

THE clerks in the different London postoffices seem to have had a very lively time on St. Patrick's day. They were instructed to cut open hundreds of paste boards boxes sent from Ireland, only to find that it was the green shamrock and not the deadly dynamite that met their gaze.

THE deplorable condition of the Irish people, is briefly, but most eloquently set forth by the announcement that there are now in the three southern provinces of that country—Leinster, Connaught and Munster—as many British troops as Lord Raglan, the commander-in-chief of the British forces, had under his hand when he landed in the Crimea to fight the armies of the Emperor of Russia.

THERE is trouble again, and a vast amount of it, among the Philadelphia Democrats. It is all about choosing a city committee and is substantially the same old fight that was so long waged over the organization of the committee between Vaux and McGowan.

CONGRESSMAN MARK H. DUNNELL, of the First Minnesota district, is a man who is not only a member of the U. S. Senate and step into his place. This is a big contract. Dunnell was in Congress when the salary grant passed in 1873, and it is related of him that before he left home for Washington on that occasion he had consulted a contractor about building a new house for him, but did not then quite close the agreement owing to a lack of ready money.

IT is estimated that not less than 85,000 persons, the largest portion of whom are colored, have been rendered destitute by the overflow of the Mississippi River into the territories in the States of Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana. The country is of unprecedented magnitude, a vast amount of property having been destroyed and a great many lives lost.

BEFORE Sergeant Mason was taken to the Albany penitentiary last week, he published a card in the Washington Chronicle in reference to his trial, and in a postscript said: "I must say that I do not want to be pardoned by no Guiltless President." We suspect very strongly that in pronouncing this one sentence in his postscript Mason has closed the door to executive clemency in his behalf.

FROM the annual tax returns made to the Secretary of Internal Affairs at Harrisburg the singular discovery is made that in Washington and Warren counties there is not a watch of any kind, either gold or silver, as Lieutenant-Governor Stone lives in Warren county, the question is pertinent, what has become of the magnificent gold watch presented to him by the members of the State Senate? Crawford county's reports also do not have a single watch, which lends the Crawford Democrat to say that such a return is perfectly absurd, and that the county commissioners knew it was when they made it.

OUR PHILADELPHIA LETTER.

GOVERNOR HOYT has repeatedly stated in private conversations, and once in a letter addressed to the Philadelphia Times, that he did not intend calling an extra session of the Legislature, no public necessity existing in his judgment for such a step, certain prominent Republicans are busily engaged in manufacturing public opinion, as they call it, for the purpose of forcing the Governor into the project.

THE FREEMAN tells me that arrangements are being made for the dedication of the new Court House, and that the friends of May is fixed for the 15th of May, and the address of welcome will be delivered by Gen. Joseph McDonald, and that Robert L. Johnston will paraphrase on the reminiscences of Cambria county. The ceremony will be a magnificent one in the selection of its orators. It would afford me much pleasure, indeed, to be present at the ceremonies of dedication and listen to the orations of these two distinguished and eloquent gentlemen. Had I a new pair of legs, I would tramp all the way there to be present on that interesting occasion.

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PHILADELPHIA, where the first Congress of our republic assembled, where the Declaration of Independence was first proclaimed; where the Constitution of the United States was adopted, and where Washington, the first President, was delivered, are sufficient to cause our public-spirited citizens to rapidly fall in line in favor of the Bi-centennial celebration. The occasion is a fitting and glorious one, and it is fitting that we should have a grand and magnificent celebration of the event.

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A widow lady, living with her three children on the Missouri shore above Donaldson's Point, was rescued by some men in a skiff after the water had risen two feet above her cabin floor, and was taken to the Kentucky side of the river. She is ill, and had been lifted again she died. The child, named Mrs. Estlin, was brought to the shore by the party reaching Kentucky and she was being lifted again she died.

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