

BREVITIES.

Nevada has a million and a quarter of mulberry trees—food for worms.
The Pope has two brothers older than himself, and a nephew 60 years of age.
The Queen of Prussia has imported a cask of Jordan water for royal baptism.
Nebraska, the youngest State in the American Union, contains 75,905 square miles.
The New York Herald calls Train the "Prince of Flap-Jacks and Jump-up-Johnnies."
Mrs. Eliza Osgood died of corpulence a few days ago, in Philadelphia, weighing nearly 600 pounds.
Switzerland has now 201 political papers, 163 German, 31 French, 4 Italian, and 3 Roman journals.
The inauguration of the Isthmus of Suez Canal is fixed for the 16th, 17th and 18th of October next.
Seth Green has gone to Albany to propagate shad, under the supervision of the State Commissioners of Fisheries.
The University of Edinburgh recently granted permission to a young lady to attend the medical lectures, but the students made such loud objection that the favor was withdrawn.
The army of the Swiss confederation, numbered 200,000 men in 1868, for which the ordinary expenses were 2,300,000 francs (\$429,354), and the extraordinary expenses 140,000 francs (\$26,184).
A quack in Georgia prescribed for a rheumatic old woman that she should bury all her husband's money under a stone in the garden. She did so, and though the rheumatism didn't vanish, the money did.
Ancient mines that were worked over 300 years ago by the Spaniards, have lately been re-discovered in New Mexico. When the Indians compelled their abandonment the workings were closed with masonry, and the walls covered with earth. Some rich developments are expected.
A patent has been taken out in the island of Jamaica for the working up of a new fibre called the cocoon vine, and a large factory is being erected for that purpose. The fibre can be used for matting, stuffing for bedding and other purposes. It also produces thread hardly distinguishable from silk, valued at 38 shillings per pound; woven goods similar to silk, and a rich and valuable purple dye.
The veteran New York editors are thus spoken of by a correspondent: "A great change will take place in the journalism of New York during the next ten years. We may count, with an almost absolute certainty, upon losing Mr. James Gordon Bennett, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Thurlow Weed and Mr. Greeley. If they are not actually beneath the sod, they have outlived their usefulness as journalists. Already there are many who think that Mr. Greeley's mind is failing. Mr. Bennett is so feeble that he seldom comes down to his office; Mr. Bryant is very aged, and Mr. Weed has suspended all active labor.
The White House is so completely the property and promenade of the million that Mrs. Grant alleges that she has not bed room for her sisters who come to visit her. The whole of the lower floor, excepting a small dining-room and one-half of the second story of the White House, are thrown open to the public. It is like living in the loft of one end of a market house. Though there are some fine mirrors, carpets, and curtains in this building, the house itself is cracked, leaky, old, musty, and going straight to decay despite the paint and gilt in which these rottennesses are disguised. I went into the little crib called the "office" of General Badeau some time ago, and there was a crack from top to bottom of his door, through which the eye could look plainly, as through a window pane. Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.

In the Pahrangat district, in the south-eastern part of the State of Nevada—distance from Austin estimated at 180 miles—is a remarkable mountain of salt, about 70 miles south of the mines. It is reported to be about five miles in length, and 600 feet in height. The body of salt is of unknown depth. It is chemically pure and crystalline, and does not deliquesce on exposure to the atmosphere. Like rock, it requires blasting from the mine, and is as transparent as glass. This would afford an abundant supply to the world could it be cheaply mined and transported; but it now stands in the wilderness, an object for the admiration of the curious, and the inspection of the scientific. It is believed that there is but one other place on the globe in which it exists in such a state of purity, in workable quantities, and that is Omerow, Poland. This is but another evidence of the state of purity in which the force of nature has left her deposits in this interesting portion of the continent.

A gentleman anxious to ascertain the effect of transplanting at night instead of by day, made an experiment, with the following results: He transplanted ten cherry trees while in bloom, commencing at four o'clock in the afternoon, and planting one each hour until one o'clock in the morning. Those transplanted during daylight shed their blossoms, producing little or no fruit, while those planted in the dark maintained their condition fully. He did the same with ten dwarf trees, after the fruit was one-third grown. Those transplanted during the day shed their fruit; those transplanted during the night perfected their crop, and showed no injury from having been removed. With each of these trees he removed some earth with the roots. The incident is fully vouched for, and a few more similar experiments produce a like result, it will be a strong argument to horticulturists, etc., to do such work at night.

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