

GEN. STEPHEN A. HURLBUT, of Illinois, United States Minister to Peru, whose name has lately figured so conspicuously in the newspapers in connection with the peace negotiations between that country and Chili, died suddenly of heart disease at Lima, he was a native of Charleston, S. C., was sixty-five years of age, and has resided in Lima since 1845.

LAST week's Scientific American contained an elaborate and interesting description of the New York World's new five story building, into which that successful newspaper recently moved its quarters. As the World is a model journal in all its departments, it is in accordance with the fitness of things that it should be issued from what is probably the best equipped and most thoroughly complete newspaper establishment in the country.

MISS MARY POWER O'CONNOR, sister of Thomas Power O'Connor, member of Parliament for the city of Galway, Ireland, was indicted at the Republican county sessions on Saturday last for advising the tenants of a landlord not to pay their rents, and was ordered to give bail or to jail for six months. She elected to go to jail, and went. Miss Mary is supposed, like every other person, to know her own business best, and as she saw fit to open her prison door any comments on her choice would be entirely superfluous.

If the scawlag who edits the Burlington (Iowa) Hawkeye should ever visit this place during one of his lecturing tours, we leave our large Welsh population to square accounts with him, in any way that may seem the most effectual and summary, for having in a recent number of his scurrilous journal deliberately and maliciously published and concerning the children of Wales, the following false, scandalous and defamatory libel: "Statistics disclose the fact that to every ten children born in Wales, less than seven ever reach their twentieth year. The others are worn out through trying to speak Welsh."

THERE is great force in the annexed paragraph taken from the Philadelphia Record on the subject of fish culture by farmers and we commend it to the careful consideration of those of that class of our citizens through whose land small streams of water flow. The experiment is a cheap one and would undoubtedly richly compensate any one for the little trouble and trifling outlay attending it. The Record says:

Since it is said that an acre of fish pond will produce more than five acres of ground, why should not farmers raise their own fish systematically as they do their corn or wheat? And why should they not turn their attention to fish culture as a regular industry and source of profit, especially those who have the advantages of good markets? There are few farms that with a little labor and expense could not get water to supply a fish-pond.

THE New York World expresses the opinion that if Sergeant Mason should "be pardoned for having tried to kill Guiteau and failed, he might consistently be promoted if, encouraged by pardon, he should try it again and succeed." What an immense amount of gush and sentiment has been indulged in over Mason's sentence? Even old Thurlow Weed, who is over eighty years of age, speaks of Mason's offense as having been "prompted by right feelings and impulsively committed." Mason, on the contrary, expressed a desire to shoot Guiteau before he came to Washington, and in carrying out his intention was guilty of betraying the trust reposed in him as one of the prisoner's guard. His offense was not mitigated one iota because of the infamy of his intended victim.

MAHONE'S negro allies in Virginia are becoming rebellious against his assumptions as their boss. Both Mahone and Cameron, the lately elected Readjuster Governor of the State, live in Petersburg, which, together with eleven counties, some of which admit it and some more or less remote from it, constitute the Fourth Congressional district, with an overwhelming black population always good for 8,000 majority for the Republicans. There are several negro statesmen in the shell in that district and they have arrived at the conclusion that it is about time for them to assert their political rights and to send a man of their own color to represent them at Washington, instead of allowing Mahone to select a white readjuster for them. When the proper time arrives they propose to hold a nominating convention and name their candidate, which will of course rule out Mahone's man. There have been other indications of the same movement in other parts of the State, all going to show that Mahone's political death is a mere question of time.

ONE of the most successful methods with members of Congress for squandering the public money, and one which they all eagerly embrace, is by procuring large appropriations for the erection by the government of postoffices throughout the States. Bills for this purpose are passing through Congress in frightful numbers under what is known as the "log-rolling" system of legislation, and the amount of money which is in this way filched from the treasury at each session is enormous, reaching many millions of dollars. As one of a score of instances of these reckless assaults on the treasury, there is now before Congress a bill appropriating \$150,000 for the erection of a postoffice building at Montpelier, Vermont, a town containing about the same population as Hollidaysburg. This sort of legislation will continue just as long as the short-sighted policy of the government keeps up the present enormous surplus in the treasury vaults. One of the country's greatest statesmen said in a speech in the Senate thirty years ago, that a large treasury surplus inevitably leads to inconsiderate, extravagant and profligate appropriations.

OUR PHILADELPHIA LETTER.

EASTER EGGS AND CARDS-CAMBRIA COUNTY AS AN IRON CENTRE-CORRUPT GOVERNMENT-BUILDING FURTHER INTERESTS-PLATES SET FOR 306-ABOUT TO REAP HER REWARD.

PHILADELPHIA, April 4, 1906. (Special Correspondence of THE FREEMAN.) DEAR HENRY-The fashion of Philadelphia patiently awaits the advent of Easter, and its advent is being heralded by an unusual display of handsome offerings in the shape of baskets of eggs. There have been dull during the season prescribed by the Church will be amply compensated by the eagerness and industry with which their customers will avail themselves of the opportunity when Easter hymns shall have ushered in the commencement of festivities. Among the novelties in Easter eggs are wonderful specimens in styles, sizes and material. The eggs are guaranteed to be the largest ostrich-and druggets are offering the newest preparation for coloring the eggs. Easter cards are being sent in various styles and are lavishly decorated and are highly valued by the crowds that linger on the thoroughfares of the city. Easter is now nearly as well remembered as Christmas. Not only Church members, but those who take no interest in the religion part of the celebrations, have come to regard it as a special season for festivities. Milliners and modistes who have enjoyed a season of prosperity are actively engaged in the preparation of starting novelties for the Spring season.

CAMBRIA COUNTY AS AN IRON CENTRE. In the local columns of the last FREEMAN I see a paragraph announcing that the Cambria Iron and Steel Company, of Johnstown, at its last pay-day, had advanced to its operatives at that point the large sum of one hundred and seven thousand dollars. Wonderful has been the progress of the Cambria Iron and Steel Company within the last thirty years. In the local columns of the last FREEMAN I see a paragraph announcing that the Cambria Iron and Steel Company, of Johnstown, at its last pay-day, had advanced to its operatives at that point the large sum of one hundred and seven thousand dollars. Wonderful has been the progress of the Cambria Iron and Steel Company within the last thirty years. In the local columns of the last FREEMAN I see a paragraph announcing that the Cambria Iron and Steel Company, of Johnstown, at its last pay-day, had advanced to its operatives at that point the large sum of one hundred and seven thousand dollars. Wonderful has been the progress of the Cambria Iron and Steel Company within the last thirty years.

THEAT there is such a thing as intemperate legislation on the subject of a prohibitory liquor law, has just been made conspicuously manifest by the self-stultifying action of the Iowa State Senate. Both branches of the Legislature of that State adopted a prohibitory amendment to the constitution, the vote of the people on its ratification or rejection to be taken next June. After the proposed amendment had been signed by the Governor and in the closing hours of the session, the Senate adopted a resolution declaring it to be the meaning of the amendment that it did not prohibit the manufacture of liquors in Iowa for sale outside of the State, but only their manufacture for sale as a beverage within the State. In other words, while Iowa makes it a criminal offense to sell a thimbleful of whiskey to one of her own citizens, she permits it to be manufactured by the barrel and sold to the citizens of other States. This is what the Senate says it meant when it adopted the amendment, but the Courts will enlighten it by deciding that it cannot play fast and loose with the question in that way. The Iowa Senate has brot prohibitory legislation into supreme contempt and ridicule, and has done what it could to confirm the general belief that members of a State Legislature who are too cowardly themselves to assume the responsibility of voting for or against a prohibitory amendment, but who take refuge in a submission of the question to a vote of the people as an easy way out of the dilemma, are as a general rule miserable time-servers and shuffling hypocrites.

WHEN the counsel for Brady, Dorsey and other defendants in the Star route cases, last week asked the Washington court to quash the indictments against their clients, on the ground that certain formalities in the action of the grand jury, as prescribed by an act of the Maryland Legislature and claimed to be in force in the district of Columbia, the said act having been passed in 1722, just one hundred and sixty years ago, it is a substantial admission of their guilt and will be so regarded by the country. If Brady, Dorsey & Co. were innocent they wouldn't attempt through Bob Ingersoll, one of their counsel, to escape conviction by taking refuge under a rusty and presumably obsolete law enacted fifty-four years before the date of the Declaration of Independence when Maryland was a colony of Great Britain. Innocent men don't answer indictments in a criminal court in that way, but demand a thorough investigation of all the charges against them. The question whether this ancient statute of Maryland is still in force in the District was argued at great length before Judge Wylie on Friday and Saturday by the lawyers concerned on both sides, and the Judge said he would give the matter a full and patient consideration before coming to a conclusion.

At the city and town elections in Ohio, on Monday last, the Republicans were shaken up as if by a regular political earthquake. In Cincinnati their ticket was defeated by more than eight thousand votes. Results equally disastrous overwhelmed the "grand old Republican party" in Cleveland, Toledo, Columbus, and many other large cities and towns. All this was brought about in consequence of the passage by the present Republican Legislature of a license law which is specially obnoxious to the German Republicans, hundreds of whom refused to vote the Republican ticket on Monday, and swear since in the roughest kind of Dutch, that they have joined the Democratic party to stay. The result of this Ohio election is very significant when we reflect on the cause that produced it, and forebodes the utter defeat of the Republican party in that State next November. In Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, in all of which similar elections were held on Tuesday last, the Republicans held on Tuesday last to the Chinese bill. In our next issue we will state his reasons for doing so. It is conceded at Washington that the veto renders certain the success of the Democrats at the next State elections in California, Oregon and Nevada.

ANOTHER STEAMBOAT DISASTER.

THE PACIFIC GOLDEN CITY BURNED AT SEA. WHARF AT MEMPHIS-OVER TWENTY PASSENGERS, PRINCIPALLY WOMEN, KILLED.

MEMPHIS, TENN., March 30.-The Cincinnati News-Courier publishes a Golden City, on route from New Orleans to Cincinnati, was burned at her wharf at 4:30 o'clock this morning. She was carrying passengers, including a woman and her children. She was approaching the wharf here at 4:30 this morning when she was discovered to be on fire. She was immediately loaded for shore, and in four minutes touched Red Boat wharf. The fire broke out on the upper part of the deck, and the burning steamer was towed to the wharf. The fire was extinguished, but many of them were killed in the burning mass, as it drifted away.

ORIGIN OF THE FIRE. The fire was started by a watchman, who accidently lit a cigarette. The watchman was sleeping at the time, and the fire was not discovered until it had spread to the upper part of the deck. The fire was extinguished, but many of them were killed in the burning mass, as it drifted away.

THE LIST OF THE LOST. The following is a list of the lost, as reported by the passengers of the Golden City: Miss Iona Malin, of Havensville, Ky., one of the three lady passengers saved from the burned steamer. She was traveling with her mother and her sister, who were both killed. She was rescued by the crew of the Golden City.

TRILLING STORY OF A LADY WHOSE MOTHER PERISHED IN THE FLAMES. Mrs. Iona Malin, of Havensville, Ky., one of the three lady passengers saved from the burned steamer. She was traveling with her mother and her sister, who were both killed. She was rescued by the crew of the Golden City.

CONCORD GRAPES VINES. The Concord Vines, Two, Three and Four Old, for sale by the dozen or thousand, at the lowest prices. These vines are raised on the famous Mt. Prospect Vineyard, at Passaic, N. J., where they are raised under the supervision of a man who is so highly esteemed by Physicians. Enquire of ALFRED SPEER, Passaic, N. J.

THE New York police were notified Sunday night that Cornelius J. Vandenberg, the well-known New York politician, who contested the probate of the will of the late Commodore Vanderbilt, had committed suicide by shooting himself through the head at the Glenham Hotel. The coroner was notified, and gave a permit for the removal of the body.

A CLEAR COMPLEXION.

can be had by every lady who will use Parker's Ginger Tonic. Regulating the internal organs and purifying the blood, it quickly removes pimples and gives a healthy bloom to the cheek. Read about it in our column.

After quarrelling with her husband, in Lincoln county, Arkansas, on Monday last Mrs. Ballard shot and killed her husband, four years, and threw the bodies into a well. Her husband was a man of about 40 years of age, and she was about 30 years of age, with dark hair, blue eyes and a gentle and modest mien.

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NEWS AND OTHER NOTINGS.

A great snow storm raged on Monday at St. John, N. F. That backing could be so quickly cured by Shill's Cure is a remarkable fact. The only physician we have had in the family for three years is Dr. Pierce's. An old man in Allentown is reported as lying on larger bed and eye breads the best, and most exclusively.

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