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## BREVITIES.

There are 294 loaves of bread made from a barrel of flour, which, at ten cents a loaf would yield \$29.40 a barrel.

Metaphysics resemble a French dinner; you may enjoy the results, but should never seek to dive into the processes by which they are obtained.

If any set of people think they are becoming too intimate with each other, let them try to get up a sociable. This is an infallible recipe for breeding quarrels.

A lady who has been reading the law, is in the most fearful and agonizing doubts about the legality of her married condition. She says "lotteries are illegal, and marriage is the greatest lottery in life."

"Why, Emily, how do you do?" "I am very well, Julia. I celebrated my wedding last week." "Why, I didn't know you were married. How did you celebrate it?" "By marrying a blockhead."

"Joe, how many scruples are there in a drachm?" "Don't know, zur." "Well, remember there's eight." "Be um." Father always takes his without no scruples.

A school-girl was recently asked at an examination, by a gentleman, to tell him what Adam lost by his fall; and when pressed, she replied: "I suppose it was his hat."

In Bloomington (Ind), there are sixty-seven young women ready to be married, and only three marriageable young men, being an average of twenty-two sweethearts and one-third of a sweetheart to each bachelor.

A publisher of "religious works" advertises, among others, "The Danger of Damnation," "Hell as it Really Is," "The Way to the bottomless Pit," "Total Depravity Proved by the Bible," "Doomed to Perdition," "The Fiery Pit as a Means of Grace," and other cheerful volumes with similarly captivating titles.

It is a fact that ladies can convert themselves into "beautiful beings" in a divorce suit in New York, wherein Josephine Fiddles is plaintiff and Dominic Murray defendant. Dominick testifies that when he married his wife she was a brunette, but she afterwards dyed her hair and eyebrows and was metamorphosed completely.

River water holding fine mud in suspension is often difficult to clear. In India, a little alum rubbed round the mouth of the pitcher, so as to mix with the water, is often used to precipitate the mud. About one thousandth part of the chloride, or nitrate, or bicarbonate of lime effects the same object, or a little lime also answers the purpose.

A correspondent of the Photographic News gives the following simple method of fixing pencil and chalk drawings: "Mix three parts, water one part. Lay the drawings face upward, in a large dish or tea-tray, pour the milk and water over each one singly, well cover them, pin them up to drain, and when dry they will be as secure as a print or engraving."

At a California fair several bottles of strained honey were put on exhibition, when a chap put a bottle of castor oil with the rest. Several old ladies sampled it, with the same result. The opinion of all who tried it was, that the bee who laid it was a fraud. One old lady said that even the bees had got to cheating nowadays.

At one of the Wellburg, Ohio, churches, on Thanksgiving Day, somebody quietly dropped a one-hundred dollar greenback into the money-bag. The unknown donor had the satisfaction of hearing the home paper say that the gift was either a mistake or conscience-money.

The hunters of Siberia, when hard pressed by hunger, take two thin pieces of board, one of which is placed on the pit of the stomach and the other on the back, gradually draw together the extremities, and thus allow, in some degree, the cravings of appetite. A similar practice is known among the South Sea Islanders. This is supposed to be a very economical kind of board.

A countryman was having a load of hay weighed in Danbury, Ct., last week, when an inquisitive gentleman ran his hands into the side of it, and immediately there rolled out half a dozen the looking paving stones. The owner couldn't explain how they came there, but said he remembered that in turning out for a team on the road he "druv pretty close to a stun fence," which was "certainly very plausible."

Miss Kate Reynolds lately won a notable theatrical success at Salem, Massachusetts. It is odd—this propensity of the theatre in a place where old men used to be burnt as witches, and where Puritanism had its strong hold. Miss Reynolds acted in "Richelleu at 18," and "Robinson Crusoe."

Prof. Whitlock, of Cambridge, is now engaged in photographing the sun by the use of a single lens objective, four and a half inches diameter, and forty feet focal length. It is his intention to photograph the sun every day.

"ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER."—We read a letter a few days ago, from a candidate for Sergeant-at-Arms of the next Assembly, to a member elect of that body. Among other claims for past service set forth was one which was decidedly rich, and as follows: "You are fully aware that I once cured you of the abominable habit of picking your nose and sneezing in public." This man's claims for one good turn deserving another should not be overlooked. They have both been in the army.—Gold Hill News.

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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

A bill encouraging mineral development.

Numerous petitions were presented from individuals for the removal of political disabilities, and one by Stewart from the western miners, asking for protection against railroad corporations, which are claiming their lands by virtue of alleged Congressional grants.

Sherman presented a communication, enclosing the opinion of the Attorney General, with regard to expended balances.

Cole presented a bill, encouraging the development of the mineral wealth of the United States, and the incorporation of the United States mineral school and metallurgical academy; referred to the committee on education and labor.

Corbett, from the committee on commerce, reported and asked present consideration of a bill to incorporate the Japan Steam Navigation Co. The bill provides for no subsidy, but simply the organization of the company.

Morrill, of Vermont, offered a resolution, which was adopted, directing inquiry by the finance committee as to the expediency of imposing a tax of one dollar upon each application for an official position, having a salary of not less than \$1,000, and the same upon each signature made to the President or made to be presented to any of the executive departments, and where the salary is of \$1,000 an additional tax of fifty cents.

On motion of Sherman, the Senate took up and passed the bill authorizing the funding act of last session, authorizing an increase of the issue of five per cent. bonds, from two hundred millions to five hundred millions, and making the interest on the same payable quarterly.

Sumner's resolution, calling for information upon the San Domingo matter, was adopted without objection.

HOUSE.

An international exhibition for '76—San Domingo resolutions.

The bill reported by Morrill before the holidays, to provide for celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of American independence, by holding an international exhibition in Philadelphia, in 1876, came up as the first business in order, in the morning hour.

Sargent protested against burdening the States treasury for any such purpose as an international exposition.

On vote it appeared there was no quorum present.

Burke, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, gave notice that the committee would ask the House to consider the San Domingo resolutions, on Monday next.

Mr. Sargent reported the annual Indian appropriation bill, which was made the special order for Wednesday next. It appropriates nearly two millions less than the act of last year.

Several bills were introduced and referred; one by Smith, of Oregon, for the removal of the obstructions in the navigation of the Colorado river.

Wood asked leave to offer a resolution, calling upon the President for information regarding San Domingo.

Orth objected to the resolution. Banks asked to have the Senate joint resolution regarding the same subject, which was still on the Speaker's table, referred to the committee on foreign affairs.

Wood objected. Fitch gave notice of amendments to the Senate joint resolution in regard to San Domingo, extending its application to Cuba.

The House then at half-past one o'clock adjourned.

TENNESSEE.

MEMPHIS, 4.—McDonald has withdrawn from the contest in the Arkansas Legislature, for the United States Senate; and publishes a card criticising Governor Clayton's course very severely. His withdrawal insures Clayton's election to the Senate.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

CONCORD, 4.—The Republican convention to-day nominated James Pike for Governor, by acclamation.

MISSOURI.

ST. LOUIS, 4.—On Monday last seven business houses in Sedalia, Mo., were burned, with a total loss of \$75,000; insurance \$25,000.

CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, 4.—The Legislature of Nevada organized yesterday. The House stands 23 Democrats, 21 Repub-

licans, and two independents. Robert E. Lowry, Democrat, was chosen speaker. Governor Bradley was sworn in. Eight valuable horses and ten stables, with other property, were burned at Sisson's stables, Stockton, yesterday.

NEW YORK.

An injunction—Resignation.

NEW YORK, 4.—Col. L. M. Dayton, who served on General Sherman's staff, has resigned his position to go into private business at Cincinnati. He gives as the reason for the step, at this time, that he desires to give an opportunity for the place being filled by some worthy officer unassigned, who otherwise would be mustered out. Judge Blatchford, in the United States District Court, this morning, issued an injunction against the Boston, Hartford & Erie R. R. Co., with an order to show cause why they should not be adjudged bankrupt. The order is returnable on the 14th inst.

WASHINGTON.

Military.

WASHINGTON, 4.—The army examining board, convened under the act of July 15th, 1870, section 11, of which General Hancock was President, was dissolved to-day by special order from the war department, and the generals composing it are ordered to their respective commands. The board has reported unfavorably upon twenty-five cases, and favorably upon twenty-one.

ILLINOIS.

Legislative.

CHICAGO, 4.—The globe, a new theatre, recently started on the west side, was taken possession of by the Sheriff yesterday. The Illinois Legislature met at noon to-day. The House organized by the election of Wm. M. Smith, of Tazewell county, Speaker; and Daniel Shepherd, of Cook, Clerk.

FOREIGN NEWS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Aosta enters Madrid—French take refuge in Switzerland—Excitement in Paris—Successes of Chanzy—Paris suffers for fuel.

LONDON, 4.—There was an enthusiastic entry of Amadeus into Madrid on Monday.

Fighting on the Swiss frontier resulted in two hundred French retreating into Switzerland, where they were disarmed.

There was a severe engagement on the 2d at Delle, particulars unknown. There is a vague rumor, at Lille, of a battle on the 2d, between Sappingness and Bapaume, with heavy losses on both sides. The Prussians were defeated along their whole line.

Paris advices show intense excitement among the population, who demand that a grand sortie be made. A number of the mayors of the city called upon Trochu, insisting that he give way to this desire. Some of the Paris journals accuse Trochu of feebleness.

It is understood that orders have been sent to the generals to hasten their movements upon Paris.

A new general has been sent to command the French forces at Havre. The evacuation of Rouen is considered certain, as Mantouff is forced to concentrate in the north, owing to the forward movement of Faidherbe.

Chauzy continues his successes, with flying columns of the Algerian cavalry he yesterday routed the Prussians.

The army of the North, on Monday, occupied Briancourt, after a trifling resistance. Evrillers and Le Haignes were also carried, after hard fighting and heavy losses.

At the New Year's banquet, at Versailles, the King toasted the German Prince. Baden responded, rejoicing in the restoration of the old Empire, toasting "William, the Victorious."

Paris suffers for fuel. The latter want is mitigated by the stores being officially distributed.

Austria will arrest and detain escaping French prisoners during the war. Prussia declines to back the Austrian demand of a French guarantee for the lower Danube.

Amadeus visited Prim's widow on arriving, and then proceeded to the chambers and took the oath. The enthusiasm is universal.

FRANCE.

Bankers severely sentenced.

VERSAILLES, 4.—The bombardment is so effectual on the east of Paris, that only foggy replies.

The bankers who participated in the French loan have been severely sentenced at Berlin.

BORDEAUX, 4.—Official: Faidherbe's dispatches of the 3rd say, there was a battle near Bapaume yesterday, from eight in the morning until six in the evening. We have driven the Prussians from all their positions and the villages. The enemy's losses are enormous; ours are serious.

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