

THE PUBLIC LANDS.—We learn from official reports that during the year 1872 over ten million seven hundred thousand acres passed from the dominion of the government into private hands.

SOLDIERS' HOMESTEADS.—[There seems to be (says the Pittsburgh Commercial) a general misunderstanding regarding the amendments which passed Congress last session in regard to the Soldiers' Homestead law.

EXPENSES OF GOVERNMENT.—A CORRECTION.—A paragraph copied from the Washington Star, giving the appropriations at the last session of Congress for the expenses of government, which reach a total of \$198,310,030, and stating that they exceed the amount appropriated at the previous session 54,000,000, has been widely circulated through the press.

DOES PROTECTION PROTECT? A good many flippant scoldists of the free trade school of political economy (says the Pittsburgh Commercial) are in the habit every now and then of asking, with a great air of oracular wisdom, whether protection really does protect? Of themselves are they answered. One of the leading free trade organs in the country publishes, in a recent issue, a summary of the statistics of the manufacturing town of Fall River, Massachusetts, from which it appears that the population of the place has increased from 1,280 in the year 1850 to 31,335, and its valuation from \$19,041,619 in 1867, to \$37,841,291. It has now thirty-three cotton manufacturing companies, with an aggregate capital of \$11,470,000, and 1,203,684 spindles, 27,754 looms, employing 14,370 hands, using 125,175 bales of cotton, manufacturing 410,625,000 yards of cloth, and paying monthly to employees \$461,500. It has seven national banks, with a capital of \$2,250,000, and a surplus of \$1,119,455; and four savings banks, with \$9,000,000 deposits by 21,500 depositors. This rapid and substantial growth, it should be remembered, is very largely due to the fostering influence of the tariff in protecting manufacturers and workmen from the competition of the products of cheap foreign labor. The total product of manufacturers in Massachusetts in 1870 amounted to the enormous sum of \$553,912,368. Would this likely have been the case if there had been no tariff? And what sort of a livelihood would the teeming population of that State have been apt to derive from the sylvan pursuits of agriculture among its rock-bound sterile acres?—[Harrisburg Telegraph.

A cheerful prophet in Philadelphia tells us that from 1880 to 1885 this world will be subject to an unusual amount of disaster and affliction owing to the fact that the planets Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune will come unaccountably near to the earth. The result will be pestilence, famine, extremes of heat and cold, and sundry other direful evils. Quoth the prophet: "The dissipated, the glutton, debauchees may exult on being the first victims. Young men who devote themselves by tobacco using, young ladies who destroy one half of their breathing capacity by fashionable dress and tight lacing will never survive the perihelion of all the large planets of the solar system; and perhaps it will be best that they should not." We hope the parties mentioned will take warning and reform their way of life; but at the same time, we should think these big planets might keep their distance and not come around to torment this little world and its poor sinners.

Antonio Zomboni, a distinguished Cuban patriot who has arrived in New York city, reports the insurgents of that island as having an abundance of arms and in good spirits. They are making steady progress in the Eastern Department, and will very soon compel the Spaniards to wholly withdraw therefrom.

Letters from London state that Wm. E. Gray, the notorious perpetrator of the Wall street forgeries, to the amount of three hundred thousand dollars in 1869, is probably one of the chief conspirators in the recent forgeries on the Bank of England. Gray, it will be remembered, is the son of ex-Chaplain Gray of the United States Senate. He formerly held office in Washington, and is one of the most expert forgers known.

THE SALARY GRAB.—Several of the Congressmen who have conscientiously scrupled against receiving the five thousand dollars extra pay for the past session voted by the last House, have made over the amounts to certain schools, and charitable institutions. This is much better than if the said members had put the money in their pockets; but it is perfectly clear that if they have a right to transfer the sum to a benevolent object or to a school, they have an equal right to use it for their own personal needs. The popular opinion is that the money is not honestly the property of any member of Congress, that the bill by which it was appropriated was grossly unjust, and that the man who removes the money from the Treasury is, morally at least, guilty of fraud. The people do not object so much to the loss of a million and a half dollars, as to the establishment of the principle that a Congressman may vote himself any sum for work that has been done. The principle is maintained as well by him who gives his share away as by him who uses it to pay his bills. The man who has an honest and real objection to the principle, will not touch the money under any circumstances. It belongs to the people and it should be permitted to remain in the Treasury, even if it cannot be used by that department.—[Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

FAILURES IN 1872.—From the annual circular issued from the office of "The Merchants Agency," we gather the following statistics in relation to the failures in the year 1872, in the United States. The number of failures for the year was 4,063, the amount of liabilities being \$121,056,000. In 1871 the number of failures was 2,915, the amount of liabilities being \$83,252,000. This increase is in the main owing to the many large fires which have devastated the country the past year—Massachusetts more than doubling her amount, or more than \$17,000,000, and Illinois more than doubling. In New York State, outside of New York City, the number of failures was 423, with liabilities amounting to \$8,417,000; against \$21 and \$9,051,000, in 1871. In New York City the amount of liabilities is less than in 1871, while the number of failures is greater.—[Jameson Journal.

A fast day does not pass away more rapidly than any other. A salt well at Muskegon, Mich., is 1750 feet deep. Kerosene is said to be more fatal than small-pox. Mrs. Partridge's "Jest" may be heard of at her shoemaker's. The feast of imagination—Having no dinner but reading a cookery book. Copper ore is said to have been discovered in the hills about Cornwall, Lebanon county, Pa. Cranberry culture is becoming an important branch of farming industry in Wisconsin.

THE EDITOR of a country journal up in New York State thus appeals to the better nature of his delinquent subscribers: "To all those who are in arrears one year or more, who will come forward and pay up, we will give a first class obituary notice gratis in case it kills them."

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Wisconsin grows timber for masts 150 feet long. Illinois is considering the abolition of toll bridges. New York's Seventh Regiment began its career in 1806. The London Lancet says night workers should use tobacco. In Rome there is a society of professional blackmailers. A man that can always be put with a good hotel keeper.

A "MOVING" ADVICE.—As "moving time" is fast approaching, here are a few suggestions for an exchange, by which some persons may profit. The writer, evidently, like most of us, has had some experience: "If it is your good fortune to 'flip' this spring, go off without 'cleaning house,' and leave it in, if possible, a nester condition than when you first went in. Throw all the old bones, shoes, hoop-skirts, slaps and broken lamp chimneys just where they can be raked on a pile—but don't do any raking, or the incoming family won't know what it is to make garden. If a door or gate is nearly off its hinges, give it a kick to help it off; it pleases the proprietor to fix such things up about this time in the year. Tell your oldest hopeful to throw the old dead cat in the well, because it imparts a delicious taste to the water, and you know the doctors can't always be idle. If you have a surfeit of rusty stove pipe, broken bottles and rotten cabbage in the cellar, leave them; it shows a neighborly spirit. When you pull out the spectacles upon which your pictures and looking-glasses depended, be careful to draw out about a foot square of plaster with each; it gives a pleasing appearance to a deserted room. And above all, don't commence to 'tear up' until the other family has arrived, and are filling the entry and stairs with their things. It is such fun to get around and over them, and the strangers are in no hurry to come in. If you only move half a square down town, do it on a wheelbarrow, it is so easy to fall over. When your last load moves off, it don't matter if you do throw an axe, a basket of canned fruit, or a few old hams in. The new occupants will think they were 'lost in moving.' Don't say good-bye to the other family, or they might think your friendliness is only 'put on,' but pick up their best door mat and seat!"

SHERIFF'S SALE. By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Elk County and to me directed; waving Inquisition and Exemption, I will expose to sale by PUBLIC VENDUE OR OUTCRY at the Court House in Ridgway, Elk Co., Pa. on MONDAY, the 14th DAY of APRIL, A. D. 1873 at one o'clock, p. m. All the right, title, interest claim and demand whatsoever of HENRY McCREADY defendant in said writ, of in to or out of all that certain tract piece of parcel of land Registered in Elk County, Pa. Office in Hall's new Brick Building. Claims for collection promptly attended to. v3414.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of Administration upon the estate of VICTOR NORTON, deceased, have been duly granted to the undersigned by the Court of Elk County. All persons indebted to the estate of the deceased are requested to make payment, and those having claims against the estate will present the same for settlement without delay. D. C. OYSTER, Administrator. March, 20th, 1873.—3415.

Elk County Directory. President Judge—L. D. Wetmore. Additional Law Judge—Hon. Jno. P. Vincent. Associate Judges—Chas. Lühr, J. V. Hook. District Attorney—J. K. P. Hall. Sheriff—D. C. Oyster. Prothonotary—Fred. Schenning. Treasurer—C. R. Earley. County Superintendent—Rufus Lucore. Commissioners—Robt. Campbell, John Barr, Geo. Ed. Wells. Auditors—Clark A. Wilcox, George D. Messenger, and C. W. Barrett. County Surveyor—Geo. Walsheley. Jury Commissioners—Joseph Kerber and Charles Mead.

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