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BREVITIES.

Women do not talk more than men.

If you want a morning wrapper to wear for ever, never wear it out.

If you're asked to take an egg and won't, it is that you don't like it.

Why is a man who marries an heiress called a fortune teller? Because he marries her for fortune.

A Milwaukee debating society is trying to work out, "Do hackmen possess souls?"

One who wishes the world to know what he knows about farming, says that the best way to raise strawberries is with a spoon.

In Toronto, recently, a man had his wife's coffin carried through the back window, for fear of scratching the paint of his front door.

Fragments of human beings, blown into the air by steamboat explosions, are spoken of in Arkansas as "atmospheric phenomena."

"A child up down having had its nose cut off by accident, a sympathizing neighbor thought it a sad case of being nipped in the bud."

In the examination into the cause of the Westfield explosion, a profoundly learned witness testified that his opinion was that the cause was that "the boiler was unable to stand the pressure."

Complaints are made in San Francisco of the great increase of taxes. Official figures show that the city has paid out for taxes in the last ten years, \$10,881,188, which was \$80,000,000 more than it paid in the previous ten years.

The Cincinnati Commercial has discovered the following national anomalies:

The French have the best political dress and the most bald-headed men of any people in the world.

The Americans have the best dentists and the most useful teeth of any people in the world.

The English have the best corn doctors and the most corns of any people in the world.

The Germans have the best beer and the fewest drunkards of any people in the world.

A Syrian convert to Christianity, as the story goes, was arrested by his employer to work on Sunday, but he demurred. "But," said the master, "Does not your Bible say that if a man has an axe he shall hew down the tree?"

"Yes," answered the convert, "but if the tree has the habit of falling into the water every Sabbath day, then the axe should fill up the pit or sell the tree."

W. W. Story, the sculptor, lately told to a correspondent of the Methodist, why he worked in Rome, and not in America. The strongest of all his reasons was, that in America one could not feel the feeling of being "the busy bee at home," he says, "drives one too rapidly. You always feel the crack of the whip behind you. The very air, as it is laden with too much heat, the excitement for the discipline of art. Your nerves are always prestrained, and you wear out before your ideals are realized."

In Lancaster, Ohio, the people engaged in the last celebration of our nation's independence were fortunate in the engagement of a colored chaplain who graduated from Oberlin College, and was a progressive in his ideas, as may be judged from the concluding prayer which he ventured on the occasion of a mixed assemblage of patriotic celebrants. "I pray the Lord I may live to see the day when the colored man may forget his prejudice as far as he is willing to receive all other races as his equals."

Among the most interesting of our "crimes of crime" garnered in New York is a wire window ladder, the like of which has never before been seen. It is about ten feet long when stretched out, made of steel wire about a quarter of an inch thick, with cross bars of polished wood about six inches long. The burglar, having gone through the window, he runs up the ladder, pulls it in, and folds it up into a compact shape that he can pack it in a small bag.

The Attorney General has given his opinion that when the lowest bid for a contract is informal it should be awarded to the next lowest bidder.

This conclusion much surprise here among the government officers, who declare that not one bid in ten is strictly formal, and according to the Attorney General's decision, the government must either award to the lowest formal bidder, or re-advertise, which is regarded with much anxiety. The practice of awarding the contract to the lowest bid is so general that the Attorney General's decision is regarded with much anxiety. The practice of awarding the contract to the lowest bid is so general that the Attorney General's decision is regarded with much anxiety.

The loss to the government made by this decision is estimated at about \$1,000,000.

By Telegraph.

WENTHER UNION Telegraph.

NEW YORK.

Fight between Americans and Mexicans.

San Francisco, 7.—A special from California states that the captain of the bark Brothers, recently attacked by Mexicans off Santa Anna Bay, fought with what few arms the vessel had, and by his report killed eight, but was finally compelled to take to his boat.

The bark Brothers, also attacked by Mexicans, was more fortunate than the Brothers. The captain of the bark Brothers was determined not to surrender as long as he had a hand left to wield a cut-throat razor, and accordingly prepared for a stubborn defense. As the Mexicans pulled alongside the vessel, he opened a heavy fire of small arms and shot straight valiantly, and although the Mexicans once or twice succeeded in gaining the deck, they were finally compelled to take to their boats with a loss of eight or ten killed, and retreated to the shore.

A riot imminent.

The household workmen of this city have not been paid for five weeks, and a riot is imminent.

Comptroller Connolly to-day ordered all the public markets of the city to be cleaned and disinfected daily.

OHIO.

Horrible Triple Murder.

Toledo, 7.—A horrible triple murder was committed yesterday near Wabash, Indiana. Margaret Finley, a widow, deliberately killing her three children. The youngest, a babe, she took by the feet and dashed its brains out; the second, aged 8, ran from her, but she caught it and cut its throat with a butcher knife; and the eldest, 9 years of age, she killed in the same way. She was arrested and lodged in jail. She appears perfectly sane, and says she killed the children to get rid of them.

A sale.

CLEVELAND, 7.—Last evening on the Lake there was a very severe gale, and a schooner was blown to pieces on the pier in this harbor this morning; the crew barely escaped.

PACIFIC COAST DISPATCHES.

California Elections.

SAN FRANCISCO, 7, 8 p.m.—Returns are coming in slowly. Booth is elected by a probable 3,000 majority.

The following election returns have been received:

San Mateo: Haight 163, Booth 78.

Alameda: Haight 19, Booth 33.

Calaveras: Haight 60, Booth 35.

San Joaquin: Haight 23, Booth 10.

El Dorado: Haight 54, Booth 10.

Merced: Haight 23, Booth 10.

San Luis Obispo: Haight 31, Booth 11.

Returns from five precincts give Booth 42 majority. The County is very close; the Republican Senator and two Assemblymen are undoubtedly elected.

Knights of the Ferry precinct: Haight 27, a majority of the rest of the Democratic state ticket has 14.

Mokelumne Station, Booth 78, Haight 49.

Woodbridge, Booth 119, Haight 108.

Telegraph City: majority for the Democrats.

Fresno Co: New Idria precinct gives Booth 23, and Panoche gives him 10 of a majority.

Kern Co, Bakersfield: Haight 65, Booth 55.

San Mateo: San Mateo township, Booth 181, Haight 108.

Pacifica: Booth's majority, 106; Spanishtown township, Booth's majority, 79.

Redwood City: Every precinct heard from except Red Hill. Booth's majority is 250. Sand Hills will reduce it to 250.

San Jose: All the votes are counted in the 21 Ward district, giving the Republicans a majority of 300. The County ticket is not yet counted.

Santa Clara: Haight 300, Booth 348.

It is still impossible, in the absence of official returns, to give the actual election figures of San Francisco.

It might safely be asserted, however, that Booth's majority is not under 1,300 and may reach 2,000. Alford's is from 300 to 1,000, at least, and the whole State ticket and Tax Payers' tickets are elected by good majorities, with the exception of the Independent ticket.

Archery and Houghton are very close, and official returns will be required to decide who is elected. The Republicans are wild with enthusiasm; the result far exceeding their most sanguine expectations.

Tehama, 7.—The total vote of this precinct is 213. Haight's majority 11.

Chico: Booth 500, Haight 400.

Pacheco: Booth's majority in this county is probably 350.

San Pablo: Booth's majority 27, State ticket the same, a gain to the Democrats of 20 on an election of 1867.

Official vote of Pinole precinct makes Haight's majority 42. The rest of the State ticket the same.

Booth's majority in Contra Costa is 300 as far as heard; two precincts to hear from will give him 60 more.

Republican county ticket all elected except Silverly for county surgeon. Hunt, Democrat, having small majority.

San Joaquin: full returns from San Joaquin county and the city of Stockton, show a total vote of 2,500. Booth's majority is 217; the State and congressional ticket is the same.

Santa Cruz: the entire Republican State and county tickets elected.

In this precinct Booth's majority is 300.

San Luis Obispo: Coltonwood precinct, 24 majority for Haight. Los Banos, 13 majority for Haight. Haight's majority 300.

San Joaquin: Alameda gives 500 for Booth.

Yuba: Talara gives Haight 175 majority.

Butter County: Haight's majority is 35 in this county.

Placerville: The Republican county and legislative tickets are all elected.

In El Dorado Booth's majority is 35; in Gold Run Booth has 124 and Haight 66; Elk Grove precinct Booth's majority is 59.

The Republicans claim the county and legislative. The Democrats admit their defeat on the local issue, and then turn to the State.

Tuolumne county gives Haight 175 majority. The Republicans elect one senator and two Assemblymen.

Valley: Booth has 1383 majority in Vallejo; Coghlan has 1484 majority.

Booth's majority is 41. He carries Napa county by 170.

Insanity and Suicide.

SAN FRANCISCO, 7.—The suicide of Mrs. Alphonsa Hall, by hanging to-day, excited much remark, as she was known to everybody as a lady of superior intelligence and cheerful disposition, a Christian with deep convictions and peculiarly happy in her domestic relations. She had not been very seriously ill, but was confined to her house for a few weeks, and her sudden attack of insanity beyond question is attributed to physical causes.

The Election.

No full returns are yet in from any ward; enough, however, is known to show that the whole Republican ticket is largely ahead in San Francisco.

Every man on the Tax Payers' ticket is elected with the exception of Badlam for assessor, but between Houghton and Haight is very close. Badlam's friends are confident that he is elected. In the 4th Ward Tim McConnel, a Democrat, is certainly elected supervisor. The lowest estimate of Booth's majority in the city is now 1,200, and he may reach 2,000. Booth's election by at least 4,000 majority is now conceded by the Democrats.

In the 9th Ward Booth had 308 majority; and in the 1st precinct of the 11th Ward, which is usually strongly Democratic, the straight tickets were Booth 304, Haight 305. The scratched tickets will largely increase Booth's vote. It will be late to-morrow before the official figures can be given. Haight appears to have been trading off for every candidate on the Democratic ticket down to justice of peace. The total vote of the city foots up, as given last night, 25,112.

No ward has yet completed counting the ballots; the officers are worn out, and the work is going on very slowly. Hynes, the Democratic candidate for recorder, is elected by the straight Republican running Col. Stevenson in opposition to the tax-payers' nominee, Higgins. Alford, for Mayor, will have 1,300 to 1,350 majority. The Republicans and tax-payers elected every other man on their ticket. The Legislative ticket will have over one thousand average majority. The contest for Congress between Archer, Democrat, and Houghton, Republican, in the first district is very close, and uncertain. The Republicans will hold a grand justification to-morrow evening. Booth is expected to be in the city.

Mrs. Sarah P. Bull, wife of Alphonsa Bull, aged 50 years, committed suicide by hanging herself this morning.

A laborer, name unknown, was killed by the caving of a bank at the corner of California street and Cemetery Avenue to-day.

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