

BREVITIES.

California's State debt is \$4,068,000.
St. Petersburg has 10,800 cab drivers.
That seven-ounce diamond found at Armadale, Australia, turns out to be quartz.
Weldon, North Carolina, uses the ball and chain, and dispenses with a lock-up.
St. Louis received nearly twenty million bushels of wheat, and manufactured over one million barrels of flour last year.

It is authoritatively stated that the loss of life by kerosene is greater than by railroad and steamboat accidents combined.

A Bible printed in 1610, a year before the King James version was published, has been found in the New Bedford (Mass.) public library.

Buffalo has an entertainment entitled: "The Cyclopaedic Psychomantent and Prismatic Cornucopian."

Nearly 10,000 teachers are employed in the public schools of Michigan, of whom four-fifths are women.

In Chicago, last year, the number of deaths was 6,464; deaths by violence, 264; number of births registered, 7,633; building erected during the year, 3,810.

The rent of many of the New York dry goods stores has declined one-half within two or three years.

The Providence Journal tells of an account recently filed in that city on a sheet of paper one hundred and five feet long.

Few who have read that hymn by Dr. Watts, commencing, "How vain are all things here below," are aware that he composed it after his suit had been rejected by Miss Singer, afterward the celebrated Mrs. Rowe.

A German sued his neighbor for killing his dog. The justice asked the defendant if he killed the dog. "Yes, sure I kill him; but let him prove it," was the dogged reply. This being satisfactory the plaintiff was asked with a view of assessing damages—how much the dog was worth. "The dog was worth nothing; but since he was so mean as to kill him, he shall pay the full value of him."

The cultivation of the Chinese Bamboo in California is exciting much attention. It can be put to many uses. Its appearance is beautiful; its shade most grateful. The Chinaman sits under it and upon it; he eats in it; he sits in it and by it; he is rocked in it; his furniture is made of it; he is buried in it; he writes upon it and with it; he clothes himself with it and spans the young ones with it. In fact, the "graceful young bamboo" is as useful as it is ornamental.

Take a common tumbler or fruit can, and fill it nearly full of soft water. Then take a bit of coarse lace or cheese sacking over, and press down into the water, covered with a layer of peas. In a few days they will sprout, the little thread-like roots going down through the lace into the water, and the vines can be trained up to twine around the window; or what is prettier, a frame may be made for the purpose.

Here is another pretty thing, with but a little trouble. Take a saucepan filled with fresh moss. Place in the center a pine cone (large size), having first wet it thoroughly. Then sprinkle it thoroughly with grass seed. The moisture will close to the cone partially, and in a day or two the tiny grass sprigs will appear in the interstices, and in a week you will have a perfect cone of beautiful verdure. Keep secure from the frost, and give it plenty of water, and you will have a "thing of beauty" all the winter.

The last and most remarkable doctoring of wines is one recently discovered by a member of the French Academy of Sciences. It appears that he was first awakened to the eminent services which may be rendered to wine by the voltaic pile by having his own cellar broken open by a flash of lightning, which converted his inferior wines into valuable liquor. Electricity applied to a cask of bad Moselle entirely changed its character, and experiments with other wines, at least so Dr. Scouteletten assured the Academy, had a similar result: The doctor explains, for the benefit of persons anxious to try the operation, that the wires of the voltaic pile should be tipped with platinum, to which must be attached electrodes of the same metal. Dip both into the liquid, and you will precipitate it, and produce premature age.

The first week of December was so cold in many parts of Poland and Galicia that hundreds of wolves were found dead in the fields. Hunger had driven them from the forests, to seek for food in the villages; but the intense cold had killed them. A great many accidents are reported; in some instances the infuriated animals attacked lonely houses and killed or wounded whole families. At Regorow the priest was sitting with three of his friends at the supper table; suddenly the gate leading out of his yard into an open field fell down with a tremendous noise. The priest took a candle, and accompanied by one of his friends, went out into the yard to see what was the matter. But he had hardly left the room when he was attacked by several enormous wolves which threw him to the ground and tore him. His friend ran back to the room, pursued by half a dozen wolves which boldly entered the house and fell upon the three men. Two of them were overpowered by the infuriated beasts, but the third succeeded in shaking off the wolves. He shot three and the others fled. Going out into the yard, he found but the skeleton of the priest. In less than ten minutes the animals had devoured his flesh, leaving only mutilated bones.

By Telegraph.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.
Discasion—16th Amendment, etc.
The Senate received memorials from many officers, for an increase of pay. Petitions for the abolition of the Franking privilege were presented and referred. The latter occasioned some discussion, Bayard and Thurman animadverting upon the action of the Postmaster General, in instructing the postmasters to procure signatures to such petitions, as improperly attempting to forestall public opinion. Sherman reported a verbal amendment to the House joint resolution constraining the law relative to the tax on salaries. After some discussion the resolution went over for the present.

Pomeroy introduced a resolution for the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, providing that the basis of suffrage shall be citizenship, and that all whether native or naturalized shall enjoy the same rights and privileges of the elective franchise. Each State shall determine the age and time of citizenship required for the exercise of the right of suffrage, which shall apply equally to all citizens.

The Virginia bill was taken up. Trumbull denounced the action of the Judiciary Committee in refusing to hear the arguments and statements of certain Virginia loyalists with regard to the Virginia election and of Gov. Walker, and Sumner's assurance and effrontery in assailing other Representatives and Senators referring to the assaults of Southern Senators upon Sumner when the party was dominant in Congress. He feared the Senator had too well followed the action of these domineering slave masters. Sumner replied, asking how Trumbull became the critic of himself, and said that from the first day the proposition was introduced into the House, to confer the suffrage upon colored men, the Senator from Illinois had been its unrelenting enemy. He denounced him as the representative of the Ku Klux Klan in opposing the Georgia bill; also for voting against the impeachment of Andrew Johnson. Sumner concluded in a similar strain, quoting from letters, correspondence and speeches purporting to be made by Governor Walker to show the revolutionary intent and disloyal sympathies of the people of Virginia. The Chair reminded him that he had used improper language toward another Senator, but Sumner disclaimed any improper intention. Upon the conclusion of his remarks the Chair stated the question to be upon Drake's amendment to admit Virginia, upon the fundamental conditions, providing no change in the State constitution to deprive citizens of the right to vote.

Schurz moved an amendment by placing in the amendment the words "or hold office, or to prevent their exclusion from office." By this change in the State constitution any person would be allowed to hold office. Schurz's amendment was rejected 28 to 31. Drake's resolution was adopted 32 to 28, Cole, Corbett, Nye, Stuart and Williams voting in the negative.

Drake proposed an amendment by imposing a further fundamental condition that it should never be lawful for the State to deprive any citizen of the United States to hold office on account of color, race or previous condition of servitude; adopted 30 to 29.

Wilson moved that the fundamental conditions of the constitution should never be amended so as to deprive any citizen of school privileges; adopted yeas 31 yeas 29.

Norton offered a substitute for the preamble, adopted by the House, which was adopted 39 to 20. The bill was then passed 47 to 12, by a strict party vote.

On motion of Sherman the currency bill was taken up and laid over on order. adjourned till Monday.

HOUSE.
Committees to Sit—Bills Considered.

Schenck obtained permission for the Committee on Ways and Means to sit during the session of the House. He said he expected that very early next week, probably on Monday, the committee would report a revision of the tariff bill, and at the first fitting opportunity, would move to go into a Committee of the Whole to take up the revision of the tax bill.

Garfield obtained leave for the Committee on Banking to sit during the Session.

During the morning hour the House considered several private bills. Butler desired to review Dawes's speech in the House of Representatives, and moved that the House go into a Committee of the Whole. He said Dawes's expression came from a false understanding of the facts, although Dawes had made several appeals for withdrawal of the objections; finally Butler yielded, giving notice that after the morning hour he would move to go into a Committee of the Whole. When the morning hour had expired the House adjourned into a Committee of the Whole.

The House was giving Butler an opportunity to make his speech in reply to Dawes, but Wilson, of Ohio, was also entitled to the floor and insisted on his right. He declined to yield the floor to Butler or any other man, and changed the programme, which caused considerable laughter, when the committee rose and the House adjourned with the understanding that the session, to-morrow, would be for debate only.

VIRGINIA.
Preparing for a Demonstration.
RICHMOND.—The representatives of both the Republican and Conservative parties are united in making preparations for a public demonstration on the day of the admission of the State. Gen-

eral Terry, to-day, directed James C. Taylor, Attorney General of the State, elected last summer, to assume the duties of his office, his disability having been removed by Congress.

WASHINGTON.

Domination—Reduction of Tax—Income of Disbursing Officers not to be Taxed.

WASHINGTON.—The President has nominated Will Cumbach, of Indiana, Minister to Portugal, vice Shellabarger. The Committee of Ways and Means, to-day, reduced the duty on molasses from eight to five cents; they will also reduce the duty on sugar, tea and coffee.

Secretary Boutwell has issued a circular to all the disbursing officers; directing them to withhold, as usual, the income tax on their own salaries.

NEW YORK.

Cuban Recognition—Arrival of an English Prince—Oakley Committed—England Dismissed—Debtors rejoicing in England; Prisoners won't leave Prison—no homes to go to—Cuban Sympathy.

NEW YORK.—An immense mass meeting, favoring Cuban independence, was held at the Cooper Institute this evening. Horace Greeley made a speech favoring the recognition of the belligerent rights of Cuba. Cassius M. Clay, of Kentucky, also made a speech. Resolutions were adopted expressing sympathy for the Cubans and urging the Administration to accord belligerent rights and favoring the establishment of Cuban charitable aid societies.

Prince Arthur has arrived, he was received according to the programme. He rode in Central Park this afternoon and visited Booth's theatre in the evening. He leaves for Washington in the morning.

Oakley, the defaulting cashier of the Merchants' National bank, was committed to-day, to Ludlow street prison in default of a hundred and fifty thousand dollars bail.

Judge Cordozo dismissed the motion for an order, answering the suit of Geo. Francis Train against the U. P. R. R. in the U. S. Courts.

The London papers contain accounts of the rejoicing in England on the first of January, when the new bankrupt law, which abolishes imprisonment for debt, except in cases of county court judgments, went into operation; there was a general jail and spouting house delivery of debtors. At one of the largest places of detention in London the prisoners were notified that all might leave who pleased, at midnight on December 31st; of 96 inmates only 31 availed themselves of the privilege, the others begging to remain in jail, having no homes.

There was a meeting last night to express sympathy with the Cubans; it was largely attended and there was considerable enthusiasm. Efforts will be made to raise money for destitute Cuban families now in New York.

A match between Mace and Allen is largely discussed among sporting men, many declining to bet on the ground that Allen will have plenty of roughs from St. Louis to cut the ropes in case the fight goes against him.

The Tribune has a double headed editorial, congratulating the country on the certainty of the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment. Fifteen States have already ratified, and the Tribune counts on Georgia, Texas, Nebraska, Ohio and Iowa as certain.

ALBANY, 22.—In the Assembly Little John introduced a resolution directing the Senators and requesting the Representatives in Congress to vote for the reduction of the compensation to Congressmen to three thousand per annum, the reduction of mileage and the abolition of the franking privilege.

MISSOURI.
Verdict for damages—Indian troubles apprehended.

St. Louis.—The jury, in the libel suit of Ellisha Buckley vs. the St. Louis Republican, for \$25,000, after being out since Thursday, returned a verdict giving the plaintiff \$5,000 damages.

Information has been received, at the military headquarters, of Indian depredations in the Indian Territory, sixty miles south of Arkansas River, a few days ago, and some apprehensions are felt that there will be trouble in the spring.

CALIFORNIA.
Billiards—Shipments of Coin and Currency.

SAN FRANCISCO, 21.—The game of billiards last night, between Dion and Deery, for the benefit of the orphan's asylum, was largely attended. Dion won, the score standing, 57 innings, Dion 1500, Deery 573. Dion's highest run was 129, Deery's 84. Large sums of money changed hands on the result.

It is stated that the U. S. Sub Treasurer has shipped from three to four millions in coin and confederate currency overland, the past year, of which no account has been given the public. The total shipments are placed at forty-one millions.

KENTUCKY.

Execution of a Murderer.—G. D. Prentice dying.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Kle the wife murderer was hung to-day.
Geo. D. Prentice was again prostrated and is in a dying condition.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Well Merited Sentence.
Philadelphia.—Dr. Tantis has been sentenced to one year's imprisonment and to a fine of three thousand dollars for the publication of obscene books.

ILLINOIS.

Territorial acquisition not favored—Air Line Railroad—Georgia News—Billiard Match—The "New Nation."

CHICAGO, 20.—The Tribune's Washington special thinks the majority of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations will be opposed to ratifying the San Domingo treaty. The general question on territorial acquisition was discussed in the Committee in a manner not favorable to the treaty, and the details of the document were inquired into with some persistence.

Commissioner Delano estimates that all his expenses attending the collection of internal revenue for the current year amount of fifteen millions will be required.

The house committee are again discussing the question of an air line road from Washington to New York, and will probably report in favor of such a road.

The Tribune's Atlanta special says the military investigation into the eligibility of the members of the Legislature is the all absorbing topic. The Democrats condemn the matter in unmeasured terms.

Governor Brown, Chief Justice of Georgia, has published an elaborate opinion on the test oath; he thinks it don't apply to the notary public or the State Librarian.

There is a project among a few dissatisfied Republicans to organize a new party, to be called the National Republican party, Bryant Saffield and Joshua Hill are the prime movers.

There was a billiard match at Chicago last night, between Frank Parker and Henry P. Hines, French canones, three hundred points; the game was won by Parker, by forty points.

FOREIGN NEWS.

SPAIN.

Riot.
MADRID.—Serious disturbances are reported at Baltimas. The municipal authorities were attacked by the mob and the troops had to interfere and quell the riot.

The Prince Enrique de Bourbon is accused of having conspired with ex-Queen Isabella, but the statement is not credited.

ITALY.

Strange action of Bishops.
ROME.—The Roman bishops in attendance at the Ecumenical Council, have had a meeting at which they resolved that unless the number of members in the diocese be taken into consideration in the votes of the Council they will return home in a body; their action has caused much excitement.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Death of an Admiral.
LONDON.—Sir George France, admiral of the fleet, long stationed in American waters, is dead, aged 63.

FRANCE.

A Big Strike.
PARIS.—The strike of the operatives at Lacroix continues, and is making a profound sensation throughout the country, on account of the large number of workmen engaged. It is feared by the government that the example of the strikers will be followed elsewhere. It is supposed that the strike has been brought about by revolutionary agents. This idea is strengthened from the fact of their numbers increasing and their demands becoming more and more unreasonable. Lacroix is one of the greatest iron manufacturing towns on the earth and this defection of workmen involves heavy losses, which increase every day. The probable cause of the strike was a change of the general direction of affairs there, to which the workmen objected. They applied for the reinstatement of the old directors, which was refused.

A dreadful accident occurred there yesterday, whereby several miners were killed. This had a tendency to increase the general excitement. The Semi Official Journal states that the trouble is being gradually increased by the distribution of extreme radical journals among the workmen.

PARIS, Midnight.—The strike has not ended; but there is some hope that an accommodation will be reached to-morrow. A force of 2,000 infantry and 600 cavalry has already arrived. One of the editors of the *Marseilles*, who it is alleged has helped to ferment the disorder has been arrested.

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