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, 368; Chicago, 365; Boston, 339; 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 \$350,000.

Director F. L. Ames says that the float ing 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 su perior officers, many; money, none; gratu itous 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. The distance between the metropolis of Great Britain and the metropolis of the new world by rail is estimated at 16,200 miles.

In the year 1889 the whole Russian railroad system carried 41,569,000 passengers and 61,543,470 tons of freight on 17,692 miles of railroad, earning about \$8,200 per mile-which would make our railroads rich. The entire imports by rail and by water are reported to have been but \$22,633 tons.

The Canadian parliament will be asked to incorporate a company with power to hibiting a number of water color operate a railway from Winnipeg to the sketches of negro boys of the street Saskatchewan river and Hudson's bay and with power to construct and navigate steam vessels on Hudson's bay. The proposed road will be a link in a projected grain carrying route to England.

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. Under the agree-ment passes can be issued only to railroad officials and employes of the railroads, on account of advertising and also to poli ticians within the state of Illinois.

The following is given in the "Archiv fur Eisenbahnwesen" as the railway mileage at the beginning of 1889: Europe, 133,000; America, 190,000; Asia, 18,000; Africa, 5,300; Australia, 10,500-total, 557,600, as com-pared with 203,000 in 1884. Of the increase of 64,000 miles during the four years, 40,000 is in America, and 30,000 in the United States alone; 11,000 miles were opened in Talbot Brown. Each part will cost \$8 1885, 17,000 in 1883, 23,000 in 1887, and 13,000 to sub-cribers, and \$10 to nonsub-cribers. 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 com-plexion and is bald. He is a fine horseman, but prefers walking to riding.

ART NOTES.

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

A new club, for artists only, is pro-jected in London. It is to be at Chelsea, near Carlyle's old residence, and will have exhibition rooms near by. The committee to arrange the premises consists of Whistler, Jacomb Hood, Fred Brown, Christie, and Lee.

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. It was the intention of John W. Garrett to give this picture to the institute, and his daughter is now carrying out his purpose.

John Leslie Breck, a disciple of the impressionist Monet, is showing at the St. Botolph Ciub, in Boston, half a hundred paintings, in which pinks, reds, and purples hold high carnival. One picture shows the garden of Monet, with that artist's daughter in a scarlet jacket seated beside her father in the act of painting.

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. The architect is Armstead, the sculptors are Thorney Croft and Alfred Gilbert; the painter is Burne Jones, and the designers are William Morris and Conrad Dessler. The results from this meeting of artists in one design will be awaited with curiosity.

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. One of them, Mr. James Henry Moser, has recently been exsketches of negro boys of the street gamin type so familiar to Washingtonians, which have attracted a good deal of attention. Some of the sketches have been reproduced by L Prang & Co., the Boston art publishers, so that residents of other cities will be able to enjoy Mr. Moser's pictures as well as his neighbors in Washington.

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. The buildings and details chosen belong to the period 1560-1630, which is one particularly interesting to Ameri-cans, as at that time their ancestors were, with few exceptions, still in Europe. A critical and historical text is supplied by J. Alfred Gotch and W. to subscribers, and \$10 to nonsubscribers. Small sketches of windows, balustrades, panels, bosses, corbels, and so forth, are scattered through the text.

The shaft to commemorate the landing of Leonard Calvert on the soil of Maryland, for which the legislature of that State appropriated \$2,000 last summer, will stand on a small knoll near the old wharf at St. Mary's City. The mulberry tree under which, according to the legend, Calvert and his companions gathered, was standing on this knoll until a few years ago. The tree suffered so much from relic hunters that the inhabitants of St. Mary's cut it down and placed the trunk in the church. The shaft is of Vermont King Humbert of Italy is 42 years old, granite, standing 27 feet above a brick He is brave, courteous and devoted to his foundation. It will bear two medall-only child, a boy of 14. The king speaks ions carrying the coat of arms of Maryas carrying the coat of arms of Mary land, and the chief inscription reads: "In Memory of Leonard Calvert, First Governor of Maryland, this Monument is Erected by the State of Maryland."





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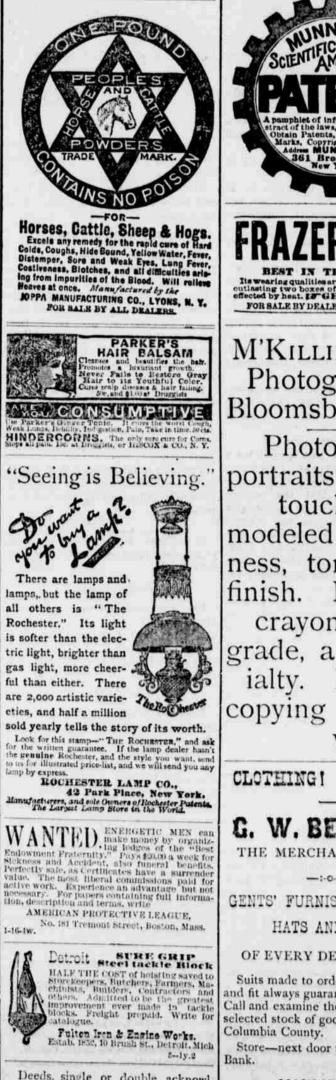
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Francis II, the last king of Naples, whom Garibaldi overthrew, is living in exile in Paris. He is a plain looking man of mediam height, whose eyes always have a mournful look in them and who never smiles.

King Milan, late of Servia, 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 crected in the beautiful park at Babelsberg.

Friedrich Wilhelm, the little crown prince of Germany, is a handsome boy of 7, who is every inch all obenzollern. He does consisted in its being a relic, and not in not like music. He would much rather the printed page. play horse or soldier, but it is his father's orders that he must learn to play the violta, and he dare not disobey.

THEATRICAL NOTES.

Augustin Daly will take his company to London next summer for a season of twelve weeks.

Walter Besant has given his permission to have his "Amorel of Lyonese" turned into a play by Boyle Lawrence.

"The Isle of Champagne" is rapidly menring completion. Charles Alfred Byrne and Louis Harrison are collaborating upon

In three seasons Bronson Howard received \$21,000 royalty for "The Henrietta" and in one season \$61,000 for "Shenandoah."

Professor Thorold Jerichan, the Danish planist and composer, has arrived in the United States in search of American fame .nd fortune

"You, Me, Chummy and I" is the title of the farce comedy Henry Myers will waft sently down the current of public opinion next susion

Anson Pond, who wrote "Her Atonehas finished a new society play, which he proposes to launch shortly under als own management.

The success of "Blue Jeans" moves on a rising scale. Its intensely rapid action, its natural lines, its endless surprises, its sinjular bleading of smiles and tears give it in artistic value that daily advances.

Stuart Robson has been giving fugitive scionances of "Is Marriage a Failure" in the road, and the result has convinced im that he has in this comedy a piece of property as valuable as the "Honrietta."

Next senson C. B. Jefferson and Klaw und Erlanger will have upward of 1,200 scople in their employ. They are to be used in their productions of "The Sondan," The County Fair," "The Great Mctropo-is," and "A Country Circus."

LITERARY NOTES.

The impression in L andon 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

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. It is well known that he undertook this task with the object of refuting the arguments and undoing the influence of Ernest Renan's writings on the origin of Christinnity.

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. She loves lace, and has made a special study of its varieties. It is probable that the book will be illustrated by the royal author.

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

"Now let us dance and sing While Carthusian bells do ring, Joy twangs the fiddle-string, And freedom blows the flute-"

and two original unpublished verses by Thackeray-

" I've seen young beauty's eye of fire To beam with love or glance with ire." ste., the former bringing £20 and the latter £16 10s.

William Morris, the poet, has given the world his vision of the future of humanity in "News from Nowhere, or an Epoch of Rest." A man falls asleep in England and wakes up in 1971, to find that a great revolution has occurred, competition has ceased, labor has become a pleasure, the city and country have become beautiful with good cheer, and all life is harmonious with itself. The account possesses all the delicacy and grace the author can give it, and is a noteworthy add tion to the volumes of it; kind.