

The President's Message. Both Houses of Congress organized on Monday last, and the message and Reports of the Department were laid before them.

The President, in referring to the visit of the Grand Duke, and the cordial relations existing between the Government of the United States and Russia uses the following very pointed language in reference to Minister Catacazy:

"It was impossible with self-respect, or with a just regard to the dignity of the country, to permit Mr. Catacazy to entertain in his residence any person who would enforce this principle against all outsiders of persons for public places would insure great caution in making recommendations.

The message congratulates Brazil on the abolition of slavery, and deprecates the holding of slave property under foreign Governments by citizens of the United States. It says:—

"Our relations with that empire, always cordial, will naturally be made more so by this act. It is not too much to hope that the Government of Brazil will hereafter find it to its interest, as well as intrinsically right, to advance toward entire emancipation more rapidly than the present act contemplates.

The true prosperity and greatness of a nation is to be found in the elevation and education of its laborers. It is a subject for regret that the attention in this direction, which are voluntarily promised by the statesmen of Spain, have not been carried out in its West India Colonies.

With relation to Cuba, the President regards its disturbed condition as a source of annoyance and anxiety. Our naval forces have been instructed, in case it should become necessary, to spare no effort to protect the lives and property of bona fide American citizens, and to maintain the dignity of the flag.

On the tariff the President says:—"In re-adjusting the tariff, I suggest that a careful estimate be made of the amount of surplus revenue collected under the present laws, and providing for the current expenses of the Government, the interest account and a sinking fund, and that this surplus be reduced in such a manner as to afford the greatest relief to the people, and to the greatest extent possible, without which very little revenue is derived, but which enter into general use. All such articles I recommend to be placed on the free list."

Should a further reduction prove advisable, I would then recommend that it be made upon those articles which can best bear it without doing injury to the industry or reducing the wages of American labor."

precisely the same views, but of less standing in their communities. It may be said that the former statement is entirely correct, the latter did not. The latter did not have in their power to do so. If they had taken this oath it cannot be doubted they would have broken it, as did the former class. It there are any great criminals distinguished above all others for the part they took in opposition to the Government, they might, in the judgment of Congress, be excluded from such an amnesty."

The Message concludes with the Civil Service Reform, and the President's views on the question of recommending applicants for office is worthy of the highest consideration. We give the words of the Message on this important question which should be remembered by every person who is solicited to sign letters or petitions of recommendation to office:

"It has been the aim of the Administration to enforce honesty and efficiency in all public employments. Every person who has violated the trust placed in him has been proceeded against with all the rigor of the law.

It has been secured places in the Government by the fault of the system established by law and custom for making appointments, or the fault of those who recommend for Government positions persons who are not well known to them personally, or who give letters endorsing the characters of office seekers without a proper sense of the grave responsibility which such a course devolves upon them. The Civil Service Reform which can correct this abuse, is much desired. In mercantile pursuits the business man who gives a letter of recommendation to a stranger is regarded as morally responsible for the integrity of his friend and his ability to meet his obligations in the discharge of his duties. It would enforce this principle against all outsiders of persons for public places would insure great caution in making recommendations.

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The Ku-Klux Trials. The Baltimore American has a special correspondent at Columbia, S. C., for the purpose of reporting the Ku-Klux trials and giving sketches of whatever comes to his notice, which will prove of interest to Maryland readers.

The following paragraphs are from his letters. THE CLARENCE CASES. I heard today of the trial of three cases of Ku-Kluxing in Charleston, S. C., remote from the lines of travel, which is not included in the President's proclamation, and which would no doubt be represented as a profound mystery.

The devilish work began by sending letters by mail to all the prominent Republicans in the county to leave the State. A certain number of days. Many of them, apprehending danger, did leave, but among those who remained was Peter J. Simmons, colored, one of the most distinguished and intelligent, honest and peaceable men. About the time that his notice expired he was riding home one evening, and when passing near a clump of trees, he was struck by a party of Ku-Kluxes, who were "leave or leave" and Mr. Simmons died.

Mr. A. Biggar, of New York, and Mr. H. F. Parker, of Ohio, had settled in the town of Manning, and engaged in business there. They were generally known as Republicans, and they received notices to leave, which they chose to disregard. One night a party of twenty disguised men appeared in the village, took these gentlemen and their families, and dragged them to a woods about half a mile distant, where they were to be hung, but the Masonic sign of distress saved their lives. They were taken to a place where they were held for some time, and then released. So they were gagged, tied to trees, and severely lashed with hickory rods.

What is singular about this case is that the ruffians captured a young man in the village, and took him with them, apparently to show him what was going on. They left the men tied to the trees, and told the boys to go home and tell their parents to release them. Although suffering terribly from the flogellation, Messrs. Biggar and Parker managed to take their departure without any further delay.

There is a very distinguished lawyer in the city, whom I shall not name, who heard of the Ku-Klux trials, and he immediately exists, and who supposed that the disturbances complained of were local, and grew out of personal feuds, but who since coming to the city has been fully convinced to the extent of the conspiracy, and the enormity and barbarity of the crimes committed.

In conversation with a prominent citizen of South Carolina, he expressed his surprise and indignation at such brutalities could have been practiced in any civilized State. He was asked:— "What is the name of the man who was carried to the Supreme Court?"

Enforcement act held to be unconstitutional, what then? "From what you have seen and know, do you think that the life of a Republican is worth the price which State ought to protect her citizens?" was the lawyer's reply. "But you know that the State don't do it, and can't do it."

USE OF THE LAMER CASES. To-day, (December 3d), the Grand Jury found indictments against some twenty-five young men engaged in the murder of Captain Jim Williams. This was one of the most important rights ever asserted by the York county Klans. It was ordered by the Grand Chief, J. W. Avery (now in Canada), and was intended to dispose of two influential leaders of the Klans, S. Wallace, member of Congress, and John Williams, a colored politician of considerable importance among his own race. The indictments were returned on five miles from Mr. Wallace's residence, and according to their usual custom, captured a negro and took him along to show them the way. The darkey was mounted on a mule behind a rider named Tom Kelly (now in custody), who seems to have been a concept Klux-kin, who had no part in the work. He allowed his mule to get behind the rear, and kept counting that his load was so heavy that he could not keep up. At last he called out to the Chief, who was designated as "No. 6," that his mule was unable to carry the load. "No. 6" replied, "Put the bigger down." The colored gentleman jumped off and disappeared in the woods, preferring not to go on the rail.

By some happy circumstance Mr. Wallace was delayed in Washington one day longer than he expected, and thus the Klux-kin could not get to the trial in time of the adjournment of Congress, and supposing that he would come home on the next day, missed him. They went on to the main building, and there they met a colored woman were in the house, and they say that a rope was put around the poor man's neck, and that he was choked to death and then kept counting that his load was so heavy that he could not keep up. At last he called out to the Chief, who was designated as "No. 6," that his mule was unable to carry the load. "No. 6" replied, "Put the bigger down." The colored gentleman jumped off and disappeared in the woods, preferring not to go on the rail.

GRAND FIRE AT HAGERTOWN.—A fire broke out at Hagertown, Washington county, Md., at 10 o'clock on Wednesday night last, in the business house of Hollins & Darbank, agricultural implements dealer, located on Antietam street, opposite the depot, and Ohio Railroad depot, and rapidly spread to the buildings. The flames soon reached the Episcopal Church and the Court House, and both were burned to the ground. All the public records were saved. Several lives were lost by the falling of the Court House dome.

Under the destruction of the church and Court House, the fire was under control by the firemen. A number of firemen were in the Court House when the cupola fell and injured John Friedinger, one of the firemen that he was unable to escape and perished in the flames. The deceased leaves a widow and ten children, who were dependent upon him for support. The total loss by the fire will reach \$100,000 with an insurance of \$13,000.

CIVILITY.—Civility costs nothing. And as long as we are all good citizens, we shall have no need of it. Beneath a rough exterior A nature most refined By kindness life is beautified; I shall not be a good citizen, You'll find both universal At Bennett's Tower Hall.

THE PENINSULAR PEACH GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.—Stamford Township, in the State of New Jersey, has been the scene of a most interesting and successful experiment in the amount of good accomplished by the Peninsular Fruit Growers' Association since its organization in 1867. When the Association was formed there was no regular line to Jersey City. The Peninsular Peach Growers' Association perfected their route, caused fruit to be transported cars to be built; freight reduced from \$150 to \$100 per car load from Dover, and the right to put in 10,000 pounds, or 200 bushels, of peaches in one car. The freight this year has been reduced in proportion to the distance, which any man can do in 500 crates and then grumble. The freight this year has been reduced in proportion to the distance, which any man can do in 500 crates and then grumble.

PAYMENT OF THE PUBLIC DEBT.—ADVANCE IN S. SECURITIES IN EUROPE.—The financial statement of the United States for the year ending on the 30th of September, 1871, shows a most successful and profitable year. Another triumph of our national credit and Secretary Boutwell's financial policy.

THE PHILADELPHIA CATTLE MARKET.—There was an active demand for Beef Cattle this morning, and prices advanced fully 10c. per lb. The receipts were light and the market was dull. Sales of choice at 7 1/2c; fair to good at 5 1/2c; and common at 4 1/2c. per lb. gross. Sheep of prime quality were much sought after, but common were not so much in demand. Sales of the former at 10c; the latter for 8c and 9c. Cows and Calves were dull. Sales of springing at 10c; and fresh Cows at 14c; and calves at 12c. Hogs were rather weak. Sales at 10c; per lb. for corn-fed. Receipts at the Union Yards, 481 head.

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TO COUNTERACT THE SHORT-SIGHTED POLICY OF DESIGNING AND MALICIOUS PERSONS who have sought to injure the trade of Philadelphia, by concealing and circulating EXAGGERATED AND MALICIOUS REPORTS, we shall take advantage of our very fortunate position, and organize an IMMENSE AND UNAPPROACHABLE SALE, which will cause a great loss to any who make purchases without knowing what can be saved by buying at this UNUSUAL AND STUPENDOUS SALE.

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ABRIDGED PLAN. —MEN'S DEPARTMENT— 7,941 MEN OVERCOATS. 6,640 DRESS COATS. 5,113 GARRICKS AND CAPES. 5,113 BUSINESS PANTS. 12,311 BUSINESS PANTS. 1,818 FINE ENGLISH STRIPED PANTS. 3,875 DOESKIN PANTS. 2,519 BLACK CLOTH VESTS. 602 VELVET VESTS. 578 CASHMERE VESTS. 14,406 CASHMERE VESTS. 383 Double-Breasted Short Overcoats. 823 English Diagonal D. B. Overcoats. 78,289 TOTAL GARMENTS.

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