

THE EVENING NEWS.

Monday, April 23, 1870

BREVITIES.

There were 100,000 people at the funeral of General Thomas.

The world uses 250,000,000 pounds of tea each year.

Three hundred and fifty locomotives have been ordered in England for Russian railways.

The total cost of the new Opera House in Paris is now given as about 40,000,000 francs—\$8,000,000.

Boucault, the dramatist, boasts that he has made \$100,000 by fighting the newspapers.

An exhibition of paintings by the old masters was recently held at Munich in the "Kunstausstellungsgebäude."

A Paris grocer, of Imperialist views, ornaments his shop window with a bust of Napoleon, done in wax, with prunes for eyes.

A Pittsburg editor defiantly declares himself "at all times ready to yield a trenchant blade in a discussion syllogistically conducted." His adversary remains quiet.

In Africa, if any one comes before a king without a full dress costume—that is a straw hat and a ring in the nose—his head goes into the waste basket before he can wink twice.

They say in Rome that Queen Victoria lastingly leaning towards Catholicism, and Archbishop Manning is reported to have asserted that in case her Britannic Majesty should abdicate her crown she would at once embrace the Catholic faith.

In Ireland it is a crime to consign a nation to the realms of perdition, for at Armagh, one Michael Byrne, a soldier, has been sentenced by Court-martial to 168 days imprisonment, to be discharged from the service, and marked B. C., for crying "To hell with England," in the public streets.

"Tickets, sir," said a railroad conductor, passing through one of the trains the other day, to a passenger.

"My face is my ticket," replied the other, a little vexed.

"Indeed," said the conductor, rolling back his wrists and displaying a most powerful bunch of fists; "well, my orders are to punch all tickets passing over this road."

A gentleman was chiding his son for staying out late at night, and said:

"Why, when I was of your age, my father would not allow me to go out of the house after dark."

"Then you had a deuce of a father, you had," sneered the young profligate.

The father vociferated, "I had a confoundedly better one than you, you young rascal."

They are a sharp set in Elmira. A business firm there, desiring to resume specie payments, sent \$1,000 to New York, directing their broker there with to purchase English gold, which was selling at a cent and a half less premium than American gold. This English gold was then sent to Canada, where American silver was selling at twenty cents discount on the dollar. After paying all expenses of the transactions, including freight on the specie to Elmira, the firm found that they had made just \$8 in specie on each \$100 of greenbacks invested, and they received for their \$1,000 in greenbacks \$1,080 in American silver.

A couple in Somers, Conn., who supposed that they were married some years ago, have taken it into their heads to suppose the marriage void, because the woman was formerly the wife of the husband's son by a former marriage. The couple continued to live in the same house, but have adopted Susan B. Anthony's theory of single beds. The woman proposes to collect pay for her services, which will be, perhaps, equal to her dower. Her daughter by her first husband has been taught to call her present spouse her "papa-grandpa."

It is related of the late George Wake-man that in 1866, when on the staff of the *World*, he was sent to Philadelphia to report the proceedings of the famous Johnson Convention, and happening to be present on the night of the assembling of the convention at a meeting convened in the street to hear the speech of a prominent politician, he found that he had left his note-book at the hotel. In the uncertain light of a flickering lamp, and jostled by an excited crowd, he took down every word of the speech upon his wristbands, and shirt-collar, and two envelopes. The next morning the speech appeared verbatim in the *World*.

Dr. Osgood writes a letter to the New York *Evening Post* on the cost of living for Americans traveling in Europe. He saw one young man who, by walking a good deal and going to cheap hotels, got along for two or three dollars a day, and he speaks of one small American family who spent money during their trip at the rate of over two thousand dollars a day. Between these extremes there is a wide range. Dr. Osgood says that his own traveling expenses proper were about six dollars a day in gold for two hundred and fourteen days of absence. Long stops and short journeys diminish the cost of travel. England is the most costly and Switzerland the cheapest of the places commonly visited.

Hon. H. S. Neal, U. S. Consul at Lisbon, Portugal, in a letter dated February 23rd, to the *Ironton Journal*, says: "The winter here is the season for gardening and cropping. The potatoes are growing luxuriantly; peas, beans, etc., are rapidly approaching that condition in which they will be fit for the table. The trees—plums and peaches are in full bloom, while the few grass spots which the suspicious owners permit to be seen are covered with luxuriant grass. This will appear surprising when you recollect that the latitude of Lisbon is about the same as Washington City, and but little south of our own."

The vexed question in the United States of the social standing of the black race is solved here. There is no distinction founded upon color. In the churches, Catholic and Protestant, the white man and woman, kneel and sit side by side with his or her sable friend. In the public walks you see them side by side, while the highest offices of the kingdom are open to each alike. No apparent evils result from this, although it is true the number of colored persons is limited, in comparison with the whites."

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