

INGERSOLL'S LECTURE.

THE first question that one asks himself after listening to Col. Ingersoll is "What does he offer me?" Ingersoll is purely an iconoclast. He tears down. But after the structure comes tumbling down; after the dust of crumbling mortar has cleared away, what is to be done? Will he build again? It would appear not. Much that Ingersoll says is true; it was said in truth, long before the lecturer was born; it continues to be repeated because it cannot be improved. But his plagiarism doesn't help the case or make us feel better in any way. To all of us come doubts; oftentimes denials. What men sometimes call "a want of faith" is the very opposite. The soul hungers after more, not less. The past is so narrow, the future grows so broad. Ingersoll's "glittering generalities" do not satisfy the sincere doubter. How many of us there are who want to believe, but find the scheme of salvation so apparently inconsistent. To inquiring minds, to men who are not content to be told that a thing is so without wanting to know how it is so, what makes it so, the utterances of Ingersoll are as unsatisfactory as the utterances of Ignatius. Poetry, eloquence, lofty imagery, fascinating presentation of thought, all these Ingersoll possesses; he is an accomplished orator and a most pleasing man to listen to on the lecture platform, but he doesn't strike the level of the distracted soul that asks: "What is the truth?" and will be satisfied with naught else.

THE confession of the Irish informer, Casey, that he was forced by crown officials to frame the story of the Mamtrana murders he told on the witness stand reveals a terrible state of affairs in Ireland. It is so much of a companion picture with that laid bare by the Cornwall trial that it will be readily believed. The infamous creatures who conduct the real government of Ireland will be held espable of any infamy, and the forcing of a weak wretch under threats of lifelong imprisonment to swear away the life and liberty of the innocent seems small as a crime beside their already detected criminality. The "Castle" government in Ireland is doomed. It was known as the instrument of torture of an unfortunate people. It will now disappear under the curses of outraged humanity, as the Cities of the Plain went down under the curse of God.

THE idea that the dominant party ought to be held responsible for every national misfortune, from cold winters to bank defalcations, is neither new nor good, but has been in operation many years in this country, though exactly why nobody can tell. It appears to be one of those notions which originate no one knows where, which has no reason for its existence, is not advocated by anybody, nobody will openly confess his belief in it, and yet is acted upon by thousands who have but an ill-defined impression that in some inexplicable way a change for the better, even in the courses of nature, will be effected by turning one set of men out of office and putting in others in their stead.

IN the matter of treaties the dusky Africans are ahead of us. Our extradition treaties contain a great many words, but cover a very few crimes. Here is a treaty between the king of Ethiopia and the khedive of Egypt, which contains few words and embraces every criminal case: "His majesty the Negossa Negast and his Highness the Khedive engage to deliver up, one to the other, any criminal or criminals who may have fled to escape punishment from the dominions of the one to the dominions of the other." This is brevity and simplicity, combined with thoroughness.

THE last trip of the steamer Oregon from New York to Queenstown was made in 6 days, 12 hours and 54 minutes. This is the shortest trip on record. The Oregon covered 2,853 miles on the trip. Her best 24 hour run was 446 miles on the 5th of August, or nearly nineteen miles an hour.

IT is asserted that "stakes are driven into the sewers at London, from which stinks a fatty deposit, left by the current, is scraped every day, and after proper treatment this fatty deposit becomes dairy butter." Whew!

THE prophet sometimes gets known in his own country after awhile. Christopher Columbus is soon to have a small tablet erected to commemorate his performance at Calni, the small Corsican seaport where he was born.

ST. PAUL and Minneapolis continue their race for a lead in population. This year St. Paul's directory contains 39,729 names, and that of Minneapolis 39,333.

WITHIN the last month the previous records for fast time have been beaten by trotters, oarsmen, bicyclers and steamships.

A BUFFALO employment agent is engaging 5,000 laborers for the Canadian Pacific.

Of the four original proprietors of the London Daily Telegraph, a paper that now nets a profit of \$10,000 weekly, the sole survivor is now the owner of a country weekly and another died in a poorhouse.

CHUBBON bells are going out of use in every considerable American city.

LOUISIANA has 48,000,000 feet of pine in her forests.

THERE are 75,000 clergymen in the United States.

NEW TO-DAY.

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THE STEAMER A. B. FIELD.

Will sail from Main Street Wharf for TILLAMOOK, at 6 A. M., on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 1884.

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Stockholders Meeting.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Odd Fellows' Land and Building Association, in the lodge room of Beaver Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F., on Saturday, Aug. 23, 1884, at 2 P. M.

Notice

IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL meeting of Stockholders of the White Star Packing Co., will be held at the Company's office, Upper Astoria, on Saturday, August 23rd, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Notice

IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL meeting of Stockholders of the I. X. L. Packing Co., will be held at the Company's office, Upper Astoria, on Saturday, August 30th, at 1 o'clock P. M.

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