MAIL MATTER.

THURSDAY, JAN. 27, 1881, ENTERED AT THE POST-OFFICE AT RIDGWAY, PA., AS SECOND CLASS

GENERAL GRANT is said to smoke a hundred cigars in two weeks He has used the same brand of imported ci-gars for ten years. They cost \$22.50 a hundred. Colonel Bob Ingersoll pays \$50 for a box and uses from five to ten cigars a day. General Bütler pays \$10 and sometimes \$21 for a box. Senator Matt Carpenter, who nearly killed himself by smoking, has been reduced to three cigars a day.

THERE are some gratifying points about the public debt statement just issued. It shows that the aggregate amount of the national indebtedness, including both principal and interest, is \$2,121,481,475.40. This is about \$42 apiece for every man, woman and child in the United States. The highest point ever reached by our public debt was in 1866, the year after the close of the war of the rebellion, when it stood at \$2, 773,236,173.69. The decrease since that time is \$651,754,698,-29, or nearly 24 per cent., which is a very fair showing. In 1835, during the second term of Andrew Jackson. the debt was expressed by the fewest figures, being only \$37,513.03. The debt on January 1, 1791, was \$75,463,-476.52. At the beginning of 1816 it was \$127,334,933.74, a larger sum than at any period in the history of the country previous to the recent war.

This was a holler mockery. It was a jug and was actilly filled with whisky, but the jug itself wasn't bigger than a thimble, and the likker it

How the Forests Disappear.

LUMBER OPERATIONS IN BLAIR, CAM-BRIA. CLEARFIELD AND INDIANA COUNTIES.

A correspondent of the Carrolliown New has been at some pains to ascertain the amount of timber, square and round, now being put into the Susquehanna river and tributaries in Blair, Cambria, Clearfield and Indiana counties. The following is a statement of the number of feet, though there may be some small contracts that have not come

under his notice:	
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Weaver & Betts	
Flynn Bros	2,500,0
C. & W. Howard	4,000,0
Emery, Barnett & Co	9,500,0
Ashberry Lee Brown, Early & Co T. R. Weed	400,0
Brown, Early & Co	8,000,0
T. R. Weed	6,000,0
Tryin & Hopkins	α
Payne & Co	10,000,0
Dodge & Co	28,000,0
McCombie & Gray	4,000,0
Wm. O'Harra	2,300,0
Samuel Hartzeil	2,000,0
J. W. McGee	900,0
Joseph Gray	2,200,0
B. F. Pitts Benjamin Hupfer	1,500,0
Benjamin Hupfer	200,0
Wm. Manaffey	4,500,0
Robert Mahalley	500,0
Michael Levy	2000.0
Francis Mahaffey	7,500,0
G. W. Jose	1,700,0
James McGee	200,0
Irwin Bros	5,000,0
Bard & Cassldy	8,000,0
Dots & Co	6,000,0
James Chapman	3,000,0
Agron Patchin	5,0000
Martin Kutruff	2,960,6
John Lantzy, Sc	7,0 0,0
Vincent Tompkins	3,000,0
Aaron P tehin and others will put in	
on Cush Creek, Indiana county	10,000.0

covered with a mantle of snow anywhere from eighteen inches to two feet in depth. The hauling of bark, wood and lumber, that has been to you, the greatest Democratic leader and chiefts in of the age—and with it ing there will be enough left to make advantages of good sleighing and just about the right quantity of snow during the first part of the season, is now FRANK J. FOSTER, W. H. JOHNSON, interferred with by the great depth of H. E. CRAMER, GEO. WESTCROFT, snow in the woods, which brings A. VAN TUYL, JNO SHOUP, snow in the woods, which brings A. VAN TUYL, JNO SHOT H. J. W. FISHER. business almost to a standstill. The woods about town are bending al-most to breaking with their weight not wait for a hammer, but I tore it most to breaking with their weight of snow; which hangs in festooned open with my hands. Enclosed withbeauty, and when gilded by the sun's declining rays or tinted with the work uv sum Ablishen feends? Wuz that the admission of this Territory is moon's pale beams, are an object of this jug filled with water? Wuz it a not desirable until the infusion of new beauty and grandure, which some gastly joke? Nervin myself and feer- blood by immigration shall materially painter might try in vain to portray | lelcogy! It wuz whisky, and the best | Utah has the largest population of any on canvass; no picture can ever be I have soothed my bowels with for of the proposed States, it being 143,many a day. I am livin on the likker, 906. The Mormon question would thrill of delight to lovers of the beautiful that are awakened by the inexhaustide. But it is ever thus. Union even if its population were sublime spectacle of the evergreen. The pleasant things of this life is ever twice as large. Congress may not see hemlocks and pines that stand thickly anescent. A jug of likker is like frost, its way to summarily suppress, polystudding the bills about our beautiful afore the sun, but a bile stops with you gamy. It will hardly, however, Borough garlanded with their bright came in a nale keg. Hed the Corners wreaths of beautiful snow. This knowd the contents uv the keg it wood winter is one long to be remembered never hev received me. Sence Bascom tory is to cede it to Nevada under such both for the great number of terribly cold days, as well as the great amount of snow and long-continued good sleighing. Even in the memories of the "Oldest inhabitant" this winter is not excelled in the particulars above named, and we much doubt if in that same mind it has ever been equalled. Lumbering operations have been pushed to an unheard of extent, employment is given at fair rates to many, everybody is busy and all are happy on account of the excellent winter and liberal allowance of the beautiful snow.

Steel Rail Production Last Year. The Iron Age says that the increase year is estimated at about 25 per cent., or, in round numbers, 850,000 net tons. The output at the various mills is likely to be about as follows: Edgar Thompson, 110,000; Cambria, 100,000; North Chicago, 85,000; Joliet, 85,000; Bethlehem, 85,000; Pennsylvania, 90, 000; Scrauton, 75,000; Troy, 70,000; Cleveland, 60,000; Union, 50,000; Vulcan, 40,000. It should be stated, how ever, that the production during the last six months is much the greatest, some of the mills having been entirely closed during the early portion of the The above estimate is believed to understate the output rather than otherwise, in which case a production of over a million and a quarter net tons can be made in 1881 if necessary.

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MR. NASBY MAKES SUNDRY _ AND DIVERS ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Confedrit X Roads, Wich is in the State uv Kentucky.) January 1, 1881.

Some time since some friends in Illinoy sent me a shirt. Bein but six in-ches in length from the collar to the eend uv the tail, it wuzn't uv any great yootility considered ez a shirt. Ez a token uv remembrance it wuz a perfect thing, but considered in the lite uv a shirt for were, or for pownin for likker (which is the yoose I hev giverally put my shirt to), it wuz a

failyoor.

I don't keer about hevin shirts presentid to me. Ez a rool I don't wear em, and when I go into Republican commonities wher sick sooperflootties are considered nessary. I kin borrer em off uv cioze lines any time after

twelve at nite.

But likker, that is another thing. People in the visinity uv the Cross-Roads do leeve ther shirts out all nite, so a supply is alluz attainable. But I never knowed a man in this visinnity to every leeve a bari uv whisky out

OTTUMWA, IOWA, December 10.

Petroleum V. Nasby:

I have been a constant reader of your letters for some time, and as you stand greately in need of a jug of whisky. I take this opportunity of sending you a jugful for Christmas. Hoping it will reach you safe, I subcribe myself,

M. C. CARLOS.

contained woodent hev made a drink for Tom Thumb. I drank it, how-ever, but the only effeck wuz to arowse a slumberin appetite, and make me insane for more, wich wuz wicked, ez Bascom positively refloctes to give any credit watever, and I hevn't seen a dollar since I wuz votin for Hancock

in Injeany. But a merciful Providence interfered ez it aliuz does. The very next day I reseeved the follerin letter:

CANMI, ILL., Dec. 23d, 1881.

To Rev. Petroleum V Nasby, Confederate X Roads, Ky.:

ESTEEMED FRIEND:—We, a few of your admiring friends here in Egypt, have read with nuch pleasure and fully endors the absorption. fully endorse the observation made by you on receiving a shirt or what pur-ported to be a shirt, from some of your triends up at Kinmundy. From description we are led to believe that if this particular garment, or what purports to be a garment, had been before I'om Hood when he sung "the song of the shirt' he would have cut his tune to short meter We desire to furnish a more material

token of our regard to you for your distinguished services in behalf of our time honored, battle scarred old party. There is nothing mean nor smarrabout We think we know where to touch a fender, sympathetic chord in the Democratic heart. We send no superfluous articles of food or clothing. Oars is a more substantial offering; something more in harmony with Democratic fastes, more palatable and or very nearly the size of Kansas As toothsome to Democratic epicures, and the situation of the Territory is ex-Winter.

Indications on every hand assure us in no uncertain manner that Winter has inaugurated a reign of ice and snow of a magnitude unheard of in encountry of a magnitude unheard of the snow of the snow of the snow of the snow of a magnitude unheard of the snow o greater or less quantities, generally greater until the face of nature is vorably with Bascom's favorite brands. Sure that portion of the Territory a

jolly old time.

Your admiring friends.

Accompanyin this was a nale keg. in wuz a jug, a two gallon jug. Then of Mexicans and balf-breed Indians came a sickenin that. Wuz this the unfit to exercise the right of suffrage hez dun away with the credit system prodoose a riot.

Follerin this comes this letter: PHELPS, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1886, P. V. NASBY—Dear Sir: I have not the honor of living in Illinois, but I am one of your New York admirers. behalf, and as you are expecting a "nale keg" with a jug in it, I take pleasure in sending you the keg, but it contains Hard Cider—whisky not being in my line. If a Democrat had manufactured it, however, it might have been "Apple Jack;" but as I am a Republican Rechabite, it is "Apple I trust you will accept it, and find it so "comforting" and appetizing that you will begin the New Year a Rechabite

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain, Yours truly,

C. L. BIGELOW. The keg contained a large can uv some kind uv a compound called "apple jelly," the yoose uv wich I don't know. I took it over to Bascom's and traded it for a quart of his noo whisky, and Mrs. Bascom yoosed it on her ta-ble. She sez it is a delightful thing to hey in the house, and she hez never quit talking about it. I didn't dare tell her it come from a Noo York Yankee, for she woodent hav yoosed it, and she sposes to-day it wuz made in Kentucky. It don't make any diffrense. I got the quart and so it wuz

ny some voose. I am willin to take most anything. If I can't yoose it myself, I kin trade it to Bascom for wat I kin yoose, and so I git a benefit. But the jelly man must not for a moment supose that I kin yoose cider in that shape. It might hev tasted well when I was a tender boy, but my stumick hez past thet sort of thing long ago. Howky, I thank him jist the same.

My address is still at the Cross Roads.
PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Totlable.)

The New West. [Philadelphia Press.]

The population of the eight organ ized Territories foots up 605,633, Under the present ratio of Congressional rep-resentation (181,425) two of these Ter-

to one Congressman under the ratio State at large inc has not been favorably received. In consequence each decade makes admission more difficult to the extent of requiring a greater population than would formerly suffice.

Since the last census but one State, Colorado, has been admitted to the

Union, though nearly every other pre-vious decade shows an addition of three or four. At the present time there are bills pending for the admisover nite, and consekently that hez to be prokknored otherwise. be prokkoored otherwise.

A few days after receevin that shirt
I got a little box by mail, with the following letter:

and New, Mexico. These remains are all in a thriving condition and rapidly increasing in population. The present Congress will hardly consider present Congress will hardly consider the conditions of their applications now, and by the time they are taken up by the next Congress the populations of one or two of them at least will probably have so far advanced as to warrant their ad-mission. The applications of Wash-ington and Dakota are coupled with proposed changes in their boundaries, which, in their future bearings, are highly important. In the case of Washington it is proposed to increase its area by adding to it that portion of Idaho directly east of it. Dakota it is proposed to divide in half. It is even urged in some quarters that it be divi-ded into three. Such a division is, indeed, necessary if the average size of the older States is to regulate the pro-portions of the States to be admitted in the extreme West. This would be the correct rule if the capacities and pros-pects of these proposed States are on a

> Between the 100th meridian and the Sierra Nevada Mountains is a vast region characterized by insufficient rain fall. Its former appellation of "Great American Desert" was not without a certain degree of appropriateness. It is capable of supporting a very considerable, but not a dense population. Agriculture can only thrive on the limited area which will admit of irrigation. While much of the land is invaluable for grazing purposes and the most barren regions seem to contain an inexhaustible supply of mineral wealth, no well-advised person anticipates that this section will ever contain anywhere near the same average population as the corresponding States east of the Missouri. It is, therefore, a reasonable precaution ageinst further gross inequalities of representation for Congress to insist that the States proposed from this section shall have a considerable greater area than the more favorably

ar with their sisters, but not other-

he wish that you may have a merry. a State the size of Colorado, which folly old time. population of the Territory, which is ,180. To divide Dakota into three parts is to condemn it to a Territorial condition for many years to come and then give us three teeble states with six Senators instead one strong State with a just allotment of two.

Mexico has a population of 118,400, but this is so largely made up of Mexicans and half-breed Indians in the worst, I pulled the cork. Hal- change the character of its people. many a day. I am livin on the likker, 906. The Mormon question would but it is about out Wood that that stand in the way of the consideration jug wuz like the Widder Crose's oil, of its petition for admission to the Union even if its population were a month. It was lorchinit that it willing to perpetuate it by, throwing came in a nale keg. Hed the Corners around it the shield of States' Rights. The proper disposition of this Terriconditions as will insure the antia gallon jug of likker is sufficient to Mormon elements the ascendency in the State thus enlarged. Nevada would then have an area somewhat less than Texas and a population of 206,000, which would make it lend both Delaware and Colorado instead one of your New York admirers. of being, as now, a discredited and sympathies are aroused in your discreditable pocket borough of 62,000 inhabitants and with little prospect of improving its condition.

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Pennsylvania Cities.

POPULATION OF CITIES AND BIG TOWNS OF THE STATE.

The following table gives the population of the cities and boroughs of the State having over 5,000 inhabitants. The towns generally ritories, Dakota and Utah, would be have shown a steady but not marvellous eligible for admission as States. Should growth. Wilkes-Barre has grown the fastest have shown a stendy but not marvellous the ratio be increased, as contemplated of the big towns of 1870, increasing nearly 199 by the Cox bill, to 164,018, there is no per cent in ten years. Bradford, of course, by the Cox bill, to 104,018, there is no by the Cox bill, to 104,018, there is no Territory which yet comes up to the standard. The Congressional ratio of apportionment has not always been cities have made but slight increase, while at the test in judging the fitness of a petitioning Territory to assume the dignity of Statehood, but as a general rule the application of a Territory whose population would not entitle it to the statehood to the average in the statehood to the s

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Atlegheny 78,681 Danville
Scranton 45,850 t arbondale
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Erie 27.730 Oli City
Lancaster 25.769 Mahanov
Wilk s-Baire 21,392 West Chester 7
Altoona 19,716 Hazelton
Williamsport 18.931 Chembersburg 1
Allentown 18,061 Phoenixville
Chester 14,906 Dunbar
York 13.940 Carlisle
Pottsville 18,233 Ashland
Norristowit 13,041 Kingston
Easton 11,924 Lock Haven
Shenandonh 10.148/Tapagua !
Bradford 9.197 Sharon
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