Primus Inter Parez.

millione. It is twee statisfaces, but may be recit. to be equal with the sour successful term in was depositional of electrician work of education, where the many christian is not warped so that to mean may pagazine. But the phones "Princes Inter Pares" - Red access equals to a certain were contradicts limit Biquate, implies that all are of the some rank and grade, but first among reputh conveys the tites that one is not an equal with the rest, or that he is superior to them. Yet, it or the achieut possible force of expressing the experiently of nam to his fellows.

Let uv now look at the other extreme-There is a nam in flame who is superfor to the clergy of the Roman Catholic church. That church, through her representative body, has declared this priest of the said church to be infailible, which is an insult to the declarations of the fillibs. It has been upon earth" (Allie Dens in Terra), which is an invuit to the Erernal Detty.

What is the relation between the present condition of papacy and her infallible of pope-and the apparent harmless phrase first among equals?" The pupacy, as it now exists, had its origin in a source as small as this insignificant phrase. They point to Peter, and say that he was the Bock, that he was given the keys of beaven and hell, that he was the first prop of Rome and that they are his successors, and therefore claim his prerogative. But. Mr. Pecci, there are people who wish to claim a grand ancestry, but when the truth is known their ancestry would not demand the smallest notice, and suited the different parts of the foundathe claims of your church are of a similar character. They boast of Peter and their ecclesiastic inheritance when the cause of the creation of the chair in which you sit as pope was the evolution from this minute molecule "first among equals." When the the name of pope was suggested for a leading bishop, it was assumed for the bishop of Constantinople. What did the Romans see? They and about Jerusalem-not Rome. saw that it would create there the centre of Right here let us enquire if it had been operations for the whole Catholic church. At this time there were three bishops of equal would not be policy for them to let this claim at Constantinople continue, and they ridiculed the name and said it was anti-Christ. to make them discontinue the name of pope to their bishop. As soon as they stopped using the name, the Romans applied it to their bishop and that is the reason you are called pope today. At first it was the placing of one man above the rest to such a small degree that it was scarcely perceptible, and in the divine record by some one? now they call him a god.

No, you should not be proud of the origin shame when I see that the claims of the papacy are erroneous, that I should consider that the judgment of the Romans against the Christians of Constantinople, on account of the name pope, being the followers of anti- Son. As God's Son was an envoy of against this church. Let me wash my hands from this sin and let me champion the cause

the expulsion of fraud."

If reports are correct, there has been some agitation at the vatican on account of the proposal on the part of some of the Roman Catholic clergy in the United States to have a district carnolic church here in this country regardless of your authority and dictations, and with a much smaller amount of and which eminates from Rome. I am not surprised it has caused you to send a man cal changes are made your return to the origin of your existence, "first among equals" will be greatly hastened. Let the people have the Bible for themselves and let them investigate. If the public schools ask for the simple reading of the Bible. let them have it. Compel your people to study the Bible and let them take it as the rule of faith and practise. At least try to retain, if possible, 'first among equals' and not be compelled to accept the title "the least among the lowest."

If I were gone for one short day. I'd to the faithful members say, I hold the Bible from your grasp. That to your hearts you'll ever clasp The many frauds that men invent To make you pay in every cent. And make my palace, here in Rome, A very comfortable home.

I'd stop the seroes Rome had made. And through the doctrines I would wade With a new, sharp, Danaseus blade I'd give the Bible to them all. would not let one person fall Before a priest-on God they'd call. And when I made my trumpet sound. There would not be a convent found They'd all be texelled with the seemed. ALEPH

Home vs. Rome.

There are too many middle men camped or the stage Of life, in its journey from childhood to age,

Who claim their instructions by Peter were

To send souls immortal to hell or to heaven. The bishops and priests with a bigoted greed. Are here to instruct us what way to proceed.

Directing to which of the saints we must And for a small tribute, tell what we must

Deny us the right to maintain our free schools.

Declaring the children so warped and de-They will not submit to be led nor enslaved.

In all human progress, who strove in the van Have been by this combine condemned to a Have been persecuted, imprisoned or hurned,

discorned.

the youth Has done more for liberty, progress and

truth. Than all comenical councils that sought To gain the control of man's tribute and

The light of this world is the freedom of

Controlled by no creed, to no order confined-Leads man in the way that the Nazarene To walk, an intelligent image of God.

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tid of this priest the paper another tink a church whose adherents shall be publication has paid one, come immortal beings-termed by If you want to get in on the ground Luke "the little flock."

This was, undoubtedly, part of the companied with the cash. divine plan inaugurated before the advent of our first parents in the garden. The part of this drama in which Christ's part is enacted, is what we are interested in at this particular time. Christ, as a necessary step in laying the foundation for this edifice, selects such persons as stones or pillars as best tion. The foundation of this building was laid in Jerusalem, not in Rome, as our Romish friends would have us believe. At this time and place, A. D. development had arrived at the point when about 30, our Saviour appeared upon the scene of action in Palestine-in God's purpose that Rome should have standing. The church of Rome saw that it been the seat of His government, would he not have selected that place, instead of Jerusalem, as the birth-place, and The Romans were successful in their attempt subsequent events of His Son's work, instead of Jerusalem? If Rome was to be the seat of the first pope or bishop, and Peter that bishop or pope, why is it that no mention has been made of it Why is it that James, who is a near of your office, and when you think of what is relative to our Saviour, is selected as claimed for it and what it is, you should tell | the first bishop of Jerusalem instead of your church. "I should he my face for Peter? Carict selected His apostles

Christ, can be with equal force brought the Father's to save the world .- Heb. 3: 1. Again, if it was the Master's intention to invest Peter alone with the eminence of absolute power, would He not have called Peter first and fully invested him with authority as His successor? But instead, Christ called him and Andrew his brother at the same ridiculous doctrines than your church has time, and going a little farther by or along side of the river or sea. He met here to adjust matters, and unless some radi- James and John, and straight way He see that no one apostle had any precedence over the others, but of this we will have more to say in the future. Each of these apostles were selected in reference to their peculiar fitness

> for the work they had to do. Now while it is true that Peter opened the doors of the church to the Gentile world when he was sent to the centurion, yet this man lived not in Rome, but in Palestine.

Paul was the apostle who was regularly installed as the apostle to the Gentiles, and he it is who was at Rome and first preached there, and finally died there. No mention anywhere is made in Holy Writ of Peter ever having been in or near Rome.

Now, will our papist friends take cognizance of these general statements and apply the knowledge herein contained themselves, and do a little thinking for themselves, and no: let a priest be their thinker, mouthpiece and master, as they are at this present

The office of a priest should be to direct his adherents to the road that leads to a better condition here and hereafter. But, instead, it is an office to stultify every avenue of the mind, that ignorance, superstition and bigotry may be the result of their teachings. The pope and "monsignors" who formulate so that they may hold in abeyance their poor deluded followers, that they may use them to further their own selfish desires and purposes.

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Congress Vesterday

IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST.

The President Butteres Article 20 of the Treaty of Washington has Nevn Abrogated Conclusions Which He Has Arrived at - Congrustional Proceedings.

Washington, Feb. ft. President Harrison has sent to congress his reply to the resolution of Representative Pitt relating to the regulations governing the transportation of imported merchandisa from one port of the United States to another over Canadian territory. The president says: "The question whether we shall continue to allow merchandise to pass from one point in the United States through Canadian territory to another point in the United States, and if so to what exactions and examinations it shall be subjected on re-entering our territory are wholly within the power of congress, without reference to the question whether article 29 of the treaty of Washington is or is not in

The president reviews at length the legislation of congress placing a con-struction upon article 29 of the treaty, and adds: "I have asked the opinion of the attorney general upon this question, and he is of the opinion that article 29 has been abrogated. It would be no infraction, either of the letter or the spirit of the treaty, if we should stop, unload and carefully inspect every vehicle arriving at our border with such merchandise, nor on the other hand, would Canada violate her obligations under the treaty by a like treatment of merchandise imported through the port of New York on its arrival in Canada.

A practice has grown up of allowing merchandise from Cnina and Japan, purchased and imported from those countries by our own citizens and landed at ports in the Dominion of Canada, to there loaded into cars which, being sealed by an officer of the United States or someone supposed to represent him, are forwarded through the territory of Canada across the entire continent and allowed to cross our frontier without other inspection than an examination of The practice of sealing such merchandises, notwithstanding it has been allowed by the treasury for some years, I think is unauthorized.

"The practice not only equalizes the advantages of Canadian sea ports with our own in the importation of goods for our domestic consumption, but makes the Canadian ports favorable ports of entry. The detention under this system at the Canadian ports are less than when the merchandise is landed at a port of the United States to forward in bond to another port therein.

"I come now to discuss another element of this international traffic, namely, the transportrtion of merchandise from one port in the United States to another port therein over the territory of Canada. In practice, the car, if the seal is found to be intact, is passed to places not ports and is opened and unloaded by the consignee, no officer being present. The question is, are the such as to make fraud easy to those

who have the disposition to commit it? are the rev which I have arrived: First-That article 29 of the treaty of

Washington has been abrogated. Second-That even if this article were in force there is no law in force to exe-

Third-That when in force the treaty imposed no obligation upon the United States to use the concessions as to transit made by Canada, and no limitation upon the powers of the United States in dealing with merchandise imported for the use of our citizens through Canadian ports, or passing from one place in the United States to another through Canada upon the arrival of such mer-

chandise at our border. Fourth-That, therefore, treaty or no treaty, the question of sealing cars containing such merchandise and the treatment of such sealed cars when they cross our border is and always has been one to be settled by our laws according to our convenience and our interests, as we

Fifth-That the law authorizing the sealing of cars in Canada containing foreign merchandise imported from any contiguous country does apply to mer-chandise imported by our own people from countries not contiguous and carried through Canada for delivery to

such owners. Sixth—That the law did not contemplate the passing of sealed cars to any place not a "port," nor the delivery of such cars to the owner or consignee to be opened by him without the supervision of a revenue officer.

Seventh-That such a practice is inconsistent with the safety of the revenue.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS. Sennte.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 .- With the ex-Every attorney should call on THE ception of one hour in the early part of the evening, yesterday's session of the the French and Swedish extradition treaties, and incidentally of the Hawaiian question. In the open session the Chandler Hawaiian resolution, offered some days ago, was referred to the committee on foreign relations. Messrs, Hale of Maine and Blackburn of Kentucky were appointed tellers to assist in counting the presidential votes, and Mr. Carlisle's resignation as senator from Kentucky was presented. The district appropriation bill was then taken up, considered

and passed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The session of the house was an unusually interesting one. In the morning the anti-option ball was the center of interest, and before the opening of the session little knots of members congregated and discussed the probable course which would be pursued in disposing of the measure. The opponents of the legislation the alert, and the instant that Mr. Hatch made his protion for a conference Mr. Bynum of Indiana, was addressing the s eaker with a point of order that the senate amendments must first be considered in committee of the whole. The

solon on. Mr. Symmetry point was a brief out, but long wrough to show that the fight over the assaurce was charp and vigorous. John & Davemport and the federal election laws they recupie the attention of the some. They were the aundry civil bill. The Republicana, whose spolessman was Mr. Bentelle, of Mains, saw the entering wedge of a repent of all the laws relative to federal supervision. Mr. Fitch replied moderate tone, but stated that the Dem coratic party made no secret of its pur-pose to repeal the federal election laws. Several slightly personal passages en-sued, but the amendment was finally agreed to.

Nebrasha's Legislature.

Laxcoux, Feb. 3. - In the senate yes terday Senator Mullen, from the committee on radroads, reported back senate file 59 with the recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed. The bill provides for bill provides for the construc-tion and maintainace of joint depots and transfer switches by competing lines of railroad. tall is similar in its provisions to senate file No. 6, except that the latter makes no reference to joint depots. The com-mittee recommended that the latter be placed on the general file. The senate declined to discriminate between the bills, and both were sent to the general

North, from the committee on municipal affairs, reported back senate file No. 13, with the recommendation that it go to the general file, and that file No. 88 be indefinitely postponed. Babcock introduced a resolution that the ballots and poll books in the Douglas county contest be sent to the committee on privileges and elections. The resolution went over under the rules.

After the joint convention the senate adjourned.

The entire session of the house was devoted to work in committee of the whole with Barry in the chair.

The committee recommended the passage of Higgins' bill amending the law governing appropriations for agricultural societies by leaving it optional instead of compulsory with boards of supervisors to appropriate funds for the support county fairs, and of a bill allowing pupils in one district to attend in another when more than a mile and a half from the school in their own district. No business was transacted by

to much committee work being done. Assaulted Six Young Girls.

house after the joint convention owing

JACKSON, Mich., Feb. 3.—Frank Burch was arrested on a warrant charging him with assaulting young girls. For two weeks Burch's actions have been closely watched by the police, but it was not until last Saturday night that the first definite facts were learned. Burch had access to a hall on Main street and last Saturday evening Captain Rowin saw two young girls stand ing at its entrance. Divining that they were there to meet Burch he took them to the station, where after close questioning, the whole details were drawn out. When arrested and taken to the station Burch made a full confession of his guilt before the prosecuting attorney and two police officers, admitting that he had assaulted six young girls. He waived examination before Justice Palmer.

The Treaty Ratified.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. - The senate yesterday afternoon in executive session lasting three nours and a half completed the consideration of the French extradition treaty and at the close of the discussion ratified it. The treaty was negotiated by Whitelaw Reid during his service as United States minister to France, and was constructed upon lines laid down in accordance with instructions issued by the state department. The new treaty, it is understood, does not contain any largely increased number of offences which will be extraditable crimes, but it was found desirable to make new definitions of old crimes to fit the modern condition of things.

The Trust Complete.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 3.—The last steps in the formation of the glass manufacturers' and jobbers' trust were taken at a meeting at the Plankinton house, There were present forty-eight representatives, manufacturers and jobbers from all sections west of Pittsburg. The session was behind closed doors here as in Chicago. The capital stock of the National Glass company, by which the trust will be known, is \$200,000. clause in the charter provides for the forfeit of a certain per cent, by any member who breaks the rules of the association.

Suffering at Zante.

ATHENS, Feb. 3. - Reports from Zante state that the inhabitants of most of the towns on the island are suffering severely. Hundreds of families are camped in the fields near the city of They fled with such haste that they took with them neither food nor clothes. The weather is excessively inclement and unless shelter and food be provided speedily, the mortality will be appalling. A British man-of-war, which has been loading at Pieraous with food and clothing, has sailed for

Escapes with a Three-Year Sentence. SANTA FE, N. M., Feb. 3, - Candelario Martinez, the lawyer who assaulted 10year-old Louise Wilhelm ten days ago, was indicted, tried, convicted and turned over to the territorial penitentiary officers to serve a three years' sentence by the United State court. He will be tried for the same crime by the terri-torial court in July next.

No Change in North Dakota.

BISMARCK, N. D., Feb. 3.—There was no change in the Republican vote for senator yesterday. The Democrats and Populists switched over to Governor Shortridge and gave him 39 votes Casey received 31 votes; Smith, 8; Kingman, 6; Walsh, 3; Anderson, 1; Ordway 1; Axvig, 1.

Lindsay to Succeed Carlisle.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 3.—The cancus of the Democratic members of the legis-lature last night nominated Judge Wil-Gen. Freght Agt. Gen. Pass. Agt. liam Lindsay for United States senator vice John G. Carlisle. Lindsay had no opposition.

Same Oll Story. HELENA, Mont., Feb. 3.—But three candidates for United States senator were voted for at the joint session of the legislature. Of these Sanders received

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