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Our Washington letter of the 13th

states that Mr. W. H. Williams, of

Charlotte, N. C., who was in Wash-

ington working on the matter of the

location of the collector's headquar-

ters of this district desired the loca-

tion either at "Newton or Hickory."

A telegram from Mr. Williams re-

quests us to state that he is working

for Newton, as the most desirable

point for the office.

As the warm weather approaches

it may be of interest to those who do

not favor the propagation of the mos-

quito to know that a little oil poured

in rain barrels, open tanks, &c., will

prove fatal to the wiggle, which in

time develops into a first-class biter.

He has to come to the surface like a

whale to breathe, and the supply of

air being cut off by the film of oil he

sinks and dies.

Col. Lamont, the President's private

secretary, and a party of friends, vis-

ited Mount Vernon a few days ago.

They did not pursue the custom pre-

valent in Republican days of running

down the river in a government boat,

but paid their fare like first class

American citizens.

Mr. McLean, of the Cincinnati En-

quirer says he does not visit any office,

appointive or elective, and would not

have one if accompanied with a chro-

no attachment. Add yet there is a

suspicion prevalent in Ohio that

Mr. McLean would not object to a

seat in the U. S. Senate.

The population of London by the

cenusus of 1851 was 2,292,384; 1861, 2,-

803,989; 1871, 2,264,260; 1881, 3,814,571

It is customary now to refer to Lon-

don as a city of 4,000,000 people. The

average annual increase from 1871 to

1881 was between 10,000 and 20,000

people.

HOW THE WORLD DIGS.

Varieties of Agricultural Implements

on Five Continents.

Philadelphia, Pa.

In northern Mexico a crooked stick

drawn by an ox or a mule, is scratched

on the ground and the farmer sows

his seed before planting or sowing.

Hoes are heavy, awkward tools.

Reaping is done with sickles and

threshing by tread-wheels.

In Managua, the most common

implements are the machete and the

machete. The iron pointed stick they

use in the ground and the seed corn is

cast in. In a few days the young

corn is up and it is in the hands of

the farmer. The hoe and the plow con-

stitute the agricultural implements in

Central America, and especially in

Honduras. These are mostly of

English or German make, being

cheaper than those manufactured in

America.

The most of the cultivation on

farms in Brazil, and especially where

there is slave labor, is with the hoe,

and the plow. The hoe is used by

five pounds each, and mostly im-

ported from England in barrels, ten

PARTISAN POSTMASTERS.

HOW POSTMASTER GENERAL VI-

LAS PROPOSES TO WEED THEM OUT.

His Letter to Congressmen Outlines

a Policy by which Political Workers

are to be Suppressed by Efficient

Postoffice Men.

Washington, May 13.—Postmas-

ter General VILAS has issued a pri-

vate circular letter to the chief

democratic members of Congress

with reference to the removal and

appointment of postmasters. The

letter is as follows: (Confidential.)

Postoffice Department, Office of

Postmaster General, Washington,

April 29, 1885.—Dear Sir: The con-

sideration of the subject of your

coming for some time yet to the

department, and I think it desirable

that some action should be taken in

the way of removals, and an im-

mediate consideration of the subject

relief to which they are justly en-

titled from partisan postmasters. I

have had a conference with the Vir-

ginia delegation and they will con-

sider the subject of removals and

appointments from three to ten in

a county, and I have also received

several hundred altogether. I had

intended to invite yourself and the

democratic delegation from Ohio to

meet me this week and consider the

plan upon which we should proceed

in making removals in Ohio. But I

understand it will be inconvenient for

me to travel hither now, and it

will be necessary for you to delay

the same until it can be accomplished

by writing. I shall beg you therefore,

to consider the suggestions I make as

to the methods of procedure, and if

you can give substantial relief that

will take away the importance, and

consequently the interest, of the

subject, and I shall be glad to

hear from you on the subject.

This is, in short, the plan which

the most obnoxious and offensive

partisans in each county, to the num-

ber of a sixth to a quarter of all, and

which will be the result of the

removal of the present postmasters.

I will require no more proof

of partisanship in these selections

than the affirmation of knowledge on

the part of a Representative or Sena-

tor that the present postmaster has

been an active editor or proprietor of a

Republican newspaper, printing offe-

nsive articles, easily shown by slips;

or a stump speaker, or member of a

political club, or organizer of polit-

ical meetings, or that his office has

been made the headquarters of polit-

ical workers. Possibly other acts of

equal force may be noted in some

cases. If the Representative does not

know the fact, it should be estab-

lished by some affidavit of some per-

son of whom he can affirm to be un-

questioned "credibility," or by some

documentary evidence.

In recommending for appointment,

I beg to state that I will state the

Charlotte Cushman's Post.

Theatrical Exchange.

"Charlotte Cushman, had a foot of

her own in size and generally wore

four, but could crowd into a three-

and-a-half of a tight squeeze." One

night, soon after recovering from a

severe attack of inflammatory rheu-

matism, she was wearing a pair of

slippers much too small for her.

Parting behind the wings between

scenes, she snatched them off and

threw them as far as she could ex-

claiming: "Ye gods! Somebody lend

me a pair of slippers, or I will go on

in my stockings!" "What number