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JUDGING from the developments in the House last week, if that hard-working body ever gets time to pass an amended liquor license bill, it will be a treat.

THE Treasurer of the United States, Hon. A. W. Wyman, has resigned, and Mr. C. N. Jordan, a bank cashier in New York, has been appointed to the vacancy.

OUR Legislature only costs about three thousand dollars per day, but the people would not care so much for the expense, if they could only get an opportunity to scatter flowers upon its grave.

THE President has been petitioned by a Democratic newspaper editor in Mississippi, to pardon Jeff Davis. The old rebel is too stiff-necked to ask for himself, and we suppose wants forgiveness tendered to him.

DEMOCRATIC editors are constantly reminding us that the war is over. President Cleveland evidently does not think so, as he is busily engaged in hunting up old rebel officers and furnishing them with new commissions.

THAT old Democratic mossback, Eben Pillsbury, of Maine, whose greatest political achievement was an attempt to steal the government of that State in 1873, has been appointed an Internal Revenue Collector by President Cleveland.

THERE being no reason to turn out, some of our Democratic contemporaries are trying the cry-baby dodge on Republican officials, and whining "you ought to be man enough to resign," and "it is a mean fellow who stays where he is not wanted."

GENERAL LAWTON, who was appointed Minister to Russia, and who, it was discovered, has never been relieved from the disabilities incurred as a rebel, has discreetly concluded not to run the gauntlet of the Senate, and therefore declines with thanks, &c.

THE Deputy Attorney General has decided, it is said, that the study of physiology and hygiene must begin in all the public schools at the beginning of the next term, although the teachers are not obliged to stand an examination in that branch until next year.

GENERAL GRANT was 63 years old on Monday last (21th). The country will be glad to learn that he is gradually growing stronger in body, and that his health is daily improving. He will be able to take a short walk, and a brief drive in his carriage each day of last week.

TEACHERS who conceive their highest duty to be the "craming" of their pupils, can now devote the next four months to "craming" themselves with physiology and hygiene, preparatory to the commencement of the fall term, when they must begin teaching these studies.

WE are having considerable weather in this country now-a-days. On Thursday last, while the inhabitants of the Green Mountains were sweating under a temperature of ninety, the good people of Colorado were wading through twenty inches of snow. What is this "reform" administration about?

AN adroit swindler came to grief in Cleveland, Ohio, a few days ago, all because he could not spell correctly. He took out two accident insurance policies in the names of two friends, and afterwards applied by letter to have them paid, on the ground that he had sprained his wrist. Suspicion was created by the fact that in each letter he spelled the word slipped with one "p," and inquiry led to his arrest. All of which goes to show that boys in training for swindlers should learn to spell.

RUSSIA is evidently bent upon war, is insolent, defiant, and aggressive towards England, and refuses further explanation of the attack of General Konaroff on the Afghans, while at the same time she rewards with medals and official thanks her soldiers engaged in that battle. Meanwhile, England while persistently demanding the explanation due her, is energetically pushing forward her preparations with dogged determination, and parliament has unanimously voted \$55,000,000 for carrying on hostilities if war does come. Russia is also rushing her armament, and it looks as if active hostilities may break out any moment.

COL. MCLURE is in Washington writing letters for his paper, and giving the "boys" pointers. The Colonel is an enthusiastic civil service reformer, and very anxious at the same time that Mr. Cleveland shall preserve his consistency. He therefore advises the "boys" to quit their guffling at the slowness with which removals are being made, and get up charges of "offensive partnership" against Republicans, whose places they want. This will relieve the President from the charge of making removals without cause, and give him the excuse needed for boncing efficient officeholders, who have faithfully performed their duties.

The Senate on Thursday last passed the Marriage License bill, and we hope the House, notwithstanding its arduous duties, will find time to concur in this much needed amendment to our loose marriage laws. The bill makes a license from the Clerk of the Orphans Court a necessary preliminary to marriage. The license fee is fixed at fifty cents. The clerk is required, before issuing it, to put the parties on their oath as to their being no lawful impediment to their marriage, and if either of the parents, either personally or in writing, executed with all the formalities of a deed, must be furnished the clerk. The object of these precautions is intended to prevent the marriage of parties having a husband or wife living, and especially to prevent the secret marriage of minors without the consent of their parents. A marriage without a license is not invalid, but the minister or justice performing it, or the attesting witnesses are liable to a fine of \$1000. The license will also be a protection to ministers, who are now liable to be imposed on by minors, and, under the present law, are not only subject to blame, but to suit and penalty for marrying them. A law of this kind is much needed, and should pass the House before it adjourns.

The campaign of last year was based by the Democrats on the lie that the Republican administration of affairs was dishonest, corrupt, and inefficient, and "turn the rascals out" was shouted from one end of the country to the other. The monstrosity of the falsehood is now apparent to the most thoughtless observer. And instead of turning the rascals out for good and sufficient cause, the administration is reduced to the necessity of requesting honest and competent officials to resign, or to hunting up charges of partisanship against them. We have no objection to the victors enjoying the spoils, but it is clearly evident to the country now, that they were obtained by false and fraudulent representations. With the books in their hands for almost two months, and expert accountants scanning them with microscopic eyes, the new Administration has been unable to find either fraud, negligence or loss. Could there be a better or more ample compliment paid to the skill, faithfulness and honesty of the Republican party, and its quarter of a century of administration of public affairs? Moreover, no improvement has begun, no better manner of conducting public affairs has been suggested. In all essential particulars Republican methods and measures continue to be pursued, the sole change being in the removal of tried and efficient officials and the substitution of Confederate Brigadiers for Union soldiers. Had ever a party more just cause for satisfaction and pride than has the Republican party in this involuntary tribute to its efficiency and integrity, and its successful adversity.

It will cost the State about half a million dollars to defray the expenses of the Legislature now in session. At least one-half this enormous sum could have been saved the people, if their representatives had given even half a day's work for a full day's pay. How not to do it, has become a fine art at Harrisburg. Legislators do not devote one-half their time to their duties, and when they are in session, the brief hours of ostensible work are frittered away with unbecomingly personal and personal wrangle. No sessions are held on Mondays or Saturdays, and it is the merest trifling to call the meetings on Monday evenings and Friday mornings, business sessions. Five or six hours three days of each week, is what passes current for a week's work. Meanwhile, the pay at ten dollars per day, goes on with the certainty of fate. What farmer, or mechanic or other employer of labor would for a moment think of paying full daily wages to a hired hand, who worked for him but three days out of the seven? And what are these "legislators" but hired hands of the people? Do prudent business men hire loafers, who do not even make pretense to render an equivalent for their pay? On Friday last, even the miserable pretext of a session was negatived by the fact that a quorum was not present in the House, and, consequently, it was compelled to adjourn. And waste another day. Custom has apparently sanctioned this waste of public treasure, under the pretext of discharging a public duty, and members have escaped individual responsibility under the plea, that the majority, not they, were the sinners; but this thing cannot go on forever, and the day of reckoning will come ere long, and a whirlwind of public indignation. The Republicans are in a large majority in the Legislature, and consequently are responsible for its follies, its shortcomings, and its waste, and we but perform a duty we owe our party, when we thus publicly arraign it for its misdeeds. Gentlemen of the Legislature, be warned! Your sacred, with extravagance and waste, idleness and folly blurring its every page, will stand public inspection. If you are capable of better things, you have a month left in which to reform. Let your actions speak louder than your words.

A View of the General's throat under the microscope, that revealed a very discouraging state of affairs. The doctor was honeycombed and for some distance down the urethra presented the appearance of a red, rough surface, covered with mucus. To this is attributed the pain and uneasiness which the General has been suffering from for the last few days.

Mr. Calen is of opinion that the doctors have made no mistake in their diagnosis, and that the General's case is a hopeless one. He also stated that in conversation with one of the attending physicians he said that the General was such a critical case that no definite opinion can be given of it. Dr. Douglas will stay all night.

There is no such thing as a relapse in a case of cancer, for the disease progresses steadily to its termination. There are days when the General feels well and when the diseased part has a better appearance, but there is nothing to hope for in the General's case. He may live for a few months, or a few days more of his life. "As to the manner of his death," continued the speaker, "he will die of suffocation. There will suddenly come a swelling of the blood in his throat, caused by the rupture of a blood vessel, and all will be over. The General's case is a hopeless one."

Unprecedented Floods in Kansas. ST. LOUIS, April 23.—Dispatches from Southeastern Kansas report the heaviest rainfall since the beginning of the season, and that has never been known in that part of the State. Over twelve inches of water is said to have fallen. All the level country is submerged and is a vast sheet of water. Traffic on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad for many miles, each way, has been stopped. A passenger train which left Parsons yesterday on the Fort Scott and Gulf road was wrecked not far from town.

A large number of hogs and cattle in the stockyards on the LaBette river, one mile from Parsons, were drowned, and it is estimated, perhaps thousands, of animals have been drowned in the surrounding country. The streams rose so rapidly and the water poured down in such torrents that little, if anything could be done in the way of rescuing live stock or securing other kinds of property. The water was from all directions and great destruction of crops and movable property has occurred.

A negro settlement, near Parsons, was inundated and many of the people were rescued only after great difficulty and hard labor with improvised boats and other means. A man and his family, who were near Fort Scott, overflowed his banks with a rush and submerged a settlement of from six to eight hundred population, known as North Fort Scott, the water standing in many of the houses from three to five feet deep. All the people were drowned. The fireman and brakeman went down with the train, but they caught in a tree and were rescued. Great damage was done at Kingman to business property in the town and 10 lives are supposed lost.

A Fatal Waterpout. KINGMAN, Kas., April 21.—A disastrous flood occurred this morning in the Neenecah river, which is supposed to have been the result of a waterpout. About 9 o'clock the river began to rise at a tremendous rate. But little attention was paid to it, as the preceding night had been one of heavy rains. The river rose 4 feet in 30 minutes and in a little time the water did not feel any particular danger, thinking the waters could not rise much more; but on the next morning small outbuildings and sheds began to move, and almost instantly the whole of South Main street was under a rush of water, which tore houses from their foundations and sent them drifting across the street and on their way down the wild and turbulent river with families still in them screaming for help.

The flood soon reached the floor of the bridge, which caused the water to pour into the Riverside Hotel. The inmates fled across to the north side. Fifteen dwellings were swept into the current with men women and children in them and at the mercy of the waves. The number drowned is unknown, though four women and one man are known to have been drowned, besides certain fearful children. At three p. m. the water began to recede, and a meeting of citizens was called to look after the destitute living, and the bodies of the dead.

Said a noted man of 60 years, "my mother gave me Down's Coughs and Colds when I was a boy." For Sale by C. N. Boyd, the Druggist, Somerset, Pa.

WICHITA, Kan., April 22.—From the Medicine river, which seems to be the same that filled the Neenecah to overflowing, the water rolled down over the low lands east of Medicine Lodge City, five to twelve feet perpendicular in height. Several whole families were drowned. Yesterday morning parties who had gone out to give relief to men, women and children clinging to trees, with nothing but their night clothes to protect them, and some without any clothing whatever, but still alive. Their cries could be heard for miles around. A number of other houses were badly damaged and more casualties are expected to be reported, as the country through which the storm passed is thickly settled.

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Mrs. Garfield's Fortune. The recent reports concerning Mrs. Garfield's endowment of the Garfield Hospital, and other gossip about the widow of the martyr President, have created some curiosity about the lady's financial condition. An estimate of the amount which she is residing in this city, gives the following description of her estate: The subscription raised through the instrumentality of Cyrus W. Field aggregated, when invested in Government bonds, about \$312,000. Gen. Garfield's life was insured for \$200,000, the amount which the company, for the sake of the extensive advertisement it would give her, if for no other purpose, promptly made. Congress also voted her the remainder of the salary which would have been due Gen. Garfield for the first year of services as President, amounting to \$40,000. The little property which Garfield left aggregates some \$30,000. This was all he had been able to accumulate after a life of unusual activity. This makes her total estate, in round numbers, about \$450,000 in money well invested. From this an income of probably \$18,000 is derived. In addition to that she has from Congress an annual pension of \$5,000, which is now voted to the widows of all ex-Presidents.

LONDON, ENGL., April 23.—An explosion occurred about 11 o'clock this morning in the basement of the Admiralty Office in Whitehall. Two loud reports were heard in quick succession and the staircase leading to the basement room, which is located in the basement of the building, was demolished. The iron railing of the staircase was wrenched from its fastenings and windows within fifty yards of the spot where the explosion took place were broken. The room occupied by Edward H. Swainson, the Assistant Secretary, was made a complete wreck and Mr. Swainson who was at work in his office at the time, received a severe scalp wound by being struck with parts of the flying debris and was taken to the hospital suffering from concussion of the brain. Subsequently, the Assistant Secretary, and gave it as his opinion that some explosive, believed by the detectives and officials to have been dynamite or gun cotton, was thrown into the apartment through a window. The plaster of the ceilings and walls hung in ribbons after the shock of the explosion, and the fittings of the room were smashed to atoms.

HOW THE EXPLOSION WAS CAUSED. Mr. Abel, who is identified with the office of the Inspector of Explosives, states that the explosive used this morning was a large charge of gun cotton. It is believed that some stranger, under pretext of visiting an official, obtained access to the visitors' waiting room, watching his opportunity, and placed the explosive in the room, which is only a few feet distant from the visitors' room, whence he had time to leave the building unchallenged before the lighted fuse reached the explosive material.

PRIVATE MALICE SUSPECTED. A strong suspicion prevails in police and official circles this evening that the explosion was the result of private malice, as Mr. Swainson was greatly disliked by a number of persons, including several employees of the office. It is certain that a mechanical machine was placed in a bookcase just over the spot where Swainson's head would be when sitting at his desk. Detectives are positive that the outrage was the work of an employe, as no stranger could pass the door without some one being shown that a certain business card with some of the heads of departments. The janitor says no stranger has passed him during the past twenty-four hours.

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