

POSTMASTER General Wanamakers business with the wrecked Keystone bank of Philadelphia may have been perfectly honest and legitimate, but it is very unfortunate for him and for the administration that it should require so many explanations.

THE republicans appear to be placing more dependence upon the big crops than upon their record or argument, to help them out of the hole in Ohio and Iowa this year. This isn't the first time that the republican party has had the audacity to claim the credit for good crops.

IT is certainly the wish of everybody that the very unjust restriction which France and Germany have placed upon the importation of American pork should be removed; but the republican's have so often stated that they were about to be removed that it will require the official action of the two governments to convince people that they really are to be removed.

IT is surpassingly strange that some individuals have the hardihood to deny the existence of a creative power, and assert that there was no beginning, that there will be no ending and that matter always existed and will forever exist.

WE are certainly constrained to believe there is more logic, philosophy, reason and common sense in the belief that there is a creator, who created matter, than in the assertion that matter created itself. Those persons who doubt the existence of a supreme being, or power, ask, "what is the origin of this creator?" That question cannot be answered only on the hypothesis that matter exists and that it could not have existence without a creative power, and that power must be greater and infinitely endowed with more wisdom than matter itself.

THE fact that nothing is destroyed or annihilated, that all matter simply changes its form, when we pass from existence, in that passage we drop out of existence into that element called matter, which is one of the component parts of our make-up. That being an acknowledged fact, and also, facing the great argument of the advocates of no creative power, and once existing always existing, we ask, what becomes of that most essential part of man's existence, viz: his mind, his reasoning powers, and in fact his life? If nothing can be annihilated or destroyed, then that part of our being must exist, and its very existence proves conclusively its power to remember the conditions of life while here, or in other words, we must, after passing from this stage of existence, retain our individuality.

THE remark of the farmer who said: "I know that I live and breathe; that I have reason; and these must have been given by a higher power than myself, and one endowed with more wisdom than man." There is more truth and common sense in that one idea, than there is in all the arguments and lectures, extant to the contrary, of Bob Ingersol.

HERALD'S WASHINGTON LETTER.

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The administration is in a "peck of trouble," and telegrams have been flying thick and fast to and from Washington and the Presidential cottage at Cape May Point, but for the very good reason that had Mr. Blaine's advice been taken the administration would not have been in its present very unpleasant predicament, no telegrams have been sent to Bar Harbor. The cause of all this is the Chilian insurgent steamer Itata, which it has cost to bring into the harbor at San Diego, California, more than \$100,000. It is now feared by Attorney General Miller and Secretary Tracy, upon whose opinions, as lawyers, Mr. Harrison was persuaded to sanction the orders which sent the Charleston in pursuit of the Itata, in spite of Mr. Blaine's opinion that this Government had no legal right to take possession of the steamer after she had gone outside of the three mile limit, that a mistake has been made.

If, as is now believed here, the court shall decide that the Itata has not violated our neutrality laws, the Chilian insurgents, whose agents and attorneys, now here, claim represent the only constitutional government of Chili, will demand that the United States pay a heavy cash indemnity for having interfered with their success by refusing to allow the Itata to deliver the arms which she carried. There is something to talk here about bribery by the agents of the Balmaceda government, and maybe before the thing is finally settled somebody's reputation will get badly smirched.

This incident has again strongly shown that Mr. Blaine is the brains of the administration. Everything that he has opposed has turned out disastrously for his party. He was opposed to the outrageous usurpation of power by Speaker Reed, the force bill, and the McKinley bill which by superhuman efforts he succeeded in having modified by tacking on as an amendment the good old democratic doctrine of trade reciprocity, although, it was so restricted in the bill is enacted into a law that but little benefit which would naturally follow a general extension of our trade with foreign countries, the trade of which is generally worth having, and the wisdom of that opposition was unmistakably demonstrated by the cyclone of last November.

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