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BREVITIES.

To make home cheerful and attractive,

all innocent arts should be resorted to.

—Grace Greenwood.

Old Gent—"Biddy, what is this you

have among the stuffing of the turkey?"

Biddy (delighted)—"Ah, an' sure,

master, I'm obliged to ye, for 'savin' my

shignon; I've been looking for it all

day."

The young lady destined to be Mrs.

Alexis is the Princess Thyra of Den-

mark, a young lady of fine personal and

intellectual attractions, and a better

linguist even than her "cousin," she

speaks six languages. Only to think of

a candle lecture in six languages!

Polyglot par excellence!

In one of his plays Addison

makes an undertaker upbraid a mite

who had laughed at a funeral. "You

wages for the last two years, on con-

dition that you appear more sorrowful;

and the higher wages you receive the

happier you look."

Oysters have become of late so com-

monly beyond the means of men in

moderate circumstances in France, that

snails have become a common sub-

stitute, and it is reckoned that from

50,000 to 70,000 are daily consumed in

Paris, being sold at from twelve to fif-

teen cents (American) a dozen.

A good instance of "sharp practice"

is that of a man in Ohio, who was ac-

quitted of murder on a plea of insanity.

He had secured his lawyers by giving

them a mortgage on his farm, but when

he was acquitted he found that the

attorneys had sold the mortgage on the

ground that he was insane when he made it,

according to the showing of these same

lawyers.

The case of the Long Island lady who

apologized to her guests for the break-

fast being late by saying that a "boy

had been born to her during the night,"

is paralleled by the Western wife who

said her husband was washing with the

message, "Dear John, I have only had

time to do up two of your shirts; its a

boy and weighs twelve pounds."

The Edinburgh Review relates an an-

ecdote of M. de Sainte Beuve. He once

fought a duel. When the principals

took their position it was raining hard.

Sainte Beuve had his pistol in one hand,

and with the other he held up his um-

brella. The seconds protested, "I

have no objection to being killed," said

farmers in each district and county sub-

scribe their share.—London Times.

By Telegraph.

(SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.)

PER WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH LINE.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

Civil Service—The Washington Treaty—

Amnesty.

Fenton presented a petition from

New York merchants, in favor of re-

form of the civil service and on the

reimbursement of the books of merchants.

He said the subject was one of the first

importance, and was largely embraced

in the custom service bill, which he

would move to take up as soon as the

amnesty bill was disposed of.

Edmunds offered a resolution asking

the President to send to the senate any

information in his possession relative

to the alleged intention of Great Britain

to revoke the treaty of Washington,

unless the claims of the U. S. should be

presented upon a principle and in a

manner agreeable to the other party.

No one felt more deeply than he did the

importance of the subject. The people of

the United States had shown their de-

sire for peace, by submitting to arbitra-

tion claims which they felt ought not to

be submitted to any tribunal but

themselves; but the British government

and nation had had full notice that the

claim for consequential damage would

be made. If they were about to repu-

diate the treaty, it was necessary to

take care to enter into no more treaties

with powers which can so easily break

them, and at the proper time take

measures to vindicate our national

honor and enforce our just claims.

The chairman of the committee on

foreign affairs thought the President

would disgrace himself by repudiating

the treaty.

Edmunds, at Trumbull's suggestion,

modified his resolution so as to merely

ask for information as to the intention

of Great Britain to repudiate the treaty.

Robertson called up in regular order

the amnesty bill, and the resolution

went over.

HOUSE.

Educational Fund Who Stole the

School Funds.

The house resumed consideration of

the bill to establish an educational fund

and apply the proceeds of public land

to the education of the people.

The amendment was offered provid-

ing that the act shall not have any

effect to impede, impair or suspend any

law authorizing the pre-emption of pub-

lic lands or their entry for homesteads,

nor shall it be construed to limit in any

manner the power of Congress to alter

or extend the right of homestead.

Butler, of Tennessee, spoke in ad-

vocacy of the bill, and in the course of

his remarks got into a controversy with

his colleagues, Garnett and Wright, as

to who stole the school funds of Ten-

nessee. Butler declaring the Democrats

got \$3,000,000, and the Republicans

only \$300,000. In this connection he

charged that Garnett was expelled from

the legislature, a statement which the

latter denounced as wilfully false, and

that Butler was a liar.

After considerable debate, the vote on

the bill and pending amendment went

over and the house adjourned.

EASTERN DISPATCHES.

Mayor Hall Indicted.

New York.—A special Washington

dispatch says that advice from Min-

ister Schenck confirms the statement

that the attacks on the Washington

treaty were instigated by the Gladstone

government to the effect that England

was overreached in the Alabama negotia-

tion. One view indicated by Schenck

is that the English flag is all gotten

up to prejudice arbitrations against the

claims of consequential damage in one

stroke is a job.

The President stated yesterday that

the demand of the English government

that the confederate loan be considered

as a proper claim conflicts with the

policy of the President, which the

President had heard would be ac-

cepted by England to withdraw the

claims of consequential damage in one

stroke which had been submitted to the

joint high commission at Washington at

that time. The American government

indicated its willingness to accept a

settlement of such demands, but the

proposition was rejected.

ROBANTON, Pa., 6.—An explosion by

firearm took place at Norton's mine,

four miles below Pottsville, this morn-

ing. Three men were killed and fifteen

were injured, but the latter are yet alive,

as far as can be learned.

BOSTON, 6.—S. P. Law, clerk of the

post-office, is a defaulter. Thirty thou-

sand dollars and sixty cents in un-

opened letters were found upon him.

WASHINGTON, 6.—The President sent

the following nominations to the senate

to-day: H. R. Hurlbut, controller of cur-

rency; Edwin S. McCook, secretary of

the Treasury; and John B. Caloun, United

States attorney for New Mexico.

The United States frigate Congress

has been ordered to join the squadron

off the coast of Africa.

NEW YORK, 6.—An indictment found

against Mayor Hall charges him with

signing warrants for the fraudulent bills

of Garvey and Ingalls. The two were

arrested yesterday, but are not yet ar-

rested, he having kept away from the city,

but it is expected he will surrender him-

self this afternoon. A number of city

laborers were paid to-day.

WASHINGTON, 6.—The committee of

ways and means heard the representa-

tives of the tobaccoists, from Virginia,

asking the reduction of the tax. The

delegation of distillers were next heard.

Garrett Davis, after stating break-

fast yesterday, was attacked with sick-

ness. He complained of severe pains

in the head, and has been since lying

in a critical condition. "Distillers are

generally excluded from the chamber.

Mr. Ingalls says if he can produce

testimony within the next 24 hours he

shall have hopes of his recovery.

EUROPEAN DISPATCHES.

Queen's Speech at Opening of Parlia-

ment.—About the Alabama Claims.

NEW YORK, 6.—A special dispatch

says the House language the treaty of

Washington has become unpopular for

the reason that it is not based on a

correct understanding between the

signatory parties. It is with the ut-

most reluctance that we contemplate

the possibility that the reference of this

question to an arbitral court will

come to nothing, that there will remain

nothing of the expedition thus raised

of a successful issue of the case. A

satisfactory answer from Washington,

excluding the American claim for in-

direct damages cannot be anticipated,

a misunderstanding which will thus be

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