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But a technicality hereupon arises. We use the words of "Holland," the New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Press: "The facts are that Cornish received the bottle of bromide several days before he opened it. It was in his hands at least forty-eight hours before the mail carrier delivered it to him."

Without endeavoring to try this particular case in the newspapers but simply as a matter of public interest it would seem that no intelligent mind could ever be confused into exonerating the sender of a poison because the recipient failed to use it until some time after its receipt.

residence, not only conveyed thither his household goods but the barn and woodshed, and was engaged in taking the house away by piecemeal when his proceedings were checked by the astonished landlord.

Humanity in Punishments.

A measure looking to the proffering of convicts by the board of managers of penal institutions has been introduced in the state senate by Mr. Muchlisonner of Allegheny, one of the few members in the legislature who have devoted time and thought to the prison problem.

This system is not an experiment. It has proved its usefulness in many states and it bears the endorsement of many of the foremost penologists. Its underlying theory is that it is far better to try to reclaim a first offender by working on his better nature and by seeking to put into operation the hidden springs of ambition and love of approbation than to treat him as a public enemy.

We are glad to see the Pennsylvania legislature falling into line. Mrs. Sarah Angell, the alleged wife of Jay Gould, who attempted to secure some of his millions has made the heirs so much trouble, proves to be somewhat of a myth.

Compulsory Voting. The compulsory voting bill pending at Harrisburg provides that if a qualified elector fails to exercise the right of suffrage he shall be subject to a fine of \$5 unless he can prove that he was sick or absent from the city or county wherein he is a voter.

Perhaps a law providing that three consecutive failures to vote shall permanently disfranchise unless there be adequate excuse would cover the ground. The disfranchised citizen would constitute a walking horrible example before the eyes of all men.

The Power of the Press. An interesting illustration of the power of honest and intelligent newspaper agitation to effect public reforms is supplied in Illinois in the repeal of the notorious Allen bill.

An enterprising tenant of Queens county, N. Y., in moving to another house, a short distance from his former residence, at the rate of not exceeding 5 cents for the first twenty years.

charge at the rate of not exceeding 5 cents for the first twenty years. The animus of the law becomes apparent when, immediately following its enactment, the syndicate which controls the street railways of Chicago caused to be introduced in the council of that city a bill giving it a 50-year extension of franchise rights on ridiculously low terms of compensation.

One day this week Governor John R. Tanner, of Illinois, had placed before him a bill repealing the obnoxious bill which he had so subserviently signed the session before.

An Unfair Discrimination? The Christian Scientists of Philadelphia are very much disgraced by the Eastern penitentiary.

They want to distribute tracts just as the brethren and sisters of their churches do. They want to have a chance to heal the mind diseased by crime and to do their share of the praying. They want to sing Christian Science hymns in the big rotunda and get some of the credit for working reform in the unregenerate hearts.

A bill has been introduced at Harrisburg authorizing any owner or tenant and occupant of any enclosed land to arrest upon view and without warrant any person who shall be found upon such land violating the fish or game laws.

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Do your planting on the sunny side of the farm. Late news from Harrisburg indicates that the attempt has neglected to follow Hon. Nate Mackay.

Strong Plea for an Iron Reserve.

THE iron trade is booming in all the iron centers of the country. Every furnace in working order and that can command supplies of coke and ore is blasting and turning out all the pig iron it can produce.

The stock of iron kept on hand by the trade has always been small in this country, producing being relied on, added when necessary by imports, to meet special demands.

Our prosperity has been due to many causes growing from the manifold advantages of our natural resources. In great Britain prosperity has been very largely due to the early organization of the iron trade.

The Booms have run out of ammunition-iron. That tells the story, and it shows the imperative need of a reserve supply.

As an indication of the change in conditions, we imported, in values, from 1887 to 1898, nearly three hundred and seventy million dollars' worth of iron and steel in all forms.

A West Philadelphia watchman, 68 years of age, suffered from a bloating sensation. The doctors told him he had dyspepsia, but their prescriptions did him no good.

A new safety pocket containing THE WRAP TABLETS in a paper container will hold 200 wraps for use at some drug store - 40¢ price. This low priced price is intended for the poor and the economy. One dozen of the five-cent safety boxes can be had by mail by sending 55¢.

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We have a number that we will close out AT COST. This is a chance to get a good lamp for little money.

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