

THURSDAY MORNING, December 9, 1869.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, ETC.—Both Houses of Congress assembled at the Capitol, Washington, on Monday last and organized at 12 o'clock, m. The message of the President was received and read. Nothing of moment was done in either House, but a number of new bills were introduced, among others, one prohibiting the Supreme Court from exercising jurisdiction over the acts of Congress. This is a handling of the inevitable Summer's and will, if passed, effectually dispose of the little that is left of the co-ordinate powers of the Federal judiciary.

We have neither space nor inclination to publish the message. Partisan we expected it to be and it has not disappointed us in this respect. For the balance, we must let the following synopsis, which we take from the Baltimore Gazette, speak for it as best it may.

The President expresses the profoundest gratitude for things generally, and states that though the efforts of Congress have not been as successful as desirable, still they were quite as much so as could reasonably have been anticipated.

Recommends that Georgia (which has not adopted the Fifteenth Amendment) be reconstructed so as to turn out white delegates and replace them by blacks, who were illegally elected.

That Virginia, having done all that was required, be admitted.

That an immediate resumption, if practicable, is not desirable, and that fluctuations in gold be stopped by authorizing the Treasury to enlarge its stock operations by redeeming legal-tenders for gold at a fixed price and selling them again if applied for.

That the Government 6 per cent. bonds be swapped for 4 1/2 per cent., if the thing can be managed.

That, as the revenue is already larger than is needed, and promises to increase, the exorbitant tariff be not interfered with for the present.

That, for the same reason, the Income Tax, at 3 per cent., be continued for three years longer.

That the dignity of the office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue be made commensurate with the importance of the gentleman who fills it.

That although this Government sympathizes with Cuba, belligerent rights cannot be accorded to the Cubans until the contest warrants it.

That an intercession canal be built at Darien, if it can be done by private enterprise.

That as he did not feel authorized to detain the Spanish gunboats, he tied them up in law courts.

That the Alabama questions be settled as soon as England appreciates the gravity of their character and removes the sense of unfriendliness to this country manifested during the struggle for existence.

That for the purpose of cultivating our relations with China, the importation of Chinese coolies be prohibited.

That to enable us to fulfil our obligations, the whole public debt should be declared payable in coin.

That as the Tenure-of-Office could not have been intended to embarrass the President, it had better be repealed.

That to quiet the Indians, whom he calls the nation's wards, and prevent strife, all the tribes be exiled to remote reservations.

That as the franking privilege is simply an abuse, it be repealed.

The Message then compliments the munificence of Congress, recommends liberal appropriations to the Agricultural Bureau and increased pay to the Judges of the Supreme Court. It alludes gracefully to the patriotism and statesmanship of members of Congress, wisely, however, abstaining from the mention of particular names, and closes with a promise of a rigid adherence to and a strict enforcement of all laws, including amendments, no doubt.

THE HARPER PUBLICATIONS.—We are in receipt of Harper's Monthly for December. Its contents are Frederick the Great, Beast, Bird and Fish, A Passing Wish, The Fisherman's daughter, Dolly, A Brave lady, My enemy's daughter, A Mistake, Ecumenical council, The Old Fairy Joanna, Border Reminiscences, By the way side, In clover, Editor's essay Chair, Editor's Literary Record, Editor's Scientific Record, Editor's Historical Record, Editor's Drawer. Price \$4 a year in advance. Address Harper & Bros., N. Y.

The Weekly and Baxter are weekly issues and are admirable for their literary and artistic merits. See advertisements elsewhere.

WINTRY.—Ice and Wintry weather have made their appearance in our latitude with a fair prospect of a prolonged visit. The seasons have all predicted a long and severe Winter but our climate of late has become so capricious that we advise people who have ice-houses to fill to make ready and fill at the first opportunity.

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Trustees' Sale of valuable REAL ESTATE.

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