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☞ It is noted that all great humorists are sober and sedate, with a melancholy cast of countenance. It is rather serious business to be funny.

☞ The doctors of Chicago are satisfied that there is too much ozone in the air, and fear it will culminate in phlegasmia alba dolens. The greatest terror prevails at the discovery.

☞ Oh! but we wish we could "toetotally" divert the Donaldsonville CHIEF's attention from our spell on "divertion."—*Bastrop Republican.*

Mum's the word, pard.

☞ In the Washington post-office is a letter for "Jefferson Davis, President of the U. S.," marked "hold till called for." It is from a tailor desiring to make Davis' clothes when he enters the White House.

☞ At the next spelling race a prize for the best time will be given to the person who has never before trotted in words of more than two syllables. Fossils feeding on obsolete dictionaries to be ruled out.

☞ The highest recommendation that can be given to a town, is that which credits it with kind treatment toward the stranger who ventures within its gates.—*Iberville Republican.*

But how about the stranger who climbs over its back fence at night?

☞ The weather recently has been very favorable to planters. From all parts of the parish we hear encouraging reports of the crops. Corn especially is doing well since the rains, and the farmers are more hopeful than at any time during the Spring months. —*Natchitoches Republican.*

☞ The Chicago *Inter-Ocean* of May 21st contains a list of delinquent tax payers covering more than 144 pages, making 18 full sheets of 864 columns. It required 20 wagons to deliver the list of city subscribers the same morning.

The West Baton Rouge *Sugar Planter* copied the above item, but instead of "delinquent tax payers," announced that the list was one of "delinquent subscribers." A journal with such a nation of delinquent subscribers would soon "bust" itself buying white paper.

☞ The Laporte (Ind.) *Chronicle* pays the following deserved compliment to the leading Republican journal of the South:

If any of our readers wish to take a reliable and trustworthy newspaper from the South, we can recommend the New Orleans *Republican*. We know of no better paper in that section, or one in all respects more ably conducted. It represents the best element of the people of Louisiana, and is a wide awake, earnest and sincere exponent of Republican principles. It is devoted to the best and true interests of the Southern people, and it must wield a large influence in bringing about a happier condition of affairs in that section. If the views it advocates were adopted by the old leaders in the South, there would be a far larger degree of peace and happiness, progress and prosperity among them.

Unparalleled Self-Punishment.

The Ouachita *Telegraph* of the 21st ultimo relates the following:

W. Dempsey, a native of Ireland, aged about 28 years, who has been recently employed in repairing levees, presents to-day the most extraordinary instance of self-punishment on record. He is hopelessly blind and the affliction is the work of his own hands. Dempsey was in Monroe last week, after having completed his job on the levee, and indulged freely in drink. He left town Saturday or Sunday, and strayed off into the woods. He was found in rear of Judge Baker's place, Wednesday, with both eyes out. Dempsey tells us that he thought there was a punishment demanded of him for his sins—that there was a struggle for his soul, and it was required of him to destroy his eyes. His statement is that he thereupon went to work to pull out his eyes, as a penance for his sins. An examination by Drs. Murphy and Aby shows that while the eye-balls are not torn out, both are badly crushed and the sense of sight totally destroyed. We asked Dempsey if the attempt gave him pain. He replied that when he was pulling at his right eye, he felt some pain. Although perfectly sober when we saw him, and fully conscious of his condition, he was apparently impressed with the idea that he had done right in robbing himself of sight. He talked intelligently, appreciated his affliction, but expressed no sorrow.

A somewhat similar occurrence took place in the parish of Terrebonne about three years since. A school teacher of more than ordinary intelligence and education—one Philbrook, a native of Massachusetts, 35 or 40 years of age—became imbued with the idea that it was necessary for him to inflict upon himself a revolting bodily mutilation to secure admission to the Kingdom of Heaven after death. He accomplished the deed and gloried in the belief that the salvation of his soul was secured. Upon all other save religious subjects he appeared perfectly sane. He was strictly temperate and moral in his habits, greatly respected by all who knew him, and was an excellent school teacher.

FANCY ADVERTISING.—Many complaints are made on all sides of the petty annoyance to which people are subjected by various advertising methods, both distasteful and obnoxious.

Advertising circulars are gotten up in the most elaborate manner, encased in envelops of the latest style, elegantly addressed, and left at our very doors. Again another mode is to have slips of paper thrust into the hand of the pedestrian by impertinent men and boys. In this manner some persons seek to increase their business.

Advertising, if properly used, is the best way of increasing one's business, but it may be so badly used as to be a mere source of expense without remuneration—and one of the ways in which it becomes so is by making it too obtrusive.

An advertisement in a respectable paper does not excite suspicion, but this irregular manner is hardly ever successful. The slip is not read but disdainfully consigned to the fire or waste basket. We can not compel people to buy. The best way to give satisfactory information to those intending to purchase is in the columns of a good newspaper.—*Newspaper Reporter.*

The Papal envoys who brought the beretta to Cardinal McCloskey visited the President and secretaries of departments, on May 27th. Rev. Dr. McGlynn addressed the President thus: "The holy father, in sending me to present to the archbishop of New York the insignia of the cardinal, at the same time instructed me not to fail, before leaving the United States, to call upon your excellency and express to you his regard and best wishes for the great and illustrious American nation, and for your excellency as its honored chief. I feel greatly honored in fulfilling this commission, and I rejoice that it gives me the opportunity of knowing your excellency personally, and presenting also my own most respectful compliments." The President said in reply: "I beg, Monsignore, that you will convey to the Pope my thanks for his kind expression of regard and good wishes for the country and for myself, and I am happy to reciprocate your own kind expressions for me."

In the case of Carl Vogt, charged with having murdered and robbed Chevalier Dubois De Blanco, at Brussels, some years ago, Judge Blatchford, in the United States District Court of New York, before whom it was taken on appeal from the decision of Commissioner White, holding accused for extradition, rendered a lengthy opinion in which he holds that a Circuit Court of the United States has no power to review the action of a commissioner in cases of extradition. Vogt was remanded to the custody of the United States marshal to await the action of the executive.

News Items.

Grasshoppers have appeared in Lee county, Iowa.

The King and Queen of Sweden are visiting at Berlin.

The English Parliament adjourns during the Derby races.

The latest threat to assassinate Bismarck proves a canard.

The new English Arctic expedition left London last Saturday.

American minister Maynard has arrived at Constantinople.

Barnum's fat woman, weighing 583 pounds, aged 29 years, is dead.

One yellow fever death at Key West. No other cases reported.

A body thought to be Charley Ross has been found at Berryville, Va.

Adolph Philbert has been designated French consul at Charleston.

A man and two girls were drowned at Halifax by the capsizing of a boat.

Johann Klein, the eminent painter, died at Munich on the 29th of May.

A dozen houses and stores were burned at Covington, Ky., May 27th.

A granite block at Worcester, Mass., burned last Saturday. Loss, $100,000.

Fifty employes of the pension office at Washington were discharged Monday.

Darius Wells, inventor of wood type, died at Patterson, N. J., May 28th.

The Georgia courts refuse to enjoin the sale of the Macon and Brunswick railroad.

A vinegar establishment with complete distillery apparatus was seized in St. Louis.

A frame stable in New York burned. Two men and eight horses perished in the flames.

The Governor of Westphalia has summoned the Bishop of Munster to resign his see.

Mr. Sidney Dillon has been elected president of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

The President has appointed Chas. P. Lincoln of Mississippi consul to Canton, China.

Wallace Ogden has been recognized as consul of the Argentine Republic at New Orleans.

The Erie Railway Company of New York is insolvent. A receiver has been appointed.

Horses are dying of cerebro-spinal meningitis in St. Louis. The disease is not spreading.

The Republicans of Selma, Ala., elected their candidates for municipal officers last week.

A Cleveland man, aged 59, killed his mother-in-law, aged 80, with an adze, last Monday.

Many official changes in the South are said to be threatened by Attorney General Pierrepont.

A Spanish admiral was killed and four officers wounded by a Carlist battery at Mount Rico.

The Upper House of the Prussian Diet has passed a bill for the suppression of convents.

Latest advices from Asia Minor report the loss of 2500 lives by the earthquake shocks in May.

The effort to reunite the Northern and Southern divisions of the Episcopal church has failed.

The sale of the Memphis waterworks has been set aside and a new one ordered to be had.

The strike of miners in South Wales has ended. The men submitted to the reduction of wages.

Rev. J. H. Eccleston was elected Episcopal bishop of Iowa by one majority in the convention.

Brigadier Gen. E. O. C. Ord, commanding the department of Texas, has gone to Washington.

The Riverside nail plate mill and nail factory at Wheeling, was burned last week. Loss $75,000.

The Duke of Wellington has granted the spacious Wellington riding school for revival meetings.

Lieut. Gov. Holt of Michigan was cowhided at Detroit for alleged familiarity with a Mrs. Trott.

The Committee of Thirty of the French Assembly resigned and a new committee has been elected.

The whiskey seizure epidemic has reached Memphis. Sixty-one barrels were nabbed there last week.

Much suffering from the grasshopper plague is anticipated in Missouri, Kansas and Iowa this summer.

A shell capsized at Hartford, last Saturday, drowning Cameron, a member of the Harvard rowing crew.

The board of delegates of the American Israelites held their annual assemblage in New York, Monday.

L. E. Dyer, appraiser of the port of Memphis, has resigned to accept the appointment of consul to Odessa.

Hon. John Vail, formerly member of Congress and consul to Glasgow, died at Morristown, N. J., May 25th.

The Prince of Wales, Marquis of Tweeddale, and Gen. John Fitzgerald have been gazetted as field marshals.

It is feared the fall in Erie and Anglo-American Telegraph stock will cause some business failures in Paris.

It is claimed that the new newspaper law decreases the postal revenues from that source fifty per cent.

Four children were burned to death at Versailles, Ohio, May 26th. One of them tried to light a fire with coal oil.

A large meeting was held in Philadelphia, May 25th, to further the organization of a Black Hills expedition.

Paul Boyton was entirely successful in his second attempt to cross the English Channel with his life-saving dress.

The real estate of Lawrence, the alleged New York silk smuggler, has been seized to the extent of $12,000 worth.

A bill to repeal the prohibitory law and substitute a license statue has been introduced in the Rhode Island Senate.

Four men and a woman were arrested in New Orleans last Saturday for making and passing counterfeit nickles.

Inmates of the county jail at Memphis laid a plot to kill the keepers and escape, but it was discovered and frustrated.

The Catholics of Berlin contemplated a procession in honor of the Pope's jubilee, but it was forbidden by the government.

Atty. Gen. Pierrepont has prohibited U. S. District Attorneys from employing substitutes to conduct government cases.

Judge Porter closed his argument in the Beecher case on Wednesday of last week, and Mr. Evarts opened the following day.

Abraham Jackson, a Boston lawyer, has been indicted for false pretenses, forgery and embezzlement. Bail fixed at $64,000.

Fourteen houses, including a large hotel and livery stable, burned at Hollistown, Mass., on the 27th ult. Loss fully $100,000.

The bearer of an anonymous letter offering a million florins for the assassination of Bismarck was arrested in Vienna last week.

An incendiary fire at Great Bend, Ind., May 29th, destroyed the business portion of the town, entailing a loss of over $100,000.

The Senate of Belgium unanimously adopted a vote of confidence in the government respecting the correspondence with Germany.

Atty. Gen. Hammond of Georgia has given his written opinion to Gov. Smith that United States bonds are not taxable by the State.

At his own request, Assistant Commissary General Beckwith has been relieved from duty in Washington and ordered to St. Louis.

The diamonds of the Ristori troupe valued at $2000, which were missing, were found on the person of the colored porter of a sleeping car.

Col. F. W. Sims, formerly business manager of the Savannah *Advertiser*, committed suicide at San Francisco, May 26th, by taking morphine.

There is every reason to believe England and Russia will come to some friendly agreement relative to the arrangement of Central Asia.

The bondholders of the Mobile and Ohio railroad have filed a petition in the U. S. District Court at Memphis to have their foreclosure confirmed.

Two steamboats—the Juanita and Mollie Ebert—and three empty barges burned at Pittsburg, last week. The loss is roughly estimated at $120,000.

Gen. DeCissey, French minister of war, asks for 51,000,000 francs to continue work on the fortifications of the country and for supplying war material.

A muddle relative to the St. Louis mayoralty was cleared up by the Council, declaring Jos. H. Britton mayor, according to the returns of the recent election.

The national convention of the Young Men's Christian Association held a session at Richmond, Va., last week. The convention will meet at Toronto next year.

On Wednesday, last week, Secretary Delano had a talk with the Indians from the Black Hills. They show little disposition to move into the Indian Territory.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Assembly closed its nine day session at Jefferson, Texas, on the 28th ult. The assembly will meet at Bowling Green, Ky., on the 3rd of May, 1876.

The Supreme Court of Tennessee has decided that the State is not bound for the payment of what is known as the war issue of Tennessee money amounting to $800,000.

Forty buildings, including a number of business houses, burned at Springfield, Mass., Monday last. The loss is estimated at $500,000. The fire originated in a planing mill.

A heavy scout, under command of Lieut. Col. W. R. Shafter, Twenty-fourth Infantry, will leave Fort Concha on the 10th of June to operate against the Indians on Red river.

President Grant thinks the Indians can best be supplied by the officers of the regular army. He will allow no white men in the Black Hills until the Indians relinquish their title.

Douglass county, Kansas, has obtained judgment against the Leavenworth, Lawrence and Galveston railroad for the recovery of $400,000 in bonds fraudulently issued to that road.

The Union Pacific Railroad Company has obtained a judgment against the government in the Court of Claims for $512,000, withheld to pay interest on the subsidy bonds when they mature.

The Irish court to which the appeal in the Tipperary election case was carried, has decided the late John Mitchel to have been disqualified and Mr. More entitled to the seat in Parliament.

Masked men gagged and handcuffed the cashier of the National Bank at Great Barrington, Mass., last Saturday, but being unsuccessful at the Bank, robbed the cashier's house and decamped.

A great fire at St. Johns, N. B., on Saturday last, destroyed sixty buildings and a ship at the docks. One hundred and forty families are rendered homeless by the catastrophe. Loss $250,000.

W. H. Magruder and J. H. Gregory, printers employed in the New Orleans *Times* office, quarreled last Monday, and Gregory shot Magruder in the neck with a derringer. The wound was not mortal.

A series of terrible earthquakes occurred early in May in the province of Borussia, Asia Minor. Accounts so far received show that 600 houses were destroyed, 161 lives lost and 187 persons injured.

Mayor Vansant of Baltimore has vetoed the ordinance passed by the Council appropriating $6000 for the partial payment of the expenses of the Fifth Maryland Regiment to the Bunker Hill centennial.

A large rotary boiler in a paper mill at Franklin, Ohio, burst during the afternoon of the 25th ult., severely injuring two men and bruising six more, besides damaging the building to the extent of $6000.

Adjutant General Steele and Senator Dwyer of Texas, under instructions from Gov. Coke, have gone to the Rio Grande to investigate the charges the military authorities make against the civil officers.

Six men were precipitated seventy feet to the street by the giving way of scaffolding upon which they were employed repairing the roof of the Central Ohio Insane Asylum, at Columbus, on the 26th ultimo.

The delegation of Sioux Indians visited the President on Wednesday of last week, and listened to an address from his excellency urging upon them the advantages of ceding the Black Hills to the government.

Henry Robinson was arrested in New Orleans last Monday for stealing tobacco, and he tried to shoot the officer who apprehended him. He and his partner in iniquity, an ex-convict known as Red Bill, were locked up.

A battle between the Carlists and loyal troops is reported to have occurred at Alosha, last Saturday, in which the Carlists suffered the loss of 70 killed and 200 wounded. Gen. Dorregary was wounded in the thigh.

The experiment of transfusing blood has been applied to Gen. Frank Blair, who has long been prostrated with paralysis, at his home in St. Louis. Six ounces of blood were injected into his veins, and the result is said to be favorable.

The papers in the Duchesne case have been turned over to the German embassador by the Belgian government. The investigation was exhaustive, but nothing was discovered to bring Duchesne within the scope of any penal code.

Harry Carter, colored, was killed by Z. B. Harris, an overseer, near Atlanta, May 31st. Carter was skinning a stolen hog, and reached for his gun when Harris approached, but 'ere he could pick it up Harris fired and wounded him fatally.

Master Thos. J. Lewis of New Orleans has been appointed a cadet to West Point by Hon. Randall Gibson, Congressman elect. The young man is a graduate of the city public high school, and carried off first honors in a competitive examination.

On the 12th inst., a detachment of the Washington Light Infantry of Charleston will start for Bunker Hill to attend the centennial celebration there. They will carry Col. Wm. Washington's flag, which waved at Eutaw Springs and Cowpens.

The following were chosen directors of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at the annual election held last week: Sidney Dillon, Geo. S. Scott, Jay Gould, James D. Smith, Chas. J. Osborne, Geo. J. Forrest, Rufus Hatch, Oliver Ames and John Riley.

Quartermaster General Meigs has been detached on special duty to report upon the organization of foreign armies, especially regarding the quartermaster's departments. Gen. Meigs will be absent a year, and Gen. Ingalls will replace him during that time.

A French Catholic church at Holyoke, Mass., burned on Thursday of last week, while crowded with worshippers. Seventy-one people were killed, 55 of whom were females; 22 fatally and 27 seriously hurt. A man who lost his wife and daughter became insane.

Laughing Gas.

A natural revolutionist—the earth.

The sun says, with a lisp, "I thaw it."

Something that ought to be put down—carpets.

"Orthogrammania," is what they are calling the rage for spelling matches.

"Ma, when is a griddle cake inhabited?" "Why, my dear, when there is a little Indian in it."

Don't imagine that you were born to reform the world. You can't split a mountain with a toothpick.

It appears that coining copper is not profitable. The government has not made a half cent since 1857.

Mark Twain denies that his "Gilded Age" was a failure. He says it gave a poor, worthy bookbinder a job.

Don't locate your grandfather "in the front rank" in the Concord and Lexington fight. That was the one that retreated.

"Is that clock right over there?" asked a visitor the other day. "Right over there?" said the boy, "tain't nowhere else."

The latest addition to the umbrella is a pane of glass, inserted in the front breadth, through which the holder can see his way.

The crocus put its head out from under the snow and said to its companion, "you lilac every thing if you say this is spring."

What is the difference between the Emperor William's chronometer and a bill-poster? One is Bill's ticker and the other a bill-sticker.

A bashful compositor refused to accept a situation in an office where girls were employed, saying he never *set up* with a girl in his life.

A man is said to be absent-minded when he thinks he has left his watch at home and takes it out of his pocket to see if he has time to return home and get it.

The greatest feat in eating ever recorded is told of a man who commenced by bolting a door, after which he threw up a window, and swallowed a whole story.

A certain Western editor, who was presented with a box of collars in pay for an advertisement, is waiting in daily expectation that some one will present him with a shirt.

A Brown County editor bought his ink by the jug full, because he could get it cheaper, but his wife went to fill the inkstand one morning and found it wasn't ink by a jugfull.

No man has reached so high a position on the New York *Tribune* staff as Thomas Weeks, who scaled it (257 feet) to adjust the vane. Vain men always a spire to places they can not keep.

The son of a clergyman was delivering a college valedictory, when, in pulling out his handkerchief, he pulled out a pack of cards. "Hulloa!" he exclaimed, "I've got on my father's coat!"

That was a shrewd method which an Iowa girl recently adopted to induce all her friends to attend her wedding. She didn't let them know up to the last moment who the groom was to be.

It was an Irish Coroner who, when asked how he accounted for an extraordinary mortality in Limerick, replied sadly; "I can not tell. There are people dying this year that never died before."

A country editor can not be as bold and independent in his paper as his city brother. He has to collect his own subscription, and almost everybody in the country keeps a dog.—*Danbury News.*

Take life easy, and don't always be trying to beat the sun up, says an exchange. You may win for a while, but in the long run you are sure to be beaten, and some morning it will rise when you don't.

Viscount de Losgeril has investigated apothecaries' profits. He says that a bottle of seidlitz water, sold for twenty-five cents, costs to make it one cent and a half, and that other profits generally are in this proportion.

The Newport (Rhode Island) *News* warns its friends outside the State "that we will not tamely submit to irreverent remarks about our size, for we are large enough to boast of two capitals and four candidates for Governor."

"Augustus, dear," said she, tenderly pushing him from her as the moonlight flooded the bay-window where they were standing, "I think you had better try some other hair dye; your mustache tastes like turpentine."

"No, I stayed to home and had a spell with the baby while my wife went, and the young one fetched the hired girl and myself down fourteen times on 'rolie' and then we didn't get it right until Mrs. Gudd came home from the spelling school."

A captain in the navy, on meeting a friend as he landed, boasted that he had left his whole ship's company the happiest fellows in the world. "How so?" asked his friend. "Why, I have just flogged seventeen, and they are happy it is over; and all the rest are happy that they escaped.