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What shall be done to diminish the lists of Crime-Capital Punishment. The increasing list of Murders the journals daily bring to light is truly appalling, and demands our careful consideration. The old fire-side stories of occasional frontier robberies and murders would almost terrify the listener thirty years ago; but now when murder is a daily occurrence, we fail to reflect how this wanton destruction of human life may be stopped. To know how to stop an evil is first necessary to cure the cause. One of the principal reasons is that the law is not enforced. Indiana has a law making death the penalty of the crime of murder, and yet it is scarcely reckoned among the probabilities now, that however atrocious the murder may be, that the perpetrator receives the full penalty of the law. Now it is plain that a penal statute not enforced where there is a criminal brought within its meaning not only becomes a dead letter, but has a very much worse effect upon the society it is intended to govern than if no law existed on the subject. Why? We answer because any Government that fails or refuses to enforce its laws will produce in the minds of the people a lack of confidence in its ability to do so; hence forces many people who deem self-preservation the first law of nature, to take the law into their own hands, and the other will be on the ground in a few days. Our own experience and observation in the Kankakee country for many years suggests to us the propriety of such a step. If it did nothing more it would at least modify the expression of disgust for that country, and build up a country that has many facilities that are overlooked on account of prejudices. Napoleon, in his speech to the Legislative Chambers, says the Cincinnati Evening Chronicle, assumes a very tranquil and pacific air, blantly ignoring, as a crafty ruler is wont to do, all the elements of disaster settling all around him, and apparently not ready to bubble into insurrection. Yet he carefully intimates that his increased military force were never more excellent troops or more firmly in hand. He is prepared to cope with any nation; therefore no foreign power will be forward to attack him. As to home affairs, he has labored so devotedly for France, above all he has been so ambitious to live to the glory of France—the great warrior of Frenchmen, the light with which Imperial Napoleon are wont to dazzle the eyes of populace and gentry alike—that he confides in an auspicious result to the approaching elections, and in 'rejection of revolution' once more. He can even speak that dangerous word, after due preparation, as if to show his fear of it. We suspect that Napoleon and his 'glories' will last some time longer yet.

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Statistics of the whaling business for the last year show that whalers catch averaged better than in 1867, with a smaller number of vessels. The North Pacific fleet was more fortunate than any other.

Maize Seed Magazine for February, 1869, has been published. A heavy glass in its contents contains us to say that it is a journal of progress of agriculture in our country. It is published by Curtis, N. York.

The Nashville "Banner" has received a cluster of corn ears which is quite a curiosity. It consists of ten ears of corn in all, which were grown upon one stem and in one chaff. There is one ear in the center, of ordinary size, surrounded by nine smaller ones.

The freight traffic on the Lake Shore Road between Toledo and Cleveland is larger than at any previous time in its history. On some days near three hundred loaded cars pass over it going east.

William Murch, an officer of the customs at New York, has been held to bail in \$20,000 for examination on charges of complicity with the Gachemans in smuggling goods through the Custom House in that city.

The people residing four or five miles west of Marysville, Union county, have been in a high state of excitement for a week or so past, over several strange animals that have been seen in that neighborhood. They are a large, and fully furred-looking, with fiery eyes, and all that sort of thing, and, as a matter of course, the children in that neighborhood, as well as some of the older ones, are considerably excited over their unwelcome guests.

A MARRIAGE FAMILY.—The early morning train, on the Indianapolis & Cincinnati Railroad, brought into the city this morning the largest family wedding party that has been heard of for some time. The party consisted of three sisters, residents of Weisburg, Ind., with three stalwart Hoosiers who their love had made happy.

Connecticut Politics. New York, Jan. 23.—A despatch dated Hartford, says the State conventions will soon be held, and the candidates for Governor will be the same as last year—Messrs. English and Jewett. There is some talk of the English nominating Senator Dickson for Representative to Congress from the First District. In case this is done the Republicans will endeavor to get Gen. Hawley to run against him.

Considerable Walking. CHICAGO, January 23.—John Dewitt, the Chicago pedestrian, at eleven o'clock this morning accomplished the hitherto unparalleled feat in this country of walking 1,000 miles in 1,000 consecutive hours, for a wager of \$500.

Central Pacific Railroad. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—The Central Pacific Railroad, which was completed east of Sacramento, and within twenty-six miles of Humboldt Wells. The road will probably be finished before the 15th of April.

Indiana. INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 23. Senate met at 2 o'clock. W. H. Latta, the widow of James Cosginn, presented a claim for work done on the Northern Penitentiary, amounting to \$2,219.16, with interest.

Application for License. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will, on the 26th of April next, at the fifth anniversary of the organization of this order in this country. Robert Dale Owen, Past Grand Master, has consented to deliver the address on the occasion. The semi-centennial anniversary is to be a State affair. All the lodges are invited, and are expected to be present.

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Non-Resident Notice. STATE OF INDIANA—Marshall Court, In Common Pleas Court, Feb. Term, 1869. John Carter, vs. Complaint on note and proceedings in attachment vs. William Cessna, ment.

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