

The English government have decided not to resort, for the present, to coercion in Ireland, but to strengthen the ordinary law.

The Public Printer estimates the cost of printing previously ordered by Congress within the present year at \$159,856.

Admiral Luce made an argument before the House Committee on Naval Affairs in advocacy of an appropriation for a naval war-college at Crostic Island.

The survivors of Pickett's Confederate division, arranging for a patriotic reunion, will meet the veterans of Hancock's corps at Gettysburg on July 3 next.

It is announced that William A. Meyers, of Alleghany county, N. Y., has discovered a process of making gas from crude oil, and it is claimed that it will cheapen fuel and illumination.

More than seven hundred thousand dollars in gold was shipped to Europe yesterday, and three hundred thousand went last week. The German government is supposed to be at the bottom of this demand.

The Supreme Court of Tennessee has decided that all druggists in that State are liable for the retail liquor dealer's tax. The decision was a test case which affects others. Altogether \$500,000 are involved.

There was a notable wedding in the Congregational church at Salt Lake City the other day. The groom was Hong Hop, one of the leading Chinese merchants of the city, who has discarded the Chinese garb, joined the Congregational church, and become an anti-Mormon. The bride was a comely young English girl who came to this country six months ago.

In the Senate on Monday resolutions of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation in favor of coast defences were presented. The Ordnance Committee was authorized to sit in Washington during the recess and to have three naval officers detailed to assist the members. The River and Harbor bill was passed. A bill to incorporate the Maritime Canal Company of Nicaragua was passed. The District of Columbia Appropriation bill was taken up. In the House discussion of the report of the Conference Committee on the repeal of the Pre-emption, Timber, Culture and Desert Land act, occupied the entire day, ending in ordering a new conference.

The Whale Won the Fight.

The whaling bark John and Wintrop Poole, of New Bedford, has arrived at Albany, Western Australia. A letter sent from there reached Provincetown. In it he says:

On the 12th of September three boats put after a whale, which, when it was struck, went for the loose boat in charge of the second mate, C. A. Sparks, of Prov-

incetown, capsizing it with his tail. Not content with this, however, the whale dived down and rising, bumped the boat beneath until it was shaken to pieces. That not being enough to show its temper it dived again, and in a few minutes the crew of the boat commanded by the chief mate John A. Cook, of Provincetown, were startled by seeing a gigantic jaw on either side of them, and in a second or two their boat was cut in half, and they were struggling in the water. Fortunately no one was in the waist of the boat, and so none were injured.

A gale was blowing at the time or else the boat would have been saved. The whale was evidently dying, but the weather became so bad that nothing could be done beyond getting the men in. The remaining crew picked up the crew of the first boat wrecked and made for the ship, while a boat from the vessel put off to save the first mate and his crew. When the mate was found he had been clinging for an hour to a part of the boat with one finger in the cork-hole. He stated on being picked up that he could not have held on many minutes longer. The weather had now become so bad that although but a quarter of a mile from the ship, it took more than four hours for the relief crew to return. The whale got clear, carrying away with it 375 fathoms of line, and was never seen again. The Sunday after the weather cleared, one-half of the boat was picked up, and on the Monday following the other half was found. One had the marks of the whale's teeth plainly visible on the plank just above the keel.

Son of the Dauphin.

The late James H. Rion, of Winsboro, had a large number of personal friends in Charlotte and they are manifesting considerable interest in the reputed death bed confession of Col. Rion, relative to his distinguished parentage. On his death bed, Col. Rion cleared up the mystery which has always surrounded his birth by confessing, in the presence of Dr. Hanahan, his physician, and of his entire family, that he was the son of the Dauphin of France, who would have been King Louis XVII, had it not been for the French Revolution, which, by the execution of Louis XVI, culminated in the overthrow of the Bourbon Dynasty. His statement was that this boy, the Dauphin who was reported to have died at an early age, and to have been imbecile, had not really died but had been sent over to Canada and had there been reared in obscurity under the name of De Rion; that he entered the English army and was married to Miss Hunter, and that Col. Rion was the offspring of that marriage.

All this is purely sensational, however, as it seems that Col. Rion was under the influence of morphine, when he made his dying declaration and it was purely a picture of imagination.—Charlotte Chronicle.

DUM VIVMUS, VIVAMUS.

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier by them. The kind things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send for their coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. I my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours, and open them that I may be refreshed and cheered by them while I need them. I would rather have a plain coffin with a

flower, without a funeral and eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Let us learn to anoint our friends beforehand for their burial. Post-mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over the weary way.

STATE NEWS.

A company with a cash capital of \$30,000 has been formed in Shelby, N. C., for the purpose of erecting and running a cotton factory.

Over four hundred persons professed religion at the Methodist church in Charlotte last week. The revivalist, Mr. Pearson, will remain there a week longer.

The revival in the Methodist church in Reidsville is still going on. One hundred and five persons have made a profession of religion, and eighty or more have united with the church.

The news has just reached us of the serious misfortune that happened to Mr. George Belcher, of Carolina township, a few weeks ago. His house and nearly all its contents were burned up, his loss being about six hundred dollars, we hear.—Greeneville Standard.

The citizens of William township, Chatham county, will petition the Legislature to annex a portion of that township to Durham county.—Durham Recorder.

PERSONAL.

M. Grevy is two years Mr. Gladstone's senior.

A statue of Schuyler Colfax, cast in Chicago by Larado Taft, is to be set up at Indianapolis.

Miss Mildred Lee, daughter of the Confederate General, is spending the latter part of the winter in Washington.

Judge Anthony, of Chicago, recently sentenced a man in the following slangy style: "Let 'er go, Gallagher; one year."—Phil. Record.

Queen Margaret, of Italy, personally selects all the Christmas presents for her servants and for her inmates of her various charitable institutions.

The relentless and remorseless suppression of the voice of John Dillon in the House of Commons is the severest blow that the system of parliamentary government has received during recent years.—N. Y. Star.

Representative Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, is described as "a tall an elegant man in appearance and manners, having the cordial grace of an educated gentleman without detracting from his force and vigor as a man. He is about thirty-eight years of age, with a frank and engaging face, surrounded by light-brown whiskers."

A politician recently said in Washington that Everts was not elected by 'boodle,' but by public opinion. A few bright young men were paid fifteen dollars a day to go out among the country towns and talk up Everts. Soon the country papers began to talk Everts, and before long public sentiment was too strong to be overcome.

SILENCED.—'Well, I never,' remarked Dumley, as he tried to bite through a muffin the other morning at breakfast.

What is the matter? inquired the landlady.

This bread is awful, angrily replied Dumley.

Well, it's better bred than you are, was the freezing response.

The silence that came over the breakfast table was so deep that it punched a hole in the cellar floor. Life.

Five hundred coopers struck in Brooklyn Saturday, on the ground that the firm for which they were working were supplying boards to mills where non-union men were employed.

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