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NEWS AND REVIEWS.

The London *Tablet* says that the necessities of the Holy See are now so urgent that the Vatican expenditure has been further reduced in many respects.

A special school of diplomacy is to be established at the Vatican to make known to ecclesiastical students the history of Pontifical diplomacy from the original documents preserved there.

The recent published records of York Castle, England, formerly a fortress, but now for long used as a prison, show that in 1649 Isabella Billington, aged 32, was sentenced to death for crucifying her mother, and offering a cock and calf as a burnt sacrifice.

In the district of Waldai in Russia, wolves are making great ravages this year, and it is feared that the losses of the peasants will surpass those of 1878. The bill of slaughter for this year alone in the above district includes 276 horses, 851 cows, 1,653 sheep, 237 cows, 740 calves and 295 goats and pigs.

An action in the city court of Naples has been brought against the ex-Khelive of Egypt for the sum of 75,000 francs, the balance of 100,000 francs charged for a splendid porcelain service bought by Ismail Pasha some years ago from the Ginori establishment, and it is stated presented by him to the Prince of Wales.

A protective tariff does not appear to lift Germany out of its business depression. In Berlin, correspondents report "almost complete stagnation" in banking and business circles, one proof of which is seen in the fact that not one-third of the small houses belonging to building associations are occupied. In Paris, mean while, building is brisker than at any time since the busiest days of the second Empire, and 1,200 new houses are in process of erection.

California papers contain much information about the grape culture in that State. The *St. Helena Star* says: "Last summer a certain forty-acre tract, nineteen of which was in vines, was offered for \$4,500. Parties thought it too high. This fall the vineyard alone yielded \$2,500 worth of grapes." The *Amsham Gazette* reports: "It is said that there are tons of grapes rotting in the vineyards at Westminister, the owners being conscientious temperance people, who would rather see the fruit waste than sell it to winemakers."

A number of the occupants of European thrones are forced to give more time to their physicians than they can find to devote to affairs of government. The Czar's nerve is shattered, and Emperor William has to be very particular as to his food and airings. The King of Italy is miserably ill in health, his only child is frail and delicate, and Queen Margaret faints away at the least exertion. It is necessary to carry her about as she is moved about from one place to another. The Queen of Sweden suffers greatly from chronic heart disease, and she recently received a letter not long ago threatening the life of the Crown Prince; she has not left her bed.

A New York letter of last week's date, alluding to the rapid fluctuations in the cotton market, says: "The bears fought December and January (of which they were largely short) vigorously, but they held up well, while a large firm on William Street appeared as buyer of 35,000 bales of Marches—and to be for account of James R. Keene. His name causes fright among the shorts everywhere, and the shorts in cotton made haste to cover when it was rumored Keene was buying. Liverpool is being worked in connection with New York, and a sharp fight for and against cotton is going on, with the prospect of the biggest gambling during the remainder of the season ever known in any article of produce."

The Archduchess Christine, now Queen of Spain, was greatly beloved in Vienna, and her departure has left a void in the circle in which she lived that will not soon be filled. She is described as gentle, graceful, tender, amiable, interested in music, the drama, and the fine arts, and often seen in public with her mother, who is still a handsome and majestic woman, with a head like Maria Theresa's. The Emperor was extremely fond of Christine—fully as affectionate, probably, as the father whom she lost some years ago. At her departure for Spain Christine wept bitterly, and would not be comforted; the assembled Princes of her family embraced her with ill-repressed emotion, and the Emperor had to withdraw hastily to avoid giving way to an unkingly exhibition of feeling.

GRANT AND SETTLE.

We stated yesterday that Senator Don Cameron had been elected Chairman of the National Republican Executive Committee, and that Chicago had been selected as the place for holding the next National Republican Convention, and from these two facts advanced the idea that the chances that Grant would be nominated for a third term were quite possible.

Col. Thos. B. Keogh, of this State has been elected Secretary of the same committee, to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. R. B. McCormick. Keogh is known to be, not only a strong Grant partisan, but also a prominent advocate of the claims of Judge Settle to the second place on the ticket, and it would not be a surprise to us if Grant and Settle were the candidates of the Republican party in the next Presidential campaign. Every movement now is in that direction.

Cameron is shrewd, sagacious and determined in everything he undertakes, with immense wealth at his control which he will expend lavishly to attain a desired end. Keogh is also a shrewd politician, and one of the most skillful wire-pullers in the State if not in the entire South. Both will work persistently and unceasingly for the furtherance of the objects they have in view, and, although they will be obliged to work against each other and the interests of antagonism, the personal animosity will give them a prestige of advantage of which they will make the best possible use. With them Grant and Settle is the watchword, and we consider the elevation of these men to the prominent positions which they now hold as the most decided "boom" for those men as candidates which has yet been given them.

GOOD FOR NEW JERSEY.

We have no faith in the idea that a State may not exist and exercise all its legitimate functions of making and executing the laws, establishing and maintaining systems of education, and in fact, everything which belongs to the powers of a sovereign State without the burdens of an immense debt to embarrass and hamper the people. On the contrary, we have always believed that, if State Legislators were possessed of financial skill and shrewdness and an honest desire for the economic administration of the government and execution of the laws, a very small amount of taxation would be necessary to meet every demand. In nearly every State in the Union an immense debt hangs like a nether millstone around the neck of progress. In many of the States these debts were incurred during and since the war, none of them being very deeply involved previous to 1861.

In the little State of New Jersey there is abundant proof that a debt is not an absolute necessity, as the special taxes on the railroads of the State and other funds invested, the income of which is now available, will be sufficient to support its government without any taxation for State purposes whatever. From the forthcoming report of the comptroller it appears that, not only will there be enough from the sources we have indicated, to pay all necessary State expenses without taxation, but that there will also be a considerable surplus which will not be called for. It is expected that Governor McClellan, in his next annual message to the Legislature, when it convenes, will recite these facts and make a recommendation to the Legislature, which will reduce the amount of this burden, in ever so slight a degree, is worthy of all praise.

It is the only State thus happily situated, and we should think it a wise plan for political economists throughout the country to study the financial policy by which such a blessed condition of things has been attained. She must certainly have been controlled by a wise and far-seeing statesmanship worthy of study and imitation. It is a well-known fact, singular as it may appear, that no debt is paid so grudgingly and with so much grumbling as that made necessary by taxation, and the financial policy of a legislature which reduces the amount of this burden, in ever so slight a degree, is worthy of all praise.

In the past few days the mailing of foreign money orders has increased 60 per cent. at the New York postoffice. Wednesday the department sent \$90,200 in orders, principally to Great Britain, Germany and Switzerland. The orders were mostly in small sums of from \$10 to \$15, and were intended by the depositors as Christmas presents to parents, sisters, cousins and other kindred. Many of the others were addressed to persons in the suffering districts of Ireland.

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A late Paris paper says that Bartholdi is now 'putting a head on Liberty.'
The owner of a foul tongue is often chicker-hearted.—Teckensaak Republican.
When a cat goes for the tail of a rat sticking out of a hole, she has an end in view.—Boston Post.

More boys fell off chestnut trees this fall than for several years past.—Probably because this is an off year.—Fuck.
Like Tom Carlyle, I nobly hate all shams; I have an ear for music, and a mouth for clams.—Yokers Gazette.

Speaking of the Indian war, a colorist, who says that in this instance he is color-blind, wonders why the reds make the whites feel blue. Well, it is because the government is green.—N.Y. Herald.

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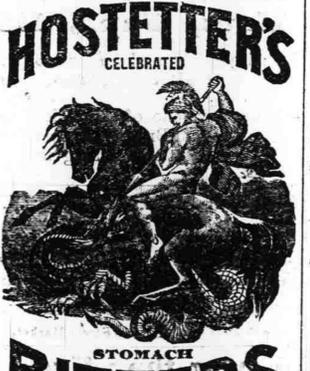
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