

ments. Gladstone accepted and supported the amendment, which was carried by 232 against 131.

The *Tribune's* Ottawa dispatch says Galt made a long speech in the Commons yesterday, supporting his motion respecting the Fenian raids, and made an addition to his previous motion so as to include all correspondence between Canada and the United States during the rebellion. He defended the policy of Canada at great length and closed by saying the course of the United States appeared to be dictated by a desire to humiliate England through her dependencies, but he did not believe this plan would succeed. England would not for a moment give way, and the people of Canada would sustain her to a man.

Paris.—The governments of France and Belgium have agreed to appoint a mixed commission for the settlement of commercial questions.

Ottawa.—In the House of Commons, to-day, Keeler asked whether the government intended to force similar taxes and duties on American vessels, trading to Canada ports, as are levied on Canadian vessels trading to American ports.

Rose said the matter was under consideration, but the government does not pledge themselves to any particular line of policy.

Coffin inquired whether the government intended to place an armed force on the coast to prevent American fishermen from fishing in Canadian waters during the coming season.

The Premier said it was understood that the Admiral in command had a considerable force on the ground for the purpose of protecting the fisheries, but he desired Mr. Coffin to allow the question to stand.

Paris.—The *Corps Legislatif* has adjourned *sine die*. At the close of its last sitting there were shouts of *Vive l'Empereur* from the Government members, and counter cries of *Vive la Liberte* from the Opposition seats.

Lisbon.—The Portuguese Cortes assembled to-day. The session was opened by the King in person. Much public anxiety exists over the unsatisfactory condition of the finances; the subject was immediately brought before the Cortes, with a statement that the expenditures are largely in excess of the revenue. The ministers say they were preparing extensive economical reforms, and would soon submit to the Cortes measures for the reduction of the public expenses, for the redistribution of taxation and for the payment of the floating debt.

London.—The two thousand guinea stakes, at New Market, to-day, were won by Pretender; Ballawdrum was second, Perrydown third. Nineteen horses ran.

In the House of Lords, this evening, the life peerage bill was considered. Lord Derby, in a brief speech, expressed his approval of the measure and the bill passed to its second reading.

Quebec.—The grand jury has found a true bill against Chaloner for the murder of Ensign Whitaker, for the seduction of his sister.

Paris.—The session of the *Corps Legislatif* is concluded, and it is dissolved; the elections for new members will take place on May 23d.

Berlin.—At the sitting of the Prussian Diet, to-day, Bismark, in reply to an enquiry, said the convention with the United States for the protection of emigrants, had thus far failed in any practical results, owing to the obstacles in the way of establishing an international tribunal for the adjudication of cases of complaint arising under the treaty.

Lisbon.—The mail steamer from Rio brings advices which say the allies are making preparations for a final attack on Lopez, and expected to be ready to attack the interior before the end of April.

Madrid.—In the Cortes, yesterday, one of the Republican members made a speech advocating atheistical principles; he alluded to the Christian religion in disrespectful terms, and was interrupted by Rivero, the President of the Cortes, who declared that the deputy could not be permitted to continue his remarks. The Republicans were indignant at the decision and withdrew, but subsequently returned to their seats, and proposed a vote of censure against the President. A stormy debate followed which terminated in the withdrawal of the resolution. The amendment to the Constitution, in favor of maintaining the present unity of the Catholic religion and worship was rejected.

The Surveyor-General of Kansas reports that the estimated population of Kansas is 300,000, and the estimated number of acres imported is 5,000,000.

## BREVITIES.

P. T. Barnum is lecturing on the velocipede.

The area of London is 78,000 acres, or nearly 122 square miles.

Richmond is to have an Irish newspaper.

Offenbach is said to be writing a novel.

New York swells use blonde hair powder.

Secretary Stanton was lately baptized and joined a church in Pittsburg.

New Haven ladies ride the bicycle in the streets, attended by "squires."

The Florida orange tree lives, on an average, thirty-five years, and produces 5,000 oranges.

The article most in demand at White Pine is lumber, and the second requirement is whiskey.

There are said to be fewer foreigners in Vermont than any other State of the Union.

The average number of Americans in Paris is about 5,000. Their headquarters is the Grand Hotel.

A new county has been created in Arkansas, and named Sherman, after the General of the army.

"Grecian Bends" are a new style of shoes with curved toes, for young gentlemen.

M. Zadoo Kahn, lately appointed Grand Rabbi of Paris, is not yet 30 years old.

Nebraska claims to raise more and a better quality of Spring wheat than any other State in the Union.

Not long ago a blacksmith in Hudson City thrust a hot iron into a can of nitro-glycerine, and blew himself through the roof in several pieces.

Chicago is being entertained with the play of *Oliver Twist*, and wants "more" of it. They can have it *ad libitum* when Lucille gets there.

The Duke of Somerset recently declared in debate that "each missionary sent from England requires a gunboat."

A notice of a birth in a London paper has appended to it these words: "Mr. Forbes (the father of the child) requests the prayers of his friends and acquaintances in this sore affliction."

The Terre Haute, Attica and Chicago Railroad, is the name of a new enterprise in Indiana. It connects at Crown Point with the Chicago, Columbus and Indiana Central Road.

The volunteers in Great Britain number 150,000 men, and the Government contributes \$1,000,000 toward the general expenses. The regular army only numbers 135,000 men, and costs annually the nice round sum of \$70,000,000.

A correspondent tells of a Fifth Avenue mansion decorated with point lace curtains, Indian shawl coverings on the furniture, bronze doors and silver monograms on everything.

Secretary Cox, of the Interior Department, was formerly employed as a carpenter and joiner, on Staten Island. There is yet to be seen an elegant gate in front of an old estate which he constructed, and which cost at the time some four hundred dollars.

A donkey in the suburbs of London has attained a celebrity by showing a fondness for hearing the concertina played. At the sound of the instrument he will gallop towards the player, braying loudly. Perhaps he humanely wishes only to drown the sound of the concertina.

A correspondent describes Senator Sumner as "the Senate's father, dignified as a patriarch, polished as Gladstone, humane as Bright, fearless as Thiers; in the full stature and glow of perfected manhood and statesmanship."

The latest family murder is in St. Paul, where a man chopped off the heads of his four children and killed his wife. He then laid them in a row on the floor, and when arrested asked to be hung immediately. He is insane.

A woman in New York broke a kerosene lamp over her husband's head after unsuccessful attempts to scald him with hot water from a tea-pot and to brain him with a stove lid, but in so doing she burned herself so severely that she has since died.

The proprietor of a hotel at Laporte, Plumas county, has a dog which he employs to wake up his guests. The dog readily finds the number of each room and makes known his presence to the guest. Intelligent canine!

In a jeweler's window at Sacramento are exhibited three silver bricks with the following text attached: "What we got at White Pine—value, \$12; cost to get them, \$784 59." Encouraging to prospective miners.

A double-ender locomotive is the last railway invention. It has no tender, but carries water in a tank over the boiler, and coal in a box in the rear of the furnace. It has trucks and cow-catchers at each end, and runs with equal facility in either direction.

Horrible crimes were committed at the village of Dolce Aqua, North Italy, caused by the enforcement of the grist tax. The population rose en masse and killed the Mayor. His head was then mounted on a pike and paraded through the streets. During the same day twelve of the municipal councilors were assassinated.

On August 7th a total eclipse of the sun will occur. This will be the most interesting eclipse that has been witnessed in this country for many years, and it will not happen again until the last year of the century. The shadows of the earth will commence crossing the sun's disc about four o'clock in the afternoon, and will not entirely pass from it until nearly half past six.

"My son," said the veteran at the foot of the stairs, "arise and see the newly risen luminary of day, and hear the sweet birds singing their matin song of praise to their great Creator; come while the dew is on the grass, and tender lambs are bleating on the hillside—come, I say, or I'll be there with a switch and give you the cussedest licking that you ever had."

An exchange tells of two young men in Nashville, Tenn., who loved two sisters and were cruelly refused. They then went to the bridge crossing the river, and with one last look to heaven, one farewell glance at earth, one thought of their loved, they, together—were rescued by a friend, who opportunely appeared on the scene, and invited them to take a drink.

A tame raven has just saved the small town of Pont-Anthod (Eure) from partial destruction. The house of its master, a baker, caught fire, and the man was awakened by the screams of the bird just in time to prevent the conflagration from extending to an adjoining wood-yard and building, in which a large quantity of brandy was stored. The poor raven could not, however, be rescued and was burnt to death.

An ingenious Yankee in Pittsfield, Mass., has made a rifle and double-barrelled shot-gun combined—two barrels for shot and one for balls. The barrel was bored from a solid bar of steel of 32 pounds weight, but worked down to weigh but nine pounds. The rifle barrel is below the shot barrels, and therefore is no obstruction to sighting the latter, and carries one-third ounce balls.

To relieve from the terrible effect of running a nail in the foot of a man or horse, take peach leaves, bruise them, apply to the wound, confine with bandage, and the cure is as if by magic. Renew the application twice a day if necessary, but one application generally does the work. Both man and horse have, in a few hours, when apparently on the point of having the lockjaw, been cured.

The Cedar Rapids *Times* claims the championship for a young girl, "sweet sixteen," of Lynn county, Iowa, as follows: For six weeks last winter, during the sickness of her father and mother, she attended forty-eight head of sheep, eight head of horses, twelve head of cattle, and two calves, besides milking three cows, driving the cattle one quarter of a mile every day to water, cleaning the horses' stable, doing the housework and taking care of her sick parents.

A correspondent of the New York *Journal of Commerce* sends to that paper a detailed statement of expenses of the Senate and House for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1868. The expenses of the Senate for congressional globes, stationery, capitol police, carriage hire, pay of employees, etc., amount to \$537, 734, 84; and the expenses of the House to \$690,906, 50; showing that the total expenses of the Senate and House amount to the enormous sum of \$1,207, 691, 34.

The following sentence from a recent speech of Senator Anthony, of Rhode Island, can hardly sound less than wonderful to the landless millions of Europe. The Senator said, and no doubt correctly, that: "There is no part of the country where a day's labor that any man, with stout arms and a willing heart, however little he may be skilled, may perform, cannot earn the price of an acre of good land, at the Government sales."

The following is said to be a favorite hymn with the freedmen in many quarters down south:

We's nearer to de Lord  
Dan de white folks, and dey knows it;  
See de glory gate unbarred;  
Walk up, darkeys, pass de guard;  
Bet a dollar he don't close it.

Walk up, darkeys, froo de gate;  
Hark! de colored angels holler,  
Go away, white folks! you's too late;  
We's de winnin' color; wait  
Till de trumpet sounds to foller.

Hallelujah! t'anks an' praise,  
Long enuff we've borne our crosses;  
Now's we de sooperior race;  
We's gwine to hebben afore de bosses!

The true stories of absent men cannot be exceeded. We know a man who has, more than once or twice, put on his spectacles to help him to look for them. We are inclined to believe, from the manner in which it first reached us, the anecdote of Sir Thomas Strange, the Indian judge, who found on paying a visit, that his friend was not in, and that he had forgotten his own name.

"I'll call again. Never mind my name."

"Sir, master always likes to know the names of gentlemen who call."

"Why, to tell the truth, I have forgotten my name."

"That's strange, sir."

"So it is, my man. You've hit it."

And he went away leaving the servant quite in the dark.

A curious story is going the rounds of the press concerning a haunted house in Penn Yan, N. Y. A visitor thus describes what he saw and heard:

"Our village clock was striking the hour of twelve when we entered the haunted room. The stillness was disturbed first by what seemed a guitar, played but a few feet from us, and as sweet a voice as ear ever heard singing to it in a low tone. In an instant the sound of voices and footsteps was heard all about us, but, although the room was as light as a lamp could make it, we saw nothing. The singing continued until the same sweet voice, in the most piercing and sharpest utterance, cried: 'Help!' As the unearthly yell broke forth we felt our heart beat quickly, our breath come heavily, and every nerve tingle. Three times did this mysterious voice cry 'Help!' After this followed what seemed to be a dance of madmen, together with the most demoniac screams ever heard."

An English paper relates that about five months ago a girl about twelve years of age became ill, and in a short time fell into a lethargic state, resembling that of a person in a trance. In this condition she remained for several weeks, but at length returned to a state of consciousness, and, calling upon her mother, related how she had been in heaven and seen numerous angels, and her brother, who died some time ago. This power of speech remained only for a short time, and the girl relapsed into her former state, or nearly so. She lies in a lethargic condition, but when a question is put to her she manifests her power of understanding it by a slight moving of the head. The only sustenance she has taken for fully fifteen weeks has been the occasional moistening of her lips with a little brandy and water or tea.

A Government surveying party, numbering 10 men, left Virginia City, Nevada, on the 27th ult. for the eastern part of the State, for the purpose of running what is called the Ruby Valley guide meridian line through to the Colorado river. The line will be commenced in the White Pine region, near the Newark Mill. One wagon belonging to the party left the day before for White Pine. The expedition is under the command of Colonel E. B. Monro, a man who has had much experience in the business of surveying the wilds of this State, as well as a good deal in the Union army during the war. The party will number 12 men; all told, upon leaving White Pine, and every man will have his Henry or Spencer rifle. They go out equipped with every necessary for a trip of seven months' duration, and say they have no fear of being "gobbled up" by the Indians.—*Territorial Enterprise*.