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A Question of Folly.

Secretary Manning is said to have met the criticism upon the revocation of the appointment of James Blackburn, as a collector of internal revenue in Kentucky, that he was no more of a rebel than his fellows...

And considering that he is the brother of Senator Blackburn, we fear that Secretary Manning may not have been judicious in the highest degree in revoking his appointment for words of his indiscreet youth...

Public Interests and Private Rights.

As the Philadelphia Record suggests, the public are entitled to protection from deleterious food adulteration; and legislation to secure this end is entirely proper and within the police power of the state.

But the anti-oleomargarine bill, which meets with such favor in the Pennsylvania legislature, is based entirely upon the assumption that the butter-makers of this state have a right to protection against any article that competes with butter.

Roads' Boat.

John Roads has had luck with his boat the Dolphin, which he built for the government under the administration of Naval-Secretary Chandler and for which he got nearly all the contract money before he had completed the vessel according to the terms of his undertaking.

Mr. Roads thinks this is of no consequence, but the secretary of the navy insists upon a trial that will prove the vessel up to all requirements.

As an Upright Juro.

The callow assistants to the district attorney in New York who recently failed to convict Short for a murderous assault upon Phelan, because it was disclosed to the jury that the accused acted in self-defense...

It would be strange, indeed, if a juror were to be punished for his verdict discredited for such a thing as this. He may have been indiscreet in exposing himself to the suspicion of being in correspondence with the men who frequent the place he sought...

Produce the Proof.

It is maintained by those who support the bill vetoed by Governor Pattison, requiring counties to bury the bodies and mark the graves of indigent soldiers, that the Pennsylvania statute, passed over the governor's veto, is a transcript of a New York law, signed by Mr. Cleveland when he was governor.

We doubt it. No copy of the New York law has been printed by the journals which so allege; nor is it to be deduced from what is known of Mr. Cleveland's close scrutiny of legislation...

Lop Them Off.

In defense of the lavish scale upon which his committee has laid out the state appropriations for the coming year, Representative Smolgrass, of the committee of the House on appropriations, points to the fact that there is two million dollars of surplus at present in the state treasury to make up for any deficiencies that may occur.

This is the objective point of the plunderers. The money is in sight, and all kind of jobs are projected to get at it. The "charity" swindlers are chief among them. The governor will do well to put his hatchet to them all. He must needs do better than in his veto message of two years ago if he means to command the respect of the state for intelligent discrimination among them.

The discussion of the license question in the legislature has opened the eyes of Philadelphians to the number of saloons that adorn the Quaker City. It is found that there are in the city 5,995 saloons, 3,347 retail groceries and 1,641 bakeries. This gives one saloon to every 250 grocery to every 52 1/2, and one saloon to every 16 1/2 voters.

Obedience to a Spirit of Demagoguery.

The bill to prohibit the manufacture of oleomargarine is making progress through the legislature. In the mind, however, of obedience to the spirit of demagoguery, the factories in Pennsylvania will go on manufacturing oleomargarine the same as before. If this product is not fraudulently put upon the markets for butter the legislature has no power to interfere with its manufacture.

Germany is far ahead of England and the United States in its educational facilities. An Englishman writing of Stuttgart, the capital of the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, says that with a population of about one hundred and fifty thousand, it has a classical high school with 1,200 pupils, a semi-classical school with 900, a scientific school with 1,100, two high schools for girls each with 500 pupils, a second grade or commercial school for 1,400 young boys, and an intermediate grammar school for 1,000 girls.

PERSONAL.

MAJOR BURKE, has resigned as director general of the board of management of the New Orleans Exposition.

THE EARL OF SELKIRK, who died very richly last year, left a yearly salary to the United States.

MISS CHARLOTTE M. YONGE, whose latest novel bears the title of "The Two Sides of the Shield," is now in England.

SHIRTS by which some fellows contrive to pass their examinations.

THE REDUCTION of a Burden. It is a little difficult to see how the subject is to be effectually or usefully taught in the primary departments of the schools; but under the terms of the law an effort must be made to teach the abecedarian physiology of hygiene.

THE SOLDIER'S BURIAL ACT. The proposition for authorizing the county commissioners of each county in the state to appoint a sufficient number of suitable persons in each township and ward to bury indigent soldiers at the rate of \$50 a year and to bury headstones for them at the rate of \$10 a year.

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BARTHOLOMEW IN MINIATURE.

The American Residents of Paris Make a Present to the Capital. The reduced copy of Bartholomew's statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World" was on Wednesday formally presented by the American Legation to the city of Paris.

THE HON. LEVI P. MORTON, ex-United States minister to France, made the speech of presentation. He said he hoped that gift would help perpetuate the friendship between the two nations, which the changing events of a century had only strengthened.

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A QUESTION ABOUT BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.

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