

THE EVENING NEWS.

Monday, May 22, 1870.

BREVITIES.

A son of one of the Siamese twins lives in Sacramento.

Chang, the Chinese giant, is standing eight feet high in Poughkeepsie.

Throughout Oregon there has been a general advance of flour from fifty cents to \$1 per barrel.

The flood of 1870 is being placed upon record as the most marked one in the history of the great Mississippi River.

Washington has a sign bearing the words, "Dressmaker to Her Honor the President."

The first Chinese convert to Methodism in San Francisco is Chik Sen Hong.

The native Russians at Sitka are dying out, and Americans are taking their places.

"The Buffalo town clocks cannot agree." They do not strike at, but after, each other.

Napoleon defied a battle as two great bottles of men trying to scare each other; the one which gets scared first being beaten.

Susan B. Anthony says Dayton would be the most delightful place in the world, with an intelligent woman for Mayor.

"I believe the jury were inoculated, with stupidity," said a lawyer.

"That may be," said his opponent, "but the bar are of opinion that you had it the natural way."

After the clergyman had united a happy pair, not long ago, an awful silence ensued, which was broken by an impatient youth, who exclaimed:

"Don't be so unspeakable happy."

Anna Dickinson says that "there is no work a man can do but that it will be better done by having a woman at his side."

"How about carrying a kicking mule?" asks a contemporary.

"You say," said a judge to a witness, "that the plaintiff resorted to an ingenious use of circumstantial evidence; state just exactly what you mean by that?"

"Well," said the witness, "my exact meaning is that he lied."

The dealers in kerosene in a Vermont town have agreed not to draw any oil after sunset. Whether this precaution will tend to assure consumers that it will be safe to use their oil after sunset, remains to be seen.

On the night of May 15th, Los Angeles experienced the most violent storm of the season. Trees were denuded of limbs, windows were blown in, and fences prostrated, and the fruit crop was badly damaged.

Two centuries ago, not one in a hundred wore stockings. Fifty years ago not a boy in a thousand was allowed to run at large at night. Fifty years ago not a girl in a thousand made a walking maid of her mother. Wonderful improvements in this age!

To test the purity of candy not colored, dissolve it in water. If the water remains transparent, the candy is pure; but if milky or depositing a sediment, terra-alba, or some equally harmful adulteration, has been used.

M. Soleil, chief cashier of the Bank of France, and who, in that capacity, signed all its notes, is dead. He was the "Spirator" of France, and used to boast that his autograph was the most valuable in France.

Vanderbilt is said to be distributing his property to his sons. After the manner of John Jacob Astor, he has lately transferred \$5,000,000 to one of his children for the nominal consideration of \$1. F. Green says he will take \$50,000 at that rate, and advance the purchase money.

A large amount of spurious or perniciously adulterated tea has been recently imported into England, and about seven million pounds have been disposed of at public sale. The design is to use it for the adulteration of genuine tea. Some samples tested, which were designated as "Fine Morning Congou," consisted of red-hot leaves of exhausted tea, for the most part decomposed, offensive in smell, and producing a nauseous and unwholesome liquid. It appears that the stuff is collected in one of the filthiest districts of Shanghai where it is gazed in heaps to be dried in the sun, dogs and pigs walking through and over it. The city authorities of London have taken the matter in hand, and instituted measures to prevent further sale.

In 1710 a coffee shrub was sent from the Dutch East Indies to Amsterdam, and planted in the botanical gardens of that city. From this shrub was sent to Louis XIV and placed in the Jardin des Plantes. This succeeded beautifully, and from its slips were sent by M. Lambert for the garden at Martinique, but both the slips and Lambert died on the way. In 1720, however, three shrubs, which had been produced in the Royal Botanic Gardens of Paris, were sent to the same destination by Captain Decieux. The voyage was long and tedious, and two of the plants died in transit. The ship's company was put on a small allowance of water, and the captain generously shared his quart each day with his remaining plant, and so succeeded in getting it to its destination. From this single plant have resulted all the myriads of coffee plantations of the West Indies and of Central and South America.

The strong nerves of the human system generally prevail, and become more expeditious and more controlling to the body much more speedily than that of the weaker portions. The strong mind can bear more insult than that of the weak. The weak mind snags and snags and gets very busy if everything doesn't go just right and in apple-pie order. But, of course, their conscience and ability being so weak, they cannot help having such feelings, and sympathize with them in their afflictions and bewailments. And while so many can boast of a strong mind and good health, we should also be careful to preserve and take great care that it is not exposed too much to the bad atmosphere. Those that are strong and healthy do not take as good care of themselves as they should.

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