

The President's Message

The President's Message being a very lengthy one we are unable to give it room in our columns, but we give a brief synopsis of the more important portions. It treats of our relations with Chili and Peru and the endeavor of the government to bring about peace between the countries and expresses regrets at the failure of our endeavors. The President treats briefly the subject of the arrests in Ireland but speaks well of the courtesy of the British Government in the matter of its willingness to adjust all such matters amicably. He reviews the treasury department at length. The President congratulates the country upon its present prosperity and favors a rigid economy in public affairs and recommend a reduction on the Internal revenue, he indorses the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury that the tax on distilled spirits, tobacco, and fermented liquors be reduced to a minimum. He favors otherwise the abolition of internal revenue, leaving spirits, and tobacco to bear the burden.

The President in his message indorses the silly tariff commission, but recommends a revision in these reports. The President touches lightly the National Banking subject, and calls to fact that 170 Banks have been organized since Oct. 31st 1881. To which there had been circulating notes issued aggregating over six million dollars.

The President congratulates congress on the passage of last session laws for the suppression of Polygamy in Utah, and that the commissioners appointed to enforce the law have made commendable progress, nor does the President forget the civil service reform. He is still in favor of its elevation and some plan which will improve it by reason of a more stable tenure. He is opposed to removals, save for inefficiency, neglect of duty, malfeasance. The message concluded with a review of the operations of the commissioners of the District of Columbia.

In regard to the tariff question which has been before congress this session and upon which recent action has been taken, the Kansas City Price Current makes the following remarks:

"Measures have already been introduced into Congress looking toward the abolition of the tax on tobacco, and the next step will be to reduce the tax on whiskey. These purely and unnecessary luxuries are the first to receive the attention of Congress. It starts out upon the very threshold of the session to 'do the things that it should not do and leave undone those things that it should do.'" Of all articles now bearing an excise tax none can stand them with less hurt than whiskey and tobacco. Both luxuries and hurtful ones, they of all things should bear a heavy taxation. Take off the tax or reduce it, and consumers will get but little benefit from it; the great relief given, going to the manufacturers who will be afforded greater profit. Let liquor and tobacco consumers pay a round price for these luxuries if they must have them. How is the family benefited by this legislation? Is drunkenness so desirable that we should legislate in its favor, or the expectation of dirty tobacco juice over everything to be encouraged by Congressional action? If the revenue of the government must be reduced, while not reduce the tariff. There are plenty of things that are imported into this country that the masses are more or less compelled to use, and here relief should be first given. We do not ask for the reduction of duties on silks, satins and velvets, as the people that buy these can afford to pay duty. But cottons, linens, woolens, sugars and a great many other necessary articles should bear a lighter duty; and of excise taxes, stamps on checks, matches and perfumery could be removed to the advantage of all. Of all articles none are so able to stand taxation as tobacco and whiskey and they should be the last given relief.

Washington Letter.

THE FIRST DAY OF THE SESSION. A VIEW FROM THE REPORTER'S GALLERY. TABLEAUX VIVANT.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 4th 1882. Here we are again, looking down from the unclouded heights of the Reporters' Gallery upon the Congress of the United States. Below are the chosen representatives of fifty millions of the most progressive people in the world. The House has not been called to order, and for this reason, perhaps, is in great disorder. Maine is shaking hands with Texas; Western heartiness, and Southern warmth are actually patting each other on the back, from Oregon to Florida; while Massachusetts and South Carolina have half their individuality in this common Hall of States. We are no political sections or bisections yet; no shades of blue and gray. All are wooing writing, talking, laughing, and greeting each other with the abandon of boys returned to the campus of their alma mater after a long separation. And what an eventful separation it has been! But see, the hand on the dial points to eleven. The sharp rat-tat-tat of the gavel is heard. To your seats legislators! Divide yourselves antagonistically, irreconcilably, politically; North, South, East, West, tariff and anti tariff, Republican and Democrat, while the pale chaplain intones a blessing on your common country, the United States, amen! Now, gentlemen, perform your promises made on the hustings and proclaimed in platforms, to say nothing of your unpublished promises of place and preferment, cheat you should never have made, to influential constituents, and above all, be virtuous and the country will be happy.

It is too early to foretell the course of legislation. Influential members and senators do not hesitate to express their views, but the views of legislators do not always result in accomplished legislation. There is a wide consensus of opinion among the Republicans that there should be an almost total abolition of internal revenue duties, but, it is believed that a majority of Congress will oppose any change in the whiskey, beer, and tobacco taxes, which make the bulk of the internal revenue assessment. A large element of the Republican side of the House and Senate, whether tariff men or free traders, are opposed to any reduction whatever on whiskey or tobacco, though they may consent to a slight reduction on the latter.

It is believed that no comprehensive review of the tariff schedules will be made, but it is possible that the tariff may be removed from a dozen or two articles on which there is universal agreement.

There will doubtless be much discussion of the civil service reform questions, and it is probable that a bill fixing the tenure of office during good behavior, for a stated term of years will be passed.

The second trial of the star-route cases is set for to-day in the Criminal Court. By reason of the recent developments public interest in these cases has been much intensified.

The selection of the new jury will be watched with the most vigilant scrutiny, both by the government counsel and the counsel for the defense. Public sentiment is strong that a conviction is sure to follow this second trial, and the counsel for the government express the utmost confidence that such will be the result. The government counsel aver that they have additional and exceedingly important testimony of a most convincing character to offer. The defendants are very frequently seen in public places, but they look much subdued and have little to say.

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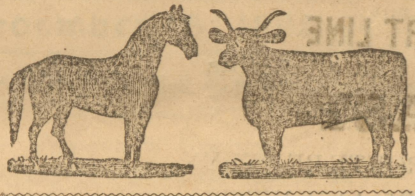
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Cattle Market.

The market in all classes of stock is good. In the cattle there is a decided turn-upward in prices, in fact if a man prices a good lot of cows it is equivalent to a sale. The contract market is doing better; more trades being made for spring delivery. There is a greater difference in prices according to quality than was ever made; good grade young steers are in strong demand. Yearlings are worth \$11 to \$12 dollars, and even a little more, if they have the blue.

Montana Dressed Beef.

A party in Montana advocates shipments of beef dressed from that country. In a letter to the Chicago Times he says: "Dressed beef could be shipped at a third less cost than on the hoof; the quality and condition of the beef would be vastly superior; the cattle would be taken and slaughtered direct from the stock ranges when fat and in prime order, and delivered by the refrigerator cars in the very best condition, whereas, by the present mode of shipping on the hoof to your markets from here, the cattle reach you, jaded and feverish, shrunken in weight, and the quality of the meat greatly deteriorated. What is required is a few men to erect slaughter-houses, glue factories, and canning houses here. Miles City is pre-eminently the shipping point of the Yellowstone valley, being located in the center of the stock ranges. The finest pasture lands in Montana lie adjacent to the city, and already this fact is being recognized by Texas stockmen and others, one large firm having lately brought 20,000 head of cattle here, to be followed by 10,000 more. Stock can be wintered here with perfect security, our valleys being sheltered warm, and well watered.—Stock Journal.

The Laws of Breeding.

In a note to John L. Hays, LL.D., editor of the Bulletin of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, Mr. William H. Brewer, an authority on the laws of breeding, says he knows of no case where a new breed has been made of two well-defined breeds, the new breed having the excellences of the others, or even the excellences of a first cross. It is a common experience, he continues, that while the first or earlier crosses are reasonably uniform, successive crosses vary greatly. On the other hand, numerous examples may be given of new breeds being formed from the crosses of several, and then, long continued selection of animals having the desired qualities, from three or several breeds. Mr. Brewer further says:

"Again, it is a common experience, particularly in breeding for flesh (but it is true of all characters), that in cross-bred animals for one or two generations the cross breeds may be better as animals of use than either of the parent stocks. But this excellence cannot be maintained with a sufficient uniformity to insure profit. In truth, the whole and sole reason of the enormous prices which thorough bred animal of various kinds bring, of a long proved pedigree, is not because of the superior excellences of those animals themselves as animals of use, but simply because their characters are transmitted, and those of equally good mongrels are not. The crossing of different grades of sheep for mutton or for particular grades of wool will long be continued, and is very profitable in many directions; but it is only profitable so far as I have been able to hear, where these rules are obeyed, and we frequently go back to the pure breed, on one side or the other, for keeping up the excellence.—Scientific American

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