PERSONAL.

MR. JEFFERSON DAVIS has returned to his home in Memphis.

QUEEN VICTORIA will take up her abode in Buckingham Palace in February.

MR. JOHN B. GOUGH is so ill that he has been obliged to postpone indefinitely his Western engagements.

GENERAL JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON proposes to reside permanently in Richmond, Va., and has already been suggested for Governor.

MISS EMILY FAITHFUL thinks that gymnasiums and skating-rinks should be attached to the jails for the benefit of prisoners.

MR. THEODORE TILTON says that the reading of "Daniel Deronda" makes a man wonder whether he is going to die a saint or a sinner.

MR. JOHN ELIOT, good man and preacher to the Indians, is to have a monument built on the spot where he gave the red men his first discourse.

FOUR ladies were elected to the London school board at the last election; among them is Miss Taylor, John Stuart Mill's step-daughter.

JOHN BROUGHAM, speaking the other day of the great Macready, said: "His voice was like broken china clinking in the bottom of a dry well."

THE statue of Burns, at Glasgow, Scotland, will be unveiled soon. Mr. Gladstone was invited to take a leading part in the ceremonies, but declined.

MR. ROBERT BROWNING has been nominated by the Glasgow Students' Independent Association as their candidate for the Lord Rectorship of the University.

THE torch which the daring "Is'rul" used when he bounded into the wolf's cave, is exhibited in the Old South. Maybe it's the very same, and maybe not.

MRS. WM. B. ASTOR made a Christmas present of fifteen thousand dollars to the Children's Aid Society of New York. This will clothe and send to homes in the West one hundred boys.

JAMES G. BLAINE was unanimously renominated for United States Senator from Maine, both for the short and long term and Senator Windom was renominated in Minnesota.

GENERAL JOSEPH R. HAWLEY and Mrs. Hawley have returned to Hartford, Conn., where the general will soon resume work on the *Courant* of that city, a newspaper of which he is part owner.

CHARLES J. BRENT, the Louisville forger, arrested in England, has reached New York, in charge of a detective, under the new agreement between the British and United States Governments.

WE are informed that Mr. Bright feels so strongly on the Eastern Question that he declined to preside at his own dinner table on Christmas Day, as he would not help Turkey under any circumstances.

MR. CARLYLE said to Prof. Huxly not long ago: "You Darwinians are spending your lives in trying to prove that men are descended from apes; and it needs more than our civilization to prevent them from being ogres."

CHIEF-JUSTICE TANEY was most loyally devoted to tobacco. He ate and drank little, but smoked incessantly. When his physician prescribed a short allowance, he would reduce the supply to 30 or 40 cigars a day.

MISS DICKINSON, the critics say, is not yet good in love scenes. The only thing for Miss Anna to do, seemingly, is to write a play where a heroine marries a tyrant and takes the conceit out of him.—*New York Tribune.*

STONEWALL JACKSON'S daughter Julia is now a pretty girl of sixteen, with large eyes, a good head, and an expression full of sweetness and character. She is said to be exceedingly gentle, modest and thoughtful. She is living with her mother in Charlotte, N. C.

THE first choice of a seat at Mr. Edwin Booth's first performance in San Francisco was sold, it is recorded, for $100. His first appearance on the stage was made before an audience of small girls and boys in Baltimore, who were admitted to the juvenile theatre for an enormous fee of two cents.

A CHINESE nobleman, in full dress, was present at Mrs. Grant's New Year's reception. Over a long yellow satin tunic he wore an invisible purple silk sack, very long and loose, and a blue collar around his neck. A close silk cap of black and red was on his head. He also wore a queue.

HENRY TUCKER, the author of the music of "When this cruel war is over," wrote it for a song beginning "Darling, meet me at the greenwood," but it was not published in that connection. In 1861 he brought it out, and with Chas. C. Sawyer wrote the war ballad. He cleared a thousand dollars from the song.

QUEEN VICTORIA was proclaimed Empress of India on New Year's Day at Delhi, and throughout the empire, with impressive ceremonies. Indian princes prayed the Empress to support the Sultan, and began subscribing money towards the military expenses of England in case of war with Russia.

To Wordsworth's home in the lake country once came a person—the sort of person who would weep at the sight of a great man's coal scuttle and go down on his knees before the india rubbers of a celebrity. This person desired to see the poet's study, wherein his eye in fine frenzy rolled. Said the maid simply: "This is master's dining room, but he studies in the fields."

EMPRESS EUGENIE and Prince Louis called on the Pope the other day, and were received with royal honors. It was rather a melancholy interview. No sooner did the widow see the Pope than she fell upon her knees and wept bitterly, and it was not until after some minutes that she yielded to the good old man's entreaties, and permitted Cardinal Bonaparte and Prince Louis to lift her to her feet.

WITH the death of Commodore Vanderbilt, there passed away from scenes in which he has been a prominent figure for at least half a century, one of the most remarkable men of this generation. He was not merely one of the richest men of the age, but was possessed of qualities of character and a genius that, upon another stage and in other conditions, would have ranked him among the world's greatest names. His energies were not devoted solely to the accumulation of his colossal fortune, but by his sagacity no less than his patriotism he has been able many times to subserve great public interests. His connection with the early history of steam navigation in this country, and his princely gift of the *Vanderbilt* steamship to the Government during the war, attest his public spirit, while the University at Nashville, founded by his munificence and bearing his name, will remain a lasting memorial of his generosity.

Italian Brigands.

A correspondent of the London *Times* writes from Palermo, Sicily, an account of an Englishman's capture near that city by brigands. Two brothers, it appears, had run down to a neighboring station to visit some mines, and on reaching there, separated, one, Geo. Rose, remaining with a party which was to drive to the mines, and the other, Forester Rose, riding on, accompanied by a servant. The account continues:

As Forester Rose rode up the hill he met two persons, splendidly mounted and dressed like Sicilian country gentlemen, who saluted him. A little further on his party was stopped by two men standing by their horses, who inquired their names. The clerk answered, assigning a feigned name to his master; but Mr. Rose responded truthfully, whereon he was ordered to dismount and get on one of the horses they held. The two horsemen he had just met now rode up, intimating that resistance would be dangerous. The young fellow was forced to obey, and his horse was led for some distance, when he perceived a chance of escape, slid down over the crupper, rushed down the hill at full speed, and though fired at by the brigand, succeeded in reaching the carriages. Here he naturally thought himself secure, but he had hardly time to tell his story when one of the gentlemanly-dressed brigands rode up to the carriages, from which the astonished passengers had all descended and were standing in the road. With the utmost audacity and self-possession this man, who is asserted to be no other than the renowned Leone himself, rode alone into the midst of the passenger, singled out young Rose, and with cool impertinence upbraided him with treating him very badly by his attempt to escape, and compelled him at the muzzle of his double-barreled breech-loader to remount the horse from which he had just escaped, apologizing at the same time with mock courtesy for the inconvenience to which he was obliged to put him; saying, "You must not find fault with us; you must blame the Government, which in many years has not been able to catch us or kill us." The unfortunate young man appealed to those around him for protection, and it would have been a very easy thing to send a bullet through the brigand as he sat in their midst, but the people either were not armed, or, what is more probable, on finding that one was claimed, came to the usual Sicilian conclusion that it was no affair of theirs. Take him he did, and rode off with his prey to the spot where the clerk and groom were retained by the rest of the band. This Leone, who has for years commanded a band in the center of the island, is one of the brigand chiefs on each of whose heads the reward of 25,000 francs was set some three years since, yet he has not only managed to elude all attempts to capture him, but also to escape what to an Englishman would seem the far greater peril treachery on the part of his followers. But in Sicily, if there is not honor, there is at least terror among rogues. The last and least thing which a *capobrigante* like Leone has to dread is, perhaps, being denounced to the authorities, even for the sake of £1,000. It was said that Leone was a small shopkeeper in Palermo, and, not succeeding in the grocery line, he became ambitious and resolved to do business in a larger field, in which he has thriven but too well. Some three years since, he "sequestered" Baronne Porcari at his country house, carried him into the mountains and kept him there thirteen days, until he paid 63,000f of ransom. But he treated him with much courtesy and fed him right well, sending even to Palermo for a cook to serve him.

Woman's Love Above All.

A young woman with a babe at her breast came into the police station and asked for a lodging. She was thin and poor, and the frozen snow hung in masses about the skirts of her dress.

"I walked in from the country," she said, when the usual question was put to her; "My husband came in to look for work, and as he did not come back I made up my mind that he fell in with some of his old cronies. So I came to look for him. Mother offered to keep me, but I know she hasn't more than she needs for herself. I have walked ten miles since breakfast. Can I stay until daylight?" The officer said she could. As she was passing through the corridor she caught sight of a man standing behind the bars. He was unshaven and haggard, and his red eyes told the cause of his being there.

"Why, Jim!"

The man glanced up. He brushed his hand across his eyes, looked at her again, and it is to his credit that his voice trembled when he said: "How came you here, Martha?"

"Oh, Jim!" and the poor wife began to sob; "I was afraid of this, and came after you. I knew you wouldn't go to do it of your own accord; but them cronies, Jim—them cronies! I knew what it would come to."

"Yes," and the young fellow's eyes filled with tears; "I know it's so, but I never knew it so well before. But if I get out of this, I'll give you my word it's the last time. It's the last time!—and you know I never have promised you that before."

The mother leaned against the bars and let her tears flow for a moment. She then straightened up and went direct to the clerk. "How much does he owe?" she asked.

"Three dollars and forty cents."

The woman took from her pocket a solitary five-dollar bill and paid the fine without a murmur. The door was opened, the young man passed out, and in a moment was marching down the street, with the babe on one arm and his wife close to his side.—*Cleveland Leader.*

THE negroes in the South, says a correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial*, calculate time entirely from the year of emancipation. If you ask the date of any event, they will tell you it occurred so many years before "freedom," or so many years since "freedom." If you ask the age of a child the mother or father may tell you "it was borned two year before freedom," or "it was borned jist three year and two months after freedom." The use of the word "Master," or "Massa," or "Mars'n," as it was variously pronounced by the slaves, has passed away. For it has been substituted the comprehensive term "boss." There is no master, or mister, or monsieur for the freedmen; every man who is white, or who is in authority, is "boss."

THE first translation of the Bible ever made by a woman is to be credited to Julie Smith, one of the famous Glastonbury sisters. The requisite classical and theological knowledge she had to acquire entirely by herself, as her studies were begun at a day before colleges were thrown open to women.

A Lonely Vigil.

W. H. Ostrom, who is well known in Denver, having formerly resided here, started last week with his wife and eight children from a ranch in Pine Grove Gulch, in Jefferson County, upon which he has lived for the last few years, for a distance of about twenty miles to a small park on the South Platte, where he expected to spend the winter. Mr. Ostrom had previously visited the park, and had built a house for the protection of his family. He had removed most of his effects, and last Friday morning started with his family and few articles of household furniture and wearing apparel. When the travelers were about three miles from the place where they intended to stop, the wagon was overturned and Mr. Ostrom was killed by the accident. They had passed over the toughest portion of the road, and about 4 o'clock came to a small stream over which a man could step with ease. The team was composed of a pair of mules, and one of them shied, throwing the wagon to one side and upon an obstruction. The shock was so great as to overturn the wagon. The party aboard consisted of Mr. Ostrom, his wife and seven children. Mrs. Ostrom and the children were thrown off some distance to one side. Mr. Ostrom, thinking they would be hurt, threw himself under the wagon to prevent its falling on them. He was borne to the ground and was caught squarely under the crossbar of the wagon bed. There was a weight of fully 1,500 pounds upon him, and of course he could not move.

Mrs. Ostrom and children were thrown off amid the heavy rocks that lay around, and all of them were bruised, but none seriously injured. She got upon her feet as soon as possible and found her husband in the condition as described. His face was very pale, and the lady was, of course, frightened. She began to cry, as did the children also. He was able to speak, and he assured her that he was not greatly hurt. He told her to get a lever and pry the wagon off him. She tried, but could not move it, the weight being far beyond the capacity of a strong man. She did every thing in her power, but to no avail. He grew paler and paler and in less than five minutes after the accident occurred died.

At this time the oldest son, who was driving a cow, came up. He and his mother were both unable to remove the load from the body of the husband and father. And they were compelled to uncouple the wagon and drag it off with the mules. No means would avail anything to restore life. There were the poor woman and her eight children fifteen miles from a human being, in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, and night then upon them. The oldest of the children was but fourteen and the others were very small. Right here bears and mountain lions abound, and an old hunter told a reporter of the *Tribune* that he would consider staying in this place during a night a very hazardous undertaking.

But there was no alternative. The nearest house that could be reached was fifteen miles back over the same road—through the mountains—that they had traveled during the day. So, with the dead body of her husband lying in a sheet beside her, and her children, and the beasts of the mountain wilds, to keep her company, the brave woman determined to spend the night.

A big fire was built, and the children were made as comfortable as possible. But at this season of the year it is very cold in the mountains, and do what she might, the little ones suffered. She never thought of her own comfort, and she and her oldest boy kept the lonely vigil through an almost endless and very cold and very dark night. The mountains rose thousands of feet all around them, but their dark shadows only served to render the scene more dreary.

At last the morning dawned, and with the first ray of light she began to make preparations for her return. The wagon was coupled together, and the team attached. The children and the dead body of the husband were put on the wagon, and the party began to retrace their footsteps. The body had frozen stiff during the night. The road was so bad that they did not reach any house until 9 o'clock Saturday night. Mr. Wm. Fleming's ranch was first reached, and here the corpse was taken charge of by that gentleman. A coffin was improvised, and Mr. Fleming started for Denver Sunday with the remains. He reached this place yesterday morning, having traveled all Sunday night and a great part of the day previous through the snow-storm. Mrs. Ostrom followed, and arrived yesterday, bringing her children with her. Mr. Ostrom came from Mobile, Ala., to Denver in 1869. He was a carpenter, and was a first-class workman. He was a man of refined manners, and very popular. About three years ago he moved to this ranch, and has since resided there. On account of the grasshoppers he did not prosper, but left food and clothing for his family to last during the winter. He was about forty-five years of age.—*Denver (Col.) Tribune.*

Woman-Stealing.

In all times and places, among savage and civilized, victory is followed by pillage. Whatever portable things of worth the conquerors find, they take. The enemies of the Fuegians plunder them of their dogs and arms; pastoral tribes in Africa have their cattle driven away by conquering marauders; and peoples more advanced are robbed of their money, ornaments, and all valuable things that are not too heavy. The taking of women is manifestly but a part of this process of spoiling the vanquished. Women are prized as wives, as concubines, as drudges; and, the men having been killed, the women are carried off along with the other movables. Everywhere among the uncivilized we find this. Turner tells us that "in Samoa, in dividing the spoils of a conquered people, the women were not killed, but taken as wives." We learn from Mitchell that in Australia, "on some whites telling a native that they had shot a man of another tribe, his only remark was: 'Stupid white fellows! why did you not bring away the gins?'" And P. Martyr says that among the cannibal Caribs in his day "to eat women was considered unlawful.... Those who were captured young were kept for breeding, as we keep fowl, etc." Early legends of the semi-civilized show us the same thing; as when in the "Iliad" we read that the Greeks plundered "the sacred city of Eëtion," and that part of the spoils "they divided among themselves" were the women. And there need no examples to recall the fact that in later and more civilized times successes in battle have followed by transactions allied in character, if not the same in form. Hence it is obvious that, from the beginning down to comparatively late stages, women-stealing has been an *incident* of successful war.—*Popular Science Monthly.*

A Wonderful Place.

At No. 522 California street, San Francisco, has been established Wood's Museum, which contains the finest collection of relics to be found in this country, west of Philadelphia, and one which will amply repay a visit. The proprietor has spent a great deal of time and money in collecting the curiosities to be found there, which number idols of stone and wood, carved in the most grotesque manner, and some of which have been pronounced by experts to be thousands of years old; animals of nearly every species, petrifications, mummies, reptiles, and everything interesting and instructive to both the old and young. One live reptile in the collection is the most wonderful ever placed on exhibition, being a double-headed snake, which runs either way, and strikes alike with both ends. The great skeleton of the mastodon, 180,000 years old, is on exhibition there, with 100,000 other curiosities. Professor L. King, one of the best magicians, humorists and ventriloquists of the age, gives daily exhibitions. Everything is included in the one admittance fee of 25 cents, and the Museum is just the place for children and families to visit, as they can be at the same time amused and instructed without becoming demoralized. The tricks of the magician are especially interesting, as they are nearly all new and their performance seems to be an utter impossibility. A matinee is given at 2 P. M. each day, when the various curiosities are explained to visitors. The Museum is open daily, excepting Sunday, from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M., and in supplying a want long felt, affords a place which can be safely visited by ladies and children who are without escorts. There is an entire change of programme of Professor King's entertainment each day, the management being determined that each visit made shall discover something new.—*S. F. Chronicle.*

An Item of Interest.

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