

An act has recently passed the Legislature creating an Insurance Department in this State.

The decrease of the national debt during last month was \$1,044,028 97, and during the four years of Grant's first administration the decrease was \$368,682,650 48.

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The two houses of the Legislature having disagreed on the general appropriation bill last week, a conference committee was appointed to report a compromise. There was considerable trouble in coming to an agreement, the apple of discord being an agreement, the apple of discord being an agreement, the apple of discord being an agreement.

Last week Governor Hartranft vetoed a bill extending the time for the payment of the enrollment tax on private bills passed by the Legislature. The act affected over sixteen hundred private laws, some of them passed as long ago as 1836, and the effect of the veto is to kill them all until the next month.

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Of course our readers understand that we do not always agree with the opinions set forth by our correspondents, although we seldom express our dissent. The Agitator honors and welcomes independent thought from whatever source it may come.

Standing upon the highest peak of this mountain, about nine thousand feet above the sea level, let us take a bird's-eye view of the surrounding country. What an immense landscape opens before us! A scope of country plainly visible to the naked eye considerably larger than the whole State of Ohio.

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P. Butler, Dan Voorhees, and others of the House are engaged in pleading causes a great part of their time either here in the capital or elsewhere. This is an evil from which great benefit would result from the neglect of the public business. Now that the pay is increased to a sum commensurate with the reasonable cost of living, the country can fairly ask of these public servants the same promptness and industry which is usually exacted from other public officials.

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has always been the great dread of travelers, and is usually passed in the night time, to avoid a fight with Indians. Many scows have taken their exit to new hunting grounds.

A coach load of eight men was once attacked in this canon, and in the excitement the coach was upset, but the men succeeded in reaching the top of a ledge on the side of the canon, where they were quickly surrounded by four or five hundred yelling Apaches. The fight was long and bloody, the rocks around about were strewn with dead and dying Apaches to the number of over sixty, but the fight at last ended with the death of the only surviving member of the heroic eight.

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boats and rescued those on the rock and a large number from the rigging. Brady reported their condition as follows: "The crew who were alive on board had been saved, except chief officer Firth, who was in the rigging, and a crew of five men who were tried to get a crew to go to Firth's rescue, but the sea was so heavy that nobody would volunteer. Altogether about 250 persons were saved, including the crew of the ship, and four other officers—Brown, the doctor, and several of the engineers and sailors. Not a single woman or child was saved. Most of them, as well as hundreds of men, were drowned in their berths. The ship struck about two o'clock a. m., the weather at the time being a heavy rain, and the sea was so heavy that the crew were going down to-night to render what assistance they possibly can. All the people saved from the wreck, excepting the crew of the ship, were taken to the fishermen's giving them all possible attention."

Later details of the wreck abstract nothing from the original tale of horror, except that the loss of life is not so great as first reported. In addition to the crew, a party of twenty men, including the engineer, were also on board the ship at the time it struck. The storm was terrible, and the story of the survivors is touching in the extreme. But the most trustworthy accounts reduce the number of people on board to 970; of these 540 were lost.

My watch ended at 12 o'clock on Monday night. The second and fourth officers took charge, and I went to my berth. The second officer came down to my room, and said the ship was ashore and he was about to get up on a few feet of the deck to see what was going on. He reached the deck to see what was going on, and he saw the ship was ashore and he was about to get up on a few feet of the deck to see what was going on.

At two o'clock in the afternoon, after the crew had been on shore for some time, the ship was sighted. The crew was on shore for some time, and the ship was sighted. The crew was on shore for some time, and the ship was sighted.

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are the nabes of the Democratic members of Congress from this State who interposed their constitutional objections to the bill, and gave the lie to their professions by prostituting their votes to the purposes of their own party. The names of the Democratic members are the names of the Democrats who seem to have been cowards enough to skulk, but we venture to say will not be honest enough to refuse to profit by the boldness of their colleagues. Would that we could add force to the lash which we have already directed against these recent apostates to the Democratic principles they have deserted in the supreme hour of our country's need.

ROCHESTER, NUNDA AND PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.—The Nunda Democrat has the following edition to the program made on the railroad in the neighborhood of that place: "The contractors are energetically at work on our railroad leveling the ten miles already laid and making ready for another ten miles of iron. Some ten or fifteen miles of track are now being laid from the dirt switch about every fifteen or twenty minutes to where they dump. A large gang of men are employed in the dumping cars, filling in and ballasting up the road, so that the work is progressing finely under the supervision of the contractor, the road from Ross' crossing to Mt. Morris. With even this much of the road in running order we shall be greatly accommodated, if not benefited, to say nothing of the great influence it will exert to secure the speedy completion of the road from Mt. Morris to Rochester and from Ross' to the northern terminus."

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