

## EASTERN NOTES.

A Wisconsin sheep put out the eyes of his shearer by driving the shears into them.

An English low church clergyman has practically manifested his abhorrence of the ritualistic practice of celibacy by marrying several wives at once.

A memoir of General Robert E. Lee, written by his nephew's wife, Mrs. Childe, appeared in the June number of the *Paris Revue des Deux Mondes*, and is attracting much attention in Europe.

A copy of the Mazarin Bible sold recently in London for £3,400, about \$17,000 for a single old book. It is said to be the largest price ever paid for a book within the annals of book selling.

Coal has been discovered in Texas, respecting which a local paper says: "The value of the article may be judged when it is known that seven barrels of this coal is calculated to be equal, for the purposes of generating steam or use in the forge, to twelve barrels of the Pittsburgh coal."

Four young women have entered the philosophical course at the University of Rome. They are skillful short-hand writers, an art that is absolutely necessary at this university, as all lectures are required to be taken down verbatim by the students.

Sue Blair, of Fond du Lac, Wis., played her lover a game of chess the other day, to decide whether the wedding day should be fixed for this year or the next. Sue desired more time, but lost the game, and must face the parson before the coming January.

Another smart woman has recently come to the surface, a Mrs. T. M. Boreland, of Texas. This lady, who is now in St. Louis, owns about 1,000 head of cattle, and accompanied the herd all the way from its starting point to the latter city, doing at least two men's work in the way of driving and managing.

Mrs. Sharon, School Superintendent of Marion County, Iowa, receives great praise from the journals of that State for the excellent manner in which she performs the duties of that office. Miss Lizzie Shirley, of Delmar, is a candidate for School Superintendent of Clinton County, same State.

The old-time residence of Major Richard Montague, one of Ethan Allen's assistants at the capture of Ticonderoga, has just been torn down in North Leverett, Mass. Though the house was built in 1748, many of its timbers were discovered to be perfectly sound.

The prospective pursuits of the forty-four young men recently graduated at the Ohio Wesleyan University are as follows: Law, fifteen; ministry, seven; professorial life, six; banking business, four; drug trade, three; journalism, two; civil engineering, two; medicine, two; farming, one.

Governor (now Senator) Boutwell has no hesitation in declaring that the great cause of the comparative purity of New England government is the large number of representatives in their respective Legislatures, and that he would prefer seeing a House of Representatives of one thousand rather than have it cut down to one hundred.

The solution of the compulsory educational problem has been reached in England, so as to preserve the rights of all free-born Britons and yet secure the desired object. It is to amend the poor law so that no family, the children of which are not sent to school, shall receive relief. That would knock the magna charta out from under the feet of about three million sturdy sons of Albion, who are determined to maintain their right of raising their offspring in ignorance and dirt.

The Springfield Republican has a correspondent at the Sandwich Islands, who does not present things in that rosy light customary to Hawaiian writers. He says: "Don't let anybody persuade you to encourage Sandwich Island annexation on any pretext. It is the merest job and speculation in the world. The plan is to bribe the King and chiefs with a subsidy from the secret service fund. The natives are all opposed. It is now the only entirely respectable government I know of."

A man was fined \$25 at Galena, lately, "for wanting to whip everybody."

In Khiva, when a man owes and won't settle, his suspension is immediately announced by a rope.

Somebody says that politeness is like an air-cushion, although there is nothing in it, it eases all jolts wonderfully.

Blonde hair is worth more than its weight in gold. The metal costs about eighteen dollars an ounce, while the hair sells for from twenty to thirty dollars.—*Ex.*

The Chicago Times says that one of Senator Carpenter's "Websterian qualities is to be calmly and seriously in debt to every one who will trust him."

It has only just transpired what the Shah's full name is. He wrote it at Madame Tussaud's wax works, and wrote it "Nasserdin Obah Kadjar."

An Omaha theatre has the following startling announcement: "A New Wife every night." That's the monogamy of some people—one wife at a time.

The New York Mail tells us that a favorite hotel is to be kept this season at one of the watering places "by the widow of Mr. —, who died last summer on a new and improved plan."

Dennison, Texas, has 4,000 inhabitants and thirty-five gin mills. People who go there on business have to smile so often that they soon become disqualified for business.

"Lemonade Parties" are now the fashionable summer amusement in some parts of Illinois—happily, not Chicago. First they lemonade, then they promenade, then they gasconade and then they flirt—all on sour stomachs.

Francis Dalton thinks five generations of steady effort in wise directions would do as much to improve the human race as the domestic animals or a crop of timber, and there is much more reason in making the effort.

The New York Journal of Commerce makes the sweeping assertion that "the whole business of the college regatta is forced, abnormal, unhealthy, and depressing upon the moral and intellectual tone of the student."

In the East people are perpetually worried by "the boy who bathes," but out at Lafayette, Ind., the papers are complaining in right down earnest because troops of girls go in swimming in conspicuous places in the river.

Capital punishment does prevent crime. A young Georgian lately bought a pistol to shoot an obnoxious party, but hearing about the hanging of O'Neil, changed his mind and swapped his weapon for something more harmless.

The new postal card does not seem to be understood in Augusta, Ga. A young man of that city received one, Saturday, and after tearing at it for some time, said to a friend standing by: "See here, Jack, I can't get the darned thing open."

The Troy Times reads a lecture to those who abuse Bret Harte for not being funny all the time: "A fellow must have time to recuperate, no matter how witty he may be; he can't keep on scintillating all the time, without exhausting his fuel."

One of the austere professors of Yale came rushing out Thursday night to find the man who had dared to pull the college bell. He was told that Yale had won every one of the boat races, and saying, "Go ahead, boys," he returned to his home, mollified and beaming.—*Ex.*

A father-in-law who knows the sweet and the bitter of revenge has been discovered in Indiana. He complained of his son-in-law, who had given him a beating. The young man was arrested, tried, and fined \$16, and the old gentleman promptly drew forth his wallet and paid the fine.

A Georgia paper recently contained the following item in its Society Gossip: "The amiable and delicious Miss Pinkington, whose charms of mind and person have turned the heads of our gallants, now does her hair in braids, and patronizes this paper exclusively in her personal makeup."

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