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"No Redemption."

San Francisco, did some good be required for the purpose of work despite the Procrustean paying all arrears of pensions to tendency of some would be "reformers" to adjust every thing to or may be favorably adjudicated in their peculiar beliefs. The "Rev." in the current fiscal year. The Dr. Platt, in the afternoon of the Commissioner estimates that forty 10th, gave utterance to sentiments thousand pension claims will be that were hardly in consonance allowed this year, and that with with the teachings of the Master the farther increase of the clerical that he professes to follow. In force in the Bureau, as many as the course of his remarks, which sixty thousand may be disposed of we are glad to note were received next year. Fully two-thirds of with the strongest sentiments of the pending claims carry arrears disapprobation, the reverend gen. of pensions amounting to nearly 0 tleman said: "The convict of \$1,500 for each claimant, and the a nature so strong as to stand up Commissioner believes that the inin the struggle where the fittest terests of the country will be proonly can survive, need never have moted by paying off the arrears as been a convict. The moral weak- rapidly as possible, even at the ness that made him a criminal at risk of bringing up the total penfirst will ever keep him one. By sion disbursements to \$70,000,000 a miracle of character and sup- this year and \$100,000,000 in the port God might so regenerate a next, in order to reduce the ansoul as to make it strong to bear pual charge upon the Treasury scorn, isolation and poverty; but more speedily thereafter. It is nothing else than a miracle would estimated that the annual aggresuffice. In Sydney we see how a gate value of the United States convict community helps a con- pensions at the close of the current guilty, the convict will not scorn total pension roll, exclusive of the the convict, the solitary seek com- first payments on arrears, will panionship with the solitary, and never exceed \$40,000,000. once a convict, always a convict. known to be convicts so long as religious and contenting. One that a prison life only converts, a prison life can sanctify. Society must take care of the one whom society has disgraced. The question is not whether the disgrace prisonment for life. In this life there is no redemption for a disgraced man or a disgraced woman." Our jury system is a grand thing. Thomas H. Crast. Such utterances as that, at this day, simply illustrate how far the speaker has dropped behind the name of a weekly paper lately procession.

Awone the may associations recently started, the "Strangers' Guardian and Assurance company" deserves bonorable mention. This concern guarantees the granger who may be convivially inclined, will undoubtedly obtain great poimmunity from all loss incurred in litteal influence and distinction. the pursuit of pleasure in the seductive city of New York. It throws its protecting wing over lence of superstition even in this the wayfarer from the rural dis- land of schools and newspapers, is Finlayson. Bousfield & trict, and watches with a mother's furnished by Pennsylvania railcare over the visitors who peram- road statistics, which show a great bulate streets, jealously guarding falling off of travel on Friday. In them from confidence men and the middle districts of England, tricksters who go about seek- out of four thousand and fiftying whom they may take in seven marriages, not two per cent. The next thing in order is the were celebrated on Friday. "Protective Association of Enterprising Pickpockets."

A DEARTH of topics in San Francisco force the newspapers to a in the history of American crime. discussion of the probabilities, The judge and council are obscure IMPORTER AND WHOLESALE AND RE. G. A. STINSON & CO., etc., of the loss of the Jeannette. men, whose actions for the next She sailed in the summer of '79 few weeks will be viewed with equipped for a three years' voyage interest by the entire world. and bound for a coast from which tidings rarely come.

The Pension Fund.

THE Commissioner of Pensions recommends that Congress be asked to appropriate one hundred Hast million dollars for disbursement by his office for the next fiscal year, ending June 30, 1883, for the payment of the annual and accrued A Cambery in British Comment to be much pensions, and also that the im-THE California Prison Reform mediate deficiency be appropri-Convention, lately in session in ated. Twenty million dollars will claimants whose claims have been vict. The guilty will seek the year will be \$33,000,000, and the

Ix the course of a discussion a for criminals? There may be for few Sundays ago in Plymouth criminals, but none for convicts church, as to whether it were better to have two sermons a day, or they remain among men. Society one, Mr. Beecher said that the has but one or two courses to pur- vast majority of preachers could sue with the convicted criminal! not preach two good sermons either banishment where his crime in one day, and it resolved itself FANCY GOODS and conviction cannot possibly be into a question whether church known, or where, if known, it members would have their sermon would work no social exclusion, or all milk, or have it half milk and GERMANIA BEER HALL a merciful detention for the re- water. "Double-barrelled preachmainder of his natural life. ers," he said, are not so numerous Where it has been shown by a as they used to be. There are very second conviction that the crimi- few ministers who can preach, and The Best of Lager 5 Us, a Glass 511 Market Street, San Francisco nal is unequal to the awful environment in the world with his new two good sermons. People can't and heavier burden of conviction, remember the two, particularly Colonials there seems to be no alternative but a prison home for life. Such a doom might be made merciful, go the opera. It is for the reasoning, the rhetoric and the excitement that they go. Not one in ten of those who go in the morning care to go at night to hear a plain sermon."

So conclusive was the evidence was deserved or not; a disgraced in a recent St. Louis criminal trial NOCLAL man is the hermit of life and the against the defendant, that his enemy of government. For the lawver declined to make any plea, convict is nothing more in this life, by reason of its apparent useless whatever may mercifully be given ness. Fortunately for the cause him in the next. The convict is of injustice, one of the ideal jurycivilly, socially and commercially men was there, and he refused to dead. Let him be buried in im- convict, on the ground that the prisoner must be innocent or the lawyer would have defended him.

> THE American Register is the started at Washington by Jeremish S. Black, Senator Lamar, and Alex. H. Stephens. It is devoted to the "principles and dectrines of the Democratic party," whatever they may be, is issued in the form of the N. Y. Nation, and

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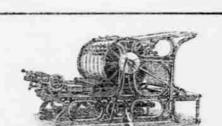
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