

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Paul to Chaffin has been for eight years working on his new book. Sir Edward Burnes is the oldest active journalist in Europe. He is 83. Senator Evans will spend most of the summer at his home at Windsor, Va. The Duke of Westminster is the richest of Queen Victoria's subjects in Great Britain. Jules Ferry enjoys being caricatured, and collects and preserves all such pictures of himself. President Carnot, of France, will spend the summer in writing a history of himself and his ancestors. Allen G. Thurman is a great smoker, and is credited with consuming between two and three cigars a day. Charles Dudley Warner says that most of the works of fiction of the present day are too much tinged with materialism. The Duke of Cumberland and his sister, Princess Frederica, have become reconciled after an estrangement of nine years. The kings of Cambodia and Assam will visit Paris next year and will receive distinguished honors at the hands of the French government. President Carnot, of France, will pass his summer holiday in preparing materials for a history of his illustrious family of republican patriots. Bartley Campbell the mad playwright, is still an inmate of the Middle-west asylum for the insane. He is happy and quiet, but will never be sane again. Andrew Lang, the English balladist, who does not admire American poetry, makes part of his income by writing verses for an English soap manufacturer. W. G. Grace, the great English cricketer, is 46 years of age, but is still unexcelled as a batsman. The year of Grace 1888, in fact, bids fair to give him his best record. The largest private library in this country is owned by H. H. Bancroft, the historian, and is in his San Francisco home. It consists of 80,000 volumes and is valued at \$300,000. Dr. Thomas W. Evans, the dentist, has received from Queen Victoria a public medal of gold as a token of her appreciation of his work on the instruments for Emperor Frederick's throat. Gen. Greenhalgh is said to be one of the worst dressed men in public life. His lack of friendship with the tailor is made, however, less apparent by his handsome face and commanding figure. Don Pedro, beside being a wise and liberal monarch, an accomplished musician and an experienced traveler, has been a profound student of languages, and is well versed in Hebrew, Arabic and Sanskrit. Samuel J. Randall has a bright young son who wears glasses and is said to look just like his father. He is called "Little Sam Randall," and is described by a correspondent as being "as fat as butter and as sharp as a tack." Nawab Zaighom-od-Dowlah, brother-in-law to the late king of Oudh, is in London specially engaged to teach the Prince of Wales and Prince Albert Victor Hindostani. The Nawab has the degree of "Learned Pandit." Rev. W. J. Gaines, of Atlanta, who has lately been made a bishop of the African Episcopal church, belonged to Gabriel Combs, brother of Robert Toombs, in slavery days, and was a farm hand until his emancipation. Lord Dudley, the wealthy young English noble who has just come into possession of his heritage of some \$2,000,000 per annum, has already developed a strong taste for gambling and recently lost \$100,000 at racing and \$50,000 at cards. Gen. O'Ryan, the Spanish minister of war in Senor Sagasta's reorganized cabinet, is, as his name indicates, of Irish descent. He is, however, a thorough Spaniard, his great grandfather having entered the service of Spain over 100 years ago. M. Daniel Wilson, the unfortunate son-in-law of ex-President Greely, of France, does not dare to enter the chamber of deputies, but he holds on to his seat for Touraine and pockets the salary attached thereto, and under the present law there is no way of getting rid of him. M. Clemenceau and Gen. Boulanger recently met by accident at the dinner table of a lady who is a friend of both. They sat at each side of her hostess, and to avoid seeing each other so as to compel a salutation, which would have been distasteful to both, they sat with their backs turned to ward her. The Duke of Rutland, accompanied by the duchess, is likely to visit America this summer. The duchess is a popular magazine writer in London, and until her husband's recent accession to the dukedom her signature was frequently at the end of long articles in the London Queen on social topics for women. One object of the American journey is it is believed, to enable the duchess to get her share of observation into feminine life in large cities. Muncie Mizu, the new Japanese minister to this country, is about 45 years of age. He is extremely learned and possesses great executive ability. In 1877 he was imprisoned in Tokyo for his connection with the Sigo rebellion. His sentence was for twelve years, but at the end of five years the government released him, having discovered that his offense was less flagrant than at first supposed. During his confinement Mizu translated Miller's "Political Economy" into his native tongue. CREATION'S LOWER ORDERS. Ed Snyder, of Dayton, O., has a dog that sets on beds. The curious canine will dig up an onion bed to get at the bulbous vegetable. John Hendricks, of Catawba, O., has a lamb with three perfectly developed ears, two on the sides and one on the top of the head. Chinese pheasants are so thick in the Waldo Hills, Colo., that they have to be shot out of the furrows by the plowmen, so greedy are they in gobbling up the angle worms. They are becoming a nuisance. Joseph Tucker, of Marion township, near Findlay, O., has a cow that is noted for its remarkable appetite for cats. The animal eats every cat that comes within its reach, and has disposed of five so far this spring. Plaster Hotter, of City Point, Miss., was showing when he heard a painter in a thick coat by Hegot his gun, mounted his mule, rode in pursuit, overtook the beast, and shot it dead. As he was examining it the mule suddenly took fright, and, rearing up, struck violently at the dead painter; but, instead, hit his master, who at last accounts was likely to die. Fred Gebhard will send Eolo, Elliot and St. Louis to his California ranch. The ranch is located sixty two miles north of San Francisco, and comprises 3,500 acres, of which 1,300 acres are suited to grazing horses, but there is a great deal of mountain and craggy land which will not be available.

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