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SOME Ohio assemblyman has introduced a bill to prevent the overcrowding of churches. The law would have no application in Nebraska.

MR. BLAINE'S forthcoming book will be devoted to political subjects and a number of government officials are beginning to shake in their boots in advance of its publication.

REDELL, one of the indicted star route thieves has withdrawn his plea of not guilty and thrown himself upon the mercy of the court. Brady and Dorsey propose to die in the last ditch.

AN exchange which remarked that "Bill Perkins is lying ill in Illinois," did an estimable man a great injustice. Mr. Perkins never lies ill. Next to "Gath," he is the best liar in America.

CINCINNATI will not need any appropriation for washing the streets for some time to come. The river is doing the work very thoroughly just now. Two millions dollars of damage is already reported to property within the city limits.

SENATOR elect Manderson leaves today for Washington to look over the scene of his future labors. There is a widespread confidence throughout the state in the general's ability to meet the expectations of his many friends in Nebraska and elsewhere.

HAZEN, who has been detailing army officers to work up political sentiment in favor of the signal service bureau, has asked for an investigation and Secretary Lincoln politely hints that a court martial will cover the case.

WHEN our new congressional delegation gets itself comfortably arranged it will be time to hope that the division of plunder and patronage which has been hinted at in connection with former delegations will be a thing of the past.

THE penitentiary investigation shows that some minor changes are needed in the management of the institution, especially in the under keeper. Two men have been retained who were shown by a previous investigation to be utterly unfit for their positions.

OF the seventy-six senators whose names are printed in the last edition of the congressional directory, eight were born in Ohio, seven in Kentucky, seven in New York, four each in Pennsylvania, Georgia, Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee and Vermont, three each in Maine, Massachusetts, North Carolina and South Carolina, and two each in Delaware, Illinois, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

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FIXING THE TARIFF.

If the republican party is to stand or fall on its action in reducing tariff taxation it will certainly fall. The exhibition which its representatives are making of themselves at Washington in the effort to please the monopolists is enough to disgust the country and destroy what remains of confidence in its management of public affairs.

There was no cry raised for free trade, but there was a universal demand for a lower tariff. Revision, not repeal, was the general request which thousands of intelligent republicans joined in making.

The debate over the tariff bill has shown that cowardice and greed are the ruling motives in the present congress. Men who know what the demands of the country really are, fear to offend their local constituency by voting reduction which might affect unfavorably a mill or factory in the country where they hail from.

The worst feature of the business is that the tariff is being "fixed" by the agents of powerful interests directly affected by the measure. The lobbies of powerful industrial monopolists rule the situation and dictate the schedules which receive the affirmative votes of both houses.

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With a forlorn hope before them at the opening of the present congress, it looks as if the republican party was bent through its leaders on committing political suicide. This act will be all the more criminal because it will turn over the government to a party even less fitted to rule it than the republican.

HENRY GEORGE'S arguments in favor of state land ownership are strong, but there is just as much likelihood of carrying through such a scheme as there is of annexing England to the United States. But there is one thing which can and should be done, and that is a limitation of land ownership by individuals and corporations.

SENATOR INGALLS' agnostic eulogy upon Senator Ben Hill drew a bitter editorial from the editor of the New York Baptist Weekly in which the senator was denounced as "an infidel." When a religious newspaper editor dips his pen in gall and scathifies some unrepentant child of the world, the flesh and the other fellow, he generally does it with a brutality which partakes more of the other fellow's practice than of the precepts of the Prince of Peace.

THE consolidation of the Mutual Union with the Western Union will add \$15,000,000 of stock to the \$80,000,000 already issued by the latter company. In other words, the country will be taxed to pay dividends on \$95,000,000 of stock, representing property which could be duplicated for less than half the money.

THE house of representatives of the Minnesota legislature on Wednesday, by a vote of 49 to 38, indefinitely postponed the consideration of a proposition to submit to the people a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The interest excited by L'Ormeur Kavanagh's revelations in the Dublin court, continues unabated as the explanation of the Phoenix park murders continues. The prevailing opinion is that Kavanagh's testimony cannot be broken down. In certain points of his narrative he is strongly corroborated by independent witnesses.

Reports of the death of Archbishop McCabe, who is lying dangerously ill at his residence in Ireland were current during the early part of the week, but have since been denied. The archbishop cardinal is the highest prelate in the Irish church and has always obtained credit for possessing the greatest amount of influence with Rome.

News from the famine stricken districts in the north and west confirms previous reports of the dreadful destitution prevailing. Many cases of starvation have already taken place and the crop of potatoes will barely last a week longer. Urgent appeals are made by the local priests.

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has released Prince Napoleon, and the people are recovering from the fright occasioned by the bombastic manifesto. The conservatism of the senate is seen in its rejection of the first clause of Mr. Fabre's expulsion bill. This prohibits princes from holding any civil or military post in the service of the republic.

The new Dominion parliament of Canada has just met at Ottawa, but as there are no new laws needed, the session promises to be duller than usual. With Sir John A. Macdonald several prominent figures have disappeared from the house of commons.

Spain is still suffering in one of its limbs the cancer that we cut out of our body in 1800. The cabinet, however, in response to the incessant agitation of the liberal deputies, has struck the shackles from the limbs of 40,000 black men, and at the same rate slavery will soon be extinct in Cuba as it is in Virginia.

All the important German railway lines are now in the hands of the government. The few roads still owned privately will be absorbed at no very distant day. It is already evident that the state ownership will reduce the cost of operation.

Irish industry is at a low ebb. From time to time efforts have been made to improve it through the medium of national exhibitions. These efforts have failed. Politics, in part, has caused the failure, lack of adaptability in part, unreasoning prejudices in part.

It is seriously proposed to duplicate the Suez canal. It is 300 feet wide on the surface, but the banks slope so gradually that the channel at the bottom is only 200 feet wide. The earth taken out of this ditch was left on the banks, of course, so that the removal of one of these banks to widen the channel would be more expensive than the opening of a new channel parallel to the coast of this would be considerably less than that of the first, when terminal docks had to be constructed and provision depots all along.

Farming in England is in a very unsatisfactory condition. The season has been so very wet that the prospects of crops have seldom been worse at this season than they now are. As an illustration of the depreciation of farm property the experience of a large property-owner at Adestock, near Buckingham, may be taken.

The vague terms in which the queen alluded to Egyptian affairs threw no new light upon the situation. More may be learned from Lord Dufferin's dispatch, which informs his government that the policy respecting Egypt must assume one of two forms--either the country must be annexed to Great Britain, or be given a government of its own, and be taught how to manage it.

No new ministry had been formed in France up to Friday night through Fallieres' resignation is in the hands of President Grevy. The government

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