

SPECIAL NOTICES.

**VACCINE POINTS.** Each box for 100 children, containing 100 points, at \$1.00 per box, or 40 cents per month. Copies at the office, a cent each.

**GRAND LODGE.** F. A. M. of THE STATE COMMUNICATION OF THE Grand Lodge F. A. M. of the District of Columbia will be held at 6 o'clock P. M. on WEDNESDAY, January 14, at 6 o'clock P. M. in the W. M. Grand Master.

WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP.

**GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS TO-DAY.**—Internal revenue, \$461,156.86; customs, \$412,091.79.

**PROTEST AGAINST A PATENT FOR EDISON.**—Mr. Sawyer has protested before the Patent Office against the granting of a patent to Thomas Edison for his horseless lam, claiming a first patent for the Sawyer-Man electric lamp. This protest is all right, but can have no effect. Before granting a patent the Patent Office is bound to make it to discover if any infringement upon any invention has been made by the patentee.

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Forty-sixth Congress.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 12.**  
SENATE.—The Vice President laid before the Senate communications from the Secretary of War, detailing examinations and surveys made in compliance with the river and harbor act of 1879.  
Mr. McKim presented the memorial of citizens of Maine for legislation which will give all rightful claimants upon the Geneva Award from an immediate and sufficient opportunity to present their claims.

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