

The Pittsburgh Gazette

REMARKS

The steam-boat is at New Orleans. -Sarstoge is applying for a city charter. -Hudson, Texas, has a German paper. -Dog shows are now popular in England. -Montreal and Genoa enjoyed each other. -Bob Lincoln has speculated and lost money. -Small pox has succeeded in Michigan. -Michigan is to have a chess-tournament next month. -Harrisburg says news of the fugitives wear corsets. -Oliver Logan is said to have featured in a fine Grecian bend. -Thirteen murderers admit the guilt of the New York toasts. -Tosted fall down stairs on Wednesday and hurt herself badly. -Any number of skating rinks are being put up in Philadelphia. -Grece is about to adopt the French decimal poimge system. -The income of La Grande Duchesse Schneider last year was \$35,000. -The What is it? of Barnum has declined to again appear before the public. -S. D. Cook, of Detroit, wants to play checkers with anybody for \$1,000 a side. -The New York Sorosis had a fine Christmas tree furnished by Jennie June. -Rumor speaks of Victoria's abdication in case of the disestablishment of the Irish Church. -Twenty million cubic feet is the estimated amount of this year's crop of Vesuvian lava. -Ten million shoes have been made this year at Lynn. These few shoes are valued at \$17,000,000. -London has a burlesque on the lugubrious "Stranger," and therein Mrs. Haller dances the can-can. -A Christian at Oswego authorized the anonymous distribution of three thousand leaves of bread to the poor. -Jubal Early has denied some of Polk's confederate tales, and his friends advise him to arm to himself. -Mrs. Jeremiah Warren was fatally injured in Lowell, Mass., on Tuesday, by the explosion of a petroleum lamp. -"Metternich green and a stunning bend" is the vivid description of Miss Kellogg as she appeared at Springfield. -Dr. Paul M. Brennan, accused of murder and outrage in Connecticut, was on Wednesday discharged from custody. -Mazzini is getting well and says he need expect him to die until the United States of Europe is an acknowledged fact. -In New York 879 children died during the past year of scarlatina, and the same disease killed off 492 children in Brooklyn. -The Chicago Republican comes to us in a very fine new dress and in folio form. The Republican looks very like the Tribune now, and we cannot think it is as elegant in appearance as formerly. -A gentlemanly Kentuckian named Chesley Tapp, well dressed and with plenty of money, a passenger on a steamer descending the White river, jumped overboard and was drowned. His body has not been recovered, but his friends say he was insane. -A great sensation in New York recently was caused by the marriage of a youthful lawyer's clerk, and a school girl, daughter of a prominent dry-goods merchant. The youthful couple adjourned to a hotel, secured the services of a minister, and then defied opposition. The "cruel father" has thus far remained obdurate. -A family living eight miles from Bloomington, Ill., started in a wagon for that place a few days ago. The three children were wrapped in some straw and a buffalo robe and placed in the bottom of the wagon. Nothing was heard of them until they arrived at Bloomington, but when they were uncovered they were found to be frozen to death. -A human skeleton, petrified and entombed in a carefully heaped grave, was discovered recently near Sank Rapids, Minn., by some workmen. It is supposed to be all that remains of an antediluvian giant, and measures ten feet nine and a half inches, the skull is thirty-one and a half inches in circumference. The skeleton is complete, excepting the left foot and one thumb and finger of the left hand. -For more than two hundred and fifty years Prussia and Mecklenburg have been disputing the right of governing the little town of Wolde in Pomerania; during all of which time that municipality has enjoyed perfect independence. The two governments have, however, at length brought their negotiations to a close, and citizens of Wolde are liable hereafter to serve in the Mecklenburg contingent. -A citizen of Portland, Me., imagining himself to be a sort of Noah and believing that, rainbows to the contrary, the world is shortly to be again submerged, has invested the whole of his property, some \$6,000 in all, in building an ark. The boat will be fifty feet long, fifteen feet wide, flat bottomed, square sterned, round bows, with a house a little aft of amidship. He is sole planner and builder, and intends when it is completed, to furnish it with necessary provisions, and calmly await the rising of the waters. -The Scientific American warns its readers and the public generally to beware of benzine, which, though a household necessity, is a dangerous servant. It says: Being one of the most volatile and inflammable products resulting from the distillation of petroleum, it vaporizes with great rapidity, so that the contents of a four-ounce vial, if overturned, would render the air of a moderate-sized room highly explosive. The greatest care should be exercised in handling this substance in proximity to fire, and it is important to remember that the vapor escaping from an uncorked bottle will cause a flame to leap over a space of several feet.

Gov. Tod's will. Governor Tod's will disposes of property to the value of \$100,000. No legacies are made outside of the family. His four sons are named as executors and trustees. The following extract will be read with interest: "Item 2. The silver present received at Rio Janeiro, and the gold snuff-box presented to him at Columbus by his military staff, and then the silver present to his oldest son, and to their oldest male descendant, and thus to be transmitted from generation to generation as a memento. Item 3. To his son John, the spectacles and cane presented him by the late Colonel William Royen; to son Henry, the cane presented by Colonel Royen; to son George the silver tobacco box bequeathed him by his father; to son William, the silver spurs bequeathed him by his father; to daughter Charlotte, the cane presented by Mr. Colonel McMillan; to E. Prentiss, late warden of the Ohio Penitentiary. The canes given to the daughters be presented by them to their husbands, should they ever marry, and if not, to such zilian cane, known as my diplomatic cane, to my wife, hoping that she may live long enough to find it of great service to her, youthful and smart as she now is."

The Coming War in Europe. (From the New York Sun.) The most terrible war since modern times have sprung from comparatively trivial causes, illustrating the Divine apothegm, "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth." The collision between Turkey and Greece may set all Europe in a flame. It is but too apparent that the Great Powers have for a year past only been waiting for a good opportunity to fly at each other's throats. The military strength of the belligerents, therefore, becomes a matter of interest. Dealing only in round numbers, the forces of Russia, Prussia, France, Austria and Italy, including those troops which correspond to our militia, stand about as follows: Russia.....1,400,000 Prussia.....1,250,000 France.....1,350,000 Austria.....1,100,000 Italy.....450,000 We include with Prussia the South German States that were compelled to follow her lead after the great victory of Sadowa. These are the five kingdoms that are most likely, in the event of a general European war on account of the Turkish-Grecian question, to join in the grand melée. Russia and Prussia, and perhaps Italy, would be very apt to act together, though Italy might try to remain neutral, while France and Austria would be apt to take the other side. Assuming that Italy will take an attitude of neutrality, while Russia and Prussia on the one hand, and France and Austria on the other, should enter into the field as allies, their respective forces would number as follows: Russia and Prussia.....2,650,000 France and Austria.....2,450,000 It would be a spectacle over which humanity would shudder to see these five millions of human beings, who are not the slightest grounds for any personal quarrel, doing their utmost to murder one another at the bidding of two kings and two emperors. Remarkable Jumping by a Train of Cars. One of the most fortunate escapes from a serious railroad accident occurred on the Erie Railway on the 18th instant. The day expresses for Buffalo, when approaching Mid-Glendon, and traveling at the rate of twenty miles an hour, was thrown from the track by a misplaced switch. Dashing along over the sleepers for a distance of two hundred feet, the engine finally struck an iron frog, and was violently placed on one of the rails of a side track, having in this descent crossed two sets of intervening rails. The tender and all the cars, five in number, followed the engine, and when the terrified passengers came rushing out the train was all prepared to run back to a switch and be transferred to the main line. No injury was suffered by person or property, and but ten minutes time was lost.

ORIGIN OF MARGONY FURNITURE - A West India Captain, about the beginning of the eighteenth century, had brought some logs of it as ballast for his ship, and gave them to his brother, Dr. Gibbons, an eminent physician, who was then building a house. The wood was thrown aside as too hard for the workmen's tools. Some time afterward his wife wanted a cradle box, wood, and out of the same material, its color and polish tempted the Doctor, and this was thought so beautiful that it was shown to all his friends. The Duchess of Buckingham, who went to look at it, begged wood enough to make another bureau for herself. Then the demand arose for more, and Honduras mahogany became a common article of trade. - Dickens' All The Year Round.

In reporting the arrest of another Internal Revenue officer, the Government agent now at work in New Orleans adds that he has not yet seen an honest Government official in Louisiana. The statement is probably strong, but it is well calculated to recall a remark of Mr. Lincoln's: "I know that I don't have any assurance that they are honest now." We know that there were one or two honest men sent to Louisiana.

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