

CURRENT NOTES.

The Chinese John Smith is An Gue.

The people of Connecticut are expected to fast on Friday, April 15.

A resident of Kentucky is 115 years old. He is an orphan.

TARO KUSAKABE is the first Japanese Phi Beta Kappa at Rutgers College.

It is proposed to make the scientific course at Rutgers College four years, instead of three.

A Pennsylvania paper publishes an article on strategy in public robbery. Strategy is good, and it includes heavy charges.

Don't try to fool anybody today, and if anybody tries to fool you and succeeds, get angry.

The Rhode Island Legislature has postponed the Prohibitory Liquor law to the next session.

There is a gas company in a New-England town which declares a "semi-annual dividend" once in seven years.

If anybody tells you today that the workmen have discovered a huge cave in City Hall Park, tell him it is a mere cell.

Be cautious how you accept invitations to dine out today, unless you know the handwriting.

State Auditor DUGALD STEWART, of Vermont, died of congestion of the lungs at his residence in Middlebury on Wednesday morning.

Canadian papers say that American buyers are scouring that country for horses, to be brought to this insatiable market.

A negro woman in Virginia made herself a widow by killing her husband with a flat-iron as he lay peacefully sleeping on Monday morning.

A Boston paper publishes a column on LEIGH HUNT. It does not mention Gen. GRANT, although he once turned his columns on a LEE hunt, and brought down the game.

Several officers of the Royal Artillery, and also of other British regiments now in Canada, were proceeding to England in the *City of Boston*.

Fifty-three brutal men have during the past twelve months learned that the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was not organized in vain.

A Portland paper reports that a gentleman is soon to become a member of a Massachusetts family "through the consanguinity of marriage."

Half the country papers will narrate today, with much pathos, how terribly Timothy Hay was mangled yesterday by being caught in a hay-cutter. It's a new joke every year.

A Philadelphia paper speaks of the Border-Rud bill as a slimy dragon, and rejoices that the monster was slain in the Pennsylvania House on Wednesday.

If you see a well-filled pocket-book lying temptingly upon the sidewalk today, attempt to pick it up. It will give several small boys the coveted opportunity to laugh.

The *Toronto Leader* can't see that EYRE committed any wrong at all. He waited, it says, "for over five minutes" for signals of distress from the *Oneida*, but saw and heard none.

If your jovial friend tells you today there is something on your back, do not believe him; but if he tells you there is nothing there, take it for granted that there is more than there ought to be and—take off your coat.

An English resident of Philadelphia suggests that the British people and Englishmen in this country raise a fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of the men lost by the sinking of the *Oneida*.

To learn who really needed work, the San Francisco Park Commissioners offered to employ men at a price lower than the market rate, and over 1,000 men at once applied for work at the rate named—\$2 per day.

A Pennsylvania editor rejects an advertisement sent him by an Indiana lawyer on the condition that he should take his pay in divorces, saying, however, that he does so because he is a bachelor and the proposition is "scandalously premature."

The late S. P. BARCROFT, a wealthy citizen of Philadelphia, bequeathed \$5,000 to the Episcopal Hospital of that city, \$3,000 to the Northern Home for Friendless Children, and \$2,000 to the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind.

LAWRENCE DOYLE, who has been in the Maine State Prison since May, 1864, under sentence of death for the murder of a little girl, under peculiarly horrible circumstances, died on Friday last. To the last he stoutly maintained his entire innocence of the crime.

A Philadelphia man, crazy as a loon, has applied to the Mayor to pay him \$1,000,000, alleged to be now due, for mutual adjustment and satisfaction between him, the said Philadelphia man, the Government of the United States, the Roman Catholic Church, the Greek Church and the Jewish Church.

Seven of the sixteen members of the Walker Republican Executive Committee of Virginia have signed a paper opposing any attempt at union with the Wells party, as an unprincipled desertion of the men and the measures which succeeded in the elections of the 6th of July last.

The Lynchburg *Virginian* says that at the time of the Southampton insurrection, when Gen. GEORGE H. THOMAS was a child, he was saved from a violent death by his elder sister, who, escaping from their dwelling, carried him in her arms to the woods, just in time to rescue him from the avenging furies led by NAT. TURNER, who spared neither age nor sex.

The New-Orleans *Times* says that ever since the termination of the war the mind of Hon. PIERRE SOULE has been unsettled, but during the last two years it has been completely unhinged. The once great orator, unequalled advocate, accomplished jurist and scholar, dwindled into a helpless and hopeless imbecile, and passed the last two years of his life in the most frivolous and imbecile manifestations of the complete overthrow of his once magnificent powers.

Through some strange freak a Pennsylvania woman, while away from home, sent a dispatch, signed with a fictitious name, to her son, saying that she was dead, and he must come for the body. He made arrangements for the funeral, went, found her alive, and brought her back. Mourning was changed to joy, all present screaming, dancing, crying and laughing in concert. The grave was filled up and the undertaker dismissed, and there was a flood of indignation poured out against the wicked perpetrator of the terrible joke, the woman herself referring to the heartless transaction with tears in her eyes.