

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

EPHEMERIS.

New York has ten evening papers.
—Anna Dickinson has finished her novel.
—There were 152 deaths in Baltimore last year.
—There are hundreds of Americans at Homburg now.
—"Wolves at Bay" is the name of Fitzgerald's new play.
—Ex-President Fillmore of course advocates Seymour and Blair.
—Pea-nut vendors on Boston Common are indicted as nuisances.
—Henry Clay Dean has written a book on the "Crimes of the Civil War."
—Quip says "should you call a beggar a dog because he presents a mowing tail?"
—On the ninth of September Burlingame and the other Chinese will sail for Europe.
—Gen. Martin McMahon, the new minister to Paraguay, will depart on the 28th prox.
—Harper's Weekly, it is said, will next year begin to publish the names of its contributors.
—There are said to be one hundred and forty-four million acres of territory in Prussia.
—Karam, the chief of the Maronites, has ordered a battalion of Maronite guards to the Pope.
—Bull-Russell is to be a Conservative candidate for Parliament in Chelsea, England.
—Gottschalk is now at Buenos Ayres, well known as the place the cherry pectoral comes from.
—Some Marseilles gentlemen are going to Italy on velocipedes and intend to cross the Mont Cenis pass.
—A sixteen-year-old boy in Detroit has made a billiard run of 15,000 points, caroms, and at least accounts was still at it.
—Ebeneszer, brother of Washington Irving, died last Sunday at Sunny Side, at the advanced age of ninety-three.
—Five pall-bearers at Mrs. Vanderbilt's funeral represented \$50,000,000. "We brought nothing into this world, &c."
—Private Smith, of the 83d infantry, thinks he ought to be arrested under revenue laws because he keeps a private still.
—One dry goods firm in Paris spends 500,000 francs a year in advertising and its receipts are the largest of any in the city.
—There are said to be five thousand newspapers in the United States, and new ones are established at the rate of about two per day.
—Milwaukee has but one house with a marble front. We don't think there is one in Pittsburgh, but soon, like death, levels all here.
—If you and your sweetheart vote upon the marriage question, you for it and she against it, don't flatter yourself as to its being a tie.
—Kentucky is said to have given 90,000 Democratic majority the other day. There are no daily papers in the State outside of Louisville.
—The expenses of the Associated Press are \$50,000 a year less than they were two years ago, and yet they received no cable dispatches.
—There are said to be more than ten thousand Russian Princes and no end of Barons, and yet most of those seen in America are shams.
—On the 18th of September there is to be a general meeting of Free Masons at Havre, and all French and foreign lodges are to receive invitations.
—Commodore Vanderbilt is understood to have declared that he is out of stock speculations for ever. It is certainly better than to be out of pocket.
—An Indian lady, who is a disciple of the gentle Jesus, caught a pickerel weighing sixteen pounds, the other day, in White Bear Lake, Minnesota.
—A descendant of Martin Luther is the manager of a theatre in Wurttemberg, and another is a very respectable coal-merchant in the vicinity of Potsdam.
—Gluck's opera, Armide, first played in 1777, is to be revived in Paris, so that among other points of resemblance Enguine will listen to the same music as did Marie Antoinette.
—The Louisville Journal gallantly says that woman, with all her beauty and worth, should remember that man was the chief matter considered at the creation. She was only a side-issue.
—Anton Rubinstein, the greatest living pianist, is a Russian, his wife is the daughter of a Russian nobleman, and he himself is just 39 years old. He is coming to the United States this autumn.
—A man in San Francisco has accomplished the feat of riding horseback three hundred miles in fifteen consecutive hours, on a waver of \$3,500. It is called the greatest feat of horsemanship ever accomplished.
—Lamarine professes to believe in dreams and he thinks America is the ideal Republic of which Plato dreamed; quite enough time has elapsed between the vision and its fulfillment, to allow doubting persons to lose faith.
—A band of brigands recently made a raid on a sheep farm at Fenze, South Italy, and killed one thousand sheep, stating at the same time that it would serve as a lesson to the proprietor, who previously took active steps against them.
—Prejudiced persons say there is no nutriment in lager beer, but they know nothing about it, while Professor Liebig, who does know says that you can get as much nutriment, as you can from a loaf of bread, from 3,000 glasses of beer.
—Dr. Holland not content with inflicting his moral platitudes on the present and the future, has concluded to lecture on the past, and has begun by writing from Europe that Rubens ought to have been ashamed to paint such immoral pictures as he did.
—It requires 8,000 trees for the construction of a ship of the line carrying seventy-four guns, and had not the applicability of iron to ship building been discovered, it is

thought that the increase of the slaves of the old world would soon have been an impossibility.
—The case of Enoch Arden has been equalled in Holyoke, Mass. William Z. Marsh, of that town has been missing and unheard of since 1838. He suddenly appeared, without warning, last week, to find that his brother Albert, having been divorced from his former wife, had married William's supposed widow a year or more ago.
—Canon excellent grammarian he called parse-inoments—Ez. No, but he is invariably moody.—Boston Transcript. Of ten see the object in breathing such things on such a subject.—Chicago Post. We decline to have anything to do with such a conjunction of puns.
—Persons acquainted with the demerits of the various punsters of the American press, will concede at once that the following could have emanated from no one but he of the Philadelphia Bulletin. The attempt to assassinate Victoria at Luzerne turns out to have been a case of mental hallucination!
—The Scloto (Ohio) Gazette says: "General Worthington has sent to our table a specimen of eggs of his own production, which are just ripening. He has had several years of successful experience with the fig, and has proved that it can be produced easily in this climate, and that, too, with a small amount of care.
—In Hickman County, Tenn., last week, a body of armed Ku-Klux surrounded the house of a colored woman and compelled her to cook them a meal, after which they demanded to know what the woman's husband was; she refused to tell, whereupon she was shot down, and instantly killed. Of course none of the murderers were punished.
—An enterprising Hamburg emigrant agent has devised the following plan of attracting customers. He promises to give a first cabin ticket to New York to one man out of every hundred steerage passengers that buy tickets of him. The tickets are all numbered, and as soon as one hundred are sold a drawing decides what steerage passenger is to receive a first cabin ticket.
—On Monday, the Baltimore City Guard Union Association raised a huge flag on the pole in front of their quarters, and also suspended across the street a banner with the grand device, "Not for ourselves but for our country," and decorated with handsomely painted portraits of Grant and Colfax. The banner measures 18 feet by 12, and was greeted with hearty cheers by the citizens in the street.
—Fred Douglas said at the Equal Rights Convention, a few years ago the only luxury he enjoyed was a whole seat in a car. Even that luxury he did not have now. The other night he was riding muffled up in his blanket, when somebody asked him for half his seat. He stuck out his head and replied, "I'm a nigger." "I don't care who the d—l you are, I want a seat." The people are conquering their prejudices.
—In Wheeling, the other day, some ardent Democrats hung a flag across the street, and to keep it from flapping, hung a strip of muslin, on which the heavy names of Seymour and Blair were printed; to the bottom of this would have been very well, as men can stand almost anything now-a-days, if it had not been for the horses who, guided by their unerring instincts, always frightened and shied when they saw the names of such men near their heads; so the inscription had to be sacrificed.
—Victor Hugo travels on the continent with a British passport, in which he is described as "Victor Hugo, house owner, to land of Guernsey." When he first went to London for it, the intelligent clerk who had charge of the passport department replied to him that he must "exactly state who and what was this house." He said, "It is the first time when Victor Hugo found that the illustrious name was by no means as well known as he thought. He was once in Paris, together with Alexander Dumas, at the theatre of the sixth arrondissement in order to witness a document. After both he and Dumas had signed it, the clerk asked, "Victor Hugo, what is your business?" "Are you a public functionary?" "No. Did you ever hear of me?" "Never in my life." "Hold on!" interposed Dumas, "I am sure you must have heard of me, my friend?" "Dumas!" said the clerk, interrupting this absurdity, "there are a great many persons bearing that name." "The two poles left without trying to enlighten the clerk as to who they were."

THE PRESIDENT is receiving encouraging support in Louisiana. The present agent for that State, who is acting without commission, has visited Alexandria, Natchitoches, and Shreveport, on Red River, and a large number of places in North Louisiana. He has conferred with prominent citizens in these towns; and in such a have notes yet taken any action, he has appointed Special Commissions of five members who have promised their concurrence in his efforts to secure the education of neglected white children, and render the fund operative. In one small town, Arcadia, as much as \$1000 was subscribed within a week to lay the basis of a successful school, free to all white children. In Shreveport a young merchant has given an impetus to the movement by promising to contribute \$5 a month towards the rearing of two similar schools. In other places, the teachers of private academies and colleges have expressed their willingness to make their elementary department "free" for a very moderate compensation from the fund.
DETECTOR OF ARTIFICIAL FLAVORS OF BEER.—It is well known to many of our readers that a large amount of the substances sold as rum, attack, etc., are made by the addition of certain essential oils and other ingredients to deodorized whiskey or dilute alcohol. If, however, concentrated sulphuric acid be added to a small quantity of the liquor, and allowed to stand until the mixture becomes cold; all the aroma will be found to have disappeared from the deodorized article, after decomposition by the acid or driven off by the heat of combination, while in the genuine spirit, the original flavor still remains palpable.
LETTERS, it is stated, are to be preceded in London by a kind of clock-work arrangement attached to the tops of the street lamps, which shall turn them full on at stated times, every night, and shut them off every morning, the gas being kept constantly burning during the day, with a very small flame, duly protected against extinction by the wind.

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