PERSONAL.

Shere Ali is 65.

Fighting Joe Hooker is 64.

Von Moltke is 76.

Patti will sing in London for $2,500 per night.

The Chickerings have made 53,000 pianos since beginning business.

A priest in Brahma announces the end of the world for July 11, 1879.

Mr. Os. Williams, of Spalding county, Ga., owns two woolly chickens.

The King of the Sandwich Islands contributed to the yellow fever sufferers.

Justin McCarthy is at work on a new novel with the suggestive title of *Donna Quixote*.

A daughter of Brigham Young has become an actress under the name of Cecil Grey.

Nearly nine thousand copies of Tennyson were sold by a single firm at the recent trade sale.

Wm. Lloyd Garrison claims to have started the first temperance paper in the world, in 1826.

Edison, the inventor, is suffering severely from neuralgia. No serious apprehensions are felt.

Three stones placed over the grave of Thomas Jefferson have been, one by one, destroyed by relic hunters.

The Countess Ariesto, the last descendant of the famous poet, died recently at Ravenna, at the age of 90.

William B. Astor's country place on the Hudson, contains about 800 acres, and gives regular employment to forty men.

The death of Jefferson Davis, Jr., leaves the ex-President of the Southern Confederacy without a relative bearing the name of Davis.

The Emperor of Japan, has given, through the embassy at Rome, a commission to a Neapolitan artist to execute a portrait of President Hayes.

A Washington letter says Senator Thurman is 65 years of age. He has always been a generous eater and drinker, and has been failing rapidly for several years. If he recovers from his present attack, which is of a paralytic nature, he will be a broken man.

Wit and Humor.

An editor in Cincinnati, puffing airtight coffins, said: "No person having tried one of these coffins will ever use any other."

"Cuffy, is that the second bell?" "No, massa, dat is the second ringing of the fuss bell. We hasn't got any second bell in this hotel."

They have found a tree in the Yosemite Valley that measures over one hundred feet around the butt, and it is proposed to make a chair bottom of the butt and present it to David Davis.

An exchange speaks of "wooden shoemakers." Should think wooden shoemakers wouldn't work. There would be no satisfaction in pitching into a wooden shoemaker if he failed to have your boots done on Saturday night according to promise.

Swartzmeyer to his wife: "Now, see here, mine lof, bettor as you had Johnny let a leetle op von dat candy eaten' obber the first thing you don't know, he haf some toothache in his teeth, und haf been skwallin' around all night mit der cholera morbus in his jaw—den't it?"—*Oil City Derrick.*

WHAT HE HAD TO SAY.—"Prisoner at the bar," said the Judge, "is there anything you wish to say before sentence is passed upon you?" The prisoner looked wistfully toward the door, and remarked that he would like to say "good evening," if that would be agreeable to the company. But they wouldn't let him.—*Hawkeye.*

He took his seat at the table and peered around at the rest of the boarders with a haggard, half-starved look; then, calling the waiter, he deliberately said: "I'm from Memphis—have just recovered from the fever, and am very hungry. Bring me everything you've got." In about two seconds he was alone at the table, and if he didn't get one good "square meal" it wasn't because the other boarders interfered with the onward march of his intrepid appetite.—*Richmond State.*

Among the papers of a young man who was recently married in Bradford was found the following scrap, to wit:

Things to be done this afternoon—before the wedding.

Get some keys to fit valise.

Engage carriage for train.

Get license to marry.

Get shaved and hair trimmed a little.

Sew buttons on black breeches and get a pair of suspenders.

Buy a bottle of perfumery.

Be sure to wash feet well.

A BOY'S DEFINITION OF A BOY.—A Norwich teacher was practicing her youthful class in original composition yesterday, and gave one pupil the subject "Boy," to write upon. The subject was to be treated of in three parts—first, what is it? second, what is its use? and third, what is it made of? The lad wrestled hard for a few minutes in desperate perplexity, and then wandered up to the teacher's desk radiant with enthusiasm, and submitted the following: "A boy is an animal; his use is to carry wood; he is made of bones."—*Norwich Bulletin.*

EASY ENOUGH TO DO.—Mr. Edison contemplates the invention of a wall paper which will absorb and store up light during the day, and throw it off at night, lighting the room for several hours. That's all very well, but can a fellow turn it off, or blow it out, or in any way suppress it?—*Inter Ocean.* Certainly; Edison has another invention for reducing darkness to an almost impalpable powder, by uncorking a vial of which any room may be made instantly dark, and kept dark until the rising sun shall precipitate the darkness again.—*Graphic.*

A BASE RUMOR.—Some journals are making themselves ridiculous by saying that our old friend Zach Chandler is thinking seriously of religion. The grand old Michigander scorns any such insinuation. He considers thinking—as the Rejected Addresses make Byron—"An idle waste of thought." As for religion, Zach regards that as pertaining exclusively to the pulpit, and so long as he pays his pew rent he considers it all right. We expect to meet old Zach in Heaven, on account of his many generous acts on earth. And then we are satisfied that if, on the great day of judgment, he will let off that speech about the British lion, the devil won't have him at any price.—*Washington Capital.*

The New Trotting Wonder.

The trotting season of 1878, which is rapidly drawing to a close, has been the most brilliant in the annals of the American turf. We presume, from the marvelous improvement that is made in the trotting stock of the country from year to year, that the same assertion will be made next fall of the season of 1879, but so far as this year is concerned there can be no manner of doubt. Thousands of men without even a tinge of gray in their locks can remember when "2:40 on the Shell road was regarded as almost lightning speed, and can recall the successive shocks of amazement they experienced when Flora Temple first beat 20, when Dexter trotted in 2:17¾, and when both Goldsmith Maid and American Girl trotted up to Flora's time whenever they pleased. Last year was a pretty fair year itself for trotters, and some of the fastest of them materially reduced their records, until Flora Temple's 2:19¾ was simply an ancient landmark, held in but little more respect than the still more ancient Shell road record.

Goldsmith Maid, the Queen of the Trotting Turf, trotted in the almost incredible time of 2:14, and the oldest hands at the ribbons threw up their arms and exclaimed, "That settles it, no horse will ever beat that time." And yet along comes the imperial Rarus this year and nonchalantly trots in 2:13¼ and 2:13¼, with every sign of ability to go still faster. And Edwin Forrest gets down to half a mile in 1:04, and a full mile in 2:14½; along comes Hopeful with his 2,14¾, and Edward and Crickie, and Lucille and Proscenic, and several others gracefully descend into the "free-for all" class which always means a good deal better than 20 when they go for "blood."

The performances of the young trotters were remarkable last year, but they have been still more so this season. As a two-year old last year, Sontag trotted a mile in 2:31¼, which it was thought, the Goldsmith Maid's 2:14, would never be beaten. On his way to Lexington, to attend the recent trotting meeting there, an experienced New York turfman, Mr. J. D. Walton, said to a reporter for the *Commercial:* "It's hard to believe that a two year old ever trotted that fast, but it's a record, and must be accepted. I'd like to bet something pretty, however, that the like is not done again in the next five years." An hour later, at the finish of a heat, he put his timing watch to his ear, and, with a startled expression, compared it with that of a friend. The time-pieces agreed, and recorded that Memento, Col. R. S. Strader's beautiful two-year old filly, had trotted a mile in 2:30. Mr. Walton, astonished by the performance, thought his watch must have stopped. It would require more space than we have to spare to enumerate all the brilliant things that have been done by trotters, old and young, this year, but an event occurred at Lexington yesterday which calls for more than passing notice. That event was that Maud S., the magnificent four year old filly of Capt. George N. Stone, of this city, trotted a mile over the track of the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' Association, in the altogether unprecedented and unexpected time of 2:17¼.

Maud S. was known to be extremely fast, and her owner has not for some time doubted her ability to beat 20, but he was by no means sanguine of her trotting in any such time as she made yesterday. The filly has been at Lexington some three weeks, and in consequence of the bad weather, that has spoiled all of these weeks for turf exercise, was very "short of work." Early in the week she was given a "go" in the face of a strong piercing wind, that drove all but the most robust men from the track, and trotted a mile in 2:22¾ a repetition of her performance several Sundays ago at Chester Park. Capt. Stone was for bringing her home after that performance; but Mr. W. W. Bair, her zealous and enthusiastic trainer, pleaded hard for a few days more in the Blue Grass region, expressing the utmost confidence in his ability to frighten the people of Kentucky with the mare, if he could only strike a "good day and a good track." The Captain reluctantly consented to his remaining the rest of the week, and yesterday being the last day of grace, another "go" was given the mare. The conditions were not the best possible for a trial of speed, there being considerable wind, and the track being somewhat "cuppy." Still it was decided to let Maud show what she could do. There were probably a hundred men on the track, many of whom held watches on the mare. The gentlemen who specially "held on her" in the judges stand were Gen. James F. Robinson, Dr. L. Herr, Col. R. S. Strader and Col. Ferguson. The trial took place at 11:30 o'clock in the morning, and after jogging the mare around the course two miles, Bair nodded to the timers to let them go, and away they went in earnest. Without a skip or false movement of any kind, but going at her work like an old horse, the wonderful filly went to the quarter pole in 33¼ seconds, to the half mile pole in 1 minute and 6 seconds, to the three-quarter pole in 1 minute and 41 seconds, and finished the mile in 2:17¼!

The timers in the judges' stand, as well as the other spectators, could hardly believe their watches, but there they stood, and among the four gentlemen named above there was not the variation of a fraction of a second.

The 2.17¼ is, of course, not a record, not having been made in a race or trial for a consideration, but it beats all the four-year old private trials ever made, the next being that of the stallion Governor Sprague, 2:21¼.

Maud S. is a beautiful golden chestnut filly, without white, fifteen hands three inches high, by Harold, out of Miss Russel, by Pilot, Jr. She has a graceful, easy, yet determined way of going, and if she trots in 2:17¼ at four years old, the Lord only knows how fast she will go in the time to come.—*Cincinnati Commercial.*

CHANGED HER MIND AT THE ALTAR.—A Palmer (Mass.) youth took a minister to the house of his expected bride, the other day, to have the ceremony performed, but the fickle girl preferred one of the guests to the bridegroom, and wanted to marry said guest. The guest procured a team to take the girl to ride and think it over. He concluded he was not ready for matrimony, and proceeded to get drunk. The girl did not get a husband, the bridegroom did not get a wife, the guest lost his reason in a drunken stupor, and the minister lost his fee. The least lost of all was sustained by the intended bridegroom.

A Man From Alaska.

A *Journal* reporter yesterday interviewed Mr. John M. Morton, who has recently returned to the city after a lengthened absence in Alaska, where he has been occupied in his official duties under the United States Government.

Mr. Morton has spent eight years in the Territory of Alaska, and has had better opportunities of becoming acquainted with that almost unknown region than most men who have sought to learn its resources and future possibilities. He has been officially connected with the Islands of St. Paul and St. George—two of the Aleutian group—and his duties, in conjunction with three assistants, were to act in behalf of the government in enforcing the terms of the lease under which these islands are held for twenty years by the Alaska Commercial Company. In regard to these islands, the inhabitants and their principal occupation, Mr. Morton says:

The population of the island of St. Paul is about 240 natives, and that of St. George 100. There are not more than 1,300 people upon the Aleutian group, and those who live upon the two islands named are unquestionably much better off and in a higher condition of civilization than any of their neighbors. There has been a marked improvement in their condition during the last seven years. When the contract of the United States Government came into existence these people lived in mud tents, partly dug out, and so low that they were obliged to crawl in and out, while these miserable dwellings had no ventilation whatever. Under the conditions of the lease the company is compelled to do certain things for the inhabitants of the island; but they have done more than was required of them. All the men are employed in the seal fisheries, which occupy less than two months in the year. They drive the seals in shore, kill and skin them, and salt and otherwise prepare the skins for shipment to San Francisco. For this work which rarely lasts more than about six weeks, each man receives $400 or $500, and all the rest of the year they have nothing in the world to do. The company are also compelled to furnish the people with fuel, salt fish for the winter, and sufficient salt in barrels with which they may preserve the flesh of the seal for winter consumption, this being their principal article of diet. All the money the people have to spend is in the purchase of bread and such other things as they may desire to get from the company's store.

They need not spend much for dress, as they can obtain plenty of sealskin clothing; but as a matter of fact some of them do buy very fine clothes, and dress in quite stylish fashions. It rests with the people themselves whether they will save money or waste it on finery and trinkets. The company's store keep a good assortment, and they have plenty of opportunity to spend money there if they are so inclined. But many of them are getting quite rich. Some of them I know have as much as $3,000 in the savings bank at San Francisco; and there are no class of laborers getting more money with less work than these natives engaged in the seal fishery. The company provides a school eight months in the year, and has built each family a comfortable frame house, thus bettering their condition to a very great extent. Last year a church was erected at a cost of $16,000, for which the people contributed out of their earnings and have paid off the whole amount. They are devout members of the Greek Church, and attend to their religious duties with great regularity.

One stipulation of the lease is that not more than 100,000 seals shall be killed in any year, and as the lease extends over twenty years, and the company expect to renew it at the end of that term, it is as much to their interest as that of the government to observe this condition. This present year the full number has been killed, but in 1876 and 1877 only 75,000 seals were caught each year, the reason being that the price of seal skins had become somewhat reduced. This year both the demand and price improved. There is no danger of killing off the seals under the system at present adopted, as care is taken to catch only the young males from 2 to 4 years of age. They never kill a female seal, nor yet an old male, and as there are several million seals around these two islands—more than all other parts of the world combined—the reproduction is more than enough to perpetuate the stock.

The company pays to the government yearly about $320,000, and this amount may be said to represent about all that Alaska contributes to the United States. The rest of the country, which is of vast extent, covering six hundred thousand square miles, is practically unproductive, but in this time the spruce, pine and yellow cedar timber upon the mainland will become valuable, and it is probable that extensive mineral resources will be developed; their existence in some localities is already known. The temperature on the islands where I reside is not of such extreme cold as in other parts of Alaska. Last winter was the coldest I have known, and the thermometer was never more than 22 degrees below zero. Strong winds and frequent storms prevail, however, ten months out of the twelve, and this makes the weather much colder than would otherwise be the case. The two months of summer, June and July, are usually wet, but that is the only time in the year when there are no wind storms. There is but little moving about in the long winter, and the half dozen white people on the islands rely upon a good library and such indoor amusements as they can follow to occupy their time.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

Robert Burns's nieces, Agnes and Isabella, reside near Ayr, Scotland. "They live," says a tourist, "in a little low stone cottage with thatched roof. Everything indicates a lack of this world's goods, yet is neat and artistic, with flowers and pictures all about the room. They entertained us with talks about their uncle, and showed us some letters which have never been published, and with true Scotch hospitality offered us some cake of their own make—made of Australian flour which they had had in the house two years; and three kinds of wine—one of their own make, made from grapes grown in their own little yard."

When swallows fly low, wet weather may be expected, because the insects which the swallows pursue in their flight are flying low to escape the moisture of the upper regions of the atmosphere.

A robin's red-breast—The Indian.

The Primary Cause of a Distant Symptom.

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