

NEW YORK is to-day enjoying the luxury of a snow storm.

WILL Jimmy become President of Council or move to Kansas?

THERE is naturally great indignation in the East End over the announcement of double fare on the Pendleton line of street cars.

THE creditors of the First National Bank of Washington, D. C.—the Cooke Institute—will receive a dividend of 10 per cent on the 14th inst.

FRUIT GROWERS in this section report prospects of a fair crop. The peaches have been somewhat injured, but enough buds are left unharmed for an average crop.

WALL STREET was excited yesterday over rumors of a default in the accounts of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's China agent.

HON. WILLIAM KING, Ex-Congressional Postmaster and Congressman elect from Minnesota, is in Washington exercising all the rights, privileges and immunities of an officer in good standing.

PEACE and quietness is not likely after all to follow the Louisiana arbitration. It is now announced that the friends of Gov. Kellogg will not comply fully with their part of the agreement.

A MORNING PAPER, in treating of Spain and her people, says that in 1800 the number of landed proprietors was but 402,000, while 28,000,000 acres were in cultivation in 1803.

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There are in England 82,600,397 acres of land, of which 7,215,175 acres are waste lands, partly unfit for cultivation or pasture and partly occupied by parks and hunting forests for the sport of the nobility.

In Wales there are 4,734,486 acres, of which 1,969,410 acres are waste.

In Scotland there are 19,639,377 acres, of which 14,219,273 acres are waste.

There are 20,319,924 acres in Ireland, of which 8,906,559 are waste.

The total for Great Britain is 77,396,911 acres, of which 27,297,919 are waste.

From the best authorities it is estimated that of this waste land 11,000,000 acres are adapted to cultivation.

The retention of this quantity of land, amounting to one-seventh of the whole Empire, from the use of starving people for the mere luxury of an idle and worthless band of drones and wasteful consumers of the products of labor, is an outrage that would fully justify a bloody revolution were the people sufficiently sensible to fight for their natural rights.

A writer in the Fortnightly Review says that "the unhappy condition of Ireland is so adverse to agricultural enterprise that nature seems disposed to resume her savage state. Both population and produce have for some time steadily diminished. Not only is there less breadth of land under cultivation than there was in 1847, but the fertility per acre is reduced."

From 1866 to 1899 the number of pigs

declined from 1,497,274 to 1,079,796, without any corresponding increase of other stock, and notwithstanding the conversion of 1,000,000 acres of arable land into pasture since 1851.

An authoritative writer on Belgium says that "Irish soil might be brought to fertilize the soil of Flanders." It is believed that there are 8,000,000 acres of land in Ireland now lying waste that could be reclaimed for cultivation.

To whatever country England has extended her power, blight, desolation and ruin have followed her footsteps. Ireland would to-day have 10,000,000 of happy people, and her noble men and virtuous women would be ennobling all nations with a higher life, had not England robbed the State of liberty and the people of their soil for the enrichment of the English aristocracy.

England went to India about a century and a half ago, and degradation for 800,000,000 of happy people has been the result. In 1849 she forced her opium into the Chinese market in spite of the protest of the Celestial Emperor, and the process of debauchery of 400,000,000 of happier people than those of Great Britain is in process of ruining that former Empire—an Empire under whose form of Government a denser population can be comfortably supported than under any other Government on earth.

Within one hundred years from this time the result of British arms in forcing a fatal, though enchanting drug, into China, will be the decrease of the population from 400,000,000 to 100,000,000, and they far gone in disease and dissipation.

A romantic affair is now before Judge Spaulding, of New York. A widow, named Chamberlayne, having become reduced in circumstances by her husband's death, went into the business of circulating books. Plying this vocation, she entered the office of Mr. John Butt Holmes, a wealthy lawyer, accompanied by her sylvan-like daughter, May, only eleven years of age.

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On the third day the dog bolted up stairs and out into the yard, where he encountered the stop man, and removed a mouthful of trousers and a pair of drawers from the leg of that worthy person.

There were no rats in the parlor, and I can not imagine why he wanted to stay there. But he did, and as Smiley remained away we couldn't dislodge him.

On Thursday he smashed the mirror during an attempt to get up a fight with another dog that he thought he saw in there and he clawed the sofa to rags. Every night he devoted his time to howling. On Saturday he had a fit in the hall and spoiled about eight square yards of Brussels carpet utterly.

It didn't seem to occur to him to go home, and Smiley was still out of town. The next day I loaded a shot-gun and determined to kill him at any sacrifice. I aimed carefully at him, but at the critical moment he dodged and two handfuls of bird shot went into the piano and tore it up badly.

Then the dog went mad and a policeman killed him. The rate on the house to fight Smiley's dog cost me about \$100. I am going to return to traps. It is cheaper, I think.

One of the students of Wabash, Ind., College has fallen heir to \$70,000.

MY CROSS. Mine is a daily cross of petty cares, Of little duties pressing on my heart, Of little troubles hard to reconcile, Of inward troubles overcome in part.

It is not heavy, Lord, yet oft I pine; I know not why, but every day I weep; By day and night each hour my cross I bear, I dare not lay it down, though I were free.

Heart, Cross and Anchor. "One more song, Carol, darling. A parting song that shall fill my heart with music, that must endure for two years—two long, long years to be passed in India."

"Nonsense! At your feet behold my heart and hope; and on my bosom lies our faith. Here, put a piece of ribbon or something in this little cross, and I will wear it until we meet again."

A little while only, and then she rose above the sorrow man had caused, and bravely went to work. Calmly she read his letter, asking to be released from his vows. Business still retaining him with Mr. Erving in India, he should not return to England for some time.

Seven years had winged their flight since she had parted from Edgar Mansfield. She had heard nothing of him since about six months after her receipt of his letter. Then she was told he was coming home to marry Miss Erving.

"O, I am tired of these baubles," she said, as she pressed in her fingers the envelope, which contained an offering of some kind, she knew.

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OUR CHURCHES. UNITARIAN. First Unitarian—Cor. Eighth and Plum; Second Unitarian—Cor. Sixth and Mound; Rev. Chas. Noyes.

CHRISTIAN. Bible Chapel—125 North bet. John and Central avenues; Rev. E. Abbott. German Unitarian—Ninth bet. Plum and Central Avenue; Rev. W. T. Moore.

UNITED BRETHREN. First English Church—Cor. Clinton and Baymiller; Rev. F. Flenner. German United Brethren—Front near Terrace Road; Rev. Geo. Schmitt.

CONGREGATIONAL. Seventh Street Congregational—Seventh bet. Central Av. and John st.; Rev. Eben Hall. Vine Street Congregational—Vine street bet. Eighth and Ninth; Rev. C. B. Boynton.

LUTHERAN. English Evangelical—Elm bet. Ninth and Court; Rev. R. W. Hufford. German Evangelical—Race bet. Fifteenth and Liberty; Rev. H. Bildermann.

ROMAN CATHOLIC. St. Peter's Cathedral—Cor. Plum and Eighth; Most Rev. J. B. Purcell, D. D. All Saints—Cor. High and Court; Rev. J. H. Bonner.

WANTED—BOYS—Two good live boys at this office. WANTED—TO SUPPLY—The public with good Photographs and Ferretypes at KELLY'S, 609 Madison street, Covington, Ky. every day.

WANTED—PAINTING—C. F. Lautenbach, house and sign painter, works on all kinds of painting. WANTED—YOU TO BUY—A nice stylish hand, public good or lasting article, our own manufacture at the New York Store, No. 6 East Fifth street, one door from Main street.

WANTED—TO RENT—An entire floor of THE STAR BUILDING, 239 Walnut street. Two fine front rooms, suitable for business or editorial rooms, and a large room in the rear, with the best of light, suitable for a composition room.

WANTED—SITUATION—By a woman with a child, in the laundry trade, or do any kind of work. Address Mrs. A. M. STRONG, R. R. House, cor. Front and Broadway.

WANTED—SITUATION—As clerk, by a young man who writes a good hand, is accurate at figures, and not afraid of work. We are not much object to steady employment. Can give good city references. Address LOUIS J. NADAUD, 123 Central Avenue.

RESIDENCE—Nearly new frame, two-story house of 12 rooms, bath-room, water, gas, and modern improvements; corner lot, 100 feet front by 170 deep, with fine yard, fruit and shade trees. Located on Oak street, near the residence of Messrs. Shillito and Bullock, and within five minutes' walk of the street cars.

RAILROAD TIME-TABLE. ATLANTIC AND GREAT WESTERN. Depot, Fifth and Hoody, Time, 7 minutes fast. Depart, Arrive, Arrive, On 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

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