

subscription papers have met with liberal responses, for the benefit of Mason's family. These indications are not to be explained away. They simply mean that the people think Mason was too severely punished. The President will doubtless heed the popular voice. The people of Bloomsburg and Columbia county ought to furnish a few petitions and forward them promuly to the President.

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The monthly statement of the State Treasurer and Auditor General, recently published, shows a balance in the gener al fund of over \$1,700,000, the largest amount ever known to have accumulated. Under the law all the money in the general fund in excess of \$500,000 is required to be placed to the credit of the sinking fund on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1. On April 1 at least \$1,-000,000 will be diverted from the gen-eral to the sinking fund, to be applied to the extinguishment of the State debt. which is now about \$19,450,000. The plethoric condition of the general fund is due to the promptitude of corporations in paying their taxes for the year.

A bill has been passed in Congress granting the use of guns, tents, muskets, etc., at the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of Pennsylvania on the battle field of Gettysburg in July 1882. The bill provides that the arms and equipments are to be returned after being used, and that the expense of transportation shall not fall on the gov-ernment. The Adjutant General of the State of Pennsylvania is required to receipt for the arms and munitions, and those unaccounted for after the encamp-

The Philadelphia Record says that "It was the glory of the Democratic party that for nearly three-quarters of a cen-tury it was enabled to govern the country within the boundary of the Constitution. It is apparently impossible for the Republican party to adjust itself to this salutary restraint. Even in the suppres-sion of admitted evil, like polygamy, Republican statesmanship finds no ade quate method of prevention that does not sweep away the most valued muniments of free Government. Tried by the test of such administration, either the party in power is unfit to govern the country or our form of government is a failure."

The New York World does not look favorably upon the pardoning of Serson has deserved well of the country by

Senator Edmund's amendment to the day, in which several people with their Post Office bill, restoring the franking privilege, was adopted in a jiffy and without discussion, unless the Vermont Senator's explanation that he knew of certain violations of the law in the matter of the improper use of official stamps by persons presumably connected with some of the executive departments can be called discussion; and yesterday the bill as amended was passed by the Senate—presumably on the strength of Mr. Edmand's plea that because certain

officials who are not Senators swindle

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