

The Foreign Press on Gladstone.

The London Times praises Mr. Gladstone's oratorical effort, but says: "What fatal vice must a cause be smitten with for which even Mr. Gladstone's energy wins no little sympathy..."

THE FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

Record of Proceedings in Both Branches of the Same.

SENATE, April 6.—The chair laid before the senate a letter from the secretary of the treasury regarding the payment of \$128,000 to the Chippewa tribe of Indians for damages growing out of the construction of a reservoir at the head waters of the Mississippi river.

HOUSE, April 6.—In the morning hour the house resumed the consideration of the bill to secure the equitable classification and compensation of certain offices of the United States.

SENATE, April 7.—Blair introduced a bill in the senate to-day to provide that eight hours shall constitute a day's work for letter carriers, and that their salary shall not be reduced by reason of the decrease in the hours of labor.

HOUSE, April 7.—The speaker laid before the house the message of the president on Chinese emigration. Referred. Willis reported back the river and harbor appropriation bill from the committee having charge of the subject and it was referred to the committee of the whole.

HOUSE, April 9.—In the house to-day O'Neill asked unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of a resolution to the effect that the house of representatives of the United States sympathize with Gladstone and his associates in their efforts to secure a free parliament for the people of Ireland and congratulating the people on the prospect.

SENATE, April 10.—Harrison presented a petition from the Knights of Labor of Ft. Wayne, Ind., praying for the speedy passage of the labor arbitration bill already passed by the house.

HOUSE, April 10.—Chaplain Milburn offered another characteristic prayer in the house this morning on a drunkenness, beseeching God to bring to a speedy close that greatest evil of modern society.

SENATE, April 12.—Riddleberger moved to take up the resolution relating to the consideration of executive nominations in open session. He refused a request to permit the Indian appropriation bill to be taken up and insisted on the yeas and nays.

HOUSE, April 12.—Morrison, from the committee on ways and means, reported the bill to reduce the tariff taxes and to modify the laws in relation to the collection of revenue.

BRIEFS FROM THE OLD WORLD.

The cholera in Brittany is decreasing. M. Vandermessen, a prominent lawyer in Brussels and a member of the Belgian legislature, killed his wife by shooting her with a revolver.

SENATE, April 9.—Senator Ingalls (by request) introduced a bill to provide for the appointment of a board of arbitration to examine and settle the difference between railroad companies and their employees.

AN ADDRESS FROM THE KNIGHTS.

Issued by Assemblies 101, 93 and 17 to the Workmen of the World.

St. Louis, April 6.—The joint executive board of assemblies 101, 93 and 17 of the Knights of Labor this afternoon issued the following address:

To the Workmen of the World—Friends and Brothers: Hear us, for we plead for our rights. Men of equity, look upon us, for we struggle against giants of wrong. Mad with the frenzy of pride and self-adulation, begotten as it is of the success of outrage and infamy, there stands before us a giant of aggregated and incorporated wealth, every dollar of which is built upon blood, injustice and outrage.

EXECUTIVE BOARDS.

D. A. 101, 97 and 17.

THAT MONUMENT TO GRANT.

Subscriptions of the New Yorkers Few and Far Between.

New York special: Subscriptions to the Grant monument fund have been so few and far between as to discourage Secretary Greener, who has been the chief worker in the cause, and has been the means of raising the larger part of the fund on hand.

Secretary Greener shook his head in a mournful way and said: "Judging from the amount they have handed in, they do not seem to be making much headway."

Admirers of Gladstone and Parnell.

A number of prominent Irishmen, now in Washington, whose homes are in different parts of the country, met and resolved to prepare a testimonial to Gladstone and Parnell in the shape of two mammoth albums, identical in all respects.

A CALM AFTER THE STORM.

Fires Started by Incendiaries Got Under Control.

A St. Louis dispatch of the 10th says that at 5 a. m. the fires were got under control. Fifty freight cars, the scale houses and lumber yard were completely destroyed by fire.

The executive board of the Knights of Labor, when the news of the shooting reached them, proceeded at once to East St. Louis, and conferred with a number of citizens and got the general opinion as to the terrible affair.

By order of the board, the following is a summary of the destruction in the Cairo Street line yards: Two empty box cars of the Burlington road were burned and one engine with coal bins, cars of the Cairo Street line road, were completely burned.

Pub. Doc. Distributors.

Senator Gorman has introduced a resolution calling upon the secretary of the interior to furnish the senate with the name of each person employed in receiving, folding and distributing public documents.

Opposed to the Liquor Traffic.

The Evangelical conference of Illinois on the 11th adopted a resolution endorsing absolutely the prohibition of the liquor traffic; opposing the enactment of any laws that force protection or continuance of that traffic, and favoring every national measure contributing towards the suppression of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage.

THE MARKETS.

Table with columns for OMAHA, NEW YORK, CHICAGO, and ST. LOUIS, listing various commodities like wheat, corn, and flour with their respective prices.

NEW STYLES IN CARRIAGES.

Old Gentlemen and Ladies Specially Cared for—Results of Fresh Designs.

During the last few days of favorable weather the roads have literally been thronged with vehicles of all descriptions, and any number of new styles have been seen out.

For ease and comfort the grand phaeton is noted. It is an elegant, high-standing carriage, mounted on suspension springs, and is very easy. It is well adapted to display a lady's dress.

A new gentleman's spider phaeton has been made and sells readily. It is much lighter than the old phaeton, having the seats mounted on fine wrought-iron work in place of the old heavy boxes.

A new style of brougham called the London is very handsome. It is mounted on heavy wheels painted with dark colors and has a monogram on the panels.

A very handsome brougham is painted dark green and canary. It is elegantly finished and furnished with satin cushions and horn fittings.

Several new light driving wagons have been bought. Mr. Washington E. Connor has purchased a side-bar wagon, to weigh 200 pounds and cost \$515.

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The Merit of Lord Bacon.

It would help too much honor upon Lord Bacon should he prove to be the author of the Shakespeare plays. But such an extra award would carry out the scriptural "To him that hath shall be given," while from such a poor deer-stalker as William Shakespeare shall be taken away what little he seemed to have.

But Bacon even if he was a dramatist did more as a philosopher than as a dramatist, for his philosophy has helped to make a great world while the plays have helped to make only a great stage.

Bacon's merit lies in the fact that he called the attention of scholars and thinkers to the value of earth and material sciences; and urged them together upon terrestrial data instead of seeking definitions of "mind," "soul," "angel," "will," "fate," "man," "horse" and "eternity."

and there is an amazing omission of the domestic arts and sciences and a wonderful attention to things moral, imaginary, fanciful, romantic, and fantastic.

Angels, imps, nymphs, large and small deities, dwarfs, giants and ghosts are born out of the fertile humus fancy as sparks rise from a shaken fire, but in these thousands of years no thinking mind touches a plow or reaping knife or any implement to make it do more good and with less labor.

Had not Rome gone down under her military madness and the vices that resulted from her conquests, Lord Bacon would perhaps have been robbed of his laurels and made impossible by the sons of Virgil and Pliny.

All things indicated an era of material advance. But this awakening came too late. Rome was a sick man whose constitution was gone.

Christianity did not make the Dark Ages. They were manufactured in the days which ruined the Pagan splendor; and Christianity had to accept of a wreck of her inheritance.

Under the impulse given by Lord Bacon, mankind began to let the angels alone long enough to admit of a look at the plow, the hoe, the orchard, the field.

Off on a Tour.

"Hi! hi!" yelled a boy in an alley off Clifford street yesterday.

A second boy, who stood on the crosswalk, meandered down and asked what was wanted.

"Just went as far as Chicago, and headed back for home. Got here in the night and walked up to the house to escape observation. That happy couple has got to put in about ten days around here with the front door locked and the curtains down, and some morning you'll see a great stir and learn that they have just returned after an enjoyable trip. Say, Jim."

Recentricities of Bees.

Very recently we moved a couple of bee-hives that were sitting on a box about six inches above the ground and placed them, when moved, about three feet from the ground.