

UNITED STATES.

No Royal Arch Mason of 21 years standing in Connecticut can be disciplined for non payment of dues.

A statue of Bro. Lewis Cass, Past Grand Master of Michigan, now adorns the Statuary hall of the National Capitol at Washington—a gift from his state.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa has filed a lengthy answer to the injunction proceedings of the Iowa Consistory and has asked for a dissolution of the injunction.

Last year, the Grand Master of Texas laid fourteen corner-stones, including that of the State Capitol. An Operative, as well as a Speculative Mason, he is.

The present membership in New Jersey is 13,048, divided into 163 lodges. There are two lodges (the smallest) with fifteen members each, and the largest 278.

The Grand Lodge of Maine has eleven Grand Masters and thirty-five permanent members now living, the eldest of whom, R. W. Bro. Oliver Gerrish, is in his 93d year.

Bro. A. J. Drexel, of Philadelphia, purposes spending a million and a half of dollars in the erection of an industrial institute for the education of girls. Bro. Drexel has a grand conception of Masonry.

P. G. M. Darrah, Grand Master of Illinois, in 1886 and 1887, died at Bloomington, Ill., on Sept. 4th. Bro. Darrah was for many years President of the Board of Grand Examiners and Grand Lecturer of Illinois.

Bro. John A. Greenlee, of Kearney, Neb., is missing since May 6. New York reporters think he is in that city, slightly demented, and stopping at a cheap lodging house. A search is being made for him.

The late Bro. James E. Gale, of Haverhill, Mass., by will, left \$3,000 to be paid to the Master and Wardens of the lodge for the establishment and

maintenance of a free bed in Haverhill hospital, for the use of such Masons as they may deem worthy.

Bro. Batson, of Waverly, Tennessee, has been Secretary of Waverly Lodge, 304, since 1880. During that time the lodge had 103 meetings and Bro. B. was present at every meeting but two. Once he was in Texas and once sick, and at one meeting he acted as W.M.

The *Trestleboard* says that at a late San Francisco funeral, the deceased was a Hebrew, his widow a Christian, the Master of the Lodge a Catholic, and the Master of Rose Croix, Eighteenth Degree, a Hebrew wearing the passion cross on his apron. Truly, Masonry is a leveller of distinctions.

Robert T. Chester, of Jackson, Tennessee, it is alleged, is the oldest Freemason living, born July 31st, 1793, in Carlisle, Pa., removed to Tennessee when but three years old, and has resided there continuously since. He was made a Mason on reaching his majority in 1814.—*Masonic Constellation*.

Gen. Charles Roome, the Grand Master of Knights Templar, is at Saratoga for the benefit of his health. He is seventy-seven years of age. He has gained some strength since his sojourn in Saratoga, and hopes to be able to preside at the Grand Encampment in Washington next October.—*Masonic Chronicle*.

Speaking of the Grant funeral, E. Sir George DeLap, of Mississippi, says: "No man has more respect for and devotion to the government under which we live than we have, but we are clear the Order of the Temple never gained any respect or consideration for parading at the funeral of a profane, no matter who or what he was, and it never will. The only result is that it stultifies itself."

From the Iowa Grand Lodge Proceedings we glean the following statistics for 1888-89: Lodges, 443; initiated, 1,294; passed, 1,234; raised,