

The ground for the new national library building at Washington will cost \$500,000. The building will be 300 by 450 feet, and perfectly fireproof, which the present is not. The estimated cost of the building is \$2,323,600. For the first year \$500,000; for the second, \$1,000,000; and for the third, which will see the work completed, \$823,600. With these figures as a first estimate it is safe to say that the building will cost, besides the ground, fully \$3,000,000. That sounds big but it must be remembered that the capital has cost over \$13,000,000; the state, war, and navy building about \$10,000,000; the treasury building \$6,000,000; and the buildings for the postoffice and interior departments, each nearly twice as much as the estimated cost of the library building.

The bill provides: That a landlord who is desirous to sell his property shall apply to the state authority. The latter shall refuse application if made to a land commission. After the state authority has inquired, shall fix a price at which the property shall be sold, unless the landlords and the state authority have previously come to an agreement. If the landlord objects to the price fixed by the commission, he may withdraw his application on paying to the state authority a sum of property has been executed the commission shall inform the creditors before making any other distribution of the purchase money. Certain rent charges may be bought outright by the state authority, or payment may be continued from the tenant's repayments. In case of a default there is reasonable cause to suppose that the tenant is a generalist, the commission shall add to the purchase money a fair sum for said minerals, and the minerals realized from said property shall be vested in the state authority or such local body as the Irish legislature may provide. The Irish receiver-general, or his deputy, who are to execute the financial part of the bill, shall be appointed to hold office as permanent civil servants, subject to the authority of the treasury. They shall be paid from the imperial exchequer, but the Irish government shall appoint ten actual inspectors. If the receiver general or any of his deputies are guilty of malversation, the culprit shall forfeit the sum so long and also be fined £500. The measure empowers the treasury to create three classes of permanent annuities, bearing interest respectively at 3, 2% and 2% per cent., and which will be charged to the imperial consolidated fund. Strict rules are provided which, forbidding the alienation of any holding so long as it is subject to a state charge; but the state authority is

Among the confirmations announced were those of E. G. Ross, governor of New Mexico; W. S. Rosecrans, register of the treasury, and R. E. Withers consul to Hong Kong.

Secretary McCook appeared at the bar and announced the passage by the senate of 350 pension bills, an announcement which was received with loud applause and laughter. After concluding the consideration of twenty-eight of the sixty-three pages

people of Minnesota in consequence of the recent cyclone, and asked Mr. Forney to permit an amendment appropriating \$100,000 to the sufferers by the cyclone; but Mr. Forney would not consent, preferring

men and not a jury. Numerous authorities are cited, showing that a jury must be composed of twelve men in order to make it a jury in the legal acceptance of the term.