

The Irish members have discovered that Mr. Gladstone has not been his reputation as a Christian statesman.

Compulsory education act escaped passage in the Indiana legislature by a narrow margin of five votes.

Forty-six days' fast is Miss Hattie Donnell's record. Tanner's has ceased to be a curiosity.

A strenuous effort is being made in New York to solve the custom house muddle by the retention of Collector Merritt.

One conversion was the result of Mr. Beecher's four weeks' revival. Beecher is better on sensations than on revival.

The Omaha Herald's telegraphic columns are daily examples of base-faceted literary theft which would shame a patent bowled country sheet.

This cause of bimetalism no important to the interests of the French minister of finance has publicly announced that France, Italy, the Netherlands, Italy and Spain are practically agreed upon bimetalism and that progress is being made in Germany and England.

The Treasury Department, up to the present month, is behind in current expenses. The revenues have not been sufficient to cover the expenses. The chief cause is the enormous deficiency payment of \$7,000,000 which was met at the start, a portion of the \$18,000,000 deficiency passed by Congress. There are, in addition, a vast amount of relief bills, awards of the courts of claims and other deficiencies that become available at once and have been attended to.

The New York Chamber of Commerce, composed of the leading merchants and manufacturers of New York City, do not agree with Pool Commissioner Fink, Mr. Vanderbilt and Jay Gould in their opinion that consolidation of railroad properties is beneficial equally to the public and to the monopolies. The report read before that body while admitting that consolidation renders possible a large saving in the operating expenses of railroads, says:

"We have no objections to all railroads in the United States being consolidated into single systems, provided that system is controlled in the interest of the public, but so long as railroad managers permit gross favoritism and discrimination against both committees and individuals, so long as they seek by stock watering and other devices to obtain from the public more than a reasonable compensation for services rendered, so long as they try to perpetuate these abuses by obtaining control of the legislature, judicial and executive departments of our government, just so long must we esteem consolidation of railroad power detrimental to all classes of citizens and a perpetual menace to the public welfare."

The Southern Pacific railroad has refused to carry through freight for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road, and has notified shippers that freight for California, Oregon and Washington territory must pass over the Union and Central Pacific route. The Southern Pacific road is owned by the Central Pacific company, of which Mr. Leland Stanford is president. At the completion of the new overland route an agreement was entered into between the Union and Central Pacific and the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific roads, to pool earnings and maintain rates. It seems that the new route was more popular than anticipated, and that that disregard for agreements for which railroad corporations are so noted, the Central Pacific monopoly now refuses to permit the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe to compete with the Union Pacific for its share of the overland business, and at the same time forces shippers in the southwest to transport their goods over the longer and more expensive route to the coast. While, apparently Omaha and Nebraska would be benefitted by the refusal of the Central Pacific road to permit the transportation of overland freight over the southern line there is a principle involved far more than local application which strikes at the very root of the transportation problem. Railway corporations are common carriers chartered by state or national governments to transport persons or chattels, to any point reached by their lines. If the companies can refuse to receive merchandise from connecting roads they can with equal propriety refuse to receive and transport passengers, and to prefer to make connection with their road over lines which do not pool or divide earnings with them. The Union Pacific has a line from Lincoln to Cheyenne by the way of the Omaha & Republican Valley branch. The B. & M. railroad has a direct line from Lincoln to Kearney, where it connects with the Union Pacific. The distance over the U. P. by the way of Valley station to Cheyenne is over eighty miles longer than by way of Kearney and the B. & M. Now suppose the U. P. should refuse to receive goods at Kearney from the B. & M. road and insist that they should be shipped from Lincoln over a route that is eighty miles longer. Would not such an arbitrary proceeding be denounced as an outrage. Could they not with equal propriety refuse to carry Lincoln passengers from Kearney westward and compel them to travel over the longer route by the Republican Valley branch.

The time is at hand when this very important principle must be settled by Congress and the legislature. Railroads must be transported and must receive for transportation all goods offered. The public must be protected against arbitrary exactions and conspiracies to prevent competition by rival lines.

GLADSTONE'S LAND BILL.

After months of weary waiting, Mr. Gladstone has at last introduced his Irish Land Bill to the House of Commons. The synopsis of the bill cabled to this country indicates a proposed reform of the most sweeping character. The radical changes which, under the operations of the act, would be created in the whole system of land tenure in Ireland are probably more extensive than the friends of Ireland outside of the Land League had hoped or anticipated. By the Tory party the new measure is denounced as a bold and defiant invasion of the rights of property. The Duke of Argyll has resigned from the Ministry, and in a vehement speech before the House of Lords has attacked the bill as an outrage upon property which Englishmen for their own protection must resist. The defeat of the bill in the upper house seems assured, and an appeal to the country is likely to result from the failure of the ministry to secure its passage.

Mr. Gladstone's Land Bill first deals with the condition of tenants renting without lease. It gives such tenant a fifteen year tenure of his holding. If, at the end of the fifteen years, the landlord demands an increase of rent, the tenant may accept it or not. If he accepts the terms of the landlord there can be no further increase of the rent for another fifteen years. In case he declines to accede to the demand for increased rent he can abandon his holding and collect from the landlord ten times the rental demanded for the property. At any time during the lease tenant may sell his right to another, subject to the consent of the landlord, and if objection is made, the civil courts will be called upon to decide the justice or injustice of the objection. No eviction during the period of the lease is to be permitted and the civil bill court is to be called upon to decide all cases of disagreement between landlords and tenants, and in cases of fixed tenancy to determine upon an equitable valuation for the land. It is obvious that as long as the tenant can pay the rent he has little reason to fear being put out of possession; and the landlord will not raise the rent without ample reason, when such an act would be very likely to oblige him to pay the tenant, for his improvement, ten times the increase in the rent, and, presumably, though the abstract is not clear on this point, further compensation for disturbance according to the law of 1870, slightly modified in the tenant's favor by this new act.

Under the act of 1870 there is provision that in no case shall the compensation for disturbance exceed \$250. In the new act there will be no such maximum. The act of 1870 also provides that where the government valuation is more than \$100 a year the maximum compensation for disturbance shall be one year's rent. The new act says that where the rent, not the government valuation, is \$100 or more, the maximum compensation shall be three years' rent—another alteration in the interest of the tenant.

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POETRY OF THE TIMES.

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Mamma to steady. The head up in a towel, Let her put on father's blouse; Send the children to the mill— Mamma's ready to be manly!

HONEY FOR THE LADIES. Rruda is the new shade of mignonette. Leg-of-mutton sleeves appear on new toilets. Strimp, a yellowish pink, is among new colors.

Large loose sleeves are worn in spring cloaks. Necklaces are worn even over high-necked dresses. The new laces are dyed either pink or gray to match the dress.

New picture frames are of white holly, with tracings of ebony. The Dominican is in the style of hair-dressing popular for little girls. Exceeding limpness is the chief characteristic of the new dress goods.

The new gray suit, all of silvery effects or metallic lustre, or to pink shades. Large-figured cretonne costumes will be revived for indoor and country wear. Dark red holly berries are very effective on simple dresses of pure white organdy.

Mantles are trimmed with high fringes of pleated black lace around the neck and shoulders. Little frocks are again dressed in gay plaids of stripes, and bright snits of monochrome color.

As bonnets and scarfs are to be worn in very high colors ice cream will be painted to correspond. Two shades of one color are worn; for instance, garnet and pink, cream and violet, purple and violet.

Fashionable languidness use starch water in place of starch for everything but shirt bosoms and cuffs and collars. Directoire collars, covered with jet embroidery on net or edged with cut out beads, are worn with black silk dresses.

Satin bows with long pendants of gold, silver, pearl or cut steel are worn as shoulder knots with party dresses.

The Grecian overcoat, high on the left side and low on the right, is the newest and most graceful feature of spring costumes. It is pleasing to learn from a fashion journal that "lace hoods will be quite common this season." Men who can pay for them will not be so common. The legislature of Michigan has passed a law making hugging a penal offense. If Michigan girls are true to their word they will be a dead letter.

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Miss Lolla L. Morse, youngest daughter of the late Prof. Morse, and Mr. Franz Rummel, the eminent pianist, were married April 4th, at Locust Grove the summer residence of the bride's mother, near Fond du Lac, Wis. Rev. Charles J. Ramsdell, a Presbyterian pastor at Washington, has been arranged by the presbytery for marrying a Catholic lady. The ceremony was performed in Chicago by Rev. Dr. Patton. Two Connecticut brides, both of them in their teens, came down on the cars to New York, and took advantage of their opportunity to exchange confidences.

"Mary," said one, "how do you like married life?" "So far as I've gone," answered her companion, quite enthusiastically, "I think it's wonderful. How do you feel about it, Anna?" Anna rolled her eyes like a school-girl with a mouthful of caramels, and clasping her hands on Mary's knees, exclaimed: "You won't think I'm foolish if I tell you? Well, then, I had known what fun it was I would have got married years ago."

The Chesapeake Zoological Laboratory of John Hopkins University will open its fourth season May 2, at Beaufort, N. C. The work will go on until the end of the season, under the direction of Dr. W. K. Brooks. For about six weeks beginning in July, an elementary class in Marine Zoology will be instructed at Beaufort. The lectures will be given, and there will be systematic work in the laboratory.