

BREVITIES.

New York has 10,000 saloons.

A lobster thirty-two inches long has been caught off Scotland.

Fire-proof furniture is the latest scientific announcement in Germany.

Jenny Lind's eldest daughter is studying for the opera.

A Mississippi paper is published by Swords & Spears.

The "blondes" are now denominated the pale of society.

The steam whistle at Cape Elizabeth blows a blast that is audible six miles out.

California is agitating a proposal to teach the culture in the State Reform School the culture and manufacture of silk.

Colman, the dramatist, was asked if he knew Theodore Hook. "Yes," he replied: "Hook and Eye are old associates."

Thermometers with elongated bulbs are said to be more sensitive than with round ones.

A sturdy butcher had to be removed from a Cincinnati theatre, his sobs disturbing the audience so much.

They call the girls in the Treasury Department, who scissor postal currency, "Revenue Cutters."

A wistful lady, being asked her opinion of monkeys, replied: "I always set my face against them."

In Pennsylvania there are eleven millions of dollars in church property exempt from taxation.

The English government aims to secure females for telegraph operators almost entirely.

A Hoboken editor being challenged, sent word in reply: "When I want to die I can shoot myself."

A Cincinnati woman has brought a suit for a divorce because her husband neglected to kiss her before leaving home.

A Southern paper is convinced that every steamer ought to carry one or more transparencies at night, with the name of the boat and its destination.

Eggs may be preserved perfectly good for six months by rubbing them over with lard.

Since the completion of the salt and sulphur lake, along the line of the road, are being looked up and located.

General Scott, when he took the City of Mexico, levied \$100,000 for the establishment of a Soldiers' Home, and that was the first one established on this continent.

At a recent lecture Professor X—stated that Saturn had a ring six thousand miles broad. "Be jabers!" exclaimed an Irishman who was present, "what a finger he must have!"

Von Graefe, the Berlin oculist, is in feeble health, but is not likely to die poor. He made 10,000 florins in a recent professional visit of five days to Vienna.

A youth of the period spent a fortune of \$10,000 in bouquets for blonde actresses, and is now an applicant for a situation as "bar-keeper," wages not so much of an object as something to eat.

"Hug Me Tight" is the name of the new jacket for ladies. It is intended to be worn with the "Kiss Me Quick" bonnet.

The first evidence of interest in the subject of woman suffrage in Maine, is a petition just presented to the Legislature from citizens of Pembroke, for an amendment to the Constitution that shall permit women to vote.

The entire length of the "greatest bridge in the United States," at Louisville is 5,239 feet, nineteen feet over a mile.

A chemist in Albany, while expatiating on the discoveries of chemical science, announced that snow possessed considerable heat. An Irishman present said chemistry must be a valuable science, and asked the lecturer how many snow-balls it would require to boil a tea-kettle. This was a poser.

The oldest piano in the United States is owned by M. C. Loomis, of New Haven. The case is four and a quarter feet long, by one and a quarter wide, and on it is engraved this inscription: "Gabriel Bumebari et Zumpo, London, 1788. Prince Street, Hanover Square."

The water power of Maine, derived from the rivers and streams, is estimated, by an official report, at between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 horse power. The approximate area of the lakes, ponds, and rivers of the State is placed at 21,000 square miles. Maine, it is asserted, has 1,568 lakes, more in proportion to its size than any other country of the globe, with few exceptions, and 2,239,200,000 cubic feet of water are annually delivered by her rivers.

A case of disputed possession of a child was recently before a New Orleans court, each of two women claiming the boy as her son. The court was wearied with the case, and annoyed by the repeated applications for his interference.

"The boy belongs to both of them," he said.

"But your Honor," interposed an attorney "that can't be. One or the other must be his mother."

"Both of them!"

"A child can't have two mothers."

"Oh yes, he can."

"I don't understand it."

"The Scripture says a man must be born twice, and I'd like to know the reason a boy can't."

"The boy's got two mothers," and clinging to this view the case was dismissed.

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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

Stockton, by unanimous consent, offered a resolution asking the Secretary of the Navy for information in regard to the sinking of the steamer *Oncida* in the harbor at Yokohama; adopted.

HOUSE.

Bills introduced.

Dawes presented a report asking the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to what public buildings have not yet been commenced, for which estimates have been submitted this session. Dawes asked leave to report and have put on its passage a bill to pay the family of the late E. M. Stanton one year's salary as a Justice of the Supreme Court.

Munger objected.

Munger asked leave to offer a resolution of inquiry under what authority the Internal Revenue officers recently seized private property and papers in New York and elsewhere.

Schenck objected.

Garfield offered a resolution directing the postal committee to inquire into the expediency of adding the postal express to the mail service and for sending small packages over the principal routes at reasonable rates; adopted.

Schofield introduced a joint resolution for the advancement of naval officers for distinguished services; referred.

The bill for an air line road from New York to Washington came up. Wood denounced the bill as a swindle, and said he would guarantee to give the corporation two millions for the franchise.

Cox suggested an amendment, which would carry the bill through Congress, namely, to strike out the name of corporations and insert the names of members of Congress. Ingersoll moved the previous question, which the House refused, and the second bill went over to the next morning hour.

The House resumed the consideration of a joint resolution, reported yesterday by Laffin, representing the printing and patent office specifications. Jencks and Banks supported, while Coke and Munger opposed it. The resolution finally passed.

Stokes, from the committee on the census, reported the census bill, which was recommended.

Morrill, of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill to provide for the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of Independence by holding a National Exposition of arts and manufactures at Philadelphia in 1870; refused.

Stevenson, from the committee on mileage, reported a bill reducing mileage to ten cents a mile, by the shortest practicable route; recommitted.

Logan moved that the bill for the reduction of the number of army officers be considered in a committee of the whole. He called to give notice and said he would call it up to-morrow. Adjourned.

CHICAGO.

Female Suffrage Bill voted in Minnesota—Doings at the Gold Room.

CHICAGO.—George Austin has vetoed the female suffrage bill passed by the Minnesota Legislature, on the grounds that the clause submitting the amendment to females as well as males is unconstitutional, the females not being legal voters.

New York special says that the gold clearances in Wall street yesterday exceeded one hundred and ten millions; the bulls suffered fearfully. Many rumors of failures were circulated. It is reported that the losses of Dawson and Hopkins exceed half a million.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Election Returns.

CONCORD.—Returns from 282 towns give Stearns 32,987, Bidell 22,964, Flint 6,898, Barrows 1,159; the remaining towns will give about five thousand, leaving Governor Stearns a majority of 1200. The Republicans will have about fifty majority in the House.

NEW YORK.

Collyer's reasons for his defeat—Excitement among the gold gamblers.

NEW YORK.—Sam Collyer has written a letter explaining the cause of his late defeat by Billy Edwards, which he attributes to the fact that his jaw was broken in the third round.

The gold market has been again a scene of wild excitement, the transactions amounting to nearly 100 millions. The fluctuations are rapid and to a considerable extent.

WASHINGTON.

Gravity of the Indian question—No mist at New Orleans.

WASHINGTON.—The President in a communication, to-day, closes a communication from the Secretary of the Interior relative to the obligations of Congress to make the necessary appropriations to carry out the Indian treaties made by the commissioners in '67. The President earnestly desires that if an Indian war becomes inevitable the Government, at least, should not be responsible. The Secretary of the Interior says that complaints are made by the Indians in all the Territories of the encroachments of the whites on their reservations and of the lack of faith in the promises of the Government. They say that expeditions are constantly being fitted out by the whites to explore the reservations to search for mines or for the purpose of settlement. Reports from every quarter show that uncertainty, in regard to the best policy to be

pursued by the Government, and especially with reference to the treaties made in '67 and '68, has produced general disorganization. The whites and settlers are denying the right of the Indians and the latter are upbraiding the whites with a breach of faith. The Secretary expresses the belief that a fair investigation would show that it is unjust to put the whole blame on the savages. He concludes by saying that aside from any objections as a Christian nation, under such circumstances, he thinks, as a mere question of economy, it will be proper to feed every adult Indian during his natural life, which he thinks would be cheaper than to carry on a general Indian war. He urges that the giving policy should have a thorough trial.

Secretary Boutwell has reported against the utility of a mint at New Orleans, holding that the Philadelphia mint is sufficient for the Atlantic States, and that the San Francisco mint is sufficient for the Pacific States. In view of this fact Senator Kellogg, to-day, introduced a resolution looking to the reversion of the mint property at New Orleans to the city, as it was ceded to the Government only for mint purposes.

VIRGINIA.

Captives Delivered.

WHEELING, 9.—At Charleston, Kanawha county, recently selected as the capital of the State, a band of armed men entered the town in open daylight on the 2nd instant and advancing to the jail, deliberately unlocked the door and released the prisoners. They presented cocked revolvers to those who happened to be present, threatening death if any alarm were given. The organization is said to be indisposed toward the civil authorities, who are powerless. It is said that the governor will call upon the U. S. government for military aid to suppress this lawlessness.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Murderers executed.

HUNTINGTON, Pa.—The murderers of Bohner and Bodenbush were executed to-day; their necks were broken by the fall and there was no struggle.

ILLINOIS.

Committee Items.

CHICAGO.—The Journal's Washington special says the Senate appropriation committee have already reduced the legislative appropriation bill one million, three hundred thousand dollars below the House estimate, and have struck out one million in the collection of the Internal Revenue.

ARKANSAS.

Homicide.

Two merchants, partners, at Forrest city, Ark., quarreled yesterday, resulting in the shooting and instant death of one of them.

MASSACHUSETTS.

U. P. R. Directors chosen—Earnings of the road, etc.

BOSTON.—The stockholders of the Union Pacific Railroad met to-day and elected as Directors for the ensuing year Oliver Ames, Oakes Ames, John Duff, John B. Alley, C. H. McCormick, W. F. Glidden, R. Hazard, Elisha Atkins, A. E. Lambard, O. S. Chapman, James Brooks, G. M. Dodge, Sidney Dillon, Fred. Nickerson and C. S. Bushnell. The following is the substance of the report of Oliver Ames, President: "We have spent during the year upon snow sheds and snow fences over three hundred thousand dollars; we have now over five miles of snow sheds and nearly fifty miles of snow fences, in addition to a large amount of snow fences put up last year. The experiment thus far this winter shows that our road can be run without serious hindrance or obstruction from the snow. Our Superintendent is confident that we can keep our road as free from snow as the roads in New England and New York. The express business over the road was fully investigated last Summer and we came to the conclusion that it would be for our interests for the road to discontinue its connection with Wells, Fargo & Co., and do this business ourselves. The results of the change have been an increase of receipts to the amount of about thirty per cent above what we received from that firm. We have made connection with the A. and P. Telegraph Company, through which we are getting a large portion of our telegraph service free; we have the expectation of realizing a handsome income from 3,800,000 of stock we received from the A. and P. Telegraph Company for the use of our lines for commercial purposes, should this company make connection with the Central Pacific Railroad Co. as they now expect, and secure a fair share of the California business. The earnings of the road, as far as reported since first opened, amount to \$6,800,000; we anticipate that the gross earnings for the ensuing year will reach twelve millions, and we shall not be surprised should they largely exceed it. The net income from this will pay all the interests with a handsome dividend upon the stock should we not need it for improvements upon the road."

NORTH CAROLINA.

Insurrection.

RALEIGH, N. C.—Governor Holden has issued a proclamation declaring the county of Alamance in a state of insurrection, because of various outrages by bands of men armed and disguised, among them the hanging of a negro at Graham. Information has been received of the law being abolished of citizens having been whipped, shot and scourged and threatened with further violence if they don't conform to the political standard set up by assassins.

The Governor pledges the whole power of the State government to put a stop to these outrages. He says that criminals who escape to adjoining counties shall be pursued and, if not delivered up by the civil authorities, such counties shall also be declared in a state of insurrection.

KENTUCKY.

Breckinridge Denounces the Ku Klux Klan.

LOUISVILLE, 9.—Gen. Breckinridge, in an argument in a criminal trial at Lexington, denounced the "K. K. K." as either idiots or villains, and asserted his freedom from them and his readiness to form one of a sheriff's posse to arrest and bring them to justice.

FOREIGN NEWS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Discussion on Land Bill—Bright's Election—Some of the Bishops agreeing to Infidelity.

LONDON.—In the Commons to-night the debate on the Irish land bill was continued. Maguire, member for Cork, attacked the measure, declaring that it fell short of the exalted expectations of the Irish people. He advocated the repeal of the law of distraint and concluded by expressing the opinion that if the bill were properly amended it would prove a benefit to the country.

Hunt, member for Northamptonshire, rejoiced at the good temper shown in the discussion and commented at length on the provisions of the bill, approving some, censuring others. He thought the defects might be remedied in a committee.

The Attorney General made an elaborate reply to these objections.

The Odonoghue thought the task undertaken was the organization of a general land system for Ireland. There was one hopeful augury in the fact that his voice, hitherto unheeded, was now heard.

Henry, member for Oxford, discovered a source of endless litigation in the bill.

Barry, in a speech full of humor and force, showed that the tenure system of England favored the tenants while that of Ireland favored the landlords; this inequality needed redress, an opportunity for which the bill afforded. He said both Celts and Protestants fled to America, bearing ravenous hatred toward England, and from them came the possibility of a war with America. He then proceeded to defend the bill in detail. After further discussion the House adjourned.

John Bright is rusticated in the mountains of Wales; his health is improved.

The German and Austrian Bishops at the Ecumenical Council, have agreed to the proposition of infallibility as well as other new dogmas. It is generally hoped that the Pope won't precipitate a collision with the European powers.

FRANCE.

Special representation to be demanded—Another demonstration by Conscription—Small Pox among prisoners.

PARIS.—It is understood that other Catholic powers will join France in her demands for special representation in the Ecumenical Council. Prince De La Tour D'Auvergne Lorrainville will probably be appointed one of the representatives.

The police will no longer permit the friends of Rochefort to visit him in prison. There was another demonstration by the conscripts yesterday; the disorder was quelled without serious trouble.

It is reported that the small pox has broken out among the political prisoners in confinement.

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