

RAILROAD BREVITIES.

A. V. H. Carpenter, for thirty years general passenger agent of the Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, has been retired at his own request.

The twenty-four hour notation is now in general use on all the railroads of Hindoostan, the total mileage of which is between 16,000 and 17,000 miles.

Sidney Dillon, recently elected president of the Union Pacific road, formerly held that position, and was succeeded by Charles Francis Adams in 1884.

The track mileage of street railways in the five leading cities of the United States is: New York, 308; Chicago, 265; Boston, 230; Brooklyn, 324; Philadelphia, 324.

Wiley Jones, of Pine Bluff, Ark., is the only colored man owning a whole street railway. His property consists of fourteen miles of track and equipments, valued at \$250,000.

Director F. L. Ames says that the floating debt of the Union Pacific road has been reduced in the past year by \$4,000,000 and is now \$11,500,000. There was never any thought of having a receiver appointed for the road.

A Pullman conductor, after long years of service, epitomizes his career as follows: Pleasure received, some; insults from superior officers, many; money, none; gratuitous insults from passengers with hoggish natures, several thousand; worldly knowledge, much.

To connect New York and London by rail would necessitate the building of about 9,800 miles of road across Behring strait and thence down the coast of Alaska.

In the year 1889 the whole Russian railroad system carried 41,500,000 passengers and 61,533,470 tons of freight on 17,000 miles of railroad, earning about \$8,300 per mile—which would make our railroads rich.

The Canadian parliament will be asked to incorporate a company with power to operate a railway from Winnipeg to the Saskatchewan river and Hudson's bay and with power to construct and navigate steam vessels on Hudson's bay.

The roads running west from Chicago have agreed not to issue passes to shippers or any other person for the purpose of influencing business in 1891.

The following is given in the "Archiv fur Eisenbahnwesen" as the railway mileage at the beginning of 1889: Europe, 123,900; America, 160,000; Asia, 18,000; Africa, 5,300; Australia, 13,500—total, 357,000, as compared with 267,000 in 1884.

Of the increase of 64,000 miles during the four years, 40,000 is in America, and 20,000 in the United States alone; 11,000 miles were opened in 1885, 17,000 in 1886, 23,000 in 1887, and 13,000 in 1888.

ROYAL FLUSHES.

Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany has given birth to a son.

The Prince of Wales is a collector of dogs. He is very fond of the canine tribe, and among others, possesses some dogs with black tongues.

Prince Vladimir, the youngest brother of the Princess of Wales, is a naval officer. He has worked his way up from a humble position to the rank of captain.

King George of Greece is one of the most democratic of rulers. He has a thin and rather elegant figure, a fresh complexion and is bald.

King Humbert of Italy is 42 years old. He is brave, courteous and devoted to his only child, a boy of 14. The king speaks French as well as he does Italian, and is said to be a charming man to meet.

Francis II, the last king of Naples, whom Garibaldi overthrew, is living in exile in Paris. He is a plain looking man of medium height, whose eyes always have a mournful look in them and who never smiles.

King Milan, late of Serbia, has arranged his financial affairs with the regency at Belgrade, and he is to have an allowance of \$30,000 a year. He will live in Paris, where he has bought a house in the Avenue du Bois de Boulogne.

The Emperor William has taken a great fancy to the Norwegian fashion of building cottages, and has decided to build a Norwegian jagd-schloss on his estate in East Prussia and two chalets at Potsdam, one of which is to be erected in the beautiful park at Babelsberg.

LITERARY NOTES.

The impression in London is that Rudyard Kipling is writing himself to death.

Robert Browning is responsible for the statement he was nearly 50 years old before he made any money out of his writings.

Louis Janvier, a Haytian negro, has lately published in Paris a novel, which is said to show considerable ability and undoubted originality.

The highest price ever paid for a book, it is said, was \$50,000. It was for a vellum missal which was presented to King Henry VIII by Pope Leo X.

In Paris the most important literary event of the past season has been the appearance of Pere Didon's long promised work on Jesus Christ.

Princess Beatrice is writing a book on lace, which promises to be a standard work, as her royal highness has one of the largest and best collections in the world, and is continually adding to it.

At auction in London the other day were sold the manuscript of unpublished verses by Thackeray when 15 years of age, commencing—

ART NOTES.

Mr. J. Q. A. Ward will model an equestrian statue of General Philip H. Sheridan.

A new club, for artists only, is projected in London. It is to be at Chelsea, near Carlyle's old residence, and will have exhibition rooms near by.

The Peabody Institute, at Baltimore, has received from Miss E. Garrett a large painting with figures the size of life representing Christ carried to the sepulchre.

John Leslie Breck, a disciple of the impressionist Monet, is showing at the St. Botolph Club, in Boston, half a hundred paintings, in which pinks, reds, and purples hold high carnival.

The attempt has been made in London to enlist an architect, two sculptors, a painter, and two designers in the plans for a church. It is for a Mr. Sedding and stands near Sloane street.

Washington furnishes an excellent field for studies of various types of "our brother in black," and some of the artists at the capital have not been slow in taking advantage of the opportunities at hand.

The Messrs. Ticknor, of Boston, will bring out a magnificent work on the Renaissance architecture of England, in six parts, folio, with 21 plates in each part.

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