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THE English postoffice does all the express business in Great Britain, carries parcels at an average cost of eleven cents each, and makes a profit of \$2,350,000 a year.

**JEFFERSON DAVIS**, President of the Southern Confederacy during his brief period of existence, died at the home of J. U. Payne, a life-long friend of the Confederate leader, at New Orleans, on last Friday morning.

THE New York Herald has received correspondence from various parts of the country concerning ballot reform. Through the Australian system will be adopted by all the States in a few years," and here's hoping that it will.

THE American nation uses more soap per capita than any other on the globe. Where the English uses four pounds per head we use five and a half. No other nation uses over three pounds to our five. Italy uses least of all, and Russia beats her only by a few ounces.

A WASHINGTON city dispatch on Tuesday says: It is stated here to day that Congressman Randall's condition is much more serious than is generally supposed. Persons very near him frankly admit that he is very dangerously ill, and it is feared that he may never occupy his seat in the House again.

**PROFESSOR HIGHER**, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was stricken with paralysis while standing on the platform at Millin station, waiting to take a train on Tuesday. It is supposed that his illness will prove fatal. If it should which seems probable, 11 persons connected with the State Department will have died in three years.

Mr. BEND, of Nashville, said in New York a few days ago: "Iron made in Birmingham, Ala., can be laid down in Glasgow and sold at a profit at a less price than is now being paid there for English or Scotch iron. It isn't everybody that knows how cheaply iron can be made in Alabama. It runs \$8 a ton pretty close. It is between \$8 and \$9.50. Iron is selling in Glasgow now at \$21.50. There is the margin for transportation and profit. I am sure."

THE County Commissioners and their engineer have completed a new bridge at South Fork. We understand that they are about commencing the erection of a bridge at Mineral Point. Of course, there was no letting for the building of either of these bridges, as a letting has a tendency to bring down prices and gives the people a chance to know what bridges should cost. There will likely be a letting, however, when comes to select a new board of Commissioners.

WHILE the lawyers and experts of New York are endeavoring to discover whether or not a criminal can be killed surely and satisfactorily by electricity, several men have been accidentally killed by coming in contact with electric wires. The latest victim was Peter Clausen, a heman of the New York Electric Light Company. He met his death last Monday at the top of a pole at Third Avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-six street, New York City, while repairing the wires.

There is an epidemic of influenza in Russia and other parts of the continent causing a widespread fear in England that the disease will extend throughout the United Kingdom. In many parts of the continent business is almost wholly suspended, owing to the prevalence of the disease. The plague is spreading all over Germany and at Spanday 100 workmen in a single factory are affected. It has appeared in violent form at Lemberg and Cracow. Four hundred employes of the Louvre in Paris are ill with fever that closely resembles the influenza.

BOTH North and South Dakota are having a hard struggle with poverty in their first days of Statehood. Great as has been reported the agricultural resources of these new States, at least 20,000 people are now destitute of food, and without means to buy any. At least three counties of North Dakota did not grow enough wheat for their own use on an account of frost. The failure was still worse in North Dakota. These regions will come out all right in time, but their pioneers are suffering, as did the early pioneers in other sections, and actually need help to-day.

**SENATOR DELAMATER**, says the Pittsburgh Post, has been turned loose as the gubernatorial candidate with the Quay brand and indorsement. The Beaver boss has also told Hastings to go in and win if he can, and if he turns up at Harrisburg next June with enough delegates he (Quay) will see him through. This is all very good enough in its way, but at the same time Quay proposes to see that Hastings doesn't have enough. The fight for the control of the convention will be in Philadelphia, and the contest against Quay's state will be led in that city by James McNamee. That's quite settled, and what Quay wants to do is to prevent a combination of McNamee's friends and the friends of Mayor Flier. That would be dangerous. If the anti-Quay people should carry Philadelphia, Lancaster and Allegheny, Delamater's chances of the nomination would be slim, indeed. Neither Hastings nor Montooth would stand much show. Is there a possibility a situation is to be created that will call for the nomination of Quay, to relieve the pressure and restore harmony?

OMAHA elected a Democratic Mayor on Tuesday last, by a 1,200 majority. The leaves is working.

On Tuesday night Johnston was visited with another horror which caused the death of eleven people and about thirty more were badly injured, some of whom will probably die, Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin troupe, that played in this place on Monday night went to Johnston on Tuesday morning and played to a crowded house in Parke's Opera House on Tuesday night. Between five and six hundred people were in the building and the performance was nearly over, when some one in the upper gallery started an alarm of fire. The audience, composed of men, women and children at once became panic stricken and a rush was made for the door, which is reached by a narrow stairway and which was soon packed solid with a struggling mass of human beings. Some fell, others were crushed down by people scrambling over them eager to get out, while people from the outside were trying to get in to see what was the matter. The screams of those who were being crushed to death were heart-rending and their pitiful cries for help were unavailing. After the excitement had subsided and through the efforts of some of the cooler-headed people the fears of the audience calmed, the work of extricating the unfortunate people from the stairway began, and the scene was appalling. Eleven dead were taken from the mass while the injured, is estimated at from fifty to one hundred. The list of dead is as follows:

John Miller, colored, Chambersburg, Pa.

George Slonicker, colored, Pleasant, Pa.

Lizzie Claycomb, aged 19, from Bedford county.

Mrs. Wesley Burns, 40 years, Johnston.

Clara Burns, 19 years, daughter of Mrs. Wesley Burns.

Isaac Fobler, 60 years, Conemaugh borough.

George Horner, aged 11 years, Johnston.

Mrs. John W. Nestor, Johnston.

Eddie Bigler, aged 8, son of John Bigler, Conemaugh borough.

George Frischborn.

The injured as far as known are as follows:

Let not the future historian of Benjamin Harrison's Administration omit to note the patriotic earnestness with which the Postmaster-General is co-operating with his colleagues, the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of War, in their endeavor to build up a system of national defense.

Secretary Tracy is bent on giving us ships of war, and first-class ships to match.

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There is much interest in the report that Governor Beaver is shortly to reduce his view of the Johnston relief business to cold type. The way in which the Governor looks at that matter is likely to contain a number of interesting and novel features; and the public will await with wild expectation the appearance of the Executive document fresh-dressed in our Washington dispatch.

As to the relative positions of the Governor and his Adjutant General, there are by no means the most important aspects on which the Governor can throw light. Whether Hastings tried to make capital by his presence at the Johnston relief business, we can afford to leave to be fought out between these gentlemen.

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—Robert Bonner has on his farm, at Tarleton, and in his city stables, in New York, nearly sixty of the notable turpiformers of their day, and for which he has paid nearly \$500,000.

—Prof. Loiselet's Memory System is creating great interest, and even in a full line of black Cashmeres, Henriettes, Melrose, Dress' d'Alma, Armos and Nuns' Vellings, colored Cashmeres, Henriettes, Serges, Broad Cloths, Albattross, etc. Wash Dress Goods in all styles. Dress Buttons and Trimmings to match Dress Goods, Table Linen, Napkins, Towels and Toweling, Ladies', Misses' and Children's Underwear and Hosiery, Corsets in 25 different styles, Misses' Corsets and Waists, Kid Gloves and Silk Mitts, Table Covers and Lambrequins, Hangers, Lace Flouncing, etc., etc.

—Westmoreland county is overrun with tramps. On Tuesday several children got into a well about a week ago and were assaulted and their flamer baskets taken away. Numerous other outrages are reported from other towns.

—The largest infant ever born in Connecticut was that of Mrs. Louis Duke, of Meriden, which weighed 25 pounds at birth. It was born about a week ago and lives in a phenomenal babe.

—Florida will soon be the greatest lemon growing country in the world. Lemons weighing a pound each are common in Florida, and along the banks of Caloocan are raised a single tree which bears 5,000 lemons, many of which weigh a pound each.

—A young man named James Donohoe, about 18 years old, was shot and instantly killed Monday evening by William Boethe. The murderer was committed in the back room of a building adjoining a saloon, and was arrested at his home shortly after the shooting.

—A South Carolina man who was curious to know just how much stuff an alligator could get away with when he felt well, fed out a hind quarter of a cow, seven chickens, a sheep, four geese and a hog's head before the reptile could swallow it. The cow and sheep and poultry had died of poison, but this didn't trouble the gator any.

—While John Patterson was standing at the Delaware Bank counter on last Saturday morning, clipping coupons from bonds which he kept on deposit there, an unscrupulous man, who had hidden a box containing some thirty thousand dollars in securities, and ran out and away. The police are trying to find the thief.

—A number of boys, ranging in age from twelve to fourteen years, stole several bottles of whisky from a saloon on Wabash street, Chicago, last night. They drank freely, and one of them, John Mahoney, died from the effects a few hours later. Several others are in a critical condition and may die. The police think the liquor was drugged.

—Marion Crowell, a young merchant of Conneville, Pa., shot and killed Joseph Porter in cold blood Tuesday afternoon. There was no cause for the killing except whisky. Crowell got drunk and started for Danbar with the avowed intention of shooting him. When they met he asked Porter to stop. Upon his refusal, he drew a revolver and shot him dead. The murderer is under arrest.

—A friend of the lazy, in Bangor, Me., has invented a device by means of which a man can catch a fish without fishing. He attaches a small sledge to a piece of barbed end of which he inserts into a crack in the earth. He then baits the line and throwing it overboard he fastens it to the hook, puts his hands in his pockets and awaits developments. As soon as the bait is jangled by a jerk on the line, he hauls it in and lands the fish.

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—Willie Marietta, at Livermore, Westmoreland county, was on Tuesday showing friends how he could jump on moving logs. He fell under the wheels, had both legs cut off, and died shortly after.

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