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ANOTHER FENIAN WAR.

GENERAL O'NEILL, the hero of the late Fenian invasion of Canada, is not satisfied with the bountiful crop of laurels he acquired in that memorable campaign, for we learn by an address he issued from the prison at Windsor, Vermont, in October last, that the programme for a new Fenian movement is under consideration. This document assumes that it has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of all whom it may concern that when the Fenians next take the field it will be to "fight for Ireland on Irish soil," and that this project now supersedes all others. To cool and unimpassioned minds it might appear that such a task would be sufficiently difficult if all the Fenians in this country cordially united to accomplish it, but at the very outset of the movement they are confronted with many difficulties arising from internal dissensions, rivalries, jealousies, and antagonisms. The fight against the British Government, on Irish soil, is to begin by a series of fights within the ranks of the Fenian Brotherhood, so that there is a fine prospect that our soil will be enlivened by a long succession of Donnybrook Fair skirmishes before the armies of the Irish republic make a triumphal entry into Dublin. Nor is this the only obstacle to be surmounted. If we are to believe General O'Neill, many of the Fenian agitators of the United States are anxious to use the organization for selfish partisan purposes.

The General is cruel enough to say that if these weak brethren are successful in getting "a little political pap," they will never risk their precious necks on Irish soil at all, at all. As he is President of one of the leading wings of the organization, he knows what he is talking about, and when he tells us of the anxiety of some of its shining lights to be made Whisky Inspectors under Audy Johnson's administration, and of the intense desire of other leaders to secure snug berths in the New York Custom House, we are bound to believe him. In addition to the squabbles arising from rival organizations, indifference, and mutual distrust, a distinct issue has also arisen in regard to the control of the funds of the Fenian Brotherhood. The adversaries of General O'Neill wish to place them under the exclusive control of the district treasurers scattered over the land, while the General favors their concentration in the hands of a central treasurer. He alleges that new district treasurers may do "what others have done before: that is, use the money for their own benefit." Here is another fearful revelation, disclosing another impediment to the success of the F. B. What can we expect from an army whose quartermasters plunder the military chest, while its leaders are fighting not only against each other, but for offices in America rather than for the liberation of Ireland?

THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

THE discussion with regard to the location of the public buildings is getting to be a nuisance of a most decided character, but the more hopeless the prospect of having either Washington or Independence Squares chosen for the site the more eager are the propertyholders in their neighborhood to prevent the work of erecting the buildings upon Penn Squares from being commenced. The anti-Penn Squareites met with a rebuff in Select Council yesterday when that body did the very wise thing of laying upon the table the resolution directing the City Solicitor to take means to prevent the erection of the buildings upon the intersection of Broad and Market streets until the final decision of the Supreme Court. This action was doubtless influenced by the communication from John Rice, Esq., the chairman of the commission for the erection of the public buildings, in which the opinion of the solicitor of the commission, C. H. T. Collis, Esq., that there is a clear right to erect one or more buildings upon the four Penn Squares; that the commission has a clear right to erect at the intersection of Broad and Market streets; that the act of March 23, 1866, does not in any way restrict the right to build at intersections; and that the act of August 5, 1870, rather favors and indicates the erection of the buildings there, is entirely concurred in by such eminent legal talent as the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, F. Carroll Brewster, and Messra. William B. Mann and W. M. Meredith. Indeed, the wording of the laws on this subject is so plain that it cannot misunderstood except by those who are interested in misunderstanding it, and that the Supreme Court will refuse to grant the perpetual injunction asked for may safely be predicted. When the Sapreme Court does refuse to interfere with the commissioners the whole controversy ought to come to an end at once and forever. The vote last October settled the matter in the best possible way, and the obstructions that are now being thrown in the way of the commissioners by interested parties proceed from pecessities of a great city like this.

nothing but mere factiousness, for the property-holders in the neighborhood of the rejected sites must know, if they are possessed of ordinary common sense, that their case is hopeless, and that under no circumstances will the public buildings be located elsewhere that where the voters of Philadelphia have said they should be. Let us have peace

NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE. 'Ir is a great disgrace to American journalism," says an evening contemporary, "that the heads of departments at Washington cannot protect their official documents from the thieves in the employment of certain newspapers, and that even the President of the United States hesitates to print his annual message, lest it shall be stolen before its delivery to Congress." The journal in question then proceeds at considerable length to denounce the New York Tribune as being the ringleader in these depredations, and fairly exhausts its stock of italies in emphasizing its diatribes. It is somewhat surprising, in view of this assumption of virtue, that the paper in question should day after day print the departmental reports which are stolen by the Tribune, and almost invariably without giving the latter journal credit for its thievery. In this very number of our city contemporary which holds up the Tribune as the most dishonest journal in the country appears one of the departmental reports, nearly two columns in length, which was published by the Tribune the previous day. That our virtuous contemporary captured the document in question at Washington is altogether improbable; such an assumption not only does violence to its professions of honesty, but to its habitual lack of enterprise as well. The report was clipped bodily from the Tribune, of course, and the neglect to credit the latter paper with having first published it is intended, doubtless, as a scathing rebuke to dishonest practices in the collection of news.

founded by the marvellous enterprise displayed by the New York Tribune during the past six months." Its achievements in connection with the Franco-Prussian war have been altogether unprecedented in the history of the journalism not only of this country but of the whole world; and, now that a momentary special interest in our national affairs is created by the approaching assemblage of Congress, the Tribune has turned upon the capital its inexhaustible resources and day after day given to the public, in advance of all its rivals, columns of public documents which are to be presented to the National Legislature next week. And for so doing it is denounced as a thief and a hypocrite. The only remedy that our contemporary can devise for the prevention of such reprehensible practices is the absolute exclusion of the Tribune from "all the privileges of the Executive Mansion and of the departments," and "a complete withdrawal of all Government patronage" from it and any other newspaper that shall presume to furnish its readers with important public docu-

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by the exercise of ingenuity or the outlay of

money. The famous but futile attempt of

the Holy Father to keep the comet at a dis-

tance by a Papal bull was about on a par

THE failure of the French armies during a period of nearly three months to break a single point in the extended line held by the forces investing Paris, is one of the most marvellous events in military history. Everything was staked upon the ability of the Provisional Government to open communications with the beleaguered city. A million of men were, or should have been, available for the purpose. There was no lack of money, no great lack of arms, while every incentive that can nerve the hearts of patriotic men prompted the French citizen-soldiers who are penned up in Paris and their brethren who are encamped beyond the German lines to assist each other. When we remember how enthusiastically the people of the loyal States rallied to the defense of Washington, and how the people of the South rushed to the rescue of Richmond when the Union armies attempted to capture it, we cannot avoid the conviction that an equal display of enthusiasm, energy, and courage in France would have made the late movements of Trochu and Paladines successful. Their failure involves not merely a decisive triumph of the German armies, but a virtual confession that there is something radically weak and defective in modern France, and henceforth the leadership of Europe, in arts as well as in arms, will be transferred from the waning power to the indomitable Fatherland.

THE PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT BILL CAME UP in Select Council yesterday, and after some discussion was laid over until next week. Most of the opposition to the bill was based rather upon a conservative sentiment that cannot appreciate the benefits of any changes from the old order of things simply because they exist and not because they are useful, than upon intelligent objections to any prominent features of the plan that has been proposed for the organization of the Paid Fire Department. If the delay of a week can be of any benefit to the members of Select Council, by enabling them to study the details of the bill more closely than they have hitherto been able to do, the postponement until next Thursday was -well enough, but the bill has certainly been before the members of Conneils and before the public long enough for intelligent opinions to be formed with regard to its merits, and it might as well have been passed yesterday as at any other time. That it will be passed substantially in its present shape there can be no doubt, after all that has been said and done upon the subject, for the Volunteer Fire Department has clearly outlived its day of usefulness, and is totally unsuited for the

THE NINTH CENSUS.

Complete Official Returns of Iowa.

The complete official returns of the census of Iowa have been made public, and they show a population at present of 1,182,933 -an increase since 1360 of 507,985 or 75 26 per cent. The first census of Iowa as at present constituted, was that taken in

as follow	5:	Increase,	Per cent
1840	48,119	149,102	845-8
1860	674,948	482,734	951.1
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has been 25,251 greater during the last decade. Incomplete Returns of Other States. The official returns of Louisiana are complete, with the exception of small subdivisions in four parishes, estimating which the present population of the State reaches 717,026, against 703,002 in 1860, an increase in ten years of about 9000, or 1-27 per cent. Between 1850 and 1860 the morease was at the

rate of 36-74 per cent. In Missouri, the official returns are complete, except from four counties, estimating which the population is 1,722,102, against 1,182,012 in 1860, an increase in ten years of 540,090, or 47-33 per cent. Between 1850 and 1860, the increase was at the rate

Official returns from all but seven counties of Florida are published. If the same ratio of increase is preserved throughout the State, the population is, in round numbers, 200,000, against 140,425 in 1860, an ncrease in ten years of about 60,000, or 42'85 per cent. Between 1850 and 1860, the rate of increase was 60-59 per cent.

Utah Territory. The census of Utah is complete, and its population is found to be 86,864. The first census of Utah was taken in 1850, since when the population has stood

as follows:-		
Year, Pop.	Increase,	Per on
1860	28,893 46,591	253 · 115 ·
It should be remembere Utah have undergone cor ally by the erection of Ne	siderable chan	ge, espec

Sait Lake City has a population of 13,545, against 8236 in 1869, an increase in ten years of 5309. The great bulk of the population belongs to the Mormon

Montana Territory. ported at 20,570, exclusive of about 18,000 Indians Our contemporary is but one of a large living in tribes. The whites number 17,932, and the Chinese 1936. The population of the leading towns of the Territory at the time of the enumeration was as follows:-

 Helena.
 3713 Bannack City.
 381

 Virginia City.
 867 Radersburg.
 311

 Deer Lodge.
 789 Bozeman City.
 163

 Diamond City.
 460 Missouia.
 119

 Benton City.
 436

 Colorado Territory. The first report we have of the population of Colorado is from the census returns of 1860, when it stood at 34,277, exclusive of 2251 Indians who were enumerated. The population at the time the recent census was taken was about 58,000, an increase since 1860 of 23,723, or 69 16 per cent. The population of

the principal towns at the time the census was

taken was as follows: -Since the census was taken, three months ago, the railroads have brought into the Territory large

numbers of people, probably more than during the whole year previous. Good judges place the present population of Denver at 600), Central City 3500, Pueblo 1200, and Greeley 700. Cariboo, the centre of the new Grand Island district, has a population of 1100, all gained within two months. Kit Carson and Greeley are wholly the growth of this year. On the 1st of January the town site of neither of them had been laid out. Several new towns have sprung up between Denver and Kit Carson, on the Kansas Pacific. NOTICES.

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