

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

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EPHEMERIS.

An epidemic of fleas is visiting New York. Duels are often fought now in New Orleans.

Rusk is said to have a fortune of three millions. Longfellow expects to remain abroad about two years.

Philadelphia Quakers are working hard among the freedmen. Brick Pomeroy is, it is said, building a \$150,000 hotel at La Crosse.

One retail soda water man in New York says he sells 4,000 glasses a day. The first house in San Francisco was built just twenty-three years ago.

Sothorn is coming back to America with Lord Dundreary next winter. Four thousand female soldiers are said to be now fighting in the Paraguayan army.

Crinolines with enormous bustles are reported to be coming in full force at Paris. A \$200,000 sugar-refinery is to be established shortly at Nashville, Tenn.

It is said that some very foolish women in Washington have gone insane about Planchette. The track of the Union Pacific Railroad is now laid thirty-seven miles west of Benton.

Small monkeys are much more fashionable than poodles now as pets with the Parisians. Mrs. Helmholt, whose husband is so literary renowned, wears cherry-colored satin at Long Branch.

The Government of Belgium has prohibited the manufacture, storage and use of nitro-glycerine. Fifteen thousand and twenty-three dollars was the amount of the gross receipts of the Cleveland street-railway.

Wild parrots have been introduced into the London parks and seem to get along well enough with the sparrows. Götteschalk must like South America pretty well as he seems to stay quite long enough to find out its good qualities.

The Princess Mary of Teck, it is said, wishes to abjure her faith and embrace Catholicism. London talks much about it. Eighteen slaves carrying three hundred and thirty-three slaves, were captured last year by British cruisers off the coast of Africa.

One member of the Talbot family, the great Roman Catholic family of England, has just received a scarlet hat from the Pope. Fourteen different toilettes in one day is the most dressing which any young lady at Long Branch has as yet been able to achieve.

William Harrison, the English singer, who was once so popular in this country as a member of the Fyne and Harrison opera troupe, is dying. M. Drouyn de L'Huys is President of the French Committee for expediting the completion of the new Franco-American submarine cable.

Up to last Saturday night 45,000 cart-loads of mud and dirt, debris left by the recent flood, had been removed from the streets of Baltimore. On the day that the Luther monument was inaugurated, a rich gentleman of Wiesbaden gave 40,000 florins for the education of poor children.

Robert Heller got through the Bankrupt Court in England all right, recently. Robert had made heaps of money, but it said to gamble much of it away. Cardinal Cullen is very seriously ill and special prayers for his recovery are being made in all the Roman Catholic churches of Great Britain and Ireland.

Topsy is coming back to America to try and resume the laurels which, when she threw them down, were taken up by the latest New York favorite, Mlle Irma. Bull-fights are quite popular in France, where the Emperor has introduced them, but like everything new introduced by his Imperial Highness, there is a large party of objectors.

Little birds in their nests agree, and the World calls Vallandigham "a pretender," and "a scalliwag." Vallandigham, in return, says the editor of the World is "a donkey." The driver of a stage coach near Cooperstown, this State, was asked if his was an emigrant stage. "Well," he rejoined, "I don't know about the East, but it is a damned good Grand stage, I know."

All the best cherry grown is used up by Queen Isabella and her court. The Queen drinks pure cherry at all of her meals, but won't have champagne or any other French wines in her cellars. The Adenese has raised another serious question for religious disputants. It wants to know, "Can a Democrat be saved?" We suppose some isolated ones can, but nothing under heaven can save them, as a party, next November.

Saratoga never was so full as it is this year. Long Branch has slowly filled up until now, when Saturday night comes, there is often not a spare cot in the place, and Newport is fuller than it has been for several years before. The Zouave Jacob, who set up as a miracle-working physician in Paris, not long ago, and who gulled so many persons of all

classes in that gullible city, has now removed to Passy, where he is making much money at the same old trade. Some four hundred and sixty street cars are in constant use in Philadelphia, and they pay licenses amounting to about twenty-four thousand dollars to the city. The greatest number of cars on any one railway is sixty, and the smallest fourteen.

The London Review is anxious to have the fashionable world keep better hours and proposes that the Chief of Police, Sir Richard Mayne, or whoever else has the proper authority, should decree that all persons giving dances should close their houses by two o'clock. Chinese printers are employed at the compositors' cases of the two English papers published in Hong Kong, and attain wonderful rapidity and accuracy in their work, setting both reprint and manuscript with facility, but without understanding a word of what they are working upon.

A Prussian has invented a new offensive weapon; it consists of a powder which can be discharged some distance, and so acts on the nerves of the enemy that one discharge will make a whole regiment scarce for an hour, a period of time during which the needle gun can be used effectively by the Prussians. All Northern Europe is languishing under the unexampled heat of the present summer. During the discussion in the French Chamber on July 20, the heat was such that the floor had to be sprinkled with vinegar, and in spite of this precaution, Gen. Meallin, 32 years of age, who was decorated on the field at Waterloo, fainted and was carried out.

The Parisian police confiscated, recently, a brochure compiled exclusively from the writings of the Emperor Napoleon. As author of the pamphlet, was named on the title page a certain M. Noel Opanisoul (an anagram of Louis Napoleon). Great was the mortification of the police when they found out that they had been made the victim of a very clever hoax. The Chicago Sorosis, or Women's Club, has been started with a special object; to find out and put into practice the best methods of reforming fallen women. When the women club together for objects of this sort, we honor them, for we know that much good will be done, but as for the New York Sorosis, it is an excellent thing to laugh at and a good thing to put down.

The family of the murdered Ashburne are in totally destitute condition. The Colonel who killed the Ashburne, and they are now homeless and quite penniless, and some neighboring Unionist has written a letter to the Cincinnati Commercial, calling the attention of benevolent people to the fact, and asking that some relief be sent to Mrs. Ashburne, who is described as being in every way a worthy woman. The wool-growers have been having a great time in Chicago. They have an exhibition, some speeches, some dinner and a high old time in the evening. We are afraid the wool men are becoming tainted with affection, or perhaps they have grown proud, "at least English is by no means good enough for them, and they call their show "The Great Western Wool Exposition." This last word is supposed to be French in that form of use, and therefore very much better than English. Evidently a French beggar is very much better than an American of higher grade—a wool grower for instance. It seems that it is very much better to speak French than English, and if you can't speak French, break into your English with all the French words you know, for even a macaronic language is more fashionable than plain Anglo-Saxon. To be sure exposition is an English word too, but used according to Webster it would make nonsense in this connection.

The Drought in Europe. The telegraph informs us that the reports in England of the state of the crops for the week ending last Saturday, are highly favorable, from which it may be inferred that the great drought which extended over the entire Kingdom has at last terminated. Reports of drought in Germany, parts of Spain and of France, have also reached us, but its character appears to have been less serious. The Manchester Guardian, of 18th July, states that upon the considerable water-shed of which Manchester was part, rain had not fallen, excepting on three days, for one hundred and four days, and then only slightly as to be instantly absorbed by the parched earth, so that none of it had reached the reservoir for the supply of water. As the telegraphic report announcing good weather was dated the 20th, it may be supposed that the whole duration of the drought was 112 or 114 days, and that it embraced that portion of the year—April, May, June and July, to say the 23d, most essential to all spring crops. It appeared that the drought also had suffered but little, which could be affirmed only of what had grown on heavy or rich soils.

The drought—spoken of as being the most extraordinary which had prevailed in England since 1793—is attributed to influences proceeding rather from Polar than from Equatorial regions, and being of a general character, has probably happened upon the western portion of the Continent of Europe. In England and Wales pastures are universally described as dried up in some cases so effectually that what remains of the grass, pressed in the hand, crumbled like dried herbs. The root crops suffered most severely, but everything sowed or planted in the spring had received severe and almost irreparable injury. Scotland and Ireland shared in the general distress.—New York Times, July 31.

A Painful Story. Yesterday the police records announced that a man had been picked up on Magazine street in a sick and destitute condition, and taken to the Charity Hospital. These few lines were all. They gave no warning of a history that was full of the most eventful and remarkable adventures. For this sick and destitute man was once a statesman, a Representative and Senator in Congress, and a lawyer of distinguished ability. At one time he was the idol of a great party in a neighboring State, and there was no position of place and dignity which he could not have held. But, like many others, his intemperate habits soon forfeited him the respect of his friends and the confidence of the public party. Sinking lower and lower in the pit of ruin, he discarded his family connections. His wife abandoned him; his children forsook him, and, alone in the world, he was picked up in the streets of New Orleans, sick and destitute, without money and without friends. There are many here who will recognize the man.—New Orleans Picayune, July 23.

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