermaster James Muir, and John Andrew were drowned in the surf in landing. The bodies were recovered. The news was sent at once to Honolulu, and the schooner *Rona*, packet, was sent by the American Minister, with provisions and water for two days. The steamer *Albatross* was placed at his disposal by the government and also dispatched. It is hoped she will arrive in season to save the lives of the wrecked crew, ninety in number, all of whom were on quarter rations.

### NEW YORK.

Reward offered—Fire.

NEW YORK, 7.—A fire on the fifth floor of No. 27 Barclay street, last night, destroyed the large Catholic book publishing house of P. B. Shean; loss, about \$30,000. Weebs' imports of champagne, loss \$10,000.

Late foreign exchange state, on apparently good authority, that the Prussians have again prohibited the merchants of Champagne from sending their wine to Belgium for transshipment thence to England or elsewhere.

La Liberte says the floating population of Bordeaux is daily increasing. It is estimated that already 40,000 persons have arrived in Bordeaux with the government.

Accounts from Bucharest state that the agitation of Roumanian independence is confined to the newspapers, and is not supported by the government.

to murder, their messenger while crossing the railroad bridge from Albany, at 8 o'clock on Friday evening.

No cable dispatches of to-day's date have been yet received. The delay is still attributed to the crowded business upon the wires.

## WASHINGTON.

General Amnesty Bill—To Internal Revenue Officers.

WASHINGTON, 7.—Those interested in the general amnesty bill have, after a thorough canvass of both houses, come to the conclusion that nothing of the kind is possible at this session. The character of the President's reply to the resolution of Morton, inquiring into the condition of affairs in North Carolina and other States, which will be sent to the Senate on Monday is such that it would have defeated the amnesty, even had it been well under way. The President's friends are decided on the subject.

Vinnie Ream's full length statue of Lincoln was privately exhibited to a large number of gentlemen in the rotunda of the Capitol this morning. The work is pronounced a great success.

General Pleasanton has issued an order, that all permits now outstanding, granting authority to supervisors or other internal revenue officers to visit Washington, or absent themselves from their districts, when in their opinion the exigencies of the service so require, are revoked. All officers who may hereafter receive permission to visit Washington, will be required to register in a book, which has been prepared for their names, and by what authority they are there, the extent of their leave of absence, and their address while in the city.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

Mortality in the German regiments.

LONDON, 6.—French sympathy meetings are prevalent among the radicals. The people of Havre are disgusted with the inactivity of Pelletier. The Germans have re-appeared in the valley of the Yvelot.

The Prussian garrison of Rouen is reinforced. The French advance, with gunboats aiding, awaits the departure of ice from the Seine.

The materials for the Honduras railroad are being loaded at British ports.

It is said the casemates of Fort Ramsey are destroyed by the German guns.

The average mortality in the German regiments besieging Paris, to the 31st December, is stated at 2 per cent. The heavy guns at Mendon and other batteries in the neighborhood are in position.

### FRANCE.

Progress of the Bombardment of Paris.

VERSAILLES, 6.—The batteries on the south, whose armament was unimpaired by the enemy, have bombarded Forts Issy, Auvres and Montrouge, and the entrenchments at Villejuif, Point Jour and the gunboats. The bombardment on the northeast of Paris is continued, partly from the newly-erected batteries. The result is most favorable, notwithstanding the fog.

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