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## BREVITIES.

Victor Emmanuel has issued a decree, the effect of which restores the Jews to all the rights of Roman citizens.

Some of the Canadian newspapers are so mad at Gen. B. F. Butler that they print his name without using any capital letters.

Gen. Chauzy, the latest military figure in the French kaleidoscope, is said to be an Englishman by the name of Shaw.

A man who was lost on the plains, and who had lived several weeks on raw fish, desiring to vary the bill of fare, says he pursued a toad for two days, but without success.

A young lady, upon one occasion, requested her lover to define love. "Well," said he, "it is to me an inward impossibility and outward all-overness."

They are now making at Colt's factory a new patent lock for the United States mail bags. When fastened, a numbered plate of glass, covers the keyhole, and this glass has to be broken before the bag can be unlocked or the lock tampered with. It is said to be the most complete lock ever invented. Five thousand of them have been ordered by the Postoffice Department.

Madame Parepa was recently surprised and naturally gratified by the receipt of the following note, subscribed by a firm of ship brokers in New York: "Dear Madame:—We have been called upon to give a name to a vessel, and not having time to obtain your consent, have taken the liberty to call her the 'Parepa'—trusting that the name so honored and beloved in America may be to the 'Parepa' a token of the success which it represents."

Among the French volunteers is a company commanded by a postmistress. She is a Polish woman and fought in the Polish revolution. She acts at the same time as chaplain and surgeon for her troops, and carries a case of instruments, a cross, a gun and a revolver. Her husband has meanwhile stayed at home, and attends to household affairs.

Scene in a Main street store. Old gentleman from the country, whose son is a clerk in the store, calls on the proprietor, and remarks with simplicity and confidence, "I hope my son sleeps in the store of nights."

Candid and blunt merchant—"Your son sleeps in the store daytimes, sir, and I don't know why the devil he should sleep anywhere of nights." Exit disappointed old gentleman. Moral—Boys can't be trusted.

Among the strangest of rare fables is a tale given by Nicholas, Emperor of Russia, to Thomas H. Seymour of Connecticut. It is very large, of exquisite design, and so fragile, so ethereal in texture that, when shaken out and cast upon the air, it floats like a thistle down, and it is many minutes before it will settle in a corner, and then a whispered invitation will start it on its aerial travels again.

In the examination of applicants for situations in the Interior Department, under Secretary Cox, so many of them were impaled on the horns of the following sum that it became known as Cox's Cowcatcher: A. sold a cow for \$25, and by the transaction lost 16-2-3 per cent. He sold another cow at an advance of 16 per cent., for just enough to cover, by the profit, the loss upon the first cow. What did the second cow sell for?

Thirty years ago, Mrs. Lander, nee Miss Jean Davenport, appeared for three nights at the old Pearl-street theatre, Albany, New York, being billed as the "Little Prodigy," and supported by a company of amateurs. Monday, December 19th, she commenced an engagement at the Academy of music, in the same city, as the leading star, playing "Queen Elizabeth" all the week to crowded and fashionable audiences, eliciting a perfect storm of approval in the third act in each performance.

A gentleman was seated with other persons in a room where a country girl sat bolt upright, and utterly silent. Silence, indeed, fell upon the entire party, and the gentleman first alluded to said, in what he supposed to be an almost inaudible tone of voice, "A awful pause!" "I guess, mister," exclaimed the indignant country lass, jumping up, "you'd have a awful paw, too, if you had to do the scrubbing that I do."

A reverend gentleman was addressing a Sabbath School concert at the Boston Highlands, and was endeavoring to enforce the doctrine that the hearts of the little ones were sinful, and needed to be given to Christ. Taking out his watch, and holding it up, he said: "Now, suppose it don't keep good time—now goes too fast, and now too, slow; what shall I do with it?" "Sell it," shouted a dozen-headed youngster.

A gentleman who follows the profession of school teacher gave out one morning as a reading lesson to his first class, that portion of the Merchant of Venice, in which, the "pound of flesh" scene occurs. The reading ended, he asked the class what "Shylock" meant when he said, "My deeds upon my head!" "Well," said the tallest boy, "I don't know, unless he carried his papers in his hat."

A Club of well fops in New York city, is about hatching a revolution in dress, the regulation undertaker costume as demanded on all social occasions not being deemed sufficiently costly or picturesque for the days we live in. These fashion Warwicks have decreed that full dress shall consist of a blue dress coat, blue pantaloons and white vest with gold buttons; each garment to be embroidered with gold lace at the taste of the wearer. A mere sight of such bravery would be refreshing, since Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

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## CONGRESSIONAL.

### SENATE.

The charges against Senator Sprague.

Morton submitted a resolution, requesting the President to communicate to the Senate the last correspondence between Motley, minister to the court of St. James, and the Department of State, together with such other dispatches or papers to which such correspondence related.

Summer moved an amendment, to include all telegraphic dispatches and other communications relating to his recall; which was agreed to, upon a division, by 20 to 17, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

The Vice President announced, as a select committee, to consider certain charges against Senator Sprague, in connection with blockade running in Texas during the rebellion. Messrs. Thurman, Hamlin, Trumbull, Howe and Willey. The vacancy upon the committee on naval affairs and the Pacific Railroad, was filled by the appointment of Jewett, the new Senator from Missouri.

Williams, from the committee on finance, reported without amendment a bill relating to internal taxes recently introduced by Buckingham, and it passed. It provides that hereafter no tax shall be imposed or collected upon any undistributable sum added to the contingent fund of any insurance company, nor upon unearned premiums received for risks assumed.

### HOUSE.

Resolutions on foreign affairs.

The Speaker laid the resignation of Sohenek, as a member of Congress, before the House.

The House then proceeded to consider all the resolutions from the committee on foreign affairs, in relation to the disputes of Minister Washburne and the late government of Paraguay. The resolutions of the committee declare that Rear-Admiral S. W. Gordon is neglecting to aid Washburne in reaching the government to which he was accredited, failed to discharge his duty as commander of the Atlantic squadron; that Messrs. Bliss and Masterman were members of the personal suite of Washburne, and were therefore, under the law of nations, entitled to the protection of the officers of the United States; and that the forcible detention of Messrs. Bliss and Masterman by the government of Paraguay, was a violation of the law of nations and a gross insult to the honor and dignity of the United States. They approved the action of the President in withdrawing the American minister, General McMahon, from the government of Paraguay, and in declining to have further diplomatic intercourse with that government; and they declare it to be clearly the duty of the United States navy officers on foreign stations to render all reasonable assistance to the diplomatic officers of the United States, in the discharge of their duties; and that the refusal or neglect to render such assistance when required, or any courtesy by such naval officers toward such diplomatic officers, should be a subject of inquiry and punishment by the navy department.

Orth moved an additional resolution, disapproving the conduct of Rear-Admiral Chas. H. Davis, in delaying for an unreasonable time, to proceed to the rescue of Messrs. Bliss and Masterman; in accepting their release in the manner and under the circumstances as detailed in the testimony; and in relieving, holding and treating them as prisoners.

Resolutions offered by Swann, from the minority of the committee, denounce the arrest and detention of Messrs. Bliss and Masterman, while under the protection of the American flag, as an outrage which demanded prompt reparation; condemn Washburne for having submitted to the insults of President Lopez and leaving Messrs. Bliss and Masterman at the mercy of the Paraguayan authorities; for having assisted Bliss and Masterman, both adventurers and of a doubtful reputation, with his legation. They relieve Admirals Gordon and Davis of all blame, and declare that no legislation on the subject is required on the part of Congress.

### MAINE.

Governorship of Maine.

AUGUSTA, 5.—The Senate committee on gubernatorial votes, reported that Sidney Rechem has 54,901 votes, and Charles W. Roberts 45,745; with 38 scattering. In convention the state officers of last year were re-elected, receiving an average of 138 votes to 35 for the Democratic candidates. The Governor was inaugurated at 12 o'clock to-day, and delivered his message.

### NEW YORK.

Removed that Senator Morton will succeed Secretary Fish.

NEW YORK, 5.—A feature of the trial yesterday, in the case of the seized vessel Cord, involving the neutrality of the United States in Cuban matters, was the production of a letter from ex-Secretary Cox, in accordance with which the accused claims to be acted through. It is rumored again in Washington that Senator Morton will succeed Secretary Fish, after the adjournment of the Indiana legislature in March. It is understood that all the present officers of the House will be candidates for reelection in the forty-second Congress.

The steamer Concordia, which cleared yesterday for Falmouth, England, where she will await orders for proceeding to France, took 4,424 cases of ammunition, 1,700 cases of cartridges; 250 cases of muskets; 1,000 cases of rifles, and other munitions for the French.

## WASHINGTON.

Military order.

WASHINGTON, 5.—Judge Mercer has not brought the subject of the New appointment before the House judiciary committee, but the general opinion of the members of the committee appears to be in favor of increasing the number of members to 250, which would probably prevent the necessity of reducing the representation of any State. New Hampshire is the only State which would not be certain of escaping reduction if the number was fixed at 250; and the difficulty seems to be, to find a number, not unreasonably large, which will save that State the loss of one of her three representatives.

A general order has just been promulgated from the war department, making extensive transfers, assignments and musters out. Among the unassigned officers, whose commissions expired under the act of July 15th, 1870, and who are honorably mustered out of service, are Lieut. Colonels Chas. J. Whitney and S. N. Edie; Majors G. A. Gordon, Wm. Clinton, Jas. B. Collins, Ebenezer Gray, Samuel Ross, John M. Goodhue, Henry Rathbone, and a large number of captains and first and second lieutenants.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

Gladstone denounced. LONDON, 4.—The Belfast, Ireland, Presbyterians denounce Gladstone for his interest in the Pope's welfare.

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