IRISH INTELLIGENCE

Alderman Woods was unanimously elected Mayor of Cloumel on the 1st instant, for the ensuing year.

There has been no spread of the potato disease in Ireland, and although, no doubt, suffering from blight in some districts, the crop has not any alarming features.

The nomination of High Sheriff of Clare for the ensuing year has been accepted by Thomas Crowe, jr., Esq., Dromore, and he has appointed for his deputy Mr. Charles Pilkington, Petty Session Clerk, Ennis.

The foundation stone of a new wing which is about to be added to the Cripples' Home, at Bray, was laid on the 28th ult., by Lady Georgina Hamilton. The projected improvement will cost £3,000 £2,000 of which has been subscribed.

The agency of the extensive estates in Clare belonging to F. N. V. Burton, Esq., D.L. has been given to Mr. Jas. Hynes, solicitor, Toureen, Ennis. Capt. Parkinson, J. P., his been appointed agent over the estates of Thomas Crowe, Esq., D.L., Dro-

On the 1st inst., Arthur McMahon, Esq., Danvill House, was declared duly elected Mayor of Kilkenny for the ensuing year, there being no opposition. The three gentlemen proposed for the Shrievalty, are Simon Morris, Esq.; Mayor George Rowan, Esq, and Thos Chaplin, Esq.

In the court of Queen's Bench, Dublin, on the 28th ult., the case of Ferris v Ferris came up for trial. This was an action by Miss Katie Ferris of Clogher, county Mayo, to recover damages from Thomas Ferris a widower, of the same place, for breach of promise of marriage. The jury gave the young lady a verdict for £100.

The feast of the Presentation was celebrated with more than usual eclat on Nov. 24 in the Presentation Convent at Carlow, as in addition to the imposing ceremonies usual on such occasious, advantage was taken of its being the feast the Order, to receive into the community Miss Eliza Fay, daughter of P. Fay, Esq , Edenderry, King's County.

On the 1st instant, Mr. James Spaight was elected Mayor of Limerick by a majority of six votes over Alderman Myles, Mr. John Cronin, who competed for the honor with the later, withdrawing in Mr. Spaight's favor. Messrs. E. J. O'Brien, James Harris, and J. Bannatyne have been put in nomination for the Office of City High Sheriff for 1877.

The following clerical changes have been made by order of the Most Rev. Dr Ryan, Bishop of Killa-loe: -Rev. Robert Fitzgerald, Adm., of Unnis, to be Parish Priest of Ruan and Dysart, in room of the Rev. Michael Spain, superanuated; the Rev. J. Fogarty, C.C., to be Administrator, in room of Rev. R. Fitzgerald; Rev. T. Hogan, C.C., Corofin, to be curate of Ennis.

On the 27th ult., a new branch house of the Presentation Order was opened at Crosshaven, with Sister Mary Teresa Lynan, of the South Convent, Cork, as the head of the new community. Three houses adjoining the coastguard station have been rented to answer the purpose of a temporary conwent, pending the erection of the new establishment on the hill.

An address, which was accompanied by a valuable testimonial, has been presented to the Rev. Edmond Hogan, C. C. The presentation took place on the occasion of the rev. gentleman's removal from the occasion of the to-united parishes of Rossmore and Clonoulty, where his untiring and successful exertions were well recognized and appreciated, to the curacy of Boherlahan and Duhallow, presided over by his uncle, Rev. James Hogan, P. P.

The Rev. James Hogan, P.P., Loughhill and Ballybaha, one of the oldest and most exemplary of the priests of the diocese of Limerick, died, on the 30th ult, at his residence Loughill. He studied at St. John's College, Waterford, with the present Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, and with others, of whom not many survive him. He was a pious, zealous, aded, unsophisticated clergyman, and had been many years parish priest of Loughill.

The Rev. J. P. Magner, O. S. F., died in the Franciscan Friery, Waterford, on 26th ult., in the 62nd year of his age. He was a native of Ovens, county Cork, was educated in Rome, where he made his religious profession, and was connected with the diocese of Waterford for thirty-five years. He was also for some years connected with the church of St. Francis, Broad Lane, Waterford. Father Magner's family having contributed several members to the ranks of the clergy. His funeral obsequies took place on the 30th ult.

The Very Rev. William Blaney, P. P., V. G., of Antrim, died, on the 26th ult., after a protracted illness, aged forty-four years. Father Blaney was appointed some three years since as parish priest

On the 28th ult., his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Croke, Archbishop of the diocese, received the religious vows of two young ladies in the chapel of the Presentation Convent, Cashel; they were Miss O'Carrol, late of Flemington House, Killmallock, and Miss Quinn, of Barronstown, Killinaule: in religion Sister Mary Aloysius, and Mary Michael. Miss Hassett, of Kiltragh House, in religion Sister Mary Agatha, received the habit. A large number of clergy and laity attended the ceremony.

Mr. Michael Nunan, auctioneer, sold on the 27th ult., at the Mallow Court house, the interest of Mr. Chas. O'Callaghan in portion of the lands of Ballydaheen and Bellview, near Mallow. The former contains 13 acres with a term of 11 years, at the yearly rent of £20, which was knocked down to Mr. John Sheehan for £130; the latter contains 20 acres without a lease, at the annual rent of £40, which was sold to Mr. Michael O'Connor, Mallow, for £100 Much competition was exhibited in the bidding throughout the sale.

Alderman Tarpey, a Liberal, was, on the 1st inst. elected Lord Mayor of Dublin for the ensuing year, and Alderman Campbell, High Sheriff of the city number of priests attended. After the High Mass for the same period. Complimentary reference was made to the intention of the Lord Mayor elect to turned to the Cathedral, where the remains have maintain the ancient hospitalities of the Mansion House in a fitting manner; and to Mr. Brookes, follows:—The students of St. Patrick's College; the M.P., for his parlimentary efforts in obtaining for the Corporation its ancient privilege of electing the

On the 23rd ult., there died at his residence, Kilkenny-road, near Carlow, an old man named William Lyons, at the advanced age 78 years, and son of a veteran of the memorable Rebellion of 198. The father of the deceased was engaged at the famous

J.P., occupied the chair. On the platform were Ward said that this was the third time he had addressed them, and he felt proud to say he was not ashamed to come forward. He then went into details as to bis course in the House of Coamons, and at the close, on a motion of Father Carolan, P. P., seconded by Mr. Timothy Heveran, T.C., a vote of confidence was tendered with acclamation to him.

On the 29th ult., a man named Collins, who pursues the occupation of a dealer in clothes, was returning from the market of Newport, accompanied by his son, a young lad. He was driving a horse and cart, and on reaching Loggudy, he was suddenly attacked by four men, fully armed and having their races blackened. They required him to deliver up all the money he possessed, or his life. He became terror-striken, and was consequently dispossessedof his money. Having obtained the man's money the men decamped. Collin's reported the matter to the constabulary, who succeeded in arresting Michael McGreal Thomas Kelly, Martin Hestor, and John McCann, who were remanded.

In the Court of Probate Dublin, before Judge Warren, on the 25th ult., the case of James Curry v Christopher and Catherine Farrell, came on. This was to establish the will of the late John Farrell, of Carlanstown, county Meath, farmer, who died possessed of two or three small farms, which, together with his personal estates, amounted to about £1,500. He died on the 18th April, 1876, and by his will, which is propounded by the plaintiff as executor, he left all his property to his widow. The defendants-the brother and mother of the holder-disputed the validity of the will on the grounds of informal execution and want of testamentary capacity on the part of the deceased, but there were no pleas of fraud. The jury found for the plaintiff establishing the will.

On the 28th ult, the ceremonies of Profession and Reception were celebrated in the Presentation Convent, Sexton street, Limerick, and were witnessed by several priests and a large congregation. The young ladies were Miss O'Halloran, in religion Sister Margaret Mary, daughter of John O'Halloran, Esq., Grawn House, Fethard, county Tipperary,; Miss Devane, in religion Sister Stanislaus, daughter of Mrs. Devane, Castleisland, county Kerry; and Miss Pitts, in religion Sister Mary Paul, daughter of the late J. Pitts, Esq.of Limerick. The Most Rev. Dr. Butler was celebrant on the occasion, and received the vows of the two young religieuses-Sister Margaret Mary and Sister Stanislaus-who were professed; and invested Miss Pitts, in religion Sister Mary Paul, with the white veil of the Order.

The total amount of Local Taxation in Ireland in 1876 was £2,578,280; last year it amounted to £3,105,945, an increase of £45,617 on that of the previous year. The Grand Jury Cess is at the same time the most ancient and greatest of local taxes. Last year it amounted to £1,319,156, of which £680,226 was expended on roads and bridges. The smoluments of Clerks of the Peace, including fees, came to £26,869; Clerks of the Crown, £13,635. The receipts from Petty Sessions, Stamps, and Crown fines came to £58,651, out of which all that was set apart as an Irish Constabulary Reserve Fund, was £1,822. The Dog Tax last year produced £32,037, In Dublin Pawnbrokers' Licenses produced £5,908; Publican's Licenses only £528. The only Court Leet now remaining in Ireland is that of the Manor of Killultagh, near Lisburn; the total amount presented for last year was £339. The receipts were £443,185, and the expenditure £368,-

The municipal elections on Saturday last, says the Dublin Nation of Dec. 2, were not marked by any very notable incident. They passed off everywhere without any of those violent scenes which are still occasionally to be witnessed in similar contests in enlightened England. We may add that, generally speaking, they resulted, as they usually do, in a victory all along the line for the popular party; the attempt of the Cork Conservatives, for instance, to seize one of the vacant sents in that city having been defeated, and the Liberals, on the other hand, having all but achieved a victory, in a ward which has heretofore been regarded | mic among the pauper population. as an impregnable stronghold of Toryism. Here in Dublin, indeed, the Liberals have lost a seat—that for the Mansion House Ward—but, as is well known, this has happened simply and solely through the apathy of the Liberal electors as contrasted with the unwearled activity of their opponents.

Chief Justice Whiteside died at Brighton on Saturday, November, 24 at the age of 71. The event has been seized by the Dublin daily papers to publish elaborate and laudatory memoirs of the deceased, and on the following Monday the various courts on the Liffey, as a mark of respect to his memory, adjourned without transacting any business ; the senior judges and leading members of the inzer of Antrim on the resignation of the Rev. Henry bar saying, at the same time, a few words by way O'Loughlin, who went to Brooklyn. New York, of eulogy. For ourselves, we must say that Mr. U.S. Previous to that he had been administrator Whiteside, whether as lawyer, member of Parliain St. Peter's church, selfast, from the opening of ment or judge, has been rather overrated. He are out of employment, and thousands of families that edifice in 1867. His romains were interred in achieved considerable success as a Nisi Prius advotate in a state of utter destitution. that entired in 1867. His follown, Fallsroad, Belfast, on the came a good deal of popularity by his the cemetery at Milltown, Fallsroad, Belfast, on the cate, and won a good deal of popularity by his speeches in the State Trials of 1844 and 1848, as 29th ult. well as by his defence of Mrs. Yelverton; but as a member of the House of Commons he was merely a very voluble Tory of the extreme school ; and when he went from the bar to the bench he brought with him his prejudices, and not much legal learning. His conduct in the Father O'Keeffe cases was simply that of a partisan.

The Rev. Lawrence H. Hayes, C.C., Thurles, died on the 27th ult. In his death the priesthood of Cashel, always conspicuous for virtue and learning, has lost one of its brightest ornaments. Under his direction the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, established by the Archbishop a few years ago, has been a splendid success. From the beginning, though all believed him at first to be only slightly indisposed, he felt certain he was going to die, and set himself at once to prepare for that most important event. In his last will he says-" Should a slab mark where my body rests, let it be inscribed thus Rev. Lawrence Mary Hayes, born January 18 1835; ordained priest, June 6, 1865, died.
May his soul rest in peace. At the Office, which took place in the Cathedral on the 29th ult., his a procession moved up the College avenue, and rebeen interred. The order of the procession was as priests, upwards of eighty in number, followed by the members of St. Vincent de Paul Society City Shoriff. The several committees for next year bearing the coffin; after his immediate relatives, the were also elected. the schools, and, finally, as many of the people as

could find place. Owing to the short supply of hay in Roscommon, the yield of turnip and mangold, both of which have been stored, is regarded with more than orbattle of 'Old Kilcullen, near Castledermot, on the dinary interest, fortunately the reports in general was amongst the good men and true who fought in the same cause in a deficient return, particularly his superintendent to confiscate from the "Frome amount of California wheat now on the way to Euthe same cause and the same time at New Ross that one time at New Ross in the at New Ross in the cause of a deficient return, particularly his superintendent to confiscate from the "Frome amount of California wheat now on the way to Euthe same cause in an at the same time at New Ross in the cause of a deficient return, particularly his superintendent to confiscate from the "Frome amount of California wheat now on the way to Euthe same time at New Ross in the same time at New Ross where the crops were cultivated on stiff upland, boys." Hord Cork came to time with this rejoinder; proportion of the way to Euthe same table in the same time at New Ross where the crops were cultivated on stiff upland, boys." Hord Cork came to time with this rejoinder; proportion of the way to Euthe same table in the same time at New Ross in the same time at New Ross where the crops were cultivated in the same time at New Ross where the crops were cultivated in the same time at New Ross where the crops were cultivated in the same time at New Ross where the crops were cultivated in the same time at New Ross where the crops were cultivated in the same time at New Ross where the crops were cultivated in the california wheat now on the way to Euin the california wheat now on the way to Euin the california wheat now on the way to Euin the california wheat now on the way to Euin the california wheat now on the way to Euin the california wheat now on the way to Euin the california wheat now on the way to Euin the california wheat now on the way to Euin the california wheat now on the way to Euin the california wheat now on the way to Euin the california wheat now on the way to Euin the california wheat now on the way to Euin the california wheat now on the california wheat now on the california wheat now on the calif

dressed his constituents at Black's Hotel, Galway, struction of the mangold crop, anticipated during on the 27th ult., and rendered an account of his the past summer taken place; and farmers, notstewardship in the past session. E. C. Burke, Esq., withstanding their proverbial grumbling, are well satisfied at the moderate quantity yielded. Some several clergymen; the respectable business men of monster specimens of roots, the growth of the town, and about 2,000 others were present. Dr. the present season, have been exhibited in in the windows of Messrs. McHugh & Co's seed establishment, at Strokestown. A single turnip and a single mangold exhibited by Mr. Michael Flynn, of Lisroyan, weigh 1411bs. and 1311bs. respectly; and a mangold exhibited by Mr. Arthur Browne, of Mount Browne, weighs 163lb. Mr. Flynn, who is a most successful and experienced cultivator of root crops, states his turnips are actually better than those grown by him last year; and he calculates the average weight at 91b. His mangolds, however, are not nearly equal to 1875the comparative returns being 59 tons per Irish acre this year against 80 per Irish acre last year. There is a much easier feeling regarding hay now than prevailed during the autumn. Should the winter be tolerably mild, it appears probable that the extreme prices expected by persons having hay to dispose of will not be realized.

"PILGRIMAGES IN IRELAND."-The Very Rev. J. McDevitt, on the evening of November 28th, de-livered at the rooms of St. Kevins' Branch of the Catholic Union, in Dublin, the fourth lecture of the season. He spoke of the Pilgrimuges in Donegal, and in the course of his remarks said: " What had occurred in the Holy Land in early Christian times, and at Lourdes in our own day, was repeated at the Well of Doon, and at many another holy well and shrine in Ireland, for the hand of God had not been shortened. In Donegal there was not the Holy Sepulchre, nor the Mount of Olives, nor Calvary, but we had the penitential retreat of St. Patrick in the Island of Lough Derg, and numerous spots sanctified by the presence of St. Columba, now marked by rude cross, or a blessed well, or the grass-grown remains of a chapel. Over twelve centuries had passed away since Columba's time, but his memory was still cherished by the people of his native mountains, and the faith of which he was born. These holy places were now sadly neglected. Sheep and cattle grazed within their hallowed precincts. He was sure they would join him that evening in the expression of a hope that a faithful people would help, before many years, to build upon these privileged spots, if not imposing structures at least neat chapels, in which the local clergy could hear the confessions of the pilgrims on station days. It was not in Donegal alone these places of pilgrimage were to be found, for Glendalough, in Wicklow, Clonmacnoise, on the Shannon, and St. Brigid's, in Clare, were celebrated among the shrines of Ireland. There was Gougan Barra also, the famous sanctuary of St. Finbarre, rising out of the smooth lake, with a crown of moss on its brow, in which the traveller could read another lesson on the neglect with which the shrines of our country was treated. But the story of Gougan Barra and the other celebrated pilgrimages of Ireland remained to be told as it deserved. He had begun at least to give the history and scene of the holy places of Tyrconnel. Often had be wandered his home there among those peaceful shades, and filled his soul with their sacred associations, and in inviting his countrymen to follow his example he felt convinced they would be amply rewarded (applause).

GREAT BRITAIN.

FLOODS.-A Lendon special says heavy rains and floods in England and Portugal continue, causing considerable damage to property, and great distress among the people.

SEVERE GALE .- A severe gale, accompanied by torrents of min, prevailed throughout the United Kingdom on Tuesday and Wednesday nights of last week. The gale was particularly violent on the Scottish coast, where marine disasters are apprehended.

SMALL PON.-LONDON, December 21.-Official reports from the Metropolitan Hospital state the total number of small-pox patients under treatment on

A good deal of indignation, mingled with amusement, has been excited by some malicious practical oker who has painted the fine white marble statute of the late Earl Derby, at Preston, with a blue scarf and garters. The statue, it is feared, has been permanently injured.

There is quite an epidemic of murder at London. Four roughs battered the heads of two policemen the other day at Hungerford, and there has been a cold-blooded pistol assassination in London. Thus Marwood, the executioner, and successor of Calcraft, is kept busy.

A meeting of noblemen and gentlemen has been held at Stafford House, the town residence of the Duke of Sutherland, for the purpose of taking measures to relieve the distress at present prevailing in London. An unusually large number of men

different religious bodies in England in seventyeven of the largest towns:-

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Church of England 725,037	1,049,612	34.0	
Wesleyan Methodists 235,790		34.6	
Congregationalists185,457		60.9	
Baptists		53,8	
Roman Catholics 70,684	127,665	80.6	
Primitive Methodists 58,432		108.8	
United Methodists 48,853	101,474	107.7	
New Connection 49,731	54,691	27.9	
Presbyterians 28,232	70,418	150.9	
Unitarians 27,337	36,725	34.4	
Society of Friends 23,221	25,861	11.4	
Calvinistic Methodists 10,519	26,832	146.5	

Lord Cork is a Liberal in politics, while Lord Henry Thynne is an approved Conservative. The former governs Somersetshire as its Lord-Lieuten ant, while the latter holds a seat in Parliament for South Wilts. These gentlemen have recently distinguished themselves by a lively correspondence, in which a drum seems to have played no inconsiderable part. The trouble between the distinguished disputants grew out of the attendance at a farmers' dinner by Lord Thynne, who opened the duello of words by reflecting upon Lord Cork, saying that "lots of people were placed on the bench for no other than political reasons, and were entirely unfitted for the office." He also told how a former Conservative, who was desirous to be made a magistrate, had turned "yellow," as the best means of serving his purpose. Lard Cork cut this extract from the printed speech, sent it to" Dear Thynne," and requested him to recall the fact that a Conservative had been appointed to the bench at the instance of his [Lord Thynne's] brother. Lord. Thynne then opened his second battery, and requested the noble Lord to have the goodness to return the drum which he had graciously ordered

Lord Thynne returned to the charge on the drum question, and informed Lord Cork that he seemed to be ignorant of his position both as a magistrate and Lord-Lieutenant, and closed with the following polite side-thrust: "If it is strangely ignorant not to understand the one-sided and party way in which you conduct your official duties, I prefer my strange ignorance to your peculiar wisdom. The question at issue is matter of such notoriety that it is not worth while bandying words with you about it. I treat your charge on myself with the contempt it deserves." The noble lords are now reposing upon their laurels.

AN UNFULFILLED PROPHECY .- The following letter

appeared in the Liverpool Catholic Times :- SIR,-My attention was drawn to a paragraph in your paper of October 27th, headed "A Fulfilled Prophecy," and commencing as follows: "It has often been said that great men possess the prophetic faculty, and the assertion is true in a sense. Mon of large minds are frequently gifted with an ability to read the future by an intimate knowledge of all the tendencies of the present. Montalembert was one of them." An instance was then given of a prophecy of his fulfilled. It occurred to me it might interest such of your readers as have not read his pamphlet Il'Avenir de l'Angleterre to learn the mind of that great man upon the future of Englandand his yet unfulfilled prophecy concerning theglorious things the English people areto do for God and His Church. I have not the pamphlet at hand, or I would prefer to give you the cloquent words of the writer him-self rather than my own. We know that the Fathers of the Church all held that dominion had been given to the Romans to facilitate the spread of Christianity, which it did by uniting the civilised nations together by breaking down national prejudices, by opening up countries through its network of splendid roads, and by the firm peace it maintained. Montalembert's idea was that the wonderful energy displayed by England in discovering and colonising new countries and in ruling old ones, will be made use of by God, but that they would not be blind instruments like the Romans, but would be converted, and, inspired with a missionary spirit, they would convert the world. The English have indeed already given examples of this missionary spirit in past times. See the life of St. Boniface for one instance alone. This prediction of Montalembert, is well vorthy our consideration, since the conversion of England has already commenced. It may, likewise, make us more earnest to hasten by our prayers and exertions the great work of the return of the English people to the true faith. We are perhaps a little too supine about the matter. We might each in our own degree do the work of a missionary in many little ways, by lending a book to a Protestant friend, by asking them to accompany us to a mission or to a simple Benediction, but before all by endeavouring to overcome their prejudice to devotion to Our Lady. A few words will often show them what we really feel towards her, and dispel the illusion many of them are under concerning the devotion we show her. Truth is wonderfully persuasive. The Protestant idea of the Church and its doctrines is not a true idea. They raise an imaginary Church in their own minds, and, naturally, it being a false one, they cannot believe in it, and perhaps in not one thing do they err more than their conception of the Catholic's devotion to the Mother of God. We shall be doing an undying work if we can make our country devoted to Mary. If God, according to Montalembert's idea, intends to make use of England to convert the world, England must be first devoted to Mary. He will not make use of it whilst it dishonours His Mother. But whilst we endeavour to make others devout to Mary, we must look into ourselves and see if our own devotion is what it ought to be. Are we copying Our Lord in this as in all other things? We shall find the most perfect devotion to Mary in a beautiful book written by the Ven. de Montford, about 200 years ago. It is called "True Devotion." It is the devotion I have advocated in "The l'ath of Mary." Father Faber telis us he "cannot think of a higher work or a broader vocation than the simple spreading of this devotion." England is called the Dower of Mary. Let us then endeavour to Give Mary her own. God wishes it-we should wish it too. I have before them as they show how his saintly mind agreed with the gifted mind of Montalembert upon the conversion of England, and likewise how Dr. Grant connects that conversion with devotion to Mary. The verses are entitled, "The Angels' Ifymn :"-

In the wood and near the river, When no human friend was nigh, We have loved and watched thee ever, Heard thy prayer and marked thy sigh; Whilst thy Father on His throne Told us England was the flower, In the ages past and gone, Given to Mary as her dower: Filled with hope cur promise cherish, Tell it to her children dear. Mary's lillies cannot perish-Even now the spring is near, To the dying shall be spoken, Words of paardon and of trust; From the captives shall be broken Chains that bound them to the dust, Many priests shall chant in gladness, Monks and nuus shall aid the song, And the voices hushed in sadness Tell of blessings hidden long.

May the prevision of these two great and holy men be verified. May we each do our part to hasten the accomplishment of the yet unfulfilled prophecy. May the maternal Heart of Mary be rejoiced by the restoration of her children, and beat with some of the ecstatic joy of the Precious Blood, as it draws to the Heart of Jesus the souls for whom it was poured forth from that heart with so much love. May the Eternal Father, in inessable delight, call upon the angels and saints to rejoice with Him in that He has found that which was lost.—Yours, &c., MARY S. M.

UNITED STATES.

Mr. John Welsh's services as President of the Centennial Board of Finance are to be recognized by the endowment of a professorship in the University of Pennsylvania, combined with the erection of a suitable tablet in the University commemorative of Mr. Welsh's work. The amount required for the work is \$50,000, and already \$45,000 has been obtained, with the assurance that the remainder will be promptly subscribed.

A will containing this clause was probated in Brooklyn a few days ago :—"Since I believe that married life is best for mankind, I beg my dear wife to try and not be hindered by any false romantic have been ordered. ideas from re marriage after my death it she finds a man worthy of her, and request her to accept as a wedding gift from me, her first husband, who loves her more than he can express in words, the sum of \$1, 000, to hold and own for ever."

In respect to President Grant, and provision for his future, a movement is said to be on foot to get the next Congress to provide for the position of field marshal, somewhat after the Freech plan, and to assign him to it, allowing General Sherman to continue as at present, general of the army. Still another project is spoken of, to make him President of the Smithsonian Institution.

The 1876 tobacco crop will not exceed half of an ordinary one, and the same along the main stem of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, viz, :- the counties of Hart, Larue, Barren, Metcalf, Allen, Warren, Simpson, Logan, and the border counties of Tennessee. The early planting in May is reported good, better than usual, but the late planting in the latter part of June and early in July was not matured, badly damaged by worms, and cut green.

Rt. Rev. John Loughlin, D.D., Bishop of Brooklyn, on December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, performed the ceremony of investing Miss Emma Summers, of Baltimore, with the habit of a Religieuse of the Visitation. The ceremony took place in the Convent Chapel, on Johnston street, Brooklyn. The Bishop's address on the occasion was very touching. Miss Summers will be known in future as Sister Dominica .- N. 1. Free. man's Journal.

THE IRISH ADDRESS .- WASHINGTON, December 21. The House Committee on Foreign Affairs held a meeting to-day, at which J. O'Connor Power, M.P., was present, and read the address of the Irish on the Centenary of American Independence. The feeling of the Committee is that the address should be respectfully received and suitably acknowledged. This is the address which the President declined to receive unless it should come through the hands of the British Minister at Washington.

The contest between the rival Governors of South Carolina is coming to close quarters, and there is every appearance of the near approach of a crisis. On Monday Governor Hampton made a requisition on Chamberlain for the delivery to him of the State seal, the State House, offices, etc. To this Chamberlain replied by an assertion of the validity of his own election to the gubernatorial chair, and a pointblank refusal to comply with Hampton's demand. The joint assembly of the Democratic House and Senate have elected M. C. Butler United States Senator.

The past year has shown a marked increase in the manufacture of salt, and Michigan is now rapidly taking a front position as a salt-producing State. This increased product has been partly owing to the more extended areas of the State that are coming in every year as salt-producing, but it is mostly owing to an increase of manufacturing capacities in the old salt localities, where greater attention is paid to the economy of the exhaust steam and the refuse fuel from the saw-mills during the summer and fall months. There is reported to be quite a large falling off in the supply of brine to many of the salt wells, and on this account fears have arisen that the supply of brine was being exhausted.

The Louisiana Investigating Committee have taken evidence establishing the fact that gross intimidation and violence were used during the elections to prevent coloured Democratic citizens from voting. Republicans are endeavouring to prove that the voters on their side, both coloured and white, were compelled to undergo a similar course of outrages with the same object. On the other hand the Democratic counsel have prepared a long array of charges against the Republicans, accusing them of fraud, corruption, conspiracy, and intimidation in their method of conducting the election.

WHAT ONE OLD WOMAN HAS DONE FOR POSTRRITY. -I send you a few notes of a remarkable death which took place in our neighbourhood on the 3rd inst. Mrs. Nancy Patterson died at Florissant, St. Louis county, on the morning of that day, aged 98 years. She was the mother of fifteen children, all of whom were around her when she died; she lived to see them all grow up and well married. She had 98 grandchildren, and seventy-five greatgrandchildren, who were all present at her funeral, making in all 188 present of her own posterity. Tuesday last was 722, against 128 two months ago. | wisnes it—we should wisn it too. I have before | me now some simple little verses of the late | 12. | She has lived 75 years in this place, and leaves a These figures only represent the range of the epide. mented Bishop of Southwark, Dr. Grant. I copy large estate, and never borrowed or owed a dollar in her life.-Rolla [Mo.] Herald.

> The Comptroller of the Treasury reports that the aggregate tax paid to the national Government by the national banks on capital, deposits and circulation for the fiscal year was \$7,229,222; for the 13 years during which the tax has been collected, \$72,253,072, Total cost of collection to the Government since 1863, with expense of printing notes added \$4,060,224. Aggregate amount collected by Internal Revenue Bureau during the fiscal year from State banks, savings and private banking institutions, \$4,006,698. From returns made by 2,018 national banks, representing a capital of \$493,738,408, the Comptroller ascertains that these banks in 1875 paid State taxes to the amount of \$10,068,122.

CANADA. --:0:--

Galt is considering a proposal for the lighting of the town by gas.

Cordwood was never so cheap in Richmond-\$2 to \$2 50 per cord.

A Sherbrooke gentleman is buying fat cattle for shipment to England.

Cleveland has passed a by-law to assist the Canada Meat and Produce Co.

The wire of the Dominion Telegraph Company has reached Halifax. Skating rinks have been opened in most of the

principal towns and many of the villages. Brantford is proud of the way in which her

water-works put out the late fire in that town. The Hatley Council has passed a by-law grant-

ing the Canada Meat and Produce Co. \$2,000. The Owen Sound Town Council granted an extension of time to complete the fixing of the gate

sill of the dry-dock to June next. On Saturday evening Guelph ran out of coal oil, and many of her citizens had to go back to the

light of other days-candles. Mr. E. F. Morgan has sold his farm of 100 acres, lot 12. 5th concession. South Yarmouth, to Mr. Saunders, son-in-law of Mr. Richard Axford, for

\$7,000. An oil refinery is about to be started in St.

Thomas, a short distance east of the C. S. R. Station. The well is now, being sunk, and 30,000 bricks

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 19.—The steamship. Flamboro, from Charleston for New York, encountered severe weather on Saturday, the sea carried away, the wheel, chain, and one seaman was injured. The Geo. Cromwellid which arrived last evening tather of the deceased was engaged at the famous have been stored as the goodness to battle of Old Kilcullen, hear Castledermot, on the been stored as the reports in general dinary interest, fortunately the reports in general quested the noble Lord to have the goodness to have the mobile Lord to have the goodness to have the mobile Lord to have the goodness to ha