

When a boy we read "Festas," that everybody read, and thought it strange and wonderful.

Mr. Joseph Cowen was the Irish member who was singled out by Mr. Parnell for political ostracism, and all Irishmen were urged to vote against him.

France is threatened with a crisis. On the 30th of January, 1886, the term of office of President Grevy expires.

It is his eager ambition that the close of his career shall be either death in the highest office of the realm or voluntary retirement from that office without the honors of a medal or imperator.

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THE LATE REV. DR. CURTIS. We have received the "Journal of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society" for the year 1884-5.

What Dr. Curtis teaches concerning fungi (mushrooms) is worthy of general circulation. He found 111 varieties of edible mushrooms in North Carolina.

There are certain species of mushrooms that are deadly poisons. But the edible kinds are regarded as so delicious by those who have eaten them that it is a matter for regret that more people do not understand their character.

While the mad-dog scare is filling the papers and boys and men are filling all the way to Paris to be treated for hydrophobia by M. Pasteur.

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China and her representatives at Washington have contributed \$500 to the Grant monument.

The editorial correspondent of the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle, Mr. James R. Randall, bears testimony as to the value of Civil Service which we very heartily concur in.

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Wandering Warren. The Canton, Pa., Sentinel of December 25, has the following announcement: The Chataqua Circle, and the committee having immediate charge of the arrangements for a lecture course, have spent considerable time and patience already, and expect to spend much more in trying to provide pleasant and profitable entertainment to the hearers.

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OYSTER WAR. Maryland Druggers Resisted a Police Steamer - A Pierce Fastboat Kept up for Some Time - Cannon Shot Used by the Steamer - Result of the Fight Unknown.

NEW MEXICO. A War of Extirmination to be Waged Against the Apache Indians. (By Telegram to the Morning Star.) DENVER, December 24.—Leading citizens of this city met on yesterday afternoon to discuss the means for prosecuting a war of extermination against the murderous Apaches.

PENNSYLVANIA. The Strike Situation in the Monongahela Valley. (By Telegram to the Morning Star.) PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—There was no new development in the mining strike in the Monongahela Valley this morning.

GEORGIA. Judge Clark's Decision in the Atlanta Contested Election Case. ATLANTA, Dec. 24.—This morning, in the Superior Court, Judge Marshall J. Clarke declared his decision in the contested election case.

INDIANA. The Hendricks Monument Association Will Not Ask Aid from the General Government. INDIANAPOLIS, December 24.—The Executive Committee of the Hendricks Monument Association has been discussing a suggestion in the newspapers that Congress appropriate \$10,000 in aid of the construction of the memorial.

VIRGINIA. A Deficit of \$50,000 Reported by a County Treasurer's Accounts. HARRISBURG, Dec. 24.—The sureties on the official bond of S. R. Sterling, treasurer of this county, held a meeting yesterday afternoon in the county court.

RHODE ISLAND. Shipping Disaster - Gale and Snow. PROVIDENCE, December 24.—The Point Judith Life-Saving crew put out in their boat yesterday afternoon to meet the schooner Wm. DeWitt and another unknown vessel, and have not yet returned.

FOREIGN. The London Times Suggests Extreme Measures for Ireland - German-Americans to be Expelled from Schleswig - Cholera in Cayenne. (By Cable to the Morning Star.) LONDON, Dec. 24.—It is reported that the Government intends to prosecute one of the recently elected Irish members of Parliament for a speech made at the Land League meeting at Cork, on the ground that the language used on the occasion tended to incite his hearers to commit murder.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—It is stated at the county hospital this morning that at least two hundred and fifty persons were injured at the burning of the Christmas tree at the festivity yesterday, but that most of the injuries are of a trivial nature.

MICHIGAN. Polish Catholics Meeting in Detroit. (By Telegram to the Morning Star.) DETROIT, Dec. 24.—Early this morning the Polish Catholics of St. Albert's church gathered about that building, but dispersed without doing any damage to the church.

MISSOURI. Trouble Between White and Colored Miners. (By Telegram to the Morning Star.) BEVIER, December 24.—Much apprehension was felt among law-abiding citizens yesterday in regard to the white and black miners, but no conflict occurred between them.

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