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The Revenue Law and Distilled Spirits. It is conceded on all hands that distilled spirits should be largely taxed by the General Government. It is evident that under the present system the taxes that are imposed are to a great extent evaded. The Government must raise a sufficient amount of money to defray its expenses, including interest on the national debt, and the redemption of the same as it falls due. Every dollar that distilled spirits ought to pay, but of which the Government is defrauded, has to be raised from something else. There are many onerous taxes that might be entirely remitted, were the taxes upon distilled spirits honestly paid. Where is the fault? Primarily with the manufacturers of distilled spirits, who, as a class, do not hesitate to defraud the Government, and to commit the grossest perjury in doing so. The Government must legislate upon this subject with this fact before its eyes.

But, secondly, the fault lies with the officers of the Government who are themselves corrupted, bribed, bought up by the distillers, and become partners in the commission of frands upon the very Government in whose employ they are, and which they have sworn faithfully to serve. We are not disposed to indulge in any wholesale denunciation of the revenue officers of the United States. There are some men among them who are as honest and high-minded as it is possible for men to be-whose integrity gleams jewel-like amid the baser materials with which they are surrounded. There are others-and the community generally understand who they are-who are as base and mercenary and purchasableas lost to all honor and true self-respect-as the veriest thieves of the street.

Thirdly. The fault lies to a great extent with the Revenue law itself, which affords such opportunities for fraud. It is too cumbrous, too complex, and opens too many doors for the successful perpetration of dishonest acts and practices. A distiller may defraud the Government daily of half the taxes he ought to pay, and may defy detection unless the officer watching him is a practical distiller himself, which, in nineteen cases out of twenty, he is not likely to be. The withdrawal of spirits for rectification and for export are each the gateways for immense frauds. The law attempts to do too much, and fails in properly doing anything.

Now, one simple principle should lie at the bottom of the Revenue law in regard to the distillation of spirits; and that is, to determine of material used. The problem is a simple one, and is capable of an exact solution. During the process of making distilled spirits from grain, the material used is exposed for three days in large fermenting vats, and is technically called "beer." During this time it cannot be concealed from the view of the Inspector. It is there exposed in the vats. Every gallon of this beer will yield a certain percentage of distilled spirits, varying somewhat with the skill used in manufacture. All that the Government has to do therefere, is to fix upon some fair average as the percentage of distilled spirits to the gallon of beer, and then to assess its tax accordingly upon the actual contents of the fermenting vats from time to time. The contents of a vat in gallons, for every inch of its depth, are easily determined. All the elements of the problem are, therefore, before the eye of the Revenue officer. All that he has to do is to visit a distillery, see how many gallons of beer are in the vats, and from that actual inspection determine the number of gallons of distilled spirits upon which the Government will collect its tax.

Of course, there is still a chance for fraud. The Government officer may report to the Assessor a smaller amount of "beer" from time to time than there really is in the vats. But it is a great gain to have reduced the liability to frauds connected with the manufacture to one single point, for that can new be thoroughly watched and guarded. It is a great advantage to have eliminated the manufacturer from the problem, and to have brought the whole weight of the responsibility to rest upon the Government official alone. Besides, the point itself is easily guarded. A glance will suffice to show if a fraudulent return has been made. For instance, if the present system of Assistant Assessors and of Revenue Inspectors should be continued, the one could be made to operate as a check upon the other. Moreover, the actual capacity of the vats in each distillery being known, short returns would at once attract the attention of the Assessor or Collector, and would lead to immediate investigation. Further checks and counter-checks might be devised, whereby it would be almost impossible for the Government to be defrauded as to the amount of distilled spirits manufactured.

A modification of the Revenue law, in accordance with the foregoing suggestions, might take something of the following outline:-

First. All grain distilleries to have their fermenting vats numbered in regular order, and their full capacity in gallons per inch of depth given, and diagrams of the same to be exposed in the office or counting-room, and also deposited with the Assessor and Collector of the

Second. Assistant Assessors to visit distilleries daily, and report to the Assessors the number of gallons of beer in the vats respec-

Third. Beer to be run off every third day, except in case of breakdown in machinery, which must be reported in writing to the Assessor, together with the condition of the vats at the time of stoppage, and to make written application for resumption of opera-

Fourth. A fixed percentage of the beer to be determined by the Government as its standard of taxation, that is, so many gallons of spirits to so many gallons of beer, and the amount to be returned by the Assessor for collection every ten days.

Fifth. Distillers to give bonds sufficient to cover the capacity of their vats for the manufacture of thirty days.

Sixth. Revenue Inspectors to make examination of Assistant Assessors' reports, and of distilleries, to see that proper returns are

Seventh. Any collusion of a Government officer with frauds upon the revenue to be punished by fine and imprisonment.

Eighth. All restrictions as to meters, cistern-room, general inspection, etc., to be abolished, and distillers allowed to run their business according to their own convenience.

#### Ign ored!

On Monday afternoon last, August 5, Michael McAnany, a paper stainer, residing at No. 731 South Seventh street, went before Alderman Beitler at the Central Station, and testified as

"On July 14 I proceeded to the fire on South street, below Seventh, While I was standing near our engine (the Hope), talking to some of our men about the steamer's not being in service, Alderman McMultin caught hold of me and told me to leave. He had hold of me by the coat-coilar, and dragged me some distance, say-ing that if I didn't go away he would put bumble bees around my head. I did not say anything to him. He also told me that he would break my jaw."

On this testimony, as a foundation, a bill was sent in to the Grand Jury, and yesterday afternoon it was returned to Court ignored. As the only evidence that could legally be given before the Grand Jury is that which was elicited from Mr. McAnany at the preliminary hearing, the public may experience some difficulty in discovering the grounds on which this bill was so treated. Further comment is un-

THE INCREASE OF INSANITY .- Our high pressure civilization has its disadvantages and dangers, which it is well not to forget. One is that the feverish activities it encourages are often too much for the brain, whose fine structure too often yields to overwork or undue excitement. This evil is alarmingly on the increase, both here and on the other side of the Atlantic. Last year the London Medical Times and Gazette reported that the number of the insane in England had increased twenty one per cent. in five years, while the population had only increased five per cent. In France the case was still worse. The number of the insane increased forty per cent, in five years, while the population only increased two per cent. That is to say, the French are twice as crazy as the English. Perhaps a Frenchman would retort as Robert Hull the amount of spirits manufactured by the amount | did, when some fool asked him what brought him to an insane asylum:-"What will never bring you here, sir-too much brains." The Pall Mall Gazette takes up this subject afresh, and confirms what the Medical Journal had said as to the alarming increase of insanity. It estimates that in England mental diseases have gained on the population to the extent of at least three per cent, per annum since 1859. The present ratio of the insane to the population it puts at one to every four hundred and ten. In the whole of Great Britain there is the greatest amount of insanity in England and the least in Ireland, probably because in the former there is the greatest mental activity and the most high living. In this country it is a conceded fact that insanity has increased considerably in the last ten years. Nowhere in the world is the strain on the mental organization greater or more intense than here, where the work of a generation is done in a year.

> A LIFE INSURANCE CASE .- The Washington Star says:- "Some years ago a man living in Wheeling, Virginia, and named Joseph Leppens, got his life insured, as was said, for the benefit of his wife, Josephine Leppens. A short time passed, when he went down the Ohio river, and was not heard of for years after, the supposition followin that he had been drowned, from the fact that his coat and the papers belonging to him were found upon the boat, and a few days after a dead body was picked up in the river near the place where he was reported to have made his disappearance. Some years after a friend of the wife received a letter from a man who signed his name as H. A. Deicher, inquiring how the wife of the late Joseph Leppens was getting along, and whether she had received the insurance money due her upon the death of her husband. The letter was shown Mrs. Leppens, who, it is said, immediately recognized the handwriting as that of her husband, and took the letter to the agents of the insurance company, who, suspecting a trick, refused to pay the ten thousand dollars insurance money. Some time after Leppens came to Washington, the intelligence of which was conveyed to his wife, who came on here in pursuit of him, and found him. The case came up before Justice Walter on Thursday afternoon, upon a warrant sued out by the wife, Josephine Leppens, charging her husband, Joseph Leppens, alias H. A. Deicher, with having committed adultery. After hearing the evidence in the casethe Justice remanded the accused to jail to await a hearing. Mrs. Leppens lives in Wheeling, Virginla, and has five children; while her husband, Joseph Leppens, alias H. A. Deicher, has for some time been a clerk in one of the offices of the Patent Office building."

> TENNESSEE EDUCATION .- A number of gentle. men in East Tennessee have undertaken to establish an institution to afford a free normal education to the sons of all Tennesseeans who perished in the Union cause. They have recently purchased a school property for the purpose at Athens, midway between Knoxville and Chattanooga, valued at \$25,000, and capable of accommodating three hundred pupils,

THE PAPAL SUCCESSION .- The Courrier des Etats Unis finds the recent cable despatch which names Monsigneur Dupauloup as the most probable successor of Plus IX "assez incomprehensible." Our last news from Rome did not mention any alarming change in the Holy Father's health. It is true that the common people of Rome expect him to die very soon, but their belief is based on the old tradition that no Pope can hold his office for twenty-five years until the last days of the world, and would hardly warrant the Sacred College in caballing at present for the succession. Besides, the chances of the French prelate in any event are very slight. The eldest son of the Church would of course do all he could for him. But there are quarters in which Napoleon's influence is more potent than in the Sacred College. That body has got into the habit of giving its suffrages, firstly, to a cardinal, and secondly, to an Italian Monsignear. Dupanloup is neither the one nor the other. Even it Pius should benevolently give him the red hat, his unfortunate nativity would probably be enough to defeat him.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY .- About fifty prominent members of the Republican party held a meeting in Boston on Tuesday, for the purpose of consulting with the members of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Reconstruction Association, and also to assist in devising means for a hearty and efficient co operation with the Republican Congressional Committee. Among those present were his Excellency Governor Bullock, Hon, Henry Wilson, Hon. James M. Stone, Dr. George B. Loring, and other prominent gentlemen. Governor Bullock presided, and General Scheuck made the principal speech. The object of the move was to perfect unanimity of action in disseminating Republican doctrines among the Southern people.

CRETE. - The fact that the heroic Cretans have sent off another ship-load of women, children, and old men does not seem to indicate that they have abandoned the struggle as hopeless. We shall probably be informed in a few days that the Grecian authorities have officially, though privately, counselled them to hold on until they can complete the necessary preparations for a bold and decided movement for their relief. Meanwhile, the cause of the brave islanders begins to awaken fresh interest in England, and extensive plans are being arranged to secure collections and contributions for them. The end evidently is not yet.

DEATH OF AN IRISH FRENCHMAN .- Mr. Mac-Sheehy, proprietor of the Union, of Paris, died in that city on the 25th of last month, at the age of eighty-four years. As his name indicates, be was of Irish origin. His family came into France with James II, when that sovereign "left his country for," etc. Marsbal MacMahon is connected with this family. Mr. MacSheeby was wounded at the battle of Leipsic, and earned his grade of lieutenant-colonel at Wagram. At the time of his death he was chevaller of St. Louis and officer of the Legion

SANTA ANNA .- The address that Santa Anna was to issue at Vera Cruz is published. He say8 his "mission is one of entire peace, as pacificator in a distracted family, whose members are destroying each other, and will not become reconcfled. . . . Let us appeal to a decision of a National Congress, elected freely by the people, and respect that sovereign will of the nation, be it what it may. Thus order may be permanently restored among us, and peace will once more flourish-a peace that is needed to repair our many misfortunes."

SALE OF AUTOGRAPHS IN LONDON .- Thirty unpublished letters of John Wesley were recently sold in London at an auction of manuscripts and rare books. The collection of which these letters are a part appears to have been a good one. It contained specimens of the autographs of Dean Swift, which are scarce; Cowper, David Hume, Garrick, Colman, Washington, Burns, the latter being the original manuscript of "Scots wha hae wi'Wallace bled," besides historical letters of Charles the First and Second, and Cromwell despatches.

THE LONGING OF A TRAVELLER, -Mr. Hurlburt seems to have derived a realizing sense of the inferiority of his countrymen to the inhabitants of the Continent during his present tour in France. So he "cannot help longing for some way of cauterizing our own people out of their dense ignorance of their own inferiority in a large range of the most practical applications of science to life."

Bogus .- A correspondent of the Springfield Republican exposes the fallacy of the item going the rounds of the press, in which it is asserted that the time of day can be told by the action of the pulse on a coin suspended from a string held between the thumb and finger, causing it to strike against the sides of a glass tumbler in a movement like that of a pendulum.

TAXATION OF NATIONAL BANK SHARES,-The Supreme Court of Iowa has given its opinion on the question of taxing national bank shares. The majority opinion, written by Judge Wright, decides that, as the Legislature now stands, the shares in the national banks in Iowa cannot be taxed. The remedy is with the Legis-

COMPORTING .- The Boston Post is inclined to take a cheerful view of things. It says:-"The 'social evil' is thought to be on the increase in Boston. So, too, is social good. We grow in all directions. People given to feeling bad about this matter should widen their range a little. There are fifty saints among us to every Mag-

THE SOCIAL EVIL .- The last Legislature of Ohio passed a bill, authorizing Boards of Health in the large cities to enumerate and record the temale inmates of disreputable houses, and to remove and protect those under eighteen years of age. The Cincinnati Board of Health have directed such enumeration to be made.

DESTROYING THE OLD LANDMARKS, -A French paper announces that the Prussian police have searched the publishing houses of Hanover for maps in which that country figures as a kingdom, and have destroyed all the copper plates of this class except a few which have been forwarded to Berlin.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS .- The London Review calls Walt Whitman "a kind of learned pig." This the World thinks is unduly severe on the

COLLEGE FUNDS .- The total income of Columbia College is \$126,000; but that of Cambridge, England, is £133,000, equivalent to \$660,000 in gold, of which £40,000 is received from tuition fees, and £93,000 comes from benefices. The total income of Oxford is £152,000.

THE QUEEN'S BOOK. - The London Star thus speaks of the "Early Life of Prince Albert":-"To England the book has an interest other than bistorical, and far deeper. It is the story of a love, a union, and a sorrow such as the chronicles of Courts can bardly parallel, and which cannot fall to awaken a thrilling emotion and aympathy in every English heart. This book is the true Albert Monument."

SEASIDE GAYETIES .- Some of the New England watering places are very lively this summer. The Boston Post says:-"Nahant is gay this season. There has been one negro minstrel concert, and a visit from an organ-grinder.

NOSTALGIC PHENOMENON,-Like cures like. The same conditions which send us wandering in the rural regions bring us back again to town. We go to the country because we are slok of home; we return because we are homesick.

GEORGIA REPUBLICANISM .- The Augusta Sentinel mourns over the daily increasing evidences that the Republican party is building up a thorough and compact organization in Georgia.

TEMPERANCE.-The temperence revival is rapidly extending into the Southern States, and large and numerous meetings are being held at various points.

### RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHESNUT Street, west of Eighteenth.—Services To-morrow at 10% A. M. and 7% P. M. Strangers cordulty invited. Sunday School at 9 A. M. instead of 2% P. M., until September 1.

PIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BROAD and ARCH Streets.—This Church will be open To-morrow as usual. Preaching in the morning at 10% and in the evening at s.

WEST SPRUCE STREET PRESET TERIAN CHURCH, S. W. corner of PRUCE and SEVENTEENTH Streets,—The services in this church to-morrow morning, at half-past 10 o'clock, will be conducted by the Rev. JAMES C. MOFFAT, D. D., Professor in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, N. J.

REV. ALEXANDER REED, D.D., will preach To-morrow morning, at 10% o'clock, in the CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner of EIGHTH and CHERRY Streets. Services will be held in this church every Sabbath morning during this month. during this month.

TENTH PRESENTERIAN CHURCH (Rev. Dr. Boardman's), corner of WALNUT and TWELF'H Streets—Rev. Dr. DUFFIELD, of Princeton, will preach in tuns church on Sunday, lith inst. (To-morrow), at 10½ A. M. and 4 P. M. The church will be closed after this until September 1.

COHOCKSINE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH, FRANKLIN Street and COLUMBIA Avenue.—Preaching on Sabbath Morning at 10%
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o'clock, by Rev. F. ROBRINS. THE SECOND PRESENTERIAN CULTURAL HALL, on BROAD street, between Locust and Spruce. Preaching to-morrow at 10% A. M.

REV. J. W. WELLMAN, OF MASS.
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Paster, will preach in the WEST ARCH STIEET PRESSEY TERIAN CHURCH, To-morrow at 10½ A. M. and 8 P. M. Strangers invited.

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SANCTUARY M. E. CHURCH.—
Preaching at 10% A. M., by Rev. JOSEPH
WELCH, of the Texas Mission. BEV. F. W. CONRAD, D. D.

Pastor, will preach To-morrow at 10% o'clock A. M., in MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, OXFORD Street, above Thirteenth, No service in the evening. Come; seats free to all. ST. JUDE'S CHURCH, FRANKLIN Street, above Brown.—Service To-morrow morning at 10%, and afternoon at 4, by the Rev. B. U. B. WEBSTER, of Cornwall, England.

CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS.--REV. D. BRAINERD RAY will preach To-morrow morning, 11th inst. Service at 10% A. M. EMANUEL CHURCH, KENSING

TON.-July 11. Service morning and ever by Rev. J. MORSELL, D. D. PREACHING MAY BE EXPECTED in the Church EIGHTEENTH and FILBERT Streets on To-morrow, at 10% o'clock, by the Pastor.

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