

ENGLAND will this month celebrate the jubilee year of Victoria's reign, and national subscriptions are being made throughout the realms of England's queen for testimonials of a fitting character. As England is pre-eminently a Christian nation, given to war and violence, and supposed to be the chosen of the Lord, and ordered by Him to slay the Philistines of Afghanistan, Zululand and sundry other places, she might with propriety imitate also the virtues of the Jews and celebrate this jubilee as they used to celebrate theirs.

In the year of gladness the Hebrews set free their bondsmen, released their debtors, secured the needy in possession of the land which they tilled, and thus at least rendered the homestead of the laborer inviolable, his family safe and his life worth the living. "The Englishman's house is his castle," but the Irishman's house is what? It is a thing to set fire to, and to burn over the heads of the helpless, the old and the infirm, in the name of English law and English justice! The impartial future historian of Great Britain will not omit to comment with a trenchant pen on the awful, horrible, perhaps half incredible fact that the legal incendiarism at Glenbeigh occurred in Queen Victoria's jubilee year.

What a grand opportunity this Christian nation now has to gladden the hearts of its long oppressed Irish subjects by making this indeed a year of jubilee for them! Some of the several funds raised might mitigate horrors by being presented to the victims of unfortunate Irish evictions, or, if given to the queen, sent by her to "the sister isle," that it may do a little toward alleviating the suffering of that persecuted people, whose jubilee has been long waited for, but has not yet come.

The queen should send forth her edicts as Moses did, declaring liberty and peace throughout the land. She should give of her abundance to the starving. She should open the prison doors to Irish patriots. She should forbid the eviction of tenants who by their labors have given their holdings all the value they possess. She should see that blocks of tenement houses are built in London and in all the manufacturing towns, with the necessary sanitary appliances, where those who do the work of the world could find comfortable shelter.

But the managers of the queen's jubilee, particularly the managers of its funds, will never let the contributions take the direction of befriending Ireland, whatever else may be done with them. Something in that direction would gild with grand luster the closing years of Victoria's long reign; and deferred justice, no less than poetic fitness, suggests that that monarch's jubilee year be signalized by a tardy tender to her Irish subjects of reason to remember the year 1887 as one of splendid jubilee.

In a suit against the Adams Express Company, the Pennsylvania supreme court has decided that the company is liable for the value of a lost package, regardless of the \$50 limit which the company gives on its blank receipts as the extent of its liability where no value is given. The court said: "If goods are lost or injured while in the custody of an express company, in the absence of evidence which rebuts the presumption of negligence, it will be presumed that the loss or injury was occasioned by the negligence of the company, and it will be liable for the actual value of the goods. In the present case, no explanation was given for the failure to deliver the goods. So far as is proved, they may still be in the hands of the company and withheld from the owner."

It is reported from Washington that secretary Lamar's supplementary order of May 23rd for the revocation of in demerit withdrawals and restoration of land to public settlement, covers between twenty-five and thirty million acres, including lands of the Oregon & California and Southern Pacific roads. When congress meets bills will be introduced for the forfeiture of land grants of sixteen roads, covering unfinished portions of such roads. These bills will cover nine million acres, including the following: Southern Pacific of California, 184 miles of which are still incomplete, involving 81,000 acres of land; California and Oregon, 45 miles of which are still incomplete, involving 600,000 acres of land; the Oregon and California, 18 miles of which are still unconstructed, involving 200,000 acres of land; the Northern Pacific, 225 miles of which are still unconstructed, involving about 4,000,000 acres of land in the Columbia river valley.

THE steamships Arizona, of the Guion line, and Servia of the Cunard line, which left Queenstown about the same time, May 8th, arrived in New York within an hour of each other. During the entire voyage the two kept constantly in sight of each other. By night each other's lights could always be seen, and at day either the spars or smoke of one vessel could be seen from the decks of the other steamer. The passengers on the Servia were constantly watching the Arizona, which they hoped to leave behind, while the people on the rival boat regarded the Servia with similar interest. Such close rivalry between ocean greyhounds during a voyage has never before occurred.

HERE we are in June, '87. In another year presidential nominating conventions will be in order. Every politician is already putting a wire edge on his tomahawk and scalping knife, and whatever the outcome, there will be great fun for the lookers on, and considerable hilarity on the front seats.

JAS. G. BLAINE told a friend last week that it was Rev. Burghard, and his "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion," that beat him in '84. This is a hard whack at the mugwumps.

Women in Washington.

It may not be many years before a woman will be a rare sight in a department. Slowly, but surely, they are being got rid of, under the civil service system. They are not now seen walking arm-in-arm through the treasury corridors, or standing at the windows at noon, with their cups of tea. It is not that they are closer to their desks. They are not there. Since Secretary Manning first took the treasury portfolio, and the new order of things was begun, nearly twenty per cent. of the women have gone, and none have come in their places. When a female clerk dies or gets married, resigns or is dismissed, a requisition goes to the civil service commission for a man to fill the vacancy. I was asking why this was—if it was true that women did not make as good clerks as men.

The reply was that some of them made better clerks than did the men. The trouble did not lie in that. The fact they are hard to deal with. Most of them depend upon the gallantry of the superior officers, and are constantly asking favors, many of them not hesitating or seeming to think it improper to ask high officials—even as high as secretaries—to make false statements or violate the law in their interests. The most trouble is when examining them for promotion. Some have not hesitated to ask beforehand a list of the questions. So persistent are some that it reflects upon the whole class, and the departments have entered upon a systematic effort to get rid of them.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

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