

THE action of Mr. Meek, Clerk of the House, in reducing the number of pages from 115 to 64, will save the State \$2,500 in a single session of 100 days.

THE question, "Does reputation repudiate?" will soon be settled by the Supreme Court of the United States, from the fact that the Riddleberger refunding bill, which is only another name for repudiation, has just reached that body.

A CATHOLIC priest in Donegal, Ireland, telegraphed to the London Daily News that he accompanied Mr. Trevelyan, Chief Secretary of Ireland, on a tour of inspection, and out of twenty families visited by them there was not a morsel of food in any house.

GOVERNOR HOYT's message to the Legislature shows that the State debt amounts to \$20,236,683.28, and that from this sum must be deducted the assets in the Sinking Fund, amounting to \$7,992,083.82, leaving the actual State indebtedness on December 1, 1882, \$12,244,599.46.

THE Senate of the United States will vote on the Fitz John Porter bill at 2 o'clock on this (Thursday) afternoon, in accordance with the unanimous agreement to that effect entered into last week by the supporters and opponents of the measure.

NO MAN in this country ever before had the Presidential itch to such an alarming extent as ex-U. S. Senator McDonald, of Indiana, is now suffering from which there is no hope of his recovery until after the meeting of the next Democratic National Convention, in 1884.

THE Legislature reassembled on Tuesday last at 7 p. m. In the Senate the chair announced the standing committees, and after a few bills had been read in place, Mr. Watres, of Laekawanna, offered a resolution, which was adopted for the appointment of a committee of five to investigate the official acts of John C. Delaney, Senate Librarian.

IN accordance with the rules adopted by the last Democratic State convention, the Democratic State Committee will meet at the Bolton House, Harrisburg, on Monday next, to elect a Chairman, Permanent Secretary, and an Executive Committee of seven; and to transact such other business as the Committee may determine.

ARCHBISHOP BRICELL, old, poor and tottering on the brink of the grave, having received a Christmas present of six dollars from a friend, sent it to the Cincinnati Catholic Telegraph for the benefit of his creditors.

IF the Star-route conspirators swindled the treasury out of an almost fabulous amount of money, as they most assuredly did, the four lawyers who have been employed by the Government to conduct the prosecution against them are in a fair way, to use a vulgar phrase, of making a nice thing out of it.

MR. OWEN STARR, Proprietor of the Cambria Freeman, has just received a subscription of \$60. Like the widow's mite, it is very small; yet, like the widow's mite, it is counted, being a man in the wrong, and even this was it for the touching kindness of an old friend at Christmas. With this pitance I send you my warmest appreciation for your noble and generous support for the cause of honesty and justice.

WHETHER OR NOT the Court House in New Bloomfield, Perry county, is nearer the Court House in Carlisle than the Court House in Harrisburg, seems to have become an important question in the contested election case between Bossler, Rep., and Wagner, Dem., in the Cumberland and Adams Senatorial district.

DEAR HENRY!—The eighty-second chapter of the nineteenth century has closed, and I leave the reins of government to the new year with hopeful hearts and becoming gratitude for the infinite goodness that marked the progress of our coming and going.

AMERICA still remains the chosen land of the poor and oppressed of all lands and climes. Her soil is the most fertile, her climate the most healthy, her population the most numerous.

GOVERNOR HOYT submitted his message to the State Legislature on Tuesday afternoon, the 11th inst. The message is a long one, and contains many interesting particulars.

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THE CONSPIRACY LAWS.

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NEWS AND OTHER TOPICS.

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