

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

THE sum of £500 has been offered as a premium by Mr. Hills Lord of England, to anyone either in or out of the United Kingdom who brings the present year's harvest a portable electric or other lamp "which working nicely on a continuous carry from place to place will give light and heat under any circumstances whatever, cause an explosion of gas."

THE methods of a disgusting business which has been prosecuted in Liverpool for a considerable time, were recently exposed in court. It seems that rival undertakers have been employing runners to obtain custom, by watching every registrar's office, sometimes from a hired room opposite, sometimes from a house, and pointing upon whomsoever visited it register a death. These brutal importunities had gone on unchecked if the runners had been a little more prudent. But they became numerous and so persistent as finally to obstruct the streets and get themselves indicted as a public nuisance.

SOME recent events have given hope to the friends of certain aspirants for the Presidency that are growing in popular estimation. The defeat of one of two candidates for the Senate and the course of legislation in Congress are looked upon as significant, and the fact becomes believed to be in motion. All such speculations are worse than none. There never was a time, perhaps, when the people gave so little regard to Presidential candidates as a statesman imagines that all eyes are being turned toward him as the coming man, the quicker he deceives himself the better. The people prosper until the latest hour, and then making up their minds, so as to take as few chances as possible in the Presidential lottery. - N. Y. Tribune.

THE Texas Treasurer Polk of Tennessee, is seriously ill. He has such a cold that he cannot get up, and he has such a fever that he cannot sleep, and he has such a pain in his back that he cannot sit up. He is now in a very precarious condition, and it is feared that he will not live to be tried.

An eminent French physician, who has known France for nearly a quarter of a century, says that all talk about the Chancellor's health breaking down is sheer nonsense. His nerves and general constitution are in admirable condition, and he is believed to remain so for twenty years to come.

THE Texas State Treasury has a surplus of some \$2,000,000. The legislature has now before it a proposition to increase this to \$5,000,000, but as the surplus is now \$2,000,000, it is feared that the legislature will not pass it.

MICHIGAN NEWS.

There was a marriage and a death in the same family at Holland on the afternoon of the 21st inst. The bride was Miss Jane Smith, daughter of Mr. J. M. Smith, and the groom was Mr. W. H. Jones, a well known citizen of the village.

The Freshwater church of Saginaw county, Michigan, has elected a new pastor. The Rev. J. M. Smith, a member of the Synod of Michigan, was chosen by a large majority of the congregation.

Philo Hamilton, a farmer living near Holland, Mich., has been arrested on the charge of murdering his wife by poison at the residence of the latter on the 15th inst. He is now in the State prison for life.

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The building boom has already begun at Mackinac City, giving indications of a rapid growth. Several new buildings are being erected, and the city is becoming more and more a place of business.

Emmanuel Lehart, an alleged murderer, was arrested at Newburg, Mich., on the 15th inst. He is now in the State prison for life. He is a well known and respected citizen of the State.

Goldwater butchers have combined and raised the price of gold water to a high point. The price is now \$100 per barrel, and it is feared that it will continue to rise.

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