

BREVITIES.

A little boy, returning from Sabbath School, said to his mother: "This catechism is too hard. Ain't there any kiddy-chism for little boys?"

A man was recently fined in Richmond \$1 for "rocking" a horse. For the benefit of those who might suppose he was a rival of Samson in strength, it may be stated that in the Southern vernacular to "rock" means to throw stones at or against a person or thing.

Gaulois tells a little anecdote about Lafayette. At Lamarque's funeral the crowd took out the general's horses as he was returning home, and drew him to his hotel.

"You must have been very pleased," remarked a friend sometime afterward.

"Very much pleased, indeed," replied Lafayette; "but I never saw anything more of my horses."

A compliment has been paid to Miss Burdett Counts for her exertions in the eastern districts of London, by giving her name to a Masonic Lodge meeting near Victoria Park. Miss Counts accepted the compliment, and wrote to know what gift she could make to the Lodge. In reply the members solicited a Bible from her autograph.

Accounts from Egypt hold out a doleful prospect for the visitors on their way there just now who happen not to be invited by the Viceroy. All the guests of his Highness will have nothing to do but to enjoy themselves—their board, lodging, carriages, camels, donkeys, etc., everything, in short, will be provided for them; but those who go out on their own hook will do well to ponder upon this portentous announcement published in the *Galavis*: "At present the price of beefsteaks at Cairo is fifteen francs a pound."

At a court ball in Berlin, Bismarck was much pleased with the wife of a foreign diplomat who was present. With characteristic audacity, the count reached out his hand to pluck without leave a flower from the splendid bouquet which the lady carried. She rapped his knuckles with her fan, saying, "Pardon Monsieur le Comte, but that flower is not a German state; you must ask for it."

A newspaper correspondent, meeting a party of settlers in Texas, inquired from the conductor what the men in the first wagon were intended for.

"To clear the forests."

"Well," said he, "and what are those in the second for?"

"To build the huts," was the reply.

"And that old white-headed man in the third wagon—what is he for?"

Was the next question asked, to which the reply was given:

"Oh, that's my father; we shall open our new cemetery with him!"

The correspondent did not inquire further.

Eminent prima donnas are remarkable for the suddenness with which they contract and the ease with which they recover from indisposition. A few days ago, at Covent Garden Opera House in London, after the doors were opened and the audience had begun to arrive, notices were posted up that Mme. Patti was suffering from a severe hoarseness, and was quite unable to sing. Another opera was therefore substituted. The severe hoarseness which prevented her from appearing at Covent Garden; however, did not in the least disable her from singing before the Prince of Wales and Pasha of Egypt at Marlborough House the same evening, where, it is said, she never warbled more clearly and enchantingly.

His father confessor exhorted a dying prime minister to forgive his enemies.

"My enemies?" cried he. "I am not aware that I have any."

"Every one must have enemies," explained the priest. "No matter how christian-like and blameless his life may have been."

"I perfectly well know that I have had enemies," replied the minister. "but happily they are all dead. I have always had them shot."

This statement being satisfactory, "the apostolic blessing and general absolution" was vouchsafed and his highness peacefully shuffled off this mortal coil.

The ingenuity of the American mechanic has found an eccentric interpreter in W. I. Traflet of Manchester, N. H., who is making the smallest possible specimen of an engine. Every part of it is constructed out of a silver half dollar. The boiler is to hold about eight drops of water, but with four drops the engine can be worked several minutes. When finished it is to be placed under a glass case three-quarters of an inch in diameter and an inch and one-eighth in height. Some of the parts will be so fine and delicate, that they cannot be made without the use of a magnifying glass.

Sewage, as a manure, is now attracting great attention in England, and it is asserted that the Metropolitan Board of Works of London, by their apathy upon the subject, are committing an enormous waste of money and fertilizing power by neglecting to utilize the sewage of London. The annual outflow of the sewage water of London is estimated at 150,000,000 tons, and this refuse is calculated to be worth nine farvaluable manure is discharged into the Thames worth \$7,500,000 a year, or \$20, 54 a day.

Strip from their stalks some fine, ripe, black-cluster grapes, and stir them with a wooden spoon over a gentle fire, until all have burst, and the juice flows freely from them; strain it off without pressure, and pass it through a jelly-bag, or through a twice-folded muslin; weigh, and then boil it rapidly for twenty minutes; draw it from the fire; stir in it, till dissolved, fourteen ounces of good sugar, rough, powdered, to each pound of juice, and boil the jelly quickly for fifteen minutes longer, keeping it constantly stirred and perfectly well skimmed. It will be very clear, and of a beautiful pale rose color. — *Western Rural*.

By Telegraph.

SUEZ CANAL CELEBRATION OVER.

A PROPELLER BURNED NEAR CHICAGO.

Hudson River Strike settled.

A SHIP OF WAR FROM SPAIN.

FEARFUL RAVAGES OF CHOLERA.

Spain wants a Penal Colony on the Pacific.

PERSONAL SACRIFICES FOR CUBA.

Another Fenian agitation is brewing.

WASHINGTON.

Cavalry and militia traffic.

WASHINGTON, 19.—The squadron of Cavalry which is engaged in aiding the revenue officials in breaking up illicit traffic in spirits is doing good service. At the Bartlett Craig Company's works several stills were found, the distillers arrested, and a quantity of brandy seized. The 8th district was visited and a large number of stills were discovered. Several parties have been arrested. A number of stills and large quantities of whisky, beer and brandy, were seized in Montgomery, Pulaski, Blount and Tazewell Cos.

Supervisor Emery, in Tennessee, reports successful operations against distillers. In one district in Tennessee Deputy Marshal Edmundson, who had been left in charge of some stills and a quantity of confiscated whisky, was attacked and overpowered by a crew of men and the property taken from him.

A Washington special says it is reasonable to believe that Government has reopened the correspondence with Great Britain on the Alabama claims; but nothing is known as to the progress made in the matter.

NEW YORK.

A Doctress refuses to produce abortion.

Fenian agitation another raid.

"Tribune" and "Times" on Finance.

Strike settled.—Likely stories.

NEW YORK.—Andrew Moran of South Carolina, said to be a wealthy Southerner, has been arrested and imprisoned on a charge of applying to Mrs. Doctor Lozier to perform an abortion upon Miss Fuller Moran. He was stopping at St. Dennis Hotel with his wife and family. Mrs. Lozier is the president of the Working Women's Society and is said to have refused a large bribe to withdraw the prosecution.

NEW YORK.—At a meeting of Fenian leaders, held yesterday, the question of proposition to aid the Winnipeg insurgents was discussed with much animation. One member declared that the insurrection was against the Canadian Confederation and not against Great Britain. Interference on the part of the declared enemies of the "mother country" will probably be unwelcome to the Red River halfbreeds. Another urged that coldness of winter in the Hudson Bay and River region would prevent, for some months at least, the intended military operations. Another speaker created an unpleasant impression by drawing a contrast between the conduct of the oppressed Irish and that of the oppressed halfbreeds; after a brief, but lively discussion, the further consideration of the subject was deferred till a future occasion.

The *Tribune*, in an editorial says, that if Congress does not see fit to resume specie payments, it hopes the Supreme Court will. The *Times* thinks the financial question can be solved by the adoption of a free banking system, with a National circulation enlarged to four hundred millions of dollars.

NEW YORK special says that the reported trouble among the brakemen of the Hudson River Railroad has been adjusted.

The Spanish war steamer *Pizarro* arrived yesterday and it is rumored among the Cubans she is the first of the fleet coming to demand the Spanish gunboats now in the harbor.

OMAHA.

Ogden the Junction.

An Omaha dispatch says on good authority that Ogden has been decided upon as the junction of the Union and Central Pacific Railroads.

CHICAGO.

Propeller Burned.

CHICAGO, 22.—A propeller was burned off the port of Washington, on Saturday evening. The captain and helmsman were drowned; the balance of the crew were rescued by a schooner after severe suffering; in clinging to a boat which was bottom upward in the water.

TEXAS.

Another Government Defaulter.

An ex-Deputy Collector from the interior of Texas, named Boone, has been arrested here and charged with defrauding the Government to the amount of ten thousand dollars.

BOSTON.

Bank Robbed.

BOSTON.—The Boylston National Bank, on the corner of Washington and Boylston Streets, was entered between Saturday and this morning and cleared of all the valuables in the outer vault, mostly belonging to some twenty or thirty private individuals, and consisting mainly of United States bonds. The amount is not exactly known; but it is believed by the Cashier that the amount is four or five thousand dollars.

LOUISIANA.

\$1,000,000 worth of Sugar held fast.

NEW ORLEANS.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to bond \$150,000 of a

million dollars' worth of sugar, seized here for an alleged violation of the revenue law. The claimants of the sugar say that such cases cannot be disposed of under five years, as they intend to exhaust every legal remedy.

Special war orders from Baton Rouge are to be discontinued; all movable ordnance is to be transferred to such points as the chief of ordnance directs. The buildings are to be transferred to the Quarter Master's Department for the use of the troops.

FOREIGN NEWS.

EGYPT.

Suez Canal.

The Vienna press asserts that when the celebration of the opening of the Suez Canal has terminated the Sublime Porte would send another ultimatum to the Viceroy of Egypt, ordering him to accept the Turkish proposals without conditions or consider himself suspended from the vice-royalty.

ISMAILIA.—Thursday.—There are seventy-five sea-going ships now here, with an average tonnage capacity of 1,000 tons. The largest vessel is a Russian frigate which draws seventeen feet two inches of water. The buildings in Ismailia are filled with guests and other visitors; the surrounding plains are covered with tents of the native tribes who have assembled in immense numbers. This afternoon an exhibition of the evolutions of Arab horsemen and other native sports, on a vast scale, was given. The Empress Eugenie witnessed the entertainment. A grand ball is in progress to night. Ismailia is brilliantly illuminated and is a scene of great splendor. De Lesseps gave a banquet this evening to the representatives of the Chambers of Commerce, members of the press and others.

ISMAILIA.—Friday.—A fleet of steamships sailed this morning, bearing the Empress Eugenie, who has taken her leave.

SPAIN.

Duke of Genoa—Carlist—Penal Colony on the Pacific—Spanish Throne will be accepted.

MADRID.—The nomination of the Duke of Genoa to the throne has received the support of 161 deputies. Symptoms have appeared of another Carlist rising; the authorities are on their guard.

It is reported that the government is considering a proposition for establishing a penal colony on one of the Spanish islands in the Pacific. The journal's advocate the measure on the ground of the completion of the Pacific Railroad, which will facilitate commercial relations between Spain and her Pacific possessions, whose resources may be developed by colonization.

MADRID, Sunday.—The *Journal Impartial* reiterates the belief that the Italian Government will accept the Spanish throne for the Duke of Genoa.

CUBA.

Fearful Ravages of Cholera.—True Patriotism.—Manifesto of Cuban Junta.

NEW YORK.—West India advices per mail, state that cholera, yellow fever and small pox are raging fearfully at Santiago de Cuba: 300 deaths occurred in three days, it was found impossible to give the dead a proper sepulchre, the bodies being covered with only a few inches of earth, and in consequence, the stench from the cemetery has also become a pestilence.

The Cubans on the Island profess to be confident of success, and are giving the Spanish troops much trouble.

NEW YORK.—The *New Cuba Republic*, published by the Junta, among its provisions contains the following articles: "All the inhabitants of the Republic are absolutely free; all citizens are considered soldiers of the liberating army; the House of Representatives shall not abridge the freedom of religion, or the press, public meetings, education, petition, nor any inalienable rights of the people."

The document is signed by Carlos Manuel De Cespedes, the President of the Convention, and all the delegates.

NEW YORK.—President Cespedes has forwarded to the Cuban Junta a casket of jewels, valued at \$25,000, in gold, which he desires to have sold for the benefit of patriots in the army. Among the articles, contained in the casket, is a cluster pin, containing about twenty diamonds, for which he paid \$5,000 in gold, and several diamond and pearl rings of rare design and workmanship; a number of watches, chains and stones. Among the collection are four bracelets, one of which is worth \$6,000, and said to be the most beautiful work of jewelry ever seen.

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