

THE HERALD.

NEWS BRIEVITIES.

Milwaukee has passed an ordinance assessing its horse railroad companies \$5,000 a year for each mile of the streets on which their tracks are laid.

A howler in a Cleveland alley had a ball poised to roll, when a bystander made an insulting remark, and he threw it violently at the offender, killing him by fracturing his skull.

"The Danites" had their thousandth performance recently in Philadelphia, and is worn out. The Rankins, to whom it has brought a fortune, intend to try another mining camp next fall.

Arizona resembles all mining regions in being overcrowded with persons who have no money and find it difficult to make a living. There are 2,000 persons in Tucson and Tombstone living from hand to mouth.

"The Associated Press is a great boon, is it not?" asked he. "It is, indeed," she replied, in soft tones. "George and I had one last winter, but papa came in one night before George could get his arm away, and acted dreadfully."

Letter carriers entrusted with valuable mails have been assailed by robbers in the streets of New York and Boston, and now the employees of the Austrian postal service have been armed with revolvers, which they are forbidden to go without.

Algiers is beginning to develop a taste for the fine arts. Not long ago the success of the exhibition at Algiers took every one by surprise, and now another, which has been organized at Oran, is equally successful. "The picture sold," says an enthusiastic correspondent, "as if by enchantment."

There was only one rocking-chair in the Nessel's residence, at Kentsville, Ind., and both the man and the woman liked to sit in it. Henry had enjoyed it two hours, when John demanded a turn. A quarrel was followed by a fight, in which Henry was killed by his brother.

The discovery of a human finger in a sausage has "cast a gloom" over the trade in that delicacy in Liverpool. The explanation offered by the defendant on the machine had his finger cut off, and the digit, being left lying about, somehow went in with the other mince-meat while its owner was at the hospital.

M. Cluseret, once a colonel of volunteers in the Union army, and subsequently under the Commune, war minister, was sentenced in Paris by default to two years' imprisonment, and to pay 3,000 francs fine, for an article in the *Marseillaise* deemed insulting to the army, and justifying Herzogewsky for attempting to kill the Czar.

Sergeant Snyder, of the Belleville (Out.) police, owed a great deal of money in small amounts, and his creditors were importunate. Duty must be done at every turn. He could not dodge them, for his duty compelled him to patrol certain streets, and therefore it was easy to find him. Under the pressure of his debts, he endured the torture for several months, and then committed suicide.

According to *Le Franciscain*, a French journal recently started in New York, Mass. M. Jules Ferry, has just proposed a novel method for public instruction in geography. For this he will make use of the race-course at Longchamps by arranging on it cards bearing the names of the different countries with their capitals and seaports.

All the debtors in Glasgow prison were set free on Monday, Dec. 31, under the provisions of the Fraudulent Debtor's (Scotland) act. There were twenty-eight men and two women. One of the women had been there eighteen months. The Glasgow Tolbooth is thus probably for the first time in two centuries without a debtor prisoner. Debtors were also liberated at Edinburgh and other places.

Annie Flagg declined James Druggie's offer of marriage, at Front Royal, Va., and when he pressed her for the reason she said she was in love with Noah Bonford. This was untrue, and she regretted saying it, for Druggie vowed vengeance on his supposed rival. She feared the threat of execution, and sent a letter of caution to Bonford; but arrived too late, for he was found murdered, presumably by Druggie.

A young Chicagoan gave an elaborate dinner to his friends at the Union Club in that city. The entertainment was well advanced when the steward entered the room, and whispered to the host that his mother was at the door demanding his retirement from the festivity. He went out to plead his cause, but she resolutely laid hold of him, led him to the family carriage and took him home. The guests finished the dinner with one vacant chair.

In a recent exhibition of old satirical prints and drawings in Liverpool were several subjects relating to the Revolutionary war. One of the 1782 representations "Miss America" travelled as a Virginia princess, and holding the cap of Liberty on a pole. She is making her peace with her estranged husband. "Mamma says no more about it," to which Britannia responds in a generous spirit: "Be a good girl and give me a kiss."

A young man in Russia of decided ability was attacked by an acute disease brought on by excessive dissipation. After his recovery he was found to have lost all his mental faculties except calculation and memory. These were increased to such a degree that he could surpass all mathematicians in power of mental calculation, and could repeat poetry which occupied several minutes in reading after hearing it only once. In all other respects he is a helpless idiot.

At the last Paris exhibition considerable attention was drawn to some nuns in curtains to which a flame was constantly applied without setting them on fire. The chemical composition of the substance which rendered them combustible, as recently made known, was 80 parts pure sulphate of ammonia, 20 of carbonate of ammonia, 30 of boracic acid, 12 of pure borax, 20 of starch, and 1000 of distilled or pure water. The materials to be rendered fire resisting are dipped in this solution while it is hot, so as to insure thorough impregnation, and, when well dried, are ironed as ordinary starched fabrics.

Old Bob Keyworth is noted in Galveston for being an exceedingly stingy landlord. Jim Groce was paying him \$20 a month for an old, weather-beaten house. He refused to have it painted, but his request was refused, and he did the work himself. As soon as the painting was over, Keyworth raised the rent to \$25. "Why do you raise the rent?" asked Jim. "On account of the improvement," replied the old man. "You know the house has just been painted, and a newly-painted home is always worth more than a shabby one."

A correspondent of the *Scientific American* says: "Let any one who has an attack of lockjaw take a small quantity of turpentine, warm it and pour it on the wound, no matter where the wound is, and relief will follow in less than a minute. Nothing better can be applied to a severe cut or bruise than cold turpentine; it will give certain relief almost instantly. Turpentine is also a sovereign remedy for cramp. Saturate a piece of flannel with it and place the flannel on the throat and chest, and in every case three or four drops on a lump of sugar may be taken inwardly."

Wanted It Just Right.

"How do you like this coat in your paper?" asked a quiet looking man as he handed in the following advertisement at the Brooklyn Eagle counting-room: "Smith—Busted a trace, in this city, Friday, just after dinner, Mary Smith, wife of the undersigned, and daughter of old Sam Pratt, the leading blacksmith of Denver, Col. The corpse was highly respected by the highest families, but death got the drop on her, and she took the up-bucket with perfect confidence that she would have a square show the other side of the divide. The plant transpires this afternoon at her boarding-house on Willow street. Come one, come all."

"Dearest Mary, thou hast left us. For you needs these words: 'Come!' But 'Heaven that has bereft us, And snatched our darling up the stime."

"Denver papers please copy and send bill, or draw at sight."

"I don't believe you want it in just that way, do you?" asked the clerk rubbing his chin dubiously.

"Why, not, stranger?" asked the quiet man.

"I don't read quite right, does it?" asked the clerk.

"Was you acquainted with the corpse, stranger?" demanded the quiet man.

"Was you aware of the lamented while she was bustling around in society down at that boarding-house?"

"I don't know that I ever met her," responded the clerk.

"So I reckoned, Judge. You wasn't in the streets of this city when the living business, now, judge, the deceased wrote that oration herself after she died, and I want it in. Do you hook on, partner?"

"But it isn't our style of notice," objected the clerk.

"Nor mine, neither," acquiesced the quiet man. "I was for having a picture of the deceased, but she said she would take quiet and modest, so she wooed that up. Say, stranger, is it any thing into your valuable space without any difficulty?"

"I don't know," said the clerk dolefully.

"I know, partner. This celebration comes out after a long time, and that's going in in the morning, if it goes in out of a cannon. I got grief enough on my hands now, stranger, without creating a furor on the sidewalk, but if you want war, I've got the implements right in the back part of these mourning clothes. What do you think just now?"

"Does it make any difference where it goes?" asked the clerk.

"I want it in the paper," said the mourner, "and it's going in if it takes a split-driver. Think you twig my racket, stranger?"

"All right," replied the clerk. "I'll put it in the 'Salad,' among other mournful remarks. Four dollars, please."

"That's business," and the quiet man paid the money. "If you ain't busy come around to-morrow. I'm going to give the old woman a send off, and if that gossamer don't work up a pretty good programme before he gets to the doxology, his folks, will think he's been doing considerable business with a saw-mill." She was a good one, judge, and she was pious from the back of her neck to the bottom of her heel; you can tell that from the medals, and the mourning-widow wiped his eyes on the sly, and later in the day was lined \$10 for thrashing the undertaker who put silver handles on the sashet instead of gold.

FEMINE NOTES. A faint pocket-book never won a fair lady. When a pretty Irish girl is stolen away, they suspect some Boycotter. A New York man calls his sweetheart Kitty, because she gets her back up so often. "Our rooms are small," said she "but I live in my husband." "Yes," said her friend. "I see you live in a flat." A Philadelphia man has perfected a plan for bringing coal out of the cellar without exerting any of his muscle. He makes his wife cart it up. First gentleman (at the theatre)—"What do you think of the scenery?" Second gentleman—"I never saw a prettier Gainsborough hat in my life."

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