

The present internal revenue system was organized September 1, 1862. Since that time there has been collected on distilled spirits, up to the close of the last fiscal year, \$29,076,113, the number of gallons paying this tax being 877,417,694. During the same period the total amount of tax collected from tobacco was \$32,200,050, which was the tax on 1,221,435,000 pounds. On cigars there has been collected since the law went into force \$114,651,536. The average rate of tax on spirits was about 70 cents per gallon, and on tobacco about 20 cents per pound.

DR. CAMERON is reported as concentrating all the force of his mighty intellect on the passage through the Senate of a resolution to adjourn over until Wednesday next, in order to enable the Republican members of Congress to attend Grant's reception in Philadelphia on Tuesday. He ought to succeed in putting the job through, since he got the Senate last summer to adjourn two days to attend the Baltimore races, which we think afford quite as much intellectual entertainment as can be got out of one of Grant's third-term receptions engineered by a set of hungry prospective office-holders.

GEORGE Q. CANNON, the Mormon delegate in Congress from Utah, who divides his affections between several wives, and, therefore, ought to be good authority on the question of polygamy, stated in Washington the other day that among the Mormons not more than one man in ten has more than one wife—that there are 150,000 Mormons altogether, of whom 30,000 are men—and that not more than 3,000 of them have a plurality of wives. He also says that the Mormons believe in "home rule," which means, we suppose, that a follower of Brigham Young has the scriptural right to marry just as many women as he pleases.

DENNIS KEARNEY announced at a meeting on the San Francisco sand lots last week his intention of going to Ireland to take part in the present land agitation in that country. While the people of California, and especially of San Francisco, will rejoice to be rid of him, the woe of Ireland could not be rendered more intolerable than they now are than by the presence of a vulgar brawler like Kearney. We are opposed to hanging, believing that it is the worst use to make of a man, but we nevertheless fear on Dennis Kearney's account, if he carries out his intention, that the hemp crop in Ireland this year has not been a total failure.

The New York World greeted its immense array of readers last Saturday on an entire new suit of type, which adds immensely to its appearance. A change in dress was certainly desirable, if not needful, but no change in the management of the World could possibly make it more worthy of support than it now is, for it must be admitted that it leads the van of Democratic journalism. Any person who wants a complete newspaper, as well as a faithful, reliable and efficient party journal, can have all his wants abundantly supplied by subscribing for either the daily, tri-weekly, semi-weekly or weekly New York World. Prospects next week.

There are about thirty Republicans in the Virginia Legislature, composed of nearly equal numbers of whites and blacks, all of whom have formed a coalition with the "Readjusters," who are in favor of repudiating a portion of the State debt. This union of forces gives the anti-bell paying members a majority on joint ballot, and Gen. Mahone, the big chief of the "Readjusters," will doubtless be elected to the U. S. Senate, to succeed Gen. Withers on the 4th of March, 1881. For their aid and assistance in playing this dishonest game regarding the State debt, the negroes will be properly rewarded by receiving some of the minor offices in the gift of the Legislature. Gov. Holliday will stand up firm for the honor of "Old Virginia" and he and the Democrats will save the credit of the State.

CHARLES S. PARNELL, the leader of the Home Rule party in Ireland, has published a letter stating that the trials of David, Kilien and Daly, who were arrested for sedition three weeks ago, would be commenced on the 11th inst., which was yesterday. After the trials are over Mr. Parnell will come to the United States on business connected with the present disturbed condition of Ireland. He is half American, his father having married a daughter of Commodore Charles Stewart, of Philadelphia, familiarly known as "Old Ironsides," who died only a few years ago close to 100 years of age. Mr. Parnell's mother spends most of her time in this country, principally in New York. He will be accompanied on his visit by Mr. Finnegan, who is also a Home Rule member of Parliament from the county Clare, and the Irishman of New York are making preparations to give them a grand reception.

GEN. REYNOLDS, of the regular army, was stationed with Grant at a military post in California after the close of the Mexican war. Both were then young, and amused themselves at night playing the interesting game of draw poker, betting fabulous sums on small hands, although neither of them had a dollar. They have ever since been warm friends and admirers of each other. Reynolds is in Chicago last week, and when asked by a reporter whether Grant would accept a third term, replied: "I don't know. I don't think anybody knows. I don't believe his wife knows. If it is offered to him by the voice of the great mass of the people of this country—if their interests and wishes demand it—he will accept." All of which is, presumably, silly and disgusting coming from so shallow-brained a creature as Reynolds.

The Lancaster Weekly New Era, as we learn from the Huntington Local News, the daily edition of the New Era being the only one received at this office, appeared on Saturday with ten pages and seventy columns, being the largest and most complete issue of any newspaper ever published in Lancaster. It is truly a great newspaper, and yet it is not quite three years old.

HON. ALEX. RAMSEY, of Minnesota, has been nominated by Mr. Hayes and unanimously confirmed by the Senate as Secretary of War.

Ireland's Woes A Pathetic Appeal.

We cheerfully comply with the request of a friend in Altoona, who sends us the following letter, furnished by the Washington correspondent of the New York Herald, and published in a recent issue of this paper, by giving it a place in the FREEMAN. Canon Kelly has said that he has received from the Dominican Friar, Father Tom Burke, and is a priest of considerable influence in Mayo—Miss Boyle has decided to place a copy of the letter in the hands of every Senator and Representative in Congress, with the hope that something may be done to alleviate the present suffering in Ireland:

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—The town postoffice in Colchester, Conn., was destroyed by fire on Saturday. All the inmates except Haggis Jones, an idiotic girl, escaped. She was once taken out, but rushed back into the building and was burned to death.

—In Detroit, Lizzie Falk, laundry girl, in the employ of the Russell house, while descending in the freight compartment of the railroad, came project, and fell from the top of the car, and was severely injured. She was taken to the hospital, but died on Sunday.

—Win. Wilson, living near Bellefonte, Pa., was killed by a steam engine on Saturday night, while walking on the railroad track between Bellefonte and Milesburg, and instantly killed. He was terribly mangled. He leaves a wife and several children.

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