## The Simmaiton \#tem.

## Our Washington Letter:

 W.Abhrycion, 1, C., Oct. 5, 1873 There is $-\bar{\alpha}$-strong effort-being made t olect to oon-District Logisiature at less, one teliperabace candidale. and at thi end the differcont temperance organiza-tions of the oity have combined to use all tions of the ciry have combiad to use and their infuences and boneg in one or twio of the distriots where their cause is the ably alarmed, tor fear that with their ur aby umphin even one cul of the twenty-one ence will be broucht upon tho next Conencess to enice a law which shall curtail the sale and us" of intoxicating drinks: The recent suspension of banks in dif forent parts of the count-f, augurs mell it is thought, for the recommandation of the Postmastir Gei cral tor the establishment ot post office saviogs. banks in connection $\nabla$ ith the post officos, to receive on them-establistiog at Wabkiogton central office, whic.0 sll moneys deposited shall be ent. It is not proposed by the essablishment of these postal saviiggs banks thar they shall in any way affect the present postal moneg order sytem. Senators Gilibert and Conover, of Fiorda, are in The city- They have caile apen Secretary Richardson, by his re M. Hest, to sugkest a successor to Hoc. © rida, mod sow collector ot the portat Key West
It appears that Mr. Hazillton'a bondsmer are about to mithdram their bonds on accouat of tho suspicioa that $\mathrm{he}, \mathrm{Mr}$ H., is fast losing his mind. Mi. H. . dare ing the time he was in Congress, three yeare bince, was attacked fith the brain favar, mhich, the present condition of bia mind. M. Hamilton has always been, and is now oficer.
The weather with us thus far this fall has been yery fine. Mue doctors have bu litlle to do. Never before hias the citr standing the Boart of Publio Works has caused a great dcal of earth-digeing in improving our streets. Eire the meotion of Conkress, nearly every street now dug up will be laid with nice pavement, and of any oftere in the oountry.
There will be a fieroe attaok upon our Goverrior (Sheptierd) for his estrava bo made, backed up, it is understood, by Dana, of tho N. Y. Sun, to prevent Congross making further appropriations for will demand another investigation into the affairs it the Distriet government:Tho growing imporcance of new outlets for oceau bound surplus produotions of milow of western river navigati" $\cdots$, is becomiog moro and moro discurr i. ncocesits of new water linos of tatioin are more and more appaitutt; and whilo railfoads aro, it may be, becoming obnoxious to the people, clieapor transit to tidumator is curninin to espeodily follow, and at the sume time opon up a lino ot
intercomununication: between the South and West that will do muoro good to the South than auy other thing that can be named. And the tact that oeventeen
Btates atid three Territorics aro directly interested in this never-freezing lino via the 'T'mir were, Coosa, and Oornulgoo riv-
 oippi- the utiuls great West nd North-wost-in : Itherient to warrant us giving mur most oareful a attention. tho 'total value of tarais' Uuion, and the value ol "mints aud farm maolinoery'
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of the cilantie and Grat Wetern of the • $x$ lantio and Great Y $Y$ catern, or ar-ippi Canal, to bo ns follows:

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Territories directly interested in this canal was:
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If -1 Georgia, Florida, Souith Carolins, North Carolina, Arkanssa, and 1eounasser da creased betwen 1860 and . 1870 ." to tho farms" and add this amount to the tota of the United States, it mill give us the sum of $\$ 8,703,960,629$ as "the total value And when to the ralue of farm in the as gooren States and three Territories directly in States and three Territories directly in
terested in this great public work,
on Herested. in this great public work, w hall find the saine to be $55 ; 783,923,582$ or more than oue-balf of tho Union as diwater improvement. The cereal produo water improvement. The cereal produc-
tioas of these States and Territories, in 1870 , reached $\$ 1,437,223,152$ bushels. $\mathrm{In}-1880$, they will provabiy be cearly double. this amount. The necessity 0 new and cheaper outlets from iniand to tho scaboard will then be clearer, if posthey a than a sunbeam, and the soone
commenced the better for the weaith and resources of the whole conn try.
Tie GOOD-Thaprans--The bine recath annual miection of the Independ ent Order of Gond Templars, recent! beld in London, afforded ample evidence of-the-size and infuenco- of that body This societt has ano interesting history and no less intorestiog record. It was borr
 abouts. Total abstinence wás not "total" in those days. Neither wine, oider wall liquors fell under the ban, and the dulge in those bererages might freely ndulge in thoso beverages. In
Heo the Nationat Temperamico Union ssenbled at a hiladel bitio, the principle f abstinence from those milder drinks was first proposed; and it recepiion wa by no meanans favoratio. It of votes, and not till threc by a majority of votes, and not till thro ungurated into the system of Temperance Union.
The queerest of the numorous societics that have since cxisted jo the causo of omperance reforns originated in Baltinore in 1840. 1 company of hard drink seven mot one day in the bar-rioom which seven mot ono diy in the bar-roons which
served as their usual rendezvous, and hen and there agreod to drink no more. tidiculed at -frst they pevertheless per3ated in their intoution, and soon mado proselytos to thair causo. Tho sociey length and breadth of the land, redecming many a drunkard in its day and doing a vaibl Venofit to the causa of temperatce. Ono of tho original sevon proved a "backlider," but the other six were faithtyl to their resolise.
The Sociutly of Good Templars mas or. ganizod about the yoar 1850, and its growth hang been rapid to a degree of ading from the ributuc correspondent tho cxient of its growth by aotual atatis-
 ship of about 300,000 , undor tho supervision of tha Grand Lodges in the varioun States aud torritories. It alao bas Grand Lodgen in the differont departmente ol uubordinian Dominion, and numeroun undor thate looteas io tho Sanawicn Inlas, of California. Within the last four yeur tho order has by olartering Grand Londed in England Ircluad. Soothand and wies and lant ing subordinato lodges in many Britinh dopiendeopoios, Australia haviug already ben constituced a Grand Lodso. There
aro also lodgon in Belgium, Hioco, Gur
 manr, Norvay and Portugal, inro the re-
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toro, no mere firuro of apooch to say tha
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Ho growtr of tho Ahtitar torges, par
ter of monder and gratulation. The chaster of the Grad Lodke of Eogiand is scarcoly four years old, and yet the repor that: on the las of Mapt 1873; there mere 2,700 a ábordinate lodges and 183,982 members in good standing. Scotland has a memberabip of about 60,000 , and Ireland and Wales probibly some 30,000
 the rame as that of the United States It was determined at the last ensiop, Which was bild in Fifieoonsio, that the present meetiog should take plaoe in Eu
lland. The American dolegates saile. from Ner York on the 26 th of Juper and were met in Glaegow by depatations of the "several British Grand Lodges, and the freedom of the city was at onse ac corded them. For the more prominent representatives-b-8eries-0t-publis-meet-
ings was arranged, and so everywhere they wore readived with enthusiasm by audiences and nade at home by member of the Order. The main body of the del gates lcisurely wended lis way to hon on. Where-they were joined by those who came by other steame:s, and all were as igned apartments in the metropoliss. The exercises thus far have been on thogrand scale: and the americans have met he warnest kind of reception from thei Finglish prethren, The suocess of the fair coes to prove not only hat Good cemplars are a laygo and powerk rganization, bat hat the temperanc ause has grown-ia favor vastly of late he tendence tomard the sood of the lav or classes of the two copptrieg.

## GENERALITHWS

## Gen Garibalditisin Paris.

The crops bave tailed in Hungary.
Yellow fever is abating in Shreveport. 600 cases of yellow fo
Over one hundred ladies are studsing
Gen G-arc- Melan and ailed for Europe on Wednesday. M. Verann, N. Y., and New Or La., had $\$ 50,000$ fires on Wednesday. Between Julv 16 th and Oct. 6th, there vere 3000 case ot cholera in the city Vienaa.
On Sunday last Aㄱn Hartness, aged 101 years, died at 1522 Eigemont atreet, 'hiada.'
Com. Wm. Jaaueson, U. S. N., retired list, diod on.Tuesjay, at A!exandria, Va., ged 82.
Cant. Buddington and his parts of Polaris survivors
Saturday last.
Kato Stoddard was indicted for murder the first dugree, by the Grand Jury of Brookly $n$, last Suturday.
Forty-three ycars ago there were 23 wiles of railroad in the United Stater, now thore are 53,000 milos.
Anarchy prevails in tho Fegeo Island. Tho fetulers refuse to pay taxee, nud bave
10,000 rations have been uhipped from the Dojartment of the South to Meraphis owuer of Preident Grant, for the relie, of the destitute
A ooupla !iving In Womelsdorf, Berks Aunty, la., havo been married over 70 years. Thoy have 55 great-grand chil ren, and tour grent-great-grand children.
John MoKay, the oldest merohant in Norristown, Pa., kas buried on Monday. Tho moruhants of the town closod their rospect.
Quitéa asevere anow ntorm nrevailed in Qhuylkili and adjaining norhern los ol Puana, also at Pooda, N. Y for wo houry. Eigt tinchas of soow foll in Dulawaru county, N.
Captain Jack and his asmociatos in tho wurdar of General Canhy, ware bung on iriday, tho 3d. Jack mut his fato like ley and tho rest died liko men
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Pola rity Polani survivgre hes recesued stac, aluni rolation of Morton, Br. Hitt'rositideninl friend- cires oolor to the safptoton:
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 an oxtra seision of the Logislature, to en ant businces as he may.speciaily reoomand:
On Saturday, a boy, named Dabli, Monath, fell through a hatohway in the pab-
 fth-tory to the bagement - $\mathrm{H}=$-died-in about fifteon minutes.
The Pablio Debt Statemont for Ootoer gives the national dobt as $\$ 2,138$,-1-991.467, and the coin in the freasary $\$ \$ 80,246,75 \%-8$ better showing, under $\$ 80,246,5$ a behe bliwe. enerally anticipated.
The Supreme Court of mivois hay deded that the State liquor lavi is sound, an sestains it in every point. This is in personal liubility lage similar to that able to local option, and the friends of mperance in New Jervey wonld do well -drop the latter; and secure a a liqua tion in Ohio and Illinois.
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