

NEWS IN BRIEF

FOREIGN. There are 400 tons of gunpowder in the hands of the navy, and considerable apprehension exists that the dreaded French might employ a metal in the powder. To guard against this a revenue cruiser is always on watch.

FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL. The Mercantile Agency of Dan, Wymann & Co. announce the extent of business failures for the first six months of 1881. In number they amount to 2,962, as compared with 2,497 in the first half of 1880, and 4,018 in 1879.

PERSONAL. E. E. Farman, Agent and Consul General of the United States at Cairo, has been made one of the Judges of the International Court of Egypt. Simon Wolf, of the District of Columbia, has been appointed Consul General, vice Mr. Farman.

GENERAL. During the six months ending June 30, 241,803 immigrants arrived at Castle Garden, against 176,933 for the corresponding period of last year.

POLITICAL. Another ballot was taken on the 1st inst., at Albany, with the following result: For the short term—Potter, 49; Wheeler, 38; Lapham, 18; Rogers, 4; Conkling, 2; Cornell, 6; Folger, 1; Cronley, 2. The Speaker said he had been voting for Thomas C. Platt for the long term.

A WAGER. "We are all wags," he said, sending toward her in the moonlight and holding on to the lace window-curtains like a man giddy with his emotions, "wags cast upon the rugged shores of existence."

A LIVING JOKE. A jovial physician of Pittsburgh said jokingly to a lady patient who was complaining of her continued ill-health, "You are a living joke."

THE HEAT OF THE FUTURE. There can be no reasonable doubt that the fuel of the future, for use in our dwelling-houses, will be some kind of gas, distributed through the city precisely as illuminating gas is now delivered.

ORIGINAL SIN ACCUSED FOR. In a certain minister's family the conversation once turned upon the character of the baby. Why was he so naughty? The brother, who had reached the age of 12, and was studying the steam engine in his interval of catechism, gave vent to his orthodoxy in the following suggestive inquiry: "Papa, as we all inherit the sin of Adam, and the baby is such a little fellow, is there not a greater pressure of sin to the square inch in the baby than in any of the rest of us?"

AN ODD FACT. It seems to be a little singular that however badly women think of men they have kept their counsel and held their tongues, whereas men have always been inspired to their keenest wit and choicest powers of monition by the faults of women.—Lippincott's Magazine.

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RESCUED FROM DEATH. William J. Conkling, of Somerville, Mass., 52 years of age, was taken with a fatal illness on the 10th inst. He had been suffering from the loss of his appetite, and was unable to eat or drink.

THE PUBLIC-DEBT STATEMENT ISSUED JULY 6, 1881. Six per cent bonds \$194,875,000 Five per cent 439,241,350 Four and one-half per cent 220,000,000

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Correspondence.

Dear AVALANCHE: Did any one hear of the big celebration at Higgins Lake by the Cheneyites? The recent rains make our farmers look happy.

Large parties for the Lake are coming every day. "Sashes by yer partners and balances all," is what S. Huff said when he was in the river the other day and anchored on a log.

The gossippers of this village are making preparations to meet twice a week for the next two weeks; Business being more urgent is probably the cause.

Editor AVALANCHE:—The 4th has passed and nobody hurt in this part of the moral vineyard as far as heard from. Our Literary Society had a picnic on the 4th.

Address by the President—Mrs. D. S. Waldron. Oration—H. G. Wiley. Reading the By-Laws by the Secretary—Mrs. H. G. Wiley.

Volunteer Speech, the Lever that Moves and Controls Our Government. Monopolies—W. C. Johnson. Declaration, You Can't Always Tell.

Mr. and Mrs. Wisner. Adjourning for ice cream and cake. Speech, the Widest and Best Platform I Ever Stood on—S. A. Bonnel.

Song, Old Grumbler—Byron Wisner, six years old. Closing Remarks, the Origin of our National Holiday, the Fourth of July 1776—D. S. Waldron.

The closing of the exercises was a song by Mr. and Mrs. Wisner, sang in a very touching and appropriate manner. "We are Marching Along."

Mrs. H. G. Wiley, Secretary.

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