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BREVITIES.

A half-crazed census-taker says that 26 is the maximum age attained by unmarried ladies.

The sting of a bee carries conviction with it. It makes a man a bee-leaver at once.

I. Ingraham, a prominent citizen of Rockville, Ct., died recently from the pricking of his thumb with a bone while cutting meat.

A lady in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, amused herself in Church on Sunday by counting the different styles of doing up the hair, and found fifty-one.

A chap who was told by a clergyman to "remember Lot's wife," replied that he had trouble enough with his own without remembering other men's wives.

A correspondent of the Erie *Dispatch* says that the income of J. S. McGrey, of Petroleum Centre, from his "old homestead," is $5 a minute, night and day.

A fellow who occupied a berth directly over a lawyer began to grow restless. The lawyer, noticing that his restlessness increased, asked, "I say, are you a fool?" "No, sir, I am above a fool."

Daniel Purcell was desired one night in company to make a pun extempore. "Upon what subject?" said Daniel. "The King," answered the other. "Oh," said he, "the King is no subject."

A son of the Parisian magician, Robt. Houdin, wrote to his father from the battle field of Woerth: "Dear father, I have received a ball in the breast. The doctor gives me over. I kiss you all."

Louis Napoleon, they say, is not afraid of being sent to St. Helena, nor to Ham, nor to the Black Hole of Calcutta. All he asks is that they won't send him to Chicago.

There is residing in Hanson, Mass., a woman 86 years of age, who has living, among numerous other descendants, 16 great grandchildren. Last fall she dug, and carried into the cellar, a barrel of potatoes.

"Don't you think Mr. Prosy a speaker of great power?" asked a gentleman, in reference to a pompous, long-winded lecturer, who spoke in a high keyed, drawling voice. "Yes, high-drawlic power," was the reply of the person addressed.

"Oh," imprudently replied one of the judges, "you know the law, do you? Perhaps you would like to come up, and sit here, and teach us."

"No, I thank you sir," said the woman, tartly; "there are old women enough there now."

Mrs. Dill, of St. Louis, advises that women try the experiment of reforming their wicked husbands by indulging in the same sins that they have good reason to believe their lords are guilty of. She says: "Have your proof perfect, and then go it." A sweet woman she must be.

A gentleman praising the charms of a very plain woman before a sarcastic flirt, the latter wispered to him, "And why don't you lay claim to such an accomplished beauty?" "What right have I to her?" said the gentleman. "Every right by the law of nations, as the first discoverer."

Some weeks ago a cargo of refuse salt was purchased at Godrich for the Bruce mines, Canada, for the purpose of trying the experiment of extracting copper from the ore, by means of salt and sulphuric acid, without smelting. The experiment succeeded, and a new branch of industry is likely to result.

In one of the mills in Lowell, where the new system of cotton picking and opening machinery has been adopted, the cost of picking is said to have been reduced one and one-half mills per pound upon the amount of cloth produced, and the work at the same time very much improved. This improvement is being introduced into the mills in Lowell, Fall River and other places.

One night a Mrs. Curtis of Stratford, Ct., a woman above 80 years old, and who has been for the last five years so infirm as to be unable to go about the house, arose from her bed in a somnambulistic fit, dressed herself in an old suit and proceeded to the river, a quarter of a mile away, where she proceeded to indulge in a bath. The coldness of the water soon awoke her, and very much surprised at her singular situation, she hastened home and quietly retired.

Christian Wachiskie, who resides in Washington township, Indiana, was hauling hay on his farm, and in driving along, stopped his team over a nest of yellow jackets, which swarmed out, and stinging the horses they ran away. The wagon upset, and Wachiskie's feet caught in the hay ladders, and he was dragged some forty or fifty rods, and so badly injured that he died the next day.

The three scientific men who are to observe this winter on the top of Mount Washington, expect to be snowed in at the Tip Top House from December till March, but will maintain daily communication with the lower world by telegraph. The room which they will occupy is to be lined with felt, and they expect to use twenty tons of coal during the winter.

A band of tender young thieves has been arrested at Nashua, N. H.—a flourishing and unusually well appointed corps—for the little scamps had $100 in the common purse, two guns, a number of revolvers, a whole keg of gunpowder and a dark lantern. The youngest of these infant marauders was eight years old—the most venerable had attained the age of 12. They were on their travels, having come from Manchester.

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MASSCHUSETTS.

Smuggling Discovered.

BOSTON, 18.—The Custom House officers claim to have discovered smuggling amounting to over a quarter of a million of dollars, and implicating several prominent merchants. The allegations are that during 1869 there were smuggled into Boston large quantities of gin, brandy, rum, and whisky, chiefly upon the schooner *A. H. Hodgkins*, and that defendants received, bought and sold the goods. The defendants are D. K. Mills, Samuel C. Land, John J. Perry and Hyson. They have been arrested and have given bail, the first named, in $20,000 and the others in $10,000 each for further appearance.

WASHINGTON.

Pavement of Pennsylvania avenue.

The Grand Jury found an indictment against Chas. C. Edwin, late of the United States Treasury office for embezzlement.

The work of paving the Pennsylvania avenue from the capitol to the treasury commenced yesterday. The labor of removing the stones from the avenue is divided into four sections which are to be paved with the Stowe, Robbins, Miller and Fallansbee pavements. The Stowe pavement consists of three inch wooden blocks, placed on a firm sand foundation, the upper surface being made air and water tight. The wood being always wet will not, as the patentee claims, dry and rot as other wood pavements do that are placed on board foundations. The contract for laying this pavement per square yard is three dollars and forty cents. The Robbins pavement is composed of blocks four inches wide and six inches high, keyed together by a dovetail in the bottom of the block, with a stop running through. They are set on a strip which projects half an inch on either side, making one inch space between the rows when they are set. The space is filled in with a concrete of coal tar and gravel, and the surface is also covered with a coating of concrete. The patentee of the Miller pavement claims one important feature which does not present itself to the eye, the fact of its being a burnetized plank foundation or floor, which is attained by infusing into the pores of the wood a preparation of chloride of zinc, thereby chemically changing and solidifying its softer parts, and rendering the timber thus treated indestructible by ordinary process of decay. The contract is three dollars and fifty-eight cents per square yard. The Fallansbee pavement is made of oblong rectangular blocks with their upper side edges beveled, so that when placed side by side a groove will be formed between them, it has also rows of wedge blocks placed at intervals between the rows of the rectangular blocks, for the purpose of compressing and binding the whole together. The rectangular blocks are first laid, either on earth or board foundations, as may be desired; the wedge blocks, which are made by cutting one of the rectangular blocks through diagonally, are then inserted. Hot tar is then poured in the grooves and, as soon as it has time to fill up the spaces between the blocks, the whole is compacted by driving the wedge block home. The contract price is three dollars and ten cents per square yard. The charge for the removal of stone, excavations, embankments and gravelling is in addition to the amount of payment per square yard.

It has heretofore been the custom of the collector of customs, in reporting for the removal of light-house keepers to nominate their successor. Secretary Boutwell having ascertained that many have been reported for removal on frivolous charges, to make room for favorites, has notified the collectors that no keepers are to be removed on charges of a trifling character hereafter, as he desires to retain experienced keepers in these important positions.

WASHINGTON 18.—Bids have been opened by General Dwyer, Chief of the Ordnance bureau, to-day for 200,000 new Springfield rifled muskets, and 100,000 old but serviceable ones; 40,000 new Enfield rifles, serviceable, and 40,000 unserviceable, action thereon to be taken in a few days. Bids were received from most of the prominent gunmakers of the country.

The Cabinet held a protracted session to-day, lasting over three hours. The matters under consideration were of minor importance. The Secretary of War received a dispatch from the north to the effect that on investigation, it could not be ascertained that the St. Clair Canal could be seized by a Canadian force.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Death of a Congressman.

RALEIGH 18.—R. B. Gilleau, member Elect for Congress for this district, died at Oxford last night.

ILLINOIS.

Chief Justice Chase.

CHICAGO, 19.—The *Tribune's* Washington special says Chief Justice Chase has been forbidden by his physician to take his seat on the approaching term, on the 20th, inst. He has sent word that he will return by January 1st. His house here will be closed for the winter, and, in the opinion of all his friends, he will hardly be able to resume work during the coming term.

LOUISIANA.

Yellow fever.

NEW ORLEANS, 18.—There were thirty yellow fever deaths yesterday.

CALIFORINA.

SAN FRANCISCO, 18.—Ten ships, loaded with wheat for Europe, are at the Oakland wharves of the California, Oregon & Central Pacific railroad.

NEW YORK.

Strength of the French and Prussian armies.

NEW YORK 18.—A proclamation was issued by Mayor Hall this evening, in which he says that apprehensions of disturbance were entertained by him, caused by the statement in the newspapers that only Republicans and young Democrats in sympathy with them have been appointed inspectors of registry by the United States authorities, as part of a manifest attempt of the Federal government to throw every obstacle in the way of a free registry, and to obstruct naturalized citizens in their vote. The Federal officials have raised a question that no registry will be legal on Wednesday, the 19th, which has been a day of registry heretofore; therefore to prevent the complication that has been threatned by such officials with citizens, the commissioner recommends that the places of registry be not opened on this day, but that all citizens reserve their protests until Monday, Oct. 31st, and Tuesday, November 1st, which are the last days of registry; and upon these days to neglect all other business until the full registration to which this city is entitled be completed; but under no provocation to suffer themselves at any time to be invited into a disturbance or a breach of the peace.

NEW YORK, 19.—The Associated Press correspondent at Ostend sends, from a diplomatic source, the following authentic statement of the actual number of German forces available for war in France: The entire strength of the German armies now in France, including those sent forward by the 10th of October, amounts on paper to 650,000 men; of these there were actually fit for duty at that date, 520,000 men. These are divided into thirteen Prussian army corps, including the so-called Silesian corps, one Saxon army corps, two Bavarian army corps, one Wurtemburg division and one Baden division united under one corps commander, and seven landwehr divisions. There remain in the whole of Germany, actually under arms and available to replace the losses of the armies in France, do coast guard duty and maintain order throughout the country, not more than 250,000 men.

A special at Boulogne sends official statements from Lille, Rouen, Tours and Lyons, of the actual force now in the field to resist the invasion. It consists of four hundred and seventy-five thousand men within the enciente of Paris; of ninety-thousand men, for the most part regular troops, with Bazaine at Metz and Thionville; and of one hundred and seventy thousand regular troops outside of Paris altogether. Besides these the government has distributed arms to eight hundred and fifty-two thousand men throughout the provinces.

Gen. Bourbaki, who is in full possession of the plans and intentions of Marshal Bazaine and of Gen. Trochu, has been appointed to the command of all the forces in north-eastern France, not under the command of Marshal Bazaine, and he has left Tours for Lille to take command of his troops. He expresses the utmost confidence in the ability of the French armies to assume the offensive on a general scale within a very few weeks, and in the inevitable defeat, if not destruction of the German armies in France.

FOREIGN NEWS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Riot at St. Malo.

LONDON.—The report that the Prussian government has addressed money to eight gun manufacturers is pronounced false, and an invention of the French, designed to weaken the Prussian proposal against the arming of new French armies by the pretended neutrals.

The story of General Burnside's visit to Paris is as follows: General Burnside desired to visit the Prussian army and obtained letters of introduction from Minister Motley. At first he was prevented from going, but soon afterwards an opportunity was offered for sending dispatches to Minister Washburne, which had accumulated in London. General Burnside undertook to convey the dispatches as far as the Prussian headquarters; when he got there he presented his letters of introduction to Bismarck and others, and stated that he had no business in Paris and he thought of entering the city, and was first induced to do so at the suggestion of Bismarck.

LONDON, 18.—The Prussians have attacked the unfortified town of Montdidier. Three citizens were killed and a hundred and fifty mobile guards made prisoners. A requisition for fifty thousand francs was levied on the town, and the mayor and M. Duraud, a banker, were taken as hostages for its payment.

LONDON, 19.—A riot occurred yesterday at St. Malo. The mob attempted to prevent the shipment of a lot of coffee on board an English vessel. Troops were called out to repress the disorder, and they too were assailed with stones and clubs. Order was at last restored, and the leaders of the riot were secured. Many persons were badly injured. The soldiers suffered most as they were reluctant to use their fire-arms.

FRANCE.

Great battle expected on the Loire--A French corps gifts scared.

VERSAILLES, 18 *via* Berlin and London, 19.—Official advices from Epinal announce that the new French corps which arrived there a few days ago has fled. Some of the troops went to Belfort, but by far the greater part went toward Dijon by rail. The population freed from their presence show a conciliatory spirit. The Prussians occupy Rezoul, the capital of the department of Haute Somme, twenty-seven miles from Bezancon.

TOURS, 19.—A credit for one hundred thousand francs has been opened by government for balloon service. The railway companies have been ordered to organize a special service for the movement. Melun was occupied by the Franc-tireurs on the 17th, after defeating the Prussian detachment which was in possession of the town.

The Prussians have exacted heavy contributions from the farmers of Sur Moselle in the department of the Vosges, near Epinal, and are threatening the towns with destruction in case of refusal.

Large bodies of troops continue to pass through Tours from the south of France, on their way to the scene of the expected battle on the Loire. The Prussians are still encamped at Bellair, between Meung and and St. Aye.

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