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The Providence Journal says the quar ter of a million dollars raised by subscription for ex President Grant has been in · vested. in United States four per cents, and is to be presented to him privately.

The Tribune says a rural member of the New York Assembly introduced a bill at Albany recently "for the protecttion of polerats, etherwise known as skunks," which he declared to be useful to hop growers.

Formal notifications of contests for af teen seats in the House of Representatives, in most cases accompanied by voluminous testimony, are now on file in the cierk's office of the House. Thirteen of these contested cases are from the South, els. Alabama alone having four.

The capacity of the steel works of the world is estimated at about 3,000.000 fors a year. The Bessemer works in England contribute about 800.000 tons the United States 750,000 tons more Germany about 500,000; France about 275 000; Belgium, 150,000; Austria, 250,000; and Russia and Sweden about 150,000.

Secretary Blaine said to an interviewer a few days since that there were more than 1,900,000 applications for office on file in the various departments in Washington. According to Spofford's American Almanac the total Republican vote of the country at the last election was one in every four of the Republicans of the United States is an active office

most exasperatingly cool, and Professor Harkness is one of them when he says, as if the affair was only of the slightest possible consequence, that it is not improbable that we passed through the tail of the comet about the 20th of June! It is too late now to scream about it, but hosts of people will feel as if they had been grievously cheated out of a sensation, and just at the time the world was to come to an end, too.

Apropos of the comet, what is the velocity of light? Prof. George Forbes and Dr. Young have just reported the result of their recent experiments at Wemyss Bay, on the Clyde, the method emplyed being a modification of Fizeau's plan. The result obtained in the United States by M. Michaelson (with sunlight) gave 186,000 miles a second; Cornu found (with a petroleum lamp) a rate of 186, 700: Forbes finds a velocity of 187,200 but this determination was obtained from an electric light.

Gen. Swaim has received the evidence and verdict in the Whittaker case, embracing about eleven thousand pages of manuscript. He will begin at once to make a careful review of it, and until her has completed it the public will not know what the verdict is. It has been reported the verdict was adverse, but it is not known on what foundation, if any the story stands. Certainly no one but the court has any knowledge of it. | Prof. Greener, the counsel for the defendant, has had no intimation, he says, of what the finding of the court was, and he does not credit the statement that Whittaker was found guilty of cutting his own care.

Senator Voorhees, of Indiana, is said to have expressed himself very emphatically in opposition to the proposed prohibitory amendments to the constitution of that State, condemning it as unconstitutional and impossible of execution under any circumstances. He denies the right of the State or Federal government to confiscate the property of citizens engaged in lawful trade and asserts that the cause of temperance can be promoted only by education and the general improvement of the people, nothing ever having been accomplished by sumptuary

During the academical year which ended June 29th, Harvard College received more than \$500,000 in donations, which is about twice the regular average. The actual resources of the college, however, are considerably less than they were seven or eight years ago. The interest earned upon \$9,000,000 of college funds in 1873 4 was 81 per cent. "We shall do very well," said President Elliot, in his commencement dinner speech, "if we earn 51 per cent. The loss by the diminution of income from the funded proporty, supposing the funded property to have been all the time the FIFTY DOLLARS for twelve months. Se same, has been 3 per cent. on \$4,000,000, or \$120,000 a year."

THE CROP PROSPECTS.

The yield of the wheat crop in Europe, says the Banker and Broker, is reported as likely to exceed that of last year by 100,000,000 bushels, while on this side it will be short probably from thirty to forty million bushels. The States that will be short are Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. Last year they raised 180,000,000 bushels.

In the Atlantic States there is no complaint. There is some complaint in Tennessee and Kentucky, but the promise is as good as that of last year, which was comparatively poor.

West of the Mississippi and east of the Rocky Mountains, the present prospect is that the outcome will considera bly exceed the crop of 1880; and the crop of California will be quite as good as that of last year. Oregon has promise of having a full crop with increased acreage. In these two States there re main 22,000,000 bushels of old wheat available for expert.

The available supply over the United States and Canada, exclusive of California and Oregon, is about 16,500,000 bush-

The receipts at lake ports are now about 1,500,000 against exports of about 1,000,000 bushels per week. The receipts at seaboard ports, however, from sources of supply other than lake ports, make the weekly receipts at seaboard ports, including flour and wheat, between 2,500,-000 and 3,000,000 bushels.

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"Why did Gen. Washington cross the Delaware on the ice during the storm of an awful night?" asked a teacher of her Some people, says the Herald, can be young class in history. "I reckon," piped a small voice in answer, "it was because he wanted to get on the other side."- Worcester Gazette.

'How beautiful is the language o flowers," exclaimed Miss Posigush; which is your favorite flower, Mr. Smart?" "Graham," said Smart sententiously. Miss Posigush thinks there are some persons without a particle of sentiment in their souls .- Boston Tran-

Gen. Tom Browne of Indiana, of the Committee of Visitors of Annapolis, says that "when the board unanimously voted the use of tobacco an injurious habit, which ought not to be tolerated among cadets, every member of it had a cigar in his mouth."-Lowell Courier.



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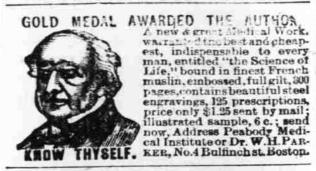
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