

The Prohibition vote of Pennsylvania in 1880 was 1,930, in 1881 4,430, and this year it is 5,206—a slow but healthy growth. The only way to increase this rate of development is by a general distribution of sound literature. Pennsylvania is behind in the race, as the figures will show. Wisconsin leads, with 67 Prohibition votes out of every thousand. Other states rank as follows: New York, 29; Ohio, 20; Illinois, 20; Michigan, 19; New Jersey, 10; Connecticut, 9; Massachusetts, 8. Pennsylvania brings up the rear with only seven voters in every thousand that have the moral courage to vote as they pray. Friends, go to work resolved to camp far enough from the baggage train next year to get out of reach of the mule music, so familiar to old soldiers' ears.—*Ohio Good Templar.*

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Metropolitan Drinking Fountain Association of London have erected 526 troughs and 511 fountains, at which, says a paper before us, "multitudes of men, women, and children, horses, oxen, sheep, and dogs quench their thirst daily, amounting in the aggregate to probably not less than the enormous total of 250,000,000 drinkers in a year.—*Globe.*

General News.

CANADIAN.

Last Friday a serious fire broke out in Wright & Payson's pump factory, at Peterboro'. The whole establishment and three other business places were destroyed. The same day a large saw-mill was burned at Rat Portage; and at St. Catharines the vessel *Glenfinlas* was burned to the water's edge, and her whole cargo lost.

On Saturday a violent thunder-storm swept over the western part of Ontario; many buildings were destroyed by lightning. A young man named H. Ferguson was drowned at Ethel, while endeavoring to save some saw logs that were being carried off by a flood; and Robert Little was killed by lightning near Primrose. Much property was destroyed by the heavy rains, and resulting freshets. Quite a number of other fatal accidents have occurred during the past week. On Friday J. Derby was thrown from his wagon and killed at Hanover, a man named A. Richardson was killed on the G. T. R. track near Harrisburg, and at Chatham a young white woman, M. E. Cousins, aged 17, the wife of a colored man, committed suicide by means of poison. On Saturday a little girl named Hoskins was killed at London by a kick from a horse. Geo. McCoil, a brakeman lost his life, by falling from a car on the Kingston and Pembroke Railway, on Monday. John Wood, who was awaiting his trial for forgery, committed suicide on Tuesday, in the gaol at Simcoe. On Wednesday an Indian, in a fit of drunken insanity, drowned himself in Toronto Bay.

The steamer *Ludwig*, of the White Star Line, from Antwerp, now long overdue, has been given up as lost.

The new Prince Edward County life-boat has an efficient crew, and is proving a great success.

The Camp Meeting at Grimsby, and the Sunday School Parliament at the St. Lawrence Central Camp Ground, are being largely attended, and the services held are creating much interest.

The Dominion Exhibition, at St. John, promises well, and extensive preparations are being made in anticipation of a large number of visitors.

Dr. Laberge, M. P. P. for Chateauguay, is dead. Mr. Phipps, the member elect for West Simcoe, has been unseated for corrupt practices by his agent.

A strong company has been formed and active preparations are being made to build a railway from Cornwall to Sault St. Marie.

The troubles at Rat Portage continue. Strong forces of both Manitoba and Ontario police are on the ground; arrests and counter arrests are being made, and much bad feeling prevails.

UNITED STATES.

A terrible cyclone swept over part of Minnesota on Tuesday. Part of the town of Rochester and the surrounding country were completely de-

vastated. About three hundred houses were destroyed, and many people killed. A passenger train was thrown from the track and totally wrecked, about twenty-five passengers being killed, and many more injured.

A large paper mill at Chester, Pa., was burned on Wednesday. One man was killed, and several badly hurt.

The past week has been intensely hot, and many cases of sunstroke are reported.

The telegraph operators are beaten, and the strike is over.

At Pensacola, Pa., yellow fever has broken out, and is spreading rapidly. Great alarm prevails in the surrounding country.

The Second National Bank at Warren, O., has suspended.

Two violent deaths are reported from Detroit. A bartender named Phipps shot his wife, from whom he has been separated, on Sunday, on the ferry boat *Hope*. He is now in gaol at Windsor. A. Rooke was crushed by a steamer landing at a wharf, and instantly killed.

Three suicides have been committed in New York. Siegmund Mendelssohn, formerly a wealthy broker, poisoned himself with Paris green. D. Thompson, a vessel cook, jumped overboard and was drowned; and Geo. Marshall hanged himself while on a drunken spree.

Other violent deaths that have occurred are those of Frank Blood, who died at Cobleshire, N.Y., from fright, after being bitten by a dog; Frank Belden, killed by a fallen plank while swimming close to a wharf at Romney; an unknown man found murdered and robbed near West Valley; and a burglar who was shot in the act of housebreaking at Birmingham, Mich.

BRITISH.

A serious riot has occurred at Coatbridge, Scotland, arising out of a quarrel between Orangemen and Catholics. A number of people were badly hurt; and fifty of the rioters have been arrested.

A frightful colliery explosion took place near Cardiff, in Wales. Thirty miners were killed.

Foot and mouth disease has broken out among cattle, at Spalding, and is spreading rapidly.

In the House of Commons, on Saturday, some Home Rule members made a good deal of disturbance, and were severely rebuked by Mr. Gladstone. On Wednesday Sir Stafford Northcote attacked the Government's policy generally, and charged it with concealing facts in reference to the Madagascar trouble. Mr. Gladstone replied, vindicating the Government's measures, praising the working of the Land Act, and asserting that nothing had occurred to cause trouble between France and England.

Mr. Collings, a Liberal, has stated that he will bring in a motion next session, favouring a measure of home rule for Ireland. The House of Lords has rejected the Irish Registration Bill, and Mr. Gladstone promises to introduce it again next session in an enlarged form.

Lynch, home ruler, has been elected for Sligo.

Three policemen were shot at an eviction in the County Down.

FOREIGN.

The insurrection in Spain is totally quelled. The leaders have been shot. It is reported that the French have bombarded Hue.

The town of Casamicciola is being rapidly re-built.

Anti-Jewish riots in Russia continue.

Forty-four houses have been destroyed by fire at Como.

Cetewayo is not dead. He has turned up again, and is asking for British assistance in his quarrels.

The German Bundesrath and Reichstag have been summoned to ratify a commercial treaty with Spain.