

## FOREIGN NOTES.

Barry Sullivan contemplates a visit to Australia, returning to England via San Francisco, and through the principal cities of the United States.

One of the Berlin novelties in drawing-room furniture is a revolving aquarium. It is a large glass globe which revolves slowly, thus agitating the water and enlivening the fish.

The greatest grief and affection for the late King of Sweden has been universally displayed by the population of the two countries over which he reigned.

Agitation is rife throughout the whole English civil service for increase of pay. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, it is said, will be compelled to accede to the demand.

Tamberlik, who has been before the public so long, and has earned a large fortune every year with his vocal gifts, is said to be in needy circumstances. The great tenor loses his money in "speculation"—so says rumor.

The singers Grisi and Mario annually cleared, as profits for twenty-five years or more, one hundred thousand dollars at least, and now Mario is said to be poor. Much of the money was squandered in extravagant living.

The effect of the high price of iron in England upon some trades is exceedingly disastrous. Ship-building on the Clyde has almost stopped, so far as new orders are concerned, and some of the largest builders are preparing to pay off a great proportion of their men.

A Polish nobleman, named Wostratsky, lately delivered a historical lecture at Lemberg. In the course of his remarks he spoke in very disparaging terms of George Washington, when an American named Warner who was present interrupted the speaker and called him a liar. A fight ensued and the meeting broke up in disorder.

A work of even more interest than Pepy's or Evelyn's "Diary," although of the same sort, is soon to be published. It is the journal of a German student, G. W. de Botzheim. It recounts in plain phrases the St Bartholomew massacre in New Orleans, where the author was at the time.

Metallic money being now scarce in France, the project of an aluminium coinage has been suggested, and has obtained the sanction of high chemical authorities. For the present the scheme is postponed, but the experiments on the subject are being continued, and the project may hereafter be revived with success.

A list of recent converts to Rome has just been published in England. It contains over eighty names of Marquises, Earls, Lords, Generals and Admirals, some belonging to the influential and noble families of the nation. The number of converts from the established church is set down at two hundred.

It is reported from Holland that the famous Dutch violinist, Mr. Henri W. Koov, better known as the Dutch Paganini, will visit America during next year (1873). Endeavors are already made now everywhere to make arrangements for concerts with this violinist, who plays, according to the reports of the papers, in an incredible manner. This renowned artist resides at Kampen, Holland, where he will stay some time in retirement.

The English Catalogue of Books, published during the years 1863 to 1871 inclusive, is now being prepared for publication, and, it is hoped, will be issued during the coming autumn. This will form a second or continuous volume to the one published in 1863, of which there are still a few copies on sale, comprising the publications of 1835 to 1862. The Index Volume is also preparing, and will comprise all the publications of 1856 to 1871 inclusive.

The increasing frequency of sudden deaths in England has excited general attention. The number of such deaths was, in 1851, 5,746; in 1870, 12,428. The medical journals seem to agree that the cause of the increase was the tremendous pace at which men now live. The mental and physical strain involved in a constant struggle to get wealth or fame quickly ends in heart-disease, and that ends in death. This view is sustained by the fact that such deaths occur, as a general rule, among men between 20 and 45 years of age. A medical review kindly advises Englishmen that these figures "warn us to take a little more care not to kill ourselves for the sake of living."

Paris has just lost one of her curiosities, by the death of "old father Martin," the blind beggar, who for the last

thirty years formed a daily prominent object upon the bridges and boulevards, where he stood with a sharp knife in one hand and a piece of wood in the other, whittling. He did not verbally solicit arms, but had by his side a wooden placard, carved and mounted by himself, on which he had engraved: "Martin, blind since birth, reads with his fingers, and writes with his knife, have pity upon him." The work on which he was constantly engaged was carving the letters of the alphabet out of the wood, sometimes in ornamental Gothic, sometimes in English, done with the utmost delicacy, and often decorated with flowering and arabesque ornamentation.

A writer in the London Times relates that in the mummy pits at Sackhara, Egypt, he saw many persons busily engaged in searching out, sifting and sorting femora, tibiae, and other bony bits of the human form, which almost crusted the ground thereabout. Nine camels were employed to bear these in nets to the river side, where vessels waited to carry them to Alexandria, whence they were shipped to English manufacturers of manure. The trade is brisk and is said to have been going on for years, and may go on for many more. It is truly a strange fate to preserve one's skeleton for centuries, in order that there may be fine South-downs and Cheviots in a distant land. But then Egypt is always a place of wonders.

The Journal des Debats relates that on the 3rd ult., at the great theatre at Nijni-Novgorod, which contains 1,000 persons, the piece to be represented being singularly enough, "Crime and its punishment," during the first act a report was suddenly heard, a slight smoke filled the upper part of the theatre, and a cry of "Fire!" was raised. There was a rush for the doors, but only one was open; the terror became general; many persons were thrown down and trampled upon; when the thieves who had combined to raise this alarm commenced operations; tore rings from the ears of the women and watches and studs from the men, the plundering going on for about ten minutes. Quiet and order being restored, it was found that property valued at more than 100,000 roubles had been carried off. Several persons were killed, an actress received a serious wound, and three men and women were carried to the hospital. The light fingered gentlemen all contrived to escape.

## MONTANA NOTES.

Threshing is going on at a rapid rate in this vicinity; from 1,500 to 2,000 bushels of grain being garnered daily. The yield is enormous and astonishes even those who have become accustomed to fabulous crops. The completion of a railroad to the Territory is all that is now wanted to make Montana famous in the East for its superior beef, mutton and flour.—*Deer Lodge Independent*.

Completion of the Bitter Root Survey.—George W. Irvin, Esq., contractor for the survey of the fifteen townships extending from the Lo Lo Fork to a point above the Sleeping Child Creek, in the Bitter Root Valley, informs us that the work is about completed, but his corps of surveyors will do some work near Frenchtown before going into winter quarters. The survey does not "hug" the hills very closely but covers, we believe, the settled portion of the valley. All actual settlers can now secure titles to land at \$1.25 per acre, under special Act of Congress, payment to be made within twenty-one months from the date of settlement or the passage of said Act. The Act became a law in June last. The 16th and 36th sections are reserved for school purposes, which lands cannot be disposed of until Montana becomes a State, without special legislation. The usual custom has been to sell school lands to the highest bidder, regardless of improvements, when said lands are put upon the market.—*Deer Lodge Independent*.

The U. S. Geological Surveying Expedition, under Professor F. V. Hayden, intend leaving Bozeman to-day for the East. In their operations this summer they have made a thorough exploration of the country on the Yellowstone, carefully examining all points of interest in that beautiful region, viz.: The Mammoth Hot Springs, the Great Falls of the Yellowstone, the wonderful Geysers, with the marvellous fountains surrounding them, the mining regions of Emigrant Gulch and Clark's Fork, and making elaborate surveys of the surrounding country; thence to the Fire Hole Basin, where they joined that branch of the expedition under

Capt. James Stevenson, which left Ogden last June. The two parties acted in concert for several days, when Dr. Hayden's party started for the headwaters of the Madison, the course of which he made a thorough exploration of, from its source to its confluence with the Jefferson and Gallatin at the head of the Missouri River, visiting and examining the mines on Cherry Creek, Spanish Creek, and the "Silver Shower" district. After the exploration of the Madison range, the party traversed the entire course of the two forks of the Gallatin river, and took observations in the range between this valley and the Yellowstone, examining and measuring the passes, and marking the several objects of interest. They have taken accurate maps and charts of the geology and topography of the country through which they have passed, and thoroughly examined the various formations and collected specimens of the natural productions of the country. \* \* \* In taking his departure, the Professor will leave behind him many warm friends, who have become attached to him by his unaffected mien and genial social qualities, and who cordially wish him every success in his endeavors to promote the interests of science and the progress of the age.—*Avant Courier*.

## EASTERN NOTES.

There are nearly 100 women serving on school committees in the State of Massachusetts.

One thousand years is the oldest age of any oak tree now existing in England.

The Earl Granville is said to be a strict temperance man, and has not been known to drink liquors for some five and twenty years.

Queen Victoria isn't "stuck up," and prefers the title of "Madame," or even "Ma'am," to that of "Your Majesty," in private life.

Co-operation flourishes in Italy. There are eleven bands of brigands in the Peninsula organized on that principle.

The New York and Erie railroad is to be cut down to the usual gauge, and five years will be consumed in the operation.

Dog collars of black velvet, that is, an inch wide band with a locket in front and tied in a bow behind, are worn with linen collars by young ladies.

The mother of a charming Dubuque girl would not let her marry a conductor, because she didn't want her doors slammed off.

The remains of Fanny Fern have been deposited in Mount Auburn, in a brick catacomb, by the side of the remains of her first husband.

M. Pacha, the new Turkish Grand Vizier, has reduced his own salary from 90,000*l.* to 17,000*l.* a month. He is a poor man, but believes that economy, like charity, begins at home.

The New York Journal of Commerce warns bankers that no thickness of stone or iron will keep a burglar out of a vault if he can hire the room next door.

The eagerness with which the Hindoo devotee prostrates himself before the car of Juggernaut is nothing to the anxiety which the average American boy displays to have himself run over by a heavy wagon.

The quantity of water used in extinguishing fires in London during 1871, amounted to 16,204,547 gallons. About one-half of this water was taken from the river Thames and from canals and docks, and the remainder from the street pipes.

Sir John Lubbock, Mr. Darwin, Sir John Bowring, and other noted leaders of science in England, have joined others in supporting the excommunicated rationalist, Mr. Voysey, who is to have a church built for him.

J. Guido Methua is permanently engaged as scenic artist at the Grand Opera House, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and M<sup>me</sup> Methua Scheller is to play in German and English alternately, at Milwaukee and Chicago, for the three coming months.

The well-dressed bores, who annoy all around them in the theatre by loud talking, are receiving attention from the newspapers. They are mildly asked simply to conduct themselves as what they pretend to be, ladies and gentlemen.

A Baltimore manager has serious intentions of bringing out "Hamlet" with

a practicable brook, wherein Ophelia may drown herself in sight of the audience.

"Chemist," the anonymous correspondent who has been writing so perseveringly to the city papers against the composition water pipe in use, proves to be a chap interested in another kind of pipe.—*Washington Star*.

A minister, not a thousand miles from St. Louis, was recently making his way quietly from the pulpit to the door, when one of his flock rudely stopped him, and thanking him for his excellent sermon, handed him what he said it was worth—a hundred-dollar greenback.

In allusion to the Lydia Thompson burlesque troupe, the Boston Gazette makes these remarks:

"The subject is a painful one, at best, and does not come within the bounds of legitimate criticism, save in as far as it is a blemish upon the drama of our day, an obstacle in the way of dramatic art, and a corrupter of public tastes and morals. We are no supporters of 'prurient prudery,' nor are we inclined to be captious or hypocritical upon every species of dramatic entertainment that does not come up to a certain 'legitimate' or 'classical' standard; but we cannot give in our adhesion to a class of pieces that are unnecessarily barren of all merit, and have nothing to make them attractive save utter unreserve on the part of the performers, and the brilliant recklessness with which they, for the most part, unsex and undress themselves."

## WESTERN NOTES.

The San Francisco Bulletin reads the California people a homily on the wickedness of horse racing.

Bierstadt and Clarence King passed through Visalia on Friday on their way to this city. They confirm the report of the existence of falls on King's river—rivaling Yosemite in beauty and height.—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

The Indianapolis papers think that a little judicious "whaling" from the police would not seriously injure their street boys. Alas! Indianapolis is not alone in her need of cetacean punishment for her boys.—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

A San Francisco barber, engaged in weeding out the tangled locks of a sheep herder the other day, stuck his shears against an obstacle of some description. The customer explained he had hunted high and low for that old pipe, and he just then remembered putting it behind his ear long back in haying time.

San Francisco claims the credit of a new invention, which is destined to create a revolution in arms for military and sporting purposes. This invention consists of a series of springs and levers, by means of which, as soon as the gun is discharged, the machinery brings forward the next charge, and the piece, in a quarter of a second, is ready to be fired again; all this is done instantly, without moving the piece from the eye or line of fire. The whole of the charges of a Henry rifle may be fired in two seconds, without moving the eye from the object aimed at or using the hands in any way but for pulling the trigger. There is no limit to the rapidity of firing. The sportsman may fire the whole number of charges in his piece, which may be ten, twelve or fifteen, before the bird gets out of range. This arm has been inspected by eminent military men, who pronounce it far ahead of anything at present in use for military purposes.

Harry—"Your dawg is werry thin, William."

William—"He is werry bad, but when he dies I am going to stuff him, Harry."

Harry (insinuatingly)—"Hadn't you better stuff him before he dies?"

It is said we are creatures of habit, and it should be remembered that good habits are quite as easily formed as bad. Persons who complain of being unable to break themselves of a bad habit may be assured that the same difficulty will exist in breaking a good one, when it is formed.

"I once called," said Theodore Hook, on an old lady who pressed me so urgently to stay and dine with her, that, as I had no engagement, I could not refuse. On sitting down, the servant uncovered a dish which contained two mutton chops, and my old friend said, 'Mr. Hook, you see your dinner.' 'Thank you, ma'am,' said I, 'but where's yours?'