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## BREVITIES.

Three thousand vagrant goats roam the streets of Savannah.  
Cincinnati barbers now have to submit to a breath inspection on the part of the bosses, every morning.  
A French journalist says that all the Emperors, Queens, and Crown Princesses of the old world are invalids.  
A Sacramento man who wants a position on the Supreme Bench, has sent the President a cigar thirty-six inches long.—*Ex.*  
Theodore Tilton is going to print ten copies of the *Independent* on white satin for the crowned heads of Europe.  
It will take eight acres of carpeting to cover the floors of the hotel into which the old Southern of New York is being reconstructed.  
Some of the Florida hotels have holes in the floors, instead of going to the expense of splittings.  
To-morrow is radiant with the ray of hope; yesterday is sombre with the shadow of experience.  
A Richmond paper says: "Our Legislature is an uncommon sober body, and never drinks except when the rigors of the weather render it necessary."  
A Philadelphia lady, now residing in Paris, advises that she will hold herself in readiness to accompany American ladies on their shopping excursions.  
It is said that the great Chinese philosopher Confucius was divorced after four years of married life, "that he might have more time for study and the performance of his public duties."  
One who was growing blind cheerfully said: "I am going into the dark. I mean to see all I can before I get there." It was brave in him not to let the future shadow the present.  
A few mornings since, two gentlemen were accosted in the following magnificent terms by a professional bawler: "Gentlemen, will you administer the balm of consolation to a debilitated constitution?"  
"Walter," said a fastidious gentleman at a Nevada hotel, exhibiting a singular looking object on his soup plate. "Walter, do you know what that is?" "That, sir, looks like a mouse, sir. We often find them in the soup."

A San Franciscoan, speaking of the orchestra in the Chinese theatre, says: "I tell you that you can bet your last dollar that you never heard anything like it; why, when that band strikes up, it sounds like ten thousand wash-bowls tumbling off a five-story building onto a brick wall."  
The Hudson (Wis.) *Star* gives an account of a surgical operation performed by Dr. Otis Hoyt, with the assistance of other physicians. Miss Ella Gray, some years ago, had her face and neck burned by some boiling lard. The skin became contracted around her throat, causing her mouth to open, and it never could be closed without difficulty. She remained in that condition over nineteen years. In the operation the throat in front was entirely uncovered; all of the arteries, windpipe, nerves, etc., being completely exposed to view. Sixty-two square inches of outside were taken away, a part of it taken from each shoulder, and placed on her throat, where it was secured by stitches of silver wire. The operation lasted over two hours.  
The English Royal Humane Society has given its silver medal this year to Lord Walter Carr, commander of the *Hercules* ironclad. One of his men fell overboard in the Tagus, and, striking his head in the chains, was stunned. Lord Carr, seeing that he could not be saved if he waited for a boat to be lowered, sprang from the bulwark of the ship—a height of thirty feet—into the stream, and, swimming to the man, whom he succeeded in holding above water for ten minutes of terrible endurance until the ship's boat reached them and took up the commander and his man nearly dead.

A lady correspondent of the *American Agriculturist* writes that for five years she has used water-lime for scouring knives, forks, tin, and the like.—She says: "I have a box with a partition and keep the lime in one part and the cloths in the other. I wet a small cloth and dip it in the lime, and after the articles are well washed and wiped, I rub them with the spots and removed.—Then I take a large, dry cloth, dip it in the lime, and rub the articles until polished to suit me. Wipe off the dust from the knives and forks with a dry cloth, and they are ready to put away."  
Among the stories told of General Thomas is one of an incident which occurred when he and his chief of staff, Gen. Garfield, were inspecting the fortifications of Chattanooga in 1863. They heard a shout, "Hello, mister! You! I want to speak to you!" and General Thomas found he was the person addressed by an uncouth, backwoods, East Tennessee soldier. He stopped, and the dialogue which ensued was as follows:  
"Mister, I want to get a furlough."  
"On what grounds do you want a furlough, my man?"  
"I want to go home and see my wife."  
"How long since you saw your wife?"  
"Ever since I enlisted, nigh on to three months."  
"Three months!" good-naturedly said the General. "Why, my good man, I haven't seen my wife for three years."  
The East Tennessean stopped whittling for a moment, and stared incredulously; at length he said:  
"Well, you see, me and my wife ain't that kind."

Even Gen. Thomas' grimness was not proof against the laughter which he rode away to conceal, leaving the astonished soldier without an answer.

## By Telegraph.

### CONGRESSIONAL.

#### SENATE.

##### Provisions of the New Army Bill—Various Items of Business.

Sherman, from the finance committee, in response to a resolution of instruction on the subject, reported that the committee were unanimously of the opinion that no change is advisable in the rate of taxation on distilled spirits.

Wilson, from the military committee, reported a substitute for the House army bill. The substitute directs the President to reduce the number of enlisted men to 25,000 before January 1st, 1871, and authorizes him to honorably discharge officers who apply therefor before next October, such officers to receive extra pay and allowances for two years, one and a half years, or one year, according to the term of service, if they have been over ten or not under five years. Officers who have served thirty years may be retired, and the limitation of the number on the retired list shall hereafter be three hundred. The officers of General and Lieut. General shall be confined to the present incumbents. No appointments shall be made to Major Generals or Brigadier Generals until the number of officers of these grades is reduced to three and six respectively. Vacancies occurring in the heads of staff departments are to be filled by officers having the rank and pay of Colonel. The grade of regimental commander is abolished. The generals of the army, commander of departments and chiefs of staffs of the departments shall, as soon as practicable, forward to the Secretary of War, a list of officers deemed unfit for the discharge of their duty, and the Secretary of War shall convene a board of fifty officers for their examination. On the recommendation of this board the President may wholly retire any officer so reported with a year's pay. The schedule of the pay of officers is the same as that of Logan's bill, except that the total pay of a colonel is limited to four thousand, of a lieutenant-colonel to three thousand, of a major to two thousand. Ten per centum of the current yearly pay of all officers shall be allowed for every term of five years, but the total amount of such increase must in no case exceed forty per cent. of the yearly pay. This is provided in view of longevity. The rations heretofore allowed, with full forage and quarters, remain as now allowed. All continued officers on the retired list shall receive seventy-five per cent. of the pay of the rank upon which they retired. The pay and allowances of enlisted men remain unchanged until June 71. Officers on the active list are prohibited holding a civil office.

Anthony, from the committee on printing, reported, with an amendment, a bill to regulate the public printing. It discontinues the publication of books and official documents.

A joint resolution was adopted directing the committee on education and labor and enquire into the expediency of dividing the net proceeds of the sale of public lands among the several states for educational purposes, and of otherwise so providing by law that all the people of the United States may have an opportunity of acquiring a common school education.

A joint resolution, extending the time of the withdrawal of spirits from distillery warehouses came up to-day. Bayard suggested an amendment to extend the time a year longer, making it two years, and imposing a tax of half a cent per gallon per month. An objection was made to the consideration of the bill on the ground that it would lead to discussion, and it was laid over.

Pomeroy's joint resolution relative to the conduct of the Spanish government in the treatment of the captured insurgents was indefinitely postponed.

A bill was passed providing for the disposition, by the Interior Department, of useless military reservations.

A bill for the survey of a ship canal and railroad across the Isthmus of Darien was referred to the committee on foreign relations.

Trumbull reported the House bill fixing the time of the election of Representatives and Delegates to Congress.

Hamilton, of Nevada, introduced a bill to extend until July, 1875, the letters patent issued to Richard M. Hoe; referred to the committee on patents.

McDonald, from the committee on Territories, reported, with amendments, a bill to organize the Territory of Oklahoma, and to consolidate the Indian tribes under a Territorial government.

On motion of Stewart, the bill for the enforcement of the Fifteenth Amendment was made a special order, and comes up next after the franking bill.

Pratt, on leave, addressed the Senate on the power of the Senate to compensate citizens in the South for property destroyed by the government during the war.

**ILLINOIS.**  
The cause of Indian troubles in Dakota—Secretary of War embarrassed for troops—Retrenchment effected.

CHICAGO.—The *Tribune's* Washington special says the trouble among the Indians in Dakota lies simply in the fact that the House, last session, refused to pass the appropriations and to carry out the treaties. The Secretary of War was at the Capitol to-day, urging early action on the Indian bills. He says he is greatly embarrassed about troops. He has not now enough, and does not see how he can possibly get along if the army is reduced next fall. In consequence of his representations it is possible that the proposed reduction will not be made till the summer of 1871.  
The bill which passed the House, reducing and reorganizing the special agent service of the Customs Bureau

and Treasury Department, reduces the number of these agents, which was seventy-two, to fifty-three, persons, and prohibits the employment of any more on any pretence. They are to be employed in the prevention and detection of fraud, and have authority to examine the books and accounts of the customs collectors. Two of them receive ten dollars a day, seventeen eight, sixteen six, and eighteen five. The necessary expenses will be paid by the department. The passage of this bill will effect a reduction of thirty-five to forty thousand dollars a year.

### VIRGINIA.

#### Terrible Casualty.

RICHMOND.—A large crowd assembled this morning in the upper portion of the Capitol building, where the Supreme Court of Appeals was located, to hear the decision on the majority case. At about eleven o'clock the floor gave way beneath the dense weight, and precipitated the crowd to the floor below, which was the House of Delegates. It is hard to ascertain the present extent of the injuries, so great is the excitement, but some were killed and a large number severely injured. Many escaped the terrible fall by jumping into the windows when the floor gave way. The wounded are now being attended to.

Later, among the killed are P. H. Aylett, a distinguished lawyer; Dr. J. B. Brock, reporter of the *Examiner*; Samuel Eaton, clerk to Mayor Cahoon; Captain W. A. Charles, chief of the fire department; N. P. Howard, lawyer; A. Levy, merchant; Charles Watson, Hugh Hutchinson, S. L. Webb, of this city, and a brother of Gen. Schofield; P. H. Maury, Jun., Senator Black, colored, and Powhatan Roberts. It is supposed that twenty members of the State legislature are killed and wounded. The Judges of Appeals all escaped unhurt. Ex-Governor Wells was badly injured, also L. S. Chandler, counsel for Cahoon, and Jas. Mason and Judge Meredith, counsel for Ellison. About two hundred persons were hurt by the accident. The greatest excitement prevails; hundreds of persons are in the Capitol square weeping and wailing as the dead and dying are brought from the building. Governor Walker escaped unhurt, though on the court room floor at the time.

### NEW YORK.

#### Arcade Railroad Bill Passed—General Lee's health failing—British troops not to be permitted on American soil or waters—Fenians in Council—The McFarland trial.

ALBANY.—In the State Assembly yesterday, a resolution was adopted, authorizing the judiciary committee, during the recess between now and the next session of the legislature, to investigate the conduct of the New York judiciary and the members of the bar. It is now said that the resolution was offered as an instigation to the Erie Railroad company, and was intended to catch a prominent lawyer of New York, whom they charge with having given Burt counsel as to how he should proceed in his litigation with the Erie Company, after having been retained by the company as counsel.

New York.—Governor Woodford has resigned the editorship of the *Brooklyn Union*; he will be succeeded by Theodore Tilton, of the *Independent*.

The Arcade Railroad bill, which some time since passed the Senate, passed the Assembly last night by such a vote that it would be useless for the Governor to veto it.

A dispatch says it is believed that General Lee's health is failing. He has gained some strength by his southern trip, but not enough to keep his friends from desponding.

A special says that at the Cabinet meeting yesterday, the propriety of allowing the British troops to pass over our soil or through our waters to the Red River country, for the purpose of putting down the rebellion, was fully discussed, and it was unanimously agreed that this thing could not be permitted; every member of the Cabinet concurred in this view.

Up to a late hour last night President Donnelly and other prominent officers of the O'Neil faction of the Fenians were in Council at headquarters. All the staff were busy inditing communications to sub-commanders to have their forces well in hand, and giving other instructions which were not obtainable by the press. Several officers were ordered to their commands last night.

In the continuation of the McFarland trial, nothing of startling interest was elicited. The feeling is general that the insanity business is becoming very tedious. One of the jurors remarked that it would have a bad effect. He compared it to a long and tedious sermon of which everybody is tired. The chief witness was an ex-Surgeon, Gen. Hammond, who believed that congestion of the brain, with which the prisoner suffered, was the cause of the deed. He said all the indications in the prisoner's case led him to believe that he was insane when the tragedy was committed. The presence of Richardson was very likely to cause temporary insanity of an acute degree.  
After recess, Hammond's examination was resumed, and at its close, the defense rested the case, and the prosecution began the rebuttal, and called up Horace Greeley, who testified to his acquaintance with McFarland since '61. The prisoner told him the story of his trouble. He stated once that there had not been a fair history of the case in the *Tribune*, and he wrote out a history which Greeley published. The article which McFarland wrote was produced. Garvin asked the witness if the prisoner referred to the shooting of Richardson during their interview. Graham objected to the introduction of new matter, and said that rebutting testimony only was admissible. He stated that if Richardson had been brought in the courtroom at the time public feeling was so aroused, he would never have left it.

Garvin said when he took up the case, he considered it a case of murder, pure and simple, and he brought evidence to prove it. The defense acknowledged the deed, but claimed insanity, and consequently irresponsibility. The prosecution said he merely wished to prove the prisoner's sanity. Graham said he objected to the prosecution introducing men who would swear to anything to hang the prisoner. The Recorder thought it was only fair that the prosecution be permitted to rebut the evidence of the defense to prove insanity, he therefore ruled to admit it. Adjourned.  
The reported suicide of Major Sigourney proves untrue.

### MISSOURI.

#### Municipal Affairs.

ST. LOUIS.—The city council last night, increased the bond of the city treasurer from \$80,000 to \$300,000, and raised his salary from \$2,000 to \$4,000. The Radical central committee recommended Dwight Durkee, the present incumbent, by appointment, for city treasurer. The Democratic central committee recommended Daniel G. Taylor for the same office. Both are wealthy and prominent citizens; the latter was Mayor some years since.

### FOREIGN NEWS.

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