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formation?" men no doubt exhibited glaring errors, but when we regard their brilliant and generous virues we feel half inclined to forget their failings .-With each generation that bursts into being the age of chivalry formerly renewed its reign; but now stern and dreary realities replace the generous and glowing illusions in which youth was accustomed to indulge. Young men are as greedy, grasping, and unfeeling as so many Shylocks. They have plucked and eaten of that tree of knowledge whose fruit is death. They have faith in money and nothing else. The only God they worship, the only power they recognised is gold. They exhibit in "going ahead," in struggling to make a fortune, such activity and energy as no Saint ever displayed in struggling to resist the temptations of the Devil. If future generations resemble them. society must become so selfish, unfeeling, greedy, and merciless, so destitute of all devotedness as to realise Hobbes's definition of man, Homo homini lupus. Among these young men there are, perhaps, many noble hearts. Heaven, we imagine, would not tolerate society if there were not. But they constitute, as they stand, the last and most remarkable result of the manufacturing system. That vast system gradually moulds society into its own image and likeness, makes men as merciless as its iron machines, and hard and diy as its manufactures. It is impossible to suppose that such men will resist the Czar .- Tablel.

COMBATANTS IN AND AFTER A BATTLE .-- "So Ben wants to know more of the way we actually fight. I suppose he has half a wish to experience it, if not too dangerous. Well, this for him. Our first experience of the enemy was anything but pleasant, being round shot and shell, which quickly took the life of many a brave fellow, and consequently heated the blood of the only regiment that day that fought with the red coat fully exposed to view- an advantage, I think, for our gray great-coats are too much like the Russians to be easily detected from them in foggy mornings. Now Ben, came the work. When the hill up which we ascended was surmounted, a long line of skirmishers (Russians) were seen. One volley and theer, and then the bayonet, which for Ben's information, the Russian seldom waits for; if he does. our firelock is brought to that position ready for use, called the "charge," and first parrying, if required, our enemy's thrust is driven to the socket through any part of the body we can reach, the upper part the betier. Does not that seem dreadful to you at home? and no doubt so it is, and cursed be he that causes it! But in battle our feelings are different. The passion to kill and destroy is raised within us; our blood boils for revenge for the comtade that a minute before you have seen ripped upon by a shell, or perchance whose brains are bespattered on your person. It is then the demon of war is within you, and the work of death is but as sport; for fear goes from you, and but one idea fixes itself in your brain, and that is there are enemies in front, and your mission is to destroy; and how the British 'missionaries' (no sneer intended did their work at Inkermann, tell me not I boast if I confide it to history to tell. On returning to camp you first asked yourself 'Am I safe?' and then you wondered how you escaped. You next look round your tent, and as was the case in mine, saw three poor fellows with bandages on different parts of their person with merely, 'I see Jack you are winged,' or 'Tom the Russ has spoiled your countenance to day, and 'How did it happen! And no more is thought of the matter. Another glance round shows that our number was deficient of two. A little inquiry determines their fate. One was ripped open by a shell, and the other was stretched at full length, and with the exclamation 'Poor fellows; they were good soldiers,' the matter is dropped. Everyone sets to work to boil a cup of coffee, drinks, rolls his blanket round his head, and sleeps without dreaming that but a mile or so from lay 10,000 beings that he has assisted in destroying. Such is all a soldiers thinks of a bloody fight. In quiet hours after they sit and talk of the event; but not as if it were the extraordinary thing that is ushered throughout the world."—Huddersfield Examiner.

UNITED STATES.

OF THE NEW RISHOP OF PORTLAND -The Right Rev. Dr. Bacon, the recently appointed Bishop of Portland, was consecrated for that See in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, on Sunday, 22nd ult. Archbishop Hughes performed the act of Consecration, assisted by the Bishops of Brooklyn, Newark, Boston and Albany. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Albany.

FIRST PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF CINCINNATI.-The first provincial council of this province will be opened, God willing, in the Cathedral of Cincinnati, on the fifth Sunday after Easter .- Vindicator.

A serious fire occurred in Boston on Friday last. The damage is estimated at half a million.

THE MAINE LAW IN NEW YORK .- The constitutionality of the Prohibitory Liquor Law continues to be the all absorbing subject of discussion and conjecjure in this State. People are beginning to forget whether Sebastopol is taken or not, and the reforms of Fernando Wood have absolutely fallen into decadence in the public memory. The District-Attorney, and the counsel for the Corporation have both given opinions on its legality, and—ominous for the fate of the Law—they both lean to the adverse side. The effect of the Law so far, in advance of its coming into operation, has been to beget a recklessness on the part of dealers in liquor, and consumers; a larger sale than ever, and a disregard of the Mayor's Sunday Ordinance, which was hitherto observed with remarkable your carpet bag one, since it occupies a seat." (The propriety. According to the opinion of Mr. Hall, the table was far from being crowded.) Our friend exploring Attachment District-Attorney, one disastrous effect is already close postulated, but the landlord insisted, and the dollar at hand. After the 1st of May, he declares, that the license system is abolished, and every one who on. Our friend deliberately arose and opening his chooses can sell liquor by retail until the Fourth of July, independent of all authority. Of course he will saying, "Carpet bag, it seems you're an individual reluse to prosecute the unlicensed dealers, and the grogshops will have a gala time; and rowdyism may paid for you, and now you must eat,"—upon which, run rampant in the city. This is the first benefit we he seized everything eatable within his reach, nuts, the run rampant in the city. This is the first benefit we are to derive from this blundering attempt at despot-ism. Chicago is already reaping the fruits of this kind of legislation, and counts her gains by the number of killed and wounded. As to the constitutionality of the Law, we have little doubt that the first appeal from the decision of the lower court will set the question at rest by declaring the Bill so much waste paper. It never can be sustained by a judge of the United States Court .- New York Cilizen.

The following petition is in circulation in New York city: -"Whereas, the Honorable Legislature of the State of New York has by law prohibited the drinking of wine, beer, and other beverages, we, the undersigned, citizens of New York, respectfully suggest that the principle be extended to the prohibition of tobacco chewing, nigar and pipe smoking, snuff taking, and strong tea drinking."

RIOT AT CHICAGO. - A desperate riot in which four men were killed and several wounded occurred at Chicago on Saturday, arising out of the Maine law and license business. The millitary were called out, and continued under arms until Monday. Fitty-five arrests were made. Strange to relate, the telegraphic dispatch says: " The Irish have covered themselves with glory by keeping out of the affray." The Know-Nothings must have been asleep when that little bit of truth slipped out.

WHEAT CROP IN THE WEST .- We have the best accounts of the coming wheat crop. From Iowa Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Michigan, all reports are cheering-the wheat fields never looked better.

An itinerant Protestant Clergyman in Cincinnati has been arrested, who was under engagements of marriage to eleven different ladies of that city. The fellow was, no doubt, a rascal; but the indiscretion of the ladies must have been great to have entered so hastily into engagements of this kind with a stranger whose previous history they knew nothing about.

INTOLERANCE.—The Albany Evening Journal thinks "it requires but little encouragement to draw down upon Catholics the penalties which, in other times Quakers endured.

"Woman's Rights" do not seem to find much favor in Illinois. The lower house of the legislature of the State has passed a resolution directing the imposition the living, who, after asking permission, flung away of a fine of \$500 on any lady who may lecture in pub-their great-coats and rusked on to the fight, ours being lie in any part of that Commonwealth, without first putting on man's apparel!

THE DEATH PENALTY .- The House of Representatives of Wisconsin by a vote of 44 to 27 have restored the death penalty in that State.

ARMED VESSELS TO BE BUILT. - The Boston Bee says an extensive shipbuilder at Medford, Mass., has received orders to built at the earliest moment, five vessels, of about five hundred tons each, upon the most improved clipper model. When completed for sea, hey are to carry eight guns, four on a side, and are to be fitted expressly for privateering, or similar service.

The Citizen, the organ of Mr. Mitchell, has some remarks on Mr. Putnam's "Church Property Bill," from which we make some extracts:-"We hold," he says, "that it is not a proper subject for legislation at all—that it interferes with the personal rights and liberties of the citizen, both lay and ecclesiastic-that it is just doing indirectly the very thing that the constitution of the United States prohibits, " making any law respecting an establishment of religion, or the free exercise thereof." It is a miserable imitation of the biggoted No-Popery laws of monarchial Eugland, and is at utter variance with the spirit of Democratic Institutions. This enactment will be sure to defeat its own object, and instead of diminishing will increase grants and bequests to Catholic Bishops. Its provisions can be easily evaded by legal skill; and afready ArchbishopHughes has intimated that his will be done. What provision, for example does it contain to prevent a man selling his real estate, and giving the proceeds in money to any Bishop, Archbishop or Pope? The act will be held up to the Catholic laity as an instrument of persecution, and all know who know anything of the character of the Irish, that they cling with instinctive and desperate fidelity to the objects of persecution. But the Know-Nothings liberally know nothing of things past or things present, and therefore have no foresight in things to come. They are the veriest charlatans that ever appeared on the political stage. Instead of doing what they pretended, they have done the reverse. By their inteference they have defeated, for the present, the struggle of the Catholic laity against the encroachments of ecclesiastical power. Had we any real estate to grant, devise, or convey, we would be almost tempted at this moment. to grant, devise, and convey it to John Archbishop of New York, if we could only evade the letter of their unconstitutional law, just because these impudent. and intolerant legislators who do not represent the citizen of the State dare to interfere with our personal to vest our personal property in whomsoever we please, after the claims of justice are satisfied. The first section of the act is a disfranchisement of a citizen because he happens to be an ecclesiastic. Now a minister of religion ought to have precisely the same rights as any other member of the community—no more nor no less. Why should the Legislature prohibit any citizen of New York, being of sane mind, making a grant of houses or land to Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, of Brooklyn, as his congregation actually have done? Why should it prevent him in the case of a Cotholic Priest or Bishop? The idea may do well enough for despotic governments, but, tested by republican principles, it is simply absurd. - N. Y. Ci-

A HUNGRY CARPET BAG. - The Buffalo Express relates an amusing incident which occurred at Erie a few days since. A gentleman left Cleveland for New York at an early hour in the morning, without his breakfast and being very hungry, upon the arrival of the train at Erie, entered the dining room, and placing his carpet bag upon a chair, sat down beside it and ccommened a valorous attack upon the viands placed before him. By and by the proprietor of the establishment came around to collect fares and upon reaching our friend, ejaculated, "Dollar, sir!" "A dollar!" responded the eating man, "a dollarthought you only charged fifty cents a meal for oneeh ?" "That's true," said Meanness, "but I count was reluctantly brought forth. The landlord passed carpet bag, full in its wide mouth, discoursed unto it raisins, apples, cakes, pies, and amid the roars of the bystanders, the delight of his brother passengers, and discomfiture of the landlord, phlegmatically went and took his seat in the cars. He said he had provisions enough to last him to New York, after a bountiful supply had been served out in the cars. There was at least \$8 worth in the bag-upon which the land-lord real sed nothing in the way of profit. So much for meanness.

GABRIEL No. 2.—A colored individual, well known about town, who is periodically subject to flights of fancy, took it into his head to imitate the Scotchman, with the horn, among other eccentric performances, yesterday forenoon in Middle street. He had no "horn" to blow, but he made more noise than "the original," accommpanied with all manner of shrieks contortions, which he called "preaching." The police not relishing either his manners or his sentiments, undertook to take him off, but this was no easy matter. At length Constable Could persuaded him to adjourn the meeting for a short time, and took him to the Watch House, for safe keeping, where he is now out of harm's way .- State of Maine.

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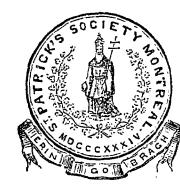
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