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GENERAL NOTES AND NEWS.

An assay office has been opened in Roseburg. The famous European race horse Gladiator is dead. The Chinese Emperor has offered to send to the Centennial a large collection of first-class gongs. The counsel for Joseph Leader is preparing for a suit against Henry Ward Beecher for malicious prosecution. The total income of the Prince of Wales, from all sources, is about \$575,000. The Princess receives, besides, \$50,000. A bill is before the Legislature of California which provides that a divorce shall not be granted except for adultery. The wreck of the ship Orpheus has disappeared from the shore of Copper Island almost as mysteriously as she went on. The icicles dropping from the eaves of houses in Virginia City are said to be so large as to endanger the lives of people who pass. President Grant's friends say that things are so managed that he never reads very offensive articles about himself. It is a pity about him. Glasgow has the tallest chimney in the world; it is 468 feet high, and 1,400,000 bricks were used in its erection. It will not be sent to the Centennial. Glowing accounts from authentic sources have come from the Black Hills country, showing that there is not only gold there, but plenty of it, the men there making heavy receipts. Grant's famous order, "Let no guilty man escape," is proving altogether too comprehensive. Bristol is getting the Administration, its brothers-in-law, cousins and distant relations into an exceedingly tight place. The House Committee on Judiciary agreed to present a constitutional amendment, fixing the term of the Presidential office at four years and thereafter making the incumbent of the office ineligible for re-election. It is reported that Mr. Blaine realizes what a mistake he made in dodging into the cloak room during the third term vote, and is now endeavoring to recover the confidence of the masses by blacking his own boots. A nondescript called a "cow fish" was discovered dead on a mud flat at Eugene City. It was hauled up and inspected by nearly all in town. This fish was about five feet long and one foot in diameter, weighing about 150 pounds. The largest organ in the world is in Albert Hall, London, and was built by Henry Willis, in 1870. It contains 138 stops, four manuals, has nearly 10,000 pipes, all of which are metal. The wind is supplied by steam power. Thirteen couplers connect or disconnect the various subdivisions of the organ at the will of the performer. The bill introduced in the House by Mr. Jenks, of Pennsylvania, provides for the reduction of the salary of the President, at the expiration of the present term, to \$25,000; and all other salaries, except officers and men of the army and navy and marine corps, twenty per cent. and further, excepting salaries of \$1,500 per annum and under. Considerable has been said about what Grant forgot in his Message. The Cincinnati Enquirer notices what he didn't forget: "Grandpa Grant didn't forget Nellie and the baby in his Message, but invited the attention of Congress to some law regulating the status of our girls who marry foreigners and our boys who happen to be born abroad. Grant isn't going to forget the family, you know." It is estimated that about twenty thousand patents are granted annually for mechanical inventions throughout the civilized world, and that but one in a hundred has much merit, and so far hardly a single patent issued in 1875 has amounted to anything, but time may bring many of them yet into general use, for the value of patents frequently cannot be estimated until after years of experience in the thing patented. Dr. Haskell, the well-known sensational temperance lecturer, was arrested in San Francisco the 18th instant, on a charge of embezzlement, preferred by George Bauer. It is asserted that the Doctor advertised for an assistant, and required him to deposit in the Doctor's hands \$600 conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of door-keeper; and that after the performance of that assistance by Bauer, of Santa Clara, the Doctor vanished, and failed in his turn to account for the money deposited as well as the salary. It is further hinted that other similar charges are impending by other victims.

CENTENNIAL BILL PASSED.

The bill appropriating \$1,500,000 to aid the Centennial exhibition at Philadelphia, passed the House of Representatives on the 25th ult., the vote standing 146 to 130. Hon. L. F. Lane was among those who voted for it. During the debate on the merits of the bill, Mr. Robbins, of North Carolina, said that when the war broke out a North Carolina farmer had six sons grown up to manhood who, at the first tip of the drum, went to the field to fight in the cause of the South. They fought from Bull Run to Appomattox, but not all of them. One of them was sleeping at Antietam, one at Chancellorsville, one at Chickahominy and another in Kentucky; but two of them were at Appomattox. They had seen the flag go down which they had followed with unflinching devotion. One of those survivors was he who now addressed the committee, and who now said he had seen enough of war and wanted peace. He wanted reconciliation and brotherhood all over the country. This was why he proposed to vote for the bill, for the tendency of the celebration was to promote peace. The soldiers had fought throughout the war with bayonets, muskets and cannon, and now they had ceased fighting. The reason why there was not peace was because a few selfish, restless, political agitators still wanted to keep up the fight, and their weapons were asses' jaws. He was opposed to participation in that kind of warfare. He wanted peace. His people had sent him there to talk peace, to help bring about reconciliation and good understanding. Mr. Lamar, of Mississippi, also spoke in favor of the bill, and in the course of his speech he said he favored the celebration in order that the people of the North should become satisfied of the longing desire of the Southern people to live with them in perpetual union, and before that feeling all others sank into insignificance. He deprecated an allusion to Preston Brooks made last week by Townsend, of New York, and intimated that the inevitable effect of the allusion was to excite passion, to inflame animosity, and to awake the hatred of sectionalism. He (Lamar) advocated the scheme because it carried out the spirit of peace and reconciliation. The currents of passion and feeling might flow hither and thither, lashed by extraneous agencies, but there was in the great sea unbounded depth of common humanity, common interest and patriotism which lay unspoken.

SHEEP THE SALVATION OF THE FARM.—The Maine Times contains the following: "Horses have ruined the farm, and sheep must save it," said a practical farmer to us recently, and the remark has in it a great deal of truth and a great deal of wisdom. However much we may prize the horse for his valuable services to man, all sensible persons must admit the breeding of horses has in the past few years assumed undue proportions, which have not brought correspondingly profitable returns to the average farmer, at least. Now, sheep husbandry is profitable to direct. There are no losses and few risks to be met with in the business. Early lambs, fat wethers, wool and pelts, always bring good prices at a ready market. Besides, sheep bring up the condition of the farm, and as the old adage has it, turn the earth to gold wherever their footprints are found. Nothing is so good to counteract the effects of too much horse as a course of sheep husbandry, well selected and judiciously followed. We are not sure but our practical friend was more than half right when he said sheep were to be the salvation of our farms and the restoration of our farming to a safe basis; and if more could realize and follow it, we verily believe a larger share of prosperity in farming would be the result.

A WIFE'S POWER.—A good wife is to a man wisdom, strength and courage; a bad one is confusion, weakness and despair. No condition is hopeless to a man where the wife possesses decision, firmness and economy. There is no outward propriety which can counteract indolence, extravagance and folly at home. No spirit can endure bad influences. Man is strong; but his heart is not adamant. He needs a tranquil mind; and especially if he is an intelligent man, with a whole head, he needs its moral force in the conflict of life. But, if at home, he finds no rest, and is there met with bad temper, jealousy and gloom, or assailed with complaints and censure, hope vanishes, and he sinks into despair.

SUICIDE.—A Western editor runs it thusly: His foot upon the trigger, The muzzle in his ear, A movement of the little toe, And his head did disappear. Gone where the grasshopper lingereth not.

MORE VALUABLE THAN ANY GOLD CARGO EVER SHIPPED.—The trade of the world is revolutionized, and the curiosities of commerce in and across the western hemisphere is continually increasing. At St. John's depot, New York, on Tuesday last, three freight cars arrived, each with a cargo valued at \$2,000,000, or \$6,000,000 in all. This valuable cargo was composed entirely of silk-worm eggs. They had come from Hong Kong to San Francisco in twenty-three days, and thence to New York in less than seven days, speed being faster than the mails carried by the same route. This uncommon cargo is going to Italy and the South of France, and could have reached its destination quicker and at less cost by the way of the Suez Canal, but it has been found useless to ship them that way, because the southern climate hatches the eggs. The silk worms are put upon long sheets of card-board in China, and are left until each board is covered with eggs, which are about the size of mustard seed. The eggs stick to the card which, interlaid with sheets of paper, are packed in wooden boxes, tightly closed, and wrapped in canvas and matting. In this shipment there were 547 cases, containing over 100,000 cards. When these eggs reach their destination they will be stored in vaults, secure against warmth, until the mulberry trees on which they feed have grown their foliage.

SURE REMEDY FOR THE BOTS.—The Department of Agriculture publishes the following experiments which a gentleman from Georgia tried and found effective in dispelling that serious trouble in horses. About thirty years ago a friend lost by bots a very fine horse. He took from the stomach of the dead horse about a gill of bots, and brought them to my office to experiment upon. He made preparations of every remedy he had heard of, and put some into each. Most had no effect, some affected them slightly, but sage tea more than anything else; that killed them in fourteen hours. He concluded he would kill them in nitric acid, but it had no more effect upon them than water; the third day they were as lively as when put in. A bunch of tansy was growing by my office. He took a handful of that, added a little water, squeezed out the juice, and put some in; they were dead in one minute. Since then I have had it given to every horse I have seen affected with the bots, and have never known it to fail of giving entire relief.

A VALUABLE INVENTION AND DISCOVERY.—One of the most important discoveries of the year just closed is that of tough glass, which, although it possesses all the serviceable qualities of common glass, cannot be easily fractured by concussion or unequal temperature. It is thought that it will take the place of porcelain for table ware, on account of being less liable to breakage; that it may even be employed in cooking over a fire; and that being less liable to breaking it will greatly reduce the expenses occasioned by the easy destruction of the present kind of glassware and porcelain. A furnace for the manufacture of this tough glass is now being built in France at a cost of more than half a million of dollars.

DIVORCES.—San Francisco is becoming quite famous as a place for straightening out "crooked marriages." We learn from the Chronicle that during the past year 356 couples have been "disjoined" by the courts of that city, and that about 200 couples more have asked to have the marital knot severed. As to how many there are who wish they had never seen each other the Chronicle saith not, and the Lord only knows. The ratio of divorce suits to the number of marriages in that city is 1 to 3. "Whether are we drifting" is a good conundrum for the people at the metropolis to answer.

THE END OF THE WORLD.—A Russian paper announces that a belief in the approaching end of the world has seized on the Cossacks of the Don. Many, especially aged people, are giving up their worldly affairs, wearing shrouds and ordering their coffins. On every road there are seen men repairing to Moscow to be consecrated priests, in order that the smallest village may have its own priest and church. The authorities are passive, hoping that the movement will die out of its own accord. It originated with the dissenters.

To extinguish kerosene flames, fling a cloth over them, or, if the flour barrel is handier, throw on flour, which absorbs the fluid, kills the flames, and can be readily cleaned up afterward.

An Algerian idea is that the angel of death seizes a dying man by the hair of his head and carries him up to Paradise. Bald-headed Algerines, of course, go to the other place.

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