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A commissioner has been appointed by the New York Supreme Court to determine whether the Underground Railroad Company shall be allowed to tunnel Broadway, between Park and Fourteenth streets.

There is no change in the situation at Albany. The dead-lock promises to remain unbroken and the question of an adjournment is now beginning to agitate itself. It is not likely that the vacancies will be filled by this Legislature.

Thirty thousand troops are to be thrown into Ireland to keep the peace-If the powerful Gladstone government could only do by the Emerald Isle as it did by the Boers in the Transvaal, a settlement of the existing troubles would not be very difficult of accomplishment.

Mr. Cyrus W. Field, who has recently returned home from a trip around the world, finds that New York surpasses auv other city he has visited in the filthiness of its streets. Since leaving New York on the 2d of November, he has travelled nearly thirty thousand miles.

Within the last decade seven of the great public men whose fame filled Europe for a couple of generations have died-Napoleon III, Mazzini, Thiers, Victor Emanuel, Pius IX. Alexander II and Beaconsfield. Gortchakoff, Bismarck and Gladstone are still in harness, but their age will scarcely carry them to

Icebergs and great fields of ice are reperted in unusual quantities off Newfoundland and directly in the track of ocean steamers. The summer travel is now at its height and the great steamers are carrying full lists in both directions. For the next month arrivals on either side will be looked for with great interest and there will be occasion for thankfulness if no ocean horrors are added to the long list of disasters of 1881,

Love of more than ordinary constancy botwoon Dake Paul of Mecklenburg and last received its reward. The couple are of different religious professions, the Duke Protestant and the Princess Ro. man Catholic, and the father of the Princess refused his consent unless the Duke embraced Catholicism. This was impossible for family reasons. Finally the father of the Princess agreed to give his consent, provided the approval of the Pope could be first obtained. The Pope made it a condition of giving his approval that children of the union should be reared as Roman Catholics. This also was impossible for family reasons, and there seemed to be no hope of bridging over the difficulty. Nevertheless, the young couple pledged each other undying constancy, and they are now made happy by receiving the Pope's dispensation, through the direct influence, it is said, of Prince Bismarck.

We can't understand the temerity of President Battle, of the University of North Carolina, in presenting the names of a number of gentlemen for honorary degrees at the late Commencement. Senator Matt Ransom was made a Doctor of Laws, as was also Bishop Green, of Mis sissippi, Rev. Dr. Hepburn, of David son College, and Hon. Thos. H. Ruffin, a Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina. Rev. Calvin H. Wiley, of Winston, one of the most prominent educators in the State, received a tardy recog nition in the bestowal of the degree of Doctor of Divinity, which was also conferred on Rev. Jos. H. Foy, of St. Louis' Mo., a native of this city. President Battle will be sorry to learn, perhaps, that some of the newspaper press in North Carolina object to the bestowal of these titles, but he will not be very much overcome by the knowledge. It will console him somewhat, we presume, to learn that the principal objector to the use of titles (by other people) is the principal offender in this respect. Twice within the past week it has called gentlemen by the title of "Colonel" who have absolutely no claim whatever to that or any other military title, and not long ago it spoke of the wife of General Simon B. Buckner as "Mrs. General Buckner," an example which bore fruit soon after in a neighboring country paper,

which alluded to "Mrs. Rev." somebody. Why is it that some people arrogate to themselves the right to break any or all of the laws at pleasure, yet preach the most condign punishment for all others who may offend in the slightest particular ?

A "pool" is said to be in process of formation for the reinstatement of defaulted Southern State bonds—the bonds of Louisiana, South Carolina, North Carolina, Arkansas, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama and Frorida. These repudiated securities now amount to over \$100, 000,000. An assessment of 10 per cent. would create a "reptile fund" of \$10,-000,000, which, judiciously disposed, would "open the eyes" of many Southern legislators.

There are four subventioned theatres in the French capital. The Opera receives a subsidy of \$160,000; the Theatre Francais \$48,000; the Odeon \$20,-000, and the Opera Comique \$60,000. In spite of the subvention the Opera last year made a net loss of about \$3,000, on an expenditure of \$800,000. The Thea? tre Francais spent \$280 000, and with the subvention contrived to make both ends meet.

The scheme for a great musical festival in New York next year, under the direction of Theodore Thomas, has al ready taken practical shape, and an experienced agent will be dispatched at once to Europe to close engagements with artists of celebrity. Subscriptions to the guaranty fund have already reached the sum of \$55,000, sufficient to insure the success of the undertaking, and it is expected that the amount can easily be raised to \$75,000 or \$100,000. Offers el assistance have been received and acknowledge from Boston, Philadelphia and other cities.

MININATION

The best thing for a boil, about these days, is a nice bunch of asparagus.—New Haven Register.

The hair dresser hopes his heirs will never be able to say "He dyed poor."-Boston Commercial Bulletin.

Chang, the Chinese giant, is not lazy, perhaps, but he lies longer in bed than any other man in this country.

You cannot cultivate a man's acquaintance by continually harrowing his feelings .- New Orleans Picayune. When actors get angry with one an-

other, they generally make up before the next performance.—Boston Transcript. "No kiss?" he said, pleadingly, "no kiss from my darling to night?' "No," she said, emphatically, "no kiss. I h ar that there are mumps in your family."-The Sanitarian.

A Philadelphia millionaire persuaded his sons to study law, and then, so that they would be sure to get possession of all his property, willed it to some one else.—Philadelphia News.

Deer at any price-venison.-Lowell it is generall-"My wife," remarked Fitzboodle, "is fairly crazy over the spring fashions. She's got the delirium trimmins."

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