

We wish all our patrons and friends a very "Happy New Year."

It is expected by the sub-committee of the House Committee on Appropriations that the Pension, Military Academy and Diplomatic Appropriation bills will be ready to be reported on the reassembling of Congress.

The consolidation of internal revenue districts throughout the country has been completed, and the number reduced from 399 to 163. No further reduction is intended at present, as it is believed it would be detrimental to the public service.

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A Washington dispatch of the 28th ult. to the N. Y. Sun, says: "The programme of the Banking and Currency Committee will be to ask the repeal of the Specie Resumption act, without debate, and in the interest of legal tenders as against national bank notes." The previous question will be called, debate cut off, and the Democrats have an opportunity of expiring the same privilege as was exercised by the Republicans last January in forcing a vote without debate on the resumption bill.

We have received Jules Verne's famous book "Around the World in 80 Days," describing the adventures that befell Phileas Fogg, who undertook to travel entirely around the world in eighty days, on a wager of \$100,000. Leaving London on the day the Bank of England is robbed of \$250,000, he is suspected to be the thief, and followed like a shadow by a detective, who throws every obstacle in the way of his supposed flight.

The Rev. Henry Boehm, who on the 8th of last June celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of his birth, and who was undoubtedly the oldest clergyman in the world, died on Staten Island on Tuesday evening. His centennial anniversary was observed by the Newark Conference in Jersey City, and the excitement of that occasion prostrated him.

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The funeral took place from Woodrow Methodist Church, Staten Island, yesterday (Friday), Dec. 31.

Utilizing Tramps. It seems to be a very easy thing to diminish the number of tramps in any given locality, if not to make them disappear altogether. Work, says the N. Y. Observer, and upon them like holy water on evil spirits. They have such a horror of the name as still more of the thing itself, that the bare mention of it is almost enough to throw them into convulsions, and if it is pressed upon them they flee the locality, as reptiles evacuated the Emerald Isle. But there is no reason in the world why tens of thousands of men should be roaming the country living on the public and doing nothing at all. The Board of Supervisors of Orange county, N. Y., at a late meeting, found that up to the first of November there were fed and lodged at the public expense, in that county alone, nearly 18,000 tramps, costing \$20,000. This exhibit led to the adoption of a regulation of the evil, by requiring each town to provide a lock-up, wherein every tramp is to be placed, on commitment from a magistrate, and kept there not less than thirty nor more than sixty days, on prison fare and at hard labor.

A similar plan was adopted in a county of New Jersey some time ago, and with perfect success. The county was overrun with tramps, and all sorts of crimes were committed by them. The matter became so serious that a special meeting of the Freeholders was called, and an enclosure was added to the jail, in which was placed a quantity of stones. An order was issued that every tramp found trespassing his avocation should be arrested and committed to this enclosure, fed on cheap but wholesome food and forced to break stones for a stated term. When they had served out their time there was a scarcity of tramps in that region. Our streets are in a bad condition; there are plenty of large staves lying around, why not the Borough Council have them hauled to the lock-up, and set the tramps to work cracking them into sizes fit to put upon our streets? The people would thus get something in return for their money. If beggars were universally arrested and those who are able to work were set to work, and those only who are feeble were taken care of, the pauperism of the country would be wonderfully diminished at a stroke.

The National Capital. FROM OUR OWN WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30, 1875. When I wrote to you last the first scene in the first act of the 44th Congress has been played, the curtain has fallen and the actors have retired from the boards to enjoy the holiday vacation. From all indications the audience, which comprises the whole people of the Union, are not well pleased with the action of the play. The price of seats is low, the representation is small, and the management is not above the level of the amateur in which they are performing. A large number of Republican members were carried away, which has left the Senate in a minority. The House of Representatives is also in a minority, and the Government is in a very precarious position. The President has signed the bill extending the duration of the Court of Alabama Circuit to the 22d of July next.

Gen. Geo. B. McClellan, who is now living in Baltimore, will probably be appointed to a position in the service of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company, with the title of general superintendent or general manager. A coal miner named Leo was assassinated by two other miners named Dawson and Estep, near Charleston, W. Va., on Saturday evening. They stabbed him thirty-three times.

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New York Letter. NEW YORK, Dec. 27th. DEAR ADVOCATE:—Thinking I might have better luck with my stockings, I came on here by leaving it up. So Christmas morning I jammed it out of bed, hurried to my stocking and to my great surprise and astonishment I found it was full. —Yes, Mr. Editor, it was full of holes.

The climax of all "Fifty merry children in the Christmas morn, and the services which followed during the day, were very grand and impressive. The music was rendered by a large choir, two organs and an orchestra of thirty-five performers.

What a busy, strange place this New York is. Passing down Grand St. today I saw these signs—"Hot and Coffee—10 cents." "Lodging with Coffee and Roll in the morning—10 cents." "Single Rooms, from 35 to 75 cents. Double rooms, \$1.00 to \$2.00." My! what a change for this coffee and hot bugs. A restaurant notices its patrons that "choice dishes are reduced from 15 to 10 cents." Next thing they will pay a fellow for drinking with them.

The day I came on, the game of Copenhagen was played at every station the train stopped at. I never saw or heard of much kissing in my life. "Merry Christmas," "How do do," "Why, George, how well you look, how's all the folks?" There were meetings of sweethearts, of husbands and wives, of grand parents and I don't know who or what or which, all I know is this, the thing seemed to be contagious and that all I could do to keep from getting off and taking a hand in the festivities of the season myself.

There was another shock of earthquake in Grass Valley, California, on Friday evening. The President has signed the bill extending the duration of the Court of Alabama Circuit to the 22d of July next.

A colored boy, 7 years of age, died in Washington on Sunday morning, from the effects of drinking half a pint of whiskey from his father's bottle the day before.

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