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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

GENERAL BUTLER thinks the Chinese ought to go.

OTTO is threatened with an exodus from the South.

THE majority of the Citizens' ticket in San Francisco is about 6,000.

TYPHOID fever and small pox are prevailing to an alarming extent in Paris.

THE Liberal victories in England have produced a profound sensation in Germany.

THE chances are that the estimated population of St. Louis—540,000—is a mistake.

MISS LAVINA GOODSELL, a well-known lady lawyer of Janesville, Wis., died a few days ago.

ALTHOUGH the St. Gothard tunnel is opened, it is calculated that it will not be finished before next December.

ENGLAND is still greatly concerned over the slave trade, but she has 200,000 people worse off than any slaves.

THE beautiful hill of Posilippo, near Naples, on which is situated Virgil's tomb, is soon to be tunneled for a railway.

CLEOPATRA'S Needle will be placed on at Alexandria, Egypt, within a few days, and started to New York.

SENATOR-ELECT MAHONE, of Virginia, the railroad "boss" of the State, who defeated the Conservatives, weighs only ninety pounds.

FOR the last two months the average fuel output of Leadville has been \$400,000 per week, or at the rate of \$20,000,000 per year.

GOVERNOR LONG, of Massachusetts, has just signed a bill chartering the American Telephone Company, with a capital of \$10,000,000.

It is estimated that there are at least 25,000 Russians of the higher ranks in life who are either now in Siberia or exiles from their country.

JOAQUIN MILLER is reported a lucky silver mine operator. We hope, if this is true, that he has done the handsome thing by Mrs. Miller No. 1.

THE Directors of the Pennsylvania Railway have ordered that wages of employees be restored to the figures paid prior to the reduction and strike in 1877.

THE experiment of lighting the entire city of Wash., Ind., with electric lights placed on the dome of the Court-house has been made with successful results.

THERE are ten millions of Geneva award money lying unappropriated in the Treasury, and the Senate is once more trying to decide who is entitled to it.

It must be pleasing to the people of England to hear that the verdict against the Beaconsfield Government has been received with great gratification in Russia.

THE New York Sun speaks of Louisville as a "beautiful town," whereas, Louisville is perfectly willing to leave off the beautiful part if they will only call her a city.

THE number of men killed by accidents in the St. Gothard Tunnel from the commencement of the undertaking to the end of February, 1880, amounted to 120; wounded, 400.

THE Consolidated Bank of Montreal which suspended some months ago, is rapidly paying its creditors in full. This is something of a deviation from the method of the States.

It is stated as a fact that a candidate for the nomination for Governor of Missouri is down with the measles, caught in kissing the girl baby of a delegate to the convention.

A CHURCH nearly completed in Moscow has cost over \$3,000,000. Dome and crosses are thickly plated with gold, and it is calculated that millions of this metal are on Russian church roofs.

THE New York Herald says the Salvation Army already counts sixty captives—converts, rather—and for three score of bad New Yorkers to abandon mischief within a single fortnight is something unusual.

WINSLOW, the sanctimonious Boston forger, has turned up under an assumed name in Buenos Ayres, where he has married again, is publishing a newspaper, and making addresses to Sunday Schools.

THE most conflicting statements continue to be received in regard to the diplomatic relations between France and Russia. But the bulk of the reports is to the effect that the status is not at all improved.

It is stated that good land can be purchased in Northwestern Texas (Cresby county) for fifty cents an acre. A Colony of Ohio and Indiana people in that section report themselves contented and doing well.

DURING

the past year the average daily receipt of dead letters at the Post-office Department at Washington was 13,000. The principal reasons assigned are misdirection and badly written or undecipherable addresses.

A CHICAGO paper boasts that Mr. Vanderbilt can do what he pleases in New York, but he hasn't yet acquired a mortgage on Chicago. No; it is said Mr. Vanderbilt is very particular about the character of his securities.

It is said that Prince Leopold is not to marry Miss Maynard, in spite of her beauty and her \$150,000 a year, and the peers and commoners of England are inclined to approve of the arrangement. Princes should not have everything.

MR. BREWER, of Michigan, presented a petition in the House of Congress the other day 188 yards in length and signed by 33,484 temperance women. It asks for legislation to prohibit the manufacture and sale of alcoholic stimulants.

THE Philadelphia Times suggests that the Congressional Record be suspended for want of funds, and in all probability there would be twice as much business and less than half as much talk in either house of Congress. There's something in it.

RECENTLY a large party of negroes from the South started for northern ports to emigrate to Africa, under the idea that a vessel soon leaves for Liberia, but it is now authoritatively stated that no boat leaves for several months to come. Evidently the negro is paying for his geographical knowledge.

A CO-OPERATIVE tenement-house project has been brought out in St. Paul, where it is proposed to put up one thousand buildings on a plan which includes every modern improvement. The fact that the chief city in Minnesota begins to feel the want of tenement houses is a curious illustration of the rapidity of the growth of that section of the country.

KEELY, of motor notoriety, says Edison's electric light will not be a success until his motor is, because electricity will never perform what is asked of it until it has his motor to make it. It is a little discouraging to learn that "it will take a whole year to demonstrate the secret of his engine and generator, and twenty years to fully understand it."

THE Supreme Court of Indiana has struck a severe blow at the employment of experts as witnesses in court, by deciding that they are not limited to the fees allowed ordinary witnesses, but are entitled to charge as for professional services. As the prospect of getting valuable service at a low price is one of the chief charms about securing expert testimony, there will be less of it in Indiana in the future.

AN interesting suit is now in the Courts of New York in regard to the right of a firm of carriage-makers to pay a commission to a man's coachman on the repairs to his carriage. The famous Wall-street operator, Rufus Hatch, noticing that his carriage was constantly breaking down, discovered this arrangement with his driver. He refused to pay the bill, the Court decided against him, and he has appealed the case.

A LIMERICK jury awarded \$5,000 damages to a young woman in a breach of promise case. Among the witnesses for the plaintiff was a Roman Catholic priest, who, it was proved, had been asked to give a sacerdotal document, known in Ireland as "a certificate of freedom," to enable the defendant to marry his present wife. Judge Dowse said that he had never heard of a certificate of freedom except in the case of a slave.

WE take the following highly seasonable extract from Peck's (Milwaukee) Sun: Wilbur F. Storey, of the Chicago Times, announces that he desires to meet a practical paper-maker to build a mill, Mr. Storey to furnish a portion of the capital and the Times to take a large part of the product. If the stakes are not too high, the Sun would like to buy a stack of chips and set in that game at Mr. Storey's left. We are now playing against a brace game, with marked cards, and the more money we put down the less we take up.

TO a certain class of readers, and a very large class, as well, may Agnes Fleming, who died in Brooklyn on the 24th ult., was one of the best known of writers. She began to write under the signature of "Cousin May Carleton," and her novels at that stage were very much in demand by boarding school girls. Her later works were considered to be rather dramatically constructed. Like many others, Miss Fleming was driven to authorship by necessity. She lived in a neat little cottage in the eastern outskirts of Brooklyn, in very comfortable circumstances. She has written twenty-five or thirty books, and received \$60 a week from an English paper, and \$100 a week from an American paper, for her stories. She leaves over \$20,000.

THE annual loss to the South by the ravages of the cotton worm is estimated to be \$12,000,000.

FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS.

A VACILLATING BEAR.—My negro gardener came to me one evening in great alarm, and stated that his twin sons, Mango and Chango, had taken out his gun that morning, and had been missing ever since. I at once loaded my rifle, hosed my Cuban blood-hound, and followed the man to his hut. There I put the dog upon the boy's scent, following on horseback myself.

It turned out that the young scamps had gone on the trail of a large bear, though they were only thirteen years old, and their father had often warned them not to meddle with wild beasts. They began their adventure by hunting the bear, but ended, as often happens, in being hunted by the bear; for Bruin had turned upon them, and chased them so hard that they were fain to drop the gun and take to a tree.

It was a specimen of peculiar shape, sending forth from its stem many small, but only two large branches. These two were some thirty feet from the ground, and stretched almost horizontally in opposite directions. They were as like each other as the twin brothers themselves. Chango took refuge on one of these, Mango on the other.

The bear hinged the tree till he had climbed as far as the fork. There he hesitated an instant, and then began to creep along the branch which supported Chango. The bear advanced slowly and gingerly, sinking his claws into the bark at every step, and not depending too much upon his balancing powers.

Chango's position was now far from pleasant. It was useless to play the trick—well known to bear-hunters—of enticing the animal out to a point where the branch would yield beneath its great weight, for there was no higher branch within Chango's reach, by catching which he could save himself from a deadly fall—thirty feet sheer.

Three more steps, and the bear would be upon him, or he would be upon the ground. Brave as the boy was, his teeth chattered.

At this moment, Mango, nerved to heroism by his brother's peril, moved rapidly from the opposite limb of the tree. Stepping behind the bear, he grasped with one hand a small higher bough, which extended to where he stood, but not to where his brother lay; with the other hand, he seized the animal firmly by its stump tail. The bear turned to punish his rash assailant; but, angry as he was, he turned calmly. It was no easy task to gain abundance on a branch which already had begun to tremble and sway beneath his weight.

Chango was exulting, for the bear evidently had transferred his animosity to Mango, whom he pursued, step by step, toward the extremity of the other limb. But Chango was not the boy to leave his brother and rescuer in the lurch. Waiting until the enraged brute was well embarked upon Mango's branch, he pulled its tail, as he had seen his brother do before. Again Bruin turned awkwardly, and resumed the interrupted chase of Chango.

The twins continued their tactics with success. Whenever the bear was well advanced on one limb, and dangerously close to one twin, the other twin would spring from the other limb and pull his tail. The silly animal always would yield to his last means of wrath, and suffer himself to be diverted from the enemy who was almost in his clutches.

After two hours of disappointment, he learned his mistake. He was now, for the tenth time on Chango's branch, and very near Chango. In vain Mango dragged at his hinder extremity; he kept grimly on till Mango, forced to choose between letting go the brute's tail or the high branch which enabled him to keep his feet, let go the former.

Chango could now retreat no farther, and he was hardly a yard beyond the bear's reach. The branch was swaying more than ever, and the bear seemed quite aware that he might tax its strength too far. After a pause, he advanced one of his fore feet a quarter of a yard. To increase the bear's difficulty in seizing him, the terrified boy set him down and swung with his hands from the bough.

He was hanging in suspense between two frightful deaths. His heart was sinking, his fingers were relaxing.

Then the deep laying of a hound struck his ear, and his hands again closed firmly on the branch. In a moment, a blood-hound and a horse-man sprang through the underwood.

Chango held on like grim death—held on till he heard the United States rifle ringing through the air; held on till the falling carcass of the bear passed before his eyes; held on till I had climbed the tree, crawled along the branch, and grasping his wrist, had assisted him to get back to the fork of the tree and rest a bit.

It had been only half understood in time that a boy in the land is worth two in the bush, he might have lengthened his days and gone down with honor to the grave.—St. Nicholas.

Driven to Suicide.

DR. CALDERWOOD, Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Edinburgh, has, in his work recently published, entitled "The Relations of Mind and Brain," the following story of a dog: "A dog belonging to a United Presbyterian minister, killed the fowls which the family were at church, and buried them in the garden. The bodies were found. The dog was taken to the garden and immediately confessed his guilt. His master took him to the library, and, having shut the door, began a reprimand. After this fashion: 'What a wicked thing you have done in murdering the hens! You are a minister's dog, and should have been an example to other dogs, instead of doing such a thing as this. Then this is the Sabbath day, and the deed is all the worse on account of the day on which it has been done.' Thus admonished, the dog was put out of the door and the door shut. Next day he was found dead. A veterinary surgeon was consulted, and declared that the dog had died of a broken heart."

The Impositional Hotel.

(New York Graphic.) Very high-toned and stylish at the rate of ten cents per minute. "We never make less than half a day in our bills. A dollar extra charged on the least provocation. It's beneath the Impositional Hotel's dignity to trifle with a lesser sum."

The traveler buys a meal for \$1 or \$1.25. The man hired by the landlord to bring him the victuals expects 25 cents gratuity for doing what he has already been paid for. The traveler is in the toils of the Impositional; he feels that he must keep up a "style" befitting the hotel; besides, who likes to appear small and pitiful in the eyes of a negro man and brother who waits on him?

If the traveler, at the meals wears a glass of lager, whisky, or other beverage, he must pay twice or thrice the amount asked at a bar forty feet distant. Ditto if he requires the same brought to his room, besides another quarter to the negro man for bringing it. Nobody pretends to give any reason for these high taxes and extortions. It's necessary in order to conform to the style befitting the Impositional. No one dares to do otherwise. The public is a most patient and tractable beast, and seldom rebels or kicks over the traces of the Impositional harness.

Washing at rates double those at outside laundries, and one dollar over, counted as an additional dose.

A plate of soup served to a sick woman from \$1 extra. All oranges taken from the table charged extra. Board \$7 per day, and every violation of the Impositional Hotel etiquette fined \$1. Newspapers at the hotel stand double the price of the same outside the hotel door.

All requests deemed needless by the dignified Impositional Hotel clerk, 50 cents extra. Extra fees to chambermaid and porter, leaving Toothache pills, after midnight, 50 cents extra. Terms \$7 per day, and everything extra. If accompanied by wife and children all "extras" doubled. Baths at the Impositional three times the price charged at the barber's, next block. Mattress punched once by chambermaid constitutes an Impositional "made-up" bed.

Gloves, etc., dropped accidentally on your floor, chambermaid's perquisites, and never seen afterward. French dictionary necessary to utter prettily of fare. Rancid butter in the gravies, and patent powder for doctoring the soup to a rich brown hue. Twenty-five different names for the same kind of soup, month in and month out. "E. Pluribus Unum." If not "Unum Pluribus." For "chicken" understand old hen. (Old eggs in water.) Fried potatoes kept warm four hours in the oven and dried to skin. Boiled tea; a fresh cup every minute. Fifty cents extra every fifteen minutes. The Impositional is now running in several parts of the country, and ready to do guests day or night.

What the Whale Looks Like.

A man who has never seen a whale can have little idea of its helplessness on land. It is as awkward as a locomotive in a mill pond. The lack of the stanchest whale's back, like and steel-bony. Its sides were lighter, while its immense belly was like Egyptian ivory, with massive wrinkles below the jaws, running back at least twenty feet. The mouth yawned like the vault of a ravished sailing bank, and its sculptured tail embodied the outlines of the dukes on a White Star paddle.

The flesh was hard as vulcanized rubber, and great livid spots on the side showed where wounds had brought the blood to the surface. The man explained to the visitors that the whale was not so large as he was before they cut him open and removed the contents of his internal revenue department. "We found ten bushels of herrings in him," said the captain, "but no boots, nor watches, nor pawnbroker's tickets." The eyes are small and placed far back in the head, so as to leave room for the whale's countenance. His head forms a quarter of a hump. A few hairs sprout from his nose, like the chin whiskers on a Chinaman. If he had for a seal the market would be ruined. Whales breathe through the tops of their heads, and the water they spout out prevents friction, consequently they never more when sleeping. If they did, thunder would be at a discount. The tail is forked, flexible and formidable, and with an eye. The main part of the whale's body is composed of blubber and steel-bony. Its sides were lighter, while its immense belly was like Egyptian ivory, with massive wrinkles below the jaws, running back at least twenty feet. The mouth yawned like the vault of a ravished sailing bank, and its sculptured tail embodied the outlines of the dukes on a White Star paddle.

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