

BREVITIES.

A little method is worth a great deal of memory.

A man at Dennis Lake, Fla., is the father of sixty children.

A lady in New York makes a living by renting out her dresses.

A young lady newspaper reporter in Alabama has a salary of \$1,500.

Charles Lever, the novelist, sleeps eighteen hours out of the twenty-four.

Buffalo has got \$510 lawsuit in which the costs already are over \$1,200.

A large heart expands the chest—it is a great deal better than gymnastics.

Francis Crossley, the English carpet manufacturer, has an income of \$1,250,000.

"Do others as they would have you do"—Punch's golden rule for Wall street.

Plus the Ninth has occupied the position for two years longer than any predecessor.

A wag wrote on the back of a fat alderman: "Widened at the expense of the corporation."

The average depth of the Atlantic Ocean has been found to be twelve thousand feet.

An Ohio girl has laid by the sum of \$600, all gained by making corn husk mats at ten cents each.

"Can you return my love, my dearest Julia?"

"Certainly, sir, I don't want it, I am sure."

An employee of J. C. Conbole, an undertaker of Sacramento, laid himself out in one of his employer's coffins and shot himself through the head.

An exchange says that "in the absence of both editors, the publisher had succeeded in securing the services of a gentleman to edit the paper that week."

"Why do you call me Birdie, my dear?" inquired a wife of her husband.

"Because," was the answer, "you are always associated in my mind with a bill."

An exchange says: "The chimpanzee can be taught to like flashy clothing, drink liquor, and sleep in a bed." The chimpanzee is not the only member of the monkey tribe who can be taught the above fashionable accomplishments.

A good old quaker lady, after listening to the extravagant yarn of a shop-keeper as long as her patience would allow, said:—"Friend, what a pity it is a sin to lie, it seems so necessary to thy happiness."

An up-country miner, stopping over night at Sigala Hotel, Colo., Cal., woke and found his bed on fire. Slowly he arose and walked down stairs, remarking to the proprietor as he passed, "Say, Stig, take some water up stairs and I put that fire out; it's getting rather too warm up there."

Mrs. Partington addressed Isaac, who was eating a plate of strawberries, thus:—"My! how grand you are growing! By-and-by you'll want to live on umbrellae cream. You must not be glutinous, dear, I don't like to see a little boy with such a voracity of appetite."

A Scotch nobleman one day visited a lawyer at his office, in which, at the time, there was a blazing fire, which led him to exclaim:—"Mr. — your office is as hot as an oven!"—"So it should be, my lord," replied the lawyer, "as it is here I make my bread."

A deacon of Norwich, Conn., in the olden time, wound up his prayer as follows:—"O Lord, we especially thank thee, that our son John went down the hill landing to-day, and sold a yoke of oxen, and took his pay in rum. Rum's good pay, O Lord, Amen!"

The Pittsfield Sun says that eighteen years ago a clergyman in Berkshire county endorsed a note for a mercantile firm for \$1,000. Debtors came upon the firm, and the first endorser, being the clergyman, the obligation to pay rested upon him. He said: "Give me time and I will do it." About two weeks ago this venerable man made his last payment, and cancelled the obligation, the principal and interest amounting to something over \$5,000.

An American lady, in a letter from Paris, says: "I saw at the opera Princess Alice, daughter of Queen Victoria. She is very plain and homely. She wore a low-necked, white silk dress, trimmed in blue. She had chestnut curls, and wore a few diamonds in her hair. A diamond necklace glistened about her throat. Her shoulders are not pretty, and her back which was visible half way to the waist, is ugly."

Old John Berry, who used to live up Lake Champlain, liked to tell a big story. One evening, sitting in the village store, he said he once drove a horse seventy-one miles in one day on the ice, when the ice was so thin that the water splashed up through the holes cut through it by the horse's hoofs. One of the bystanders remarked that seventy-two miles was a pretty good drive for one day. "Yes," said Uncle John, "but it was a long day in June."

A Chinese teacher, when speaking in commendation of a work in the Chinese language, by Rev. Reuben Lowrie, a missionary, who died at Shanghai in April, 1860, said: "Mr. Lowrie in all things used his heart." That is the literal rendering of the Chinese sentence, by which the teacher meant to express the fact that Mr. Lowrie applied his mind with great diligence to every subject which claimed his attention. Some men only use their hands, or, at most, only their hands and their heads. They do not labor with deep heart felt interest to obtain their object. Those who succeed are those who use their hearts in all things.

By Telegraph.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.
Bills Introduced, etc.

Cole introduced a bill regulating the manufacture of brandy from grapes, apples, peaches and other fruits.

The bill granting lands to aid the construction of a railroad from Brownsville, Nebraska, to Denver, was passed; also a land grant bill for a railroad through Dakota.

Conference committees were appointed on the pension and legislative appropriation bills.

Stewart, from the majority of the committee on the Pacific Railroad, made a report on the title of the Memphis, El Paso and Pacific railroad to the lands granted the company by Texas. The committee is of the opinion that the charter was not forfeited and that the company is entitled to sixteen sections of land to the mile.

The Congressional appropriation bill was considered, and the Senate amendments voted on; that increasing the number of Representatives from 25 to 30 was adopted, 32 to 21.

ILLINOIS.
McFarland going to law—Memorial Service on the death of Dickens—Committee reports on the Cuban question—Legislation to prevent the importation of foreign labor, &c.

Chicago.—McFarland, who killed Richardson, is in this city. In conversation with some friends he announced his intention of having his wife's Indiana divorce set aside, and claims that he secured sufficient proof of fraud and perjury during his recent visit to Indiana to enable him to succeed.

At St. Paul's church, yesterday, Rev. Dr. Ryder preached a memorial sermon on the death of Charles Dickens.

The Times Washington special says the majority and minority of the House committee of foreign affairs, on the Cuban question, to-day, officially published their reports. The majority report, declares it to be the duty of the United States to recognize the existence of the contest in Cuba, to declare and maintain an impartial neutrality and to give both parties the same advantages of intercourse and trade with the United States; and the report invites the President to remonstrate against the barbarous manner in which the war has been conducted.

The minority say they have seen no evidence that there is a Cuban revolutionary government in existence, exercising permanent control over any part of the island, and they are constrained to believe that a constitution, political divisions, or control of the island is mainly on paper; that the absence of elections, the doubts as to what the constitution contains, the way it was promulgated, the fact that the insurgents hold no important city or town, have no capital, have no vessels at all etc., show, they say, that there is no government outside the Cuban camps. They look, further, upon the proposed declaration of neutrality as a concession to belligerent rights which would enlarge the powers of Spain against this country at a time when they believe it to be the duty of the United States to preserve an impartial neutrality between the parties, in this struggle against European supremacy on any portion of the continent. The minority also recommend the government to maintain a naval force in Cuban waters to protect the rights of all American citizens.

The officers of the workmen's organization are calling the attention of Congress to the contracts for Chinese labor just made in Louisiana and elsewhere, and they ask for legislation to prevent them. A bill is now before the Senate judiciary committee entitled a bill to prohibit contracts for service and labor. It provides that every contract for labor, any part of the consideration of which shall be money for transportation advanced for any alien, from any foreign country, which provides for a longer period of service than six months, shall be declared to be a contract for servile labor, and contrary to the public policy, and punishes any infraction by heavy fines.

A statement, prepared at the Revenue Department shows that the total increase of collections during the first ten months of the fiscal year over the corresponding time, last year, is over twenty-one millions.

The Tribune's special says the members opposed to excessive land grants to railroads consider the bill passed by the Senate on Saturday, for the extension of the Atchafalaya road, most objectionable. By the bill the road will get at a minimum estimate, two and a half million acres of the best lands in Kansas and Nebraska. Twenty-seven Senators were absent when the final vote was taken.

WASHINGTON.
Notables absent and about to leave—Commissioner Delano confined to bed—Message to Congress—Red Cloud would not have presents.

The President, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of War, Attorney General and Vice-Admiral Porter are now absent from the city. The President is expected back on Tuesday morning, if he does not go from Pennsylvania to West Point, in which case he will be absent until next week. Secretary Boutwell is not expected back until Thursday or Friday and Secretary Belknap may return on Wednesday.

Commissioner Delano is confined to his bed by severe neuralgia. Assistant Douglas is acting as commissioner.

The Russian minister and wife leave for Long Island to-morrow or next day; the Danish minister and wife will go to Denmark about the end of this month, and will be gone till December.

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NEW YORK.

The "Upton" was not destroyed—Sudden death of a Russian Nobleman.

New York, 13.—The World's Havana correspondent writes that the filibuster's expedition, by the steamer Upton, is definitely known to have successfully landed its passengers, arms and ammunition, and the statements made in the Captain General's despatch of the capture and destruction of the expedition, are pronounced exaggerated.

A Russian nobleman, Count Kirchhoff, a man of enormous wealth, and well known, has just died suddenly at St. Petersburg, from the effects of apoplexy.

FOREIGN NEWS.

PORTUGAL.

South American Insurgents Defeated.

Lisbon.—Advices from the Argentine Republic, by way of Rio Janeiro, announce the defeat of the insurgents, in a battle near the city of Montevideo.

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