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THE tariff bill contains over 2,000 items, and besides disposing of all these, congress has at least four very important appropriation bills to act on, and less about four weeks in which to do it.

CASES of death and extreme suffering by starvation are accumulating in the west of Ireland. Hungry throngs are besieging the residences of the clergy, who have distributed every available shilling for relief.

THE Pioneer Press well says: "Accustomed as the halls of congress are to displays of rank partisanship they have seldom witnessed a more unpardonable exhibition of it than when the bill for the division of Dakota was defeated. The vice of party feeling could no farther go."

THE letters written and mailed in Iowa each year average about eighteen to each person in the state. In Nebraska the average is about twelve; in Minnesota twenty-one, and in Dakota thirty. Few of the southern states are credited with over ten, while in North Carolina the number is less than six. The District of Columbia, where congress, etc., is heads the list with above eighty-five.

IT is estimated that over 4,000 lives were lost last year by calamities on land and sea. A record of the disasters for January shows that that month has been unusually prolific of disasters and loss of life. Over 1,000 lives have been sacrificed by shipwreck, explosions, fires, etc. How many of these lives might have been saved had proper precautions for safety been employed? The record is full of warning.

MR. PETTIGREW has been assured by Chairman Saunders, of the senate committee on territories, that he will get the Dakota division bill through his committee, after the tariff bill is disposed of, and thinks the senate will pass it. It will then go to the speaker's table, in the house, and be reached there, in its order. Democratic members of the house have told Pettigrew they will vote for the bill if the republicans will pledge that no amendment will be added in the senate for the admission of Southern Dakota.

The License System Pernicious.

The following is sent us by a friend of temperance, of which there are many in Cooperstown:

"It is the belief of many honest and upright Christians that it is right to license liquor selling. These men, at least many of them, are without doubt honest in their opinions. Their arguments for the license system are clear and reasonable and apparently are not falacious. The writer of this believes, however, though he may be mistaken, that these men in voting or arguing for license lose sight of the fact that they are directly or indirectly voting and arguing for murder and high crime generally. For statistics show that the majority of crimes are committed by persons while under the effects of strong drink. How often a prison official will tell you that "if this man," pointing to some prisoner convicted for high crime, "would only refrain from drinking he would be one of the best of citizens, but when drunk he is practically insane and would do anything." Dr. Chalmer says: "Before God and man, before the church, the world, I impeach intemperance, I charge it with the murder of innumerable souls. I charge it as the cause of almost all the poverty, and almost all the crime, almost all the ignorance, and almost all the irreligion that disgrace and afflict the land. I do in very conscience believe that these intoxicating stimulents have sunk into perdition more men and women than found a grave in the deluge which swept over the highest hill-tops, engulfing the world, of which but eight were saved, as compared with other vices, it may be said of this, "Saul both slain his thousands, but this David his tens of thousands."

Bound for Dakota.

A dispatch to the St. Paul Globe from Bloomington, Ill., dated Feb. 2, states that one hundred and fifty people will leave McLean county for Dakota March 1st, and that one hundred and twenty-eight persons will leave Lincoln, Ill., for Dakota on the 26th of this month. Forty cars of freight will accompany one party and thirty the other. Many of the emigrants are young people, and some of them young ladies of good education, who go to take claims on quarter sections and to speculate in claims of all kinds. This will be good news for the hundreds of unmarried young men in North Dakota.

The Girl Problem Solved.

At last the much mooted question as to "our girls" has been answered, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton's view verified, as the following from the Huron Times attests:

"About eight months ago Misses Mary and Jeanette Hopkins, Sallie Hamilton and Angeline Harrington, all of Vinton, Iowa, came to Dakota and located on claims near Cavour. Their residence was situated on the corners of their farms and here they have lived, doing feats of agriculture that would be fatiguing to many an eastern society young man. Yesterday they proved up, all the witnesses being ladies, and as the affidavits show they have fulfilled the letter of the law and are justly entitled to their farms. This may be an interesting item to the young man of the east who said he would come to Dakota if it were not for the hardships of pioneer life and the cold climate of the northwest.

A Washinton report states that Brady is about to turn state's evidence in the star route cases, being driven to desperation.

Jamestown aspires to become an incorporated city and have a board of education, and Mr. Nickeus will endeavor to have its aspirations gratified.

Henry Ward Beecher believes Ben Butler has a good chance for becoming the next president. Regarding the temperance issue, Mr. Beecher says: "I can't see how it can be enforced by legislation. You must first educate public sentiment on the question, and then back it up with law. Local option appears to me to be the most practicable plan."

The Northern Pacific road has just effected a contract with the Allen Paper Car Wheel company, of Chicago, whereby the latter will supply the former with all the paper wheels necessary for the passenger, dining, postal, sleeping, baggage and pay cars, as well as the engine and tender trucks. This contract calls for 4,000 wheels.

A Big Bonanza.

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