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Hon. Thomas Murphy was confirmed as collector of the Port of New York on Wednesday last, with only three dissenting votes—Fenton, Harris and Tipton. Mr. Hillhouse was also confirmed as assistant Treasurer.

THE RHINE.

The tenor of our news from the capitals of France and Prussia does not inspire us with trust that the Prince of Hohenzollern's withdrawal will make peace inevitable. The conditions necessary to war are still complete, and a word, a motion, an accident, may precipitate the strife of two armed and angry nations. We attach importance to the proposed speech of M. Gambetta in favor of a demand upon Prussia for the fulfillment of the Prague treaty—for M. Gambetta is at this moment probably the most popular Radical orator in France. Not less significant in its way is the assertion of a leading newspaper of Berlin :—Germany indignantly repels the measureless arrogance of France."

Notwithstanding, then, the protest of an eminent French journalist that the Plebiscitum meant peace; notwithstanding that well-meant Liberals are opposed to the contemplated argument of M. Gambetta, and in spite of recent conspiracy and present strikes—the Emperor's rather stirring overture to battle is not unpopular with the mass of Parisiennes. On the other hand, the aggressive temper shown by Napoleon is calculated to thoroughly provoke Germany out of that phlegmatic mood which is said to render her people slow, but which is less the case with Prussia than with any other member of the great Teutonic family. Austria may fall asleep over her war budget—as M. Thiers hints she did in the last war—and get rudely wakened as such places as Sadowa. But Prussia has provided well for the day of wrath, and of late years has been singularly saving and alert.

The withdrawal of Prince Leopold while King William declares that he has supported his candidature, will give France her choice of peace in the interest of Europe, or war for the sake of Rhenish conquest. The non-fulfillment of that portion of the Prague treaty which stipulates that North-Schleswig shall elect, by free vote, whether it shall be Danish or not, may give France a pretext to make war for the possession of the provinces on the Rhine. Doubtless so astute and vigilant a ruler as Napoleon has not taken his present bold step without great calculation of the force, the feeling and the chances in his favor. But the world at large doubts him, as it doubts him everything, because it dislikes him, and because it expects that at some day the hero of the *coup detat* will overreach himself or be overreached. War it is true, may unite France, but what if it unites Germany so thoroughly that nothing is left of an anti-Prussian sentiment outside of Austria?—*N. Y. Standard.*

"Into What hands has the Empire State Fallen!"

The ascendancy of the Democracy in this State was to inaugurate a civil, political and commercial millenium.—The canals, especially, were to be revolutionized. There were to be no more breaks, no more obstructions, and no more delays. Everything was to bear the impress of Democrat perfection and the revenues were to increase so rapidly that people should be compelled to confess that knaves had been succeeded by honest men.

But what are the facts? The Erie Canal was passed into the hands of the Democratic officials nearly two years ago in order—except the middle division, which continued under the direction of Mr. Hayt until last December, and which the new Commissioners conceded was in perfect condition.—There are appearances of dilapidation already, along the whole line; and no one will be more surprised to find more numerous and more serious obstructions in this canal before the close of navigation than were ever before experienced by our often afflicted boatmen.

The Chemung Canal is not navigable at all. For all practical purposes, it might as well never been built.

The Champlain Canal is in a most deplorable condition. Navigation is not entirely suspended, but it would be money in the pockets of boatmen if it was, for they could then go home and stop expenses. As it is they continue on in hope. But any hope which depends upon either Democratic honesty or Democratic efficiency is "hope deferred" which "maketh the heart sick."

And the revenue of the canals is, if possible, in a worse condition than the canals themselves. By the outrageous mismanagement which has distinguished Democratic rule, *the revenue has fallen off nearly one-half*, as will be seen by the following statement of tolls collected from the opening of the canal navigation to and including the third week of June for a series of years that the State suffers in its revenues. A swarm of new officers have been created under the title of "patrolmen," whose duties may be defined to be to draw their two dollars a day, sit on the two-path and drink whisky during the hot months, and to vote the Democratic ticket in November. Through this agency, an indefinite number of thousands of dollars of the reduced revenues will be swamped.

This, however, is not all. Money paid to a swarm of useless officials may be a benefit to their families. But money invested in old crow bars, broken picks, worn out shovels, dilapidated wheel barrows, &c, can be of no use to any one but the seller and the feed officials who consent to become the purchaser in the name of the State. And yet our Democratic canal managers have recently invested about one hundred thousand dollars in just such commodities, which are even more useless than the battalion of patrolmen who have nothing to do.

The year 1870 will furnish a beggarly canal record, and a most melancholy illustration of the deficiency and incompetency of the man into whose hands the Empire State has fallen.—*Albany Journal.*

From The New-York Standard.

A Noble Gift.

Mr. A. Minard of Morristown, N. J. whose building, a fine Orphan's Home at Morristown, was lately mentioned in these columns, has just finished the good work which he began, by deeding the entire buildings, fully furnished, together with the extensive grounds adjoining, to the Bishops of the M. E. Church of the United States, to be used by them for the purposes of an Orphan's Home. Mr. Minard last winter obtained an act of incorporation from the State Legislature, and purposed watching over and supporting the home himself, but of late finding his health failing, he concluded to place it in good hands before his health rendered him incapable of attending to it. The necessary deeds were passed last week, and the Metodist Episcopal Church is now the possessor of the finest private Home in the country. The Bishops are to deed the building to Trustees, not less than nine nor more than eighteen in number, who are to have the managing of the home and the appointing to it of the inmates. As it will be necessary to secure a new act of incorporation during the coming winter, the home will till then remain under the superintendence of Mr. Minard, and at his private expense. By the deed of transfer Mr. Minard stipulates that a preference shall be given to the daughters of foreign missionaries of the M. E. Church, whose health or education renders it necessary for them to visit this country; and should there not be enough of these to fill the Home Orphan Girls from any part of the United States will be admitted. In consequence of this clause the institution will not, in future, be known as the Orphan's Home, and some more suitable name will be chosen.

The President's Choice of Officers.

(From The Irish Republic.)

President Grant knows but one qualification in his choice of officers, that is fitness. Race, religion, and the small issues that bind small men are nothing in his eyes. The party and the country shall see that the President was right. New York State has been lost for the last two years by the sheer culpable factiousness of certain Republican leaders. Division among leaders, while it makes a paltry partisan of a zealot, disgusts and demoralizes the masses. We have had much noise and no real fight with the Democracy for the last two years. The Republicans of this State, aroused to their work by the trumpet of confidence, can, at any time, carry everything before them. The nomination of Mr. Murphy shows that Grant is in earnest about this work of re organization, for our future Collector is the man to draw a compelling chain around the dogs of faction and lift the true Republicans to the struggle of the hour.

Fatal Shooting at St. Johnsville, N.Y.

St. Johnsville, N. Y., July 5th—Thomas E. Burdick, a school teacher in this village, was shot about one o'clock this morning, by Charles Eacker, and died at half past ten. Burdick passed into the barroom of the Franklin House, and was followed by Eacker, who, stepping in front of Burdick, drew a pistol, and, without a word, shot him, the ball entering the left breast, and passing through the lungs, lodged beneath the skin and the spine. Eacker was immediately arrested, and is now lodged in the Fonda jail. It was with great difficulty that the people were restrained from lynching Eacker. He had threatened to take Burdick's life some time since, on account of some law matters, but little attention was paid to the threat. Eecker was in liquor at the time of the shooting.

The Post Office Department.

Washington, July 7.—An effort will be made before the close of the present session to pass the bill, heretofore reported from the House Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads to revise, consolidate and amend the statutes relating to the Post Office and such other foreign ports at which United States mail steamers touch the land and receive mails as may in his judgment promote the efficiency of the foreign mail service. Any person intrusted by law with the sale of postage stamps or stamped envelopes, who shall refuse or neglect to account for the same, shall be deemed guilty of embezzlement, and subject to the same penalty and punishment as are provided for the embezzlement of money.

The rate of postage on newspapers (except weeklies), periodicals not exceeding four ounces in weight, and circulars, when the same are deposited in a letter-carrier office for delivery by the office or its carriers, shall be uniform at one cent each. but periodicals weighing more than four ounces shal, be subject to a postage of two cents each, and these rates shall be prepaid by stamps.

Money orders are authorized to be issued at any branch post offices or stations.

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Letters on which postage is wholly unpaid, or paid less than one half the rate, are to be sent to the Dead Letter Office.

Additional sections are proposed as to larceny and forgery, and the use of a postage stamp that has already been used is visited with a penalty of one or three years' imprisonment.

The present rates of postage are not altered.

The object of the bill is to effect a more harmonious working of the postal system.

Movement Against the Morris and Essex Railroad by Property Owners of Jersey City.

Steps are being taken to compel the Erie and Morris and Essex Railroad Companies to remove their railroad tracks from Monmouth street, Jersey City, on the ground that they have no legal right of way. At the time the Morris and Essex Railroad was built property upon Monmouth street was comparatively valueless, and the owners took no active steps to prevent the laying of the track. Latterly, however, the property has risen in value, and would become still more valuable but for the railroads. Hence the efforts to have them removed. All the property upon the street is owned by the heirs of the late John B. Coles.

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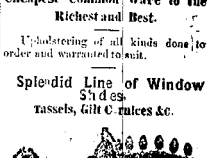

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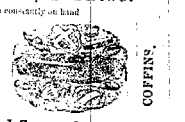

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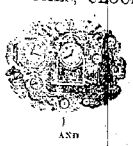

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