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COMMISSIONER RATHM thinks that the receipts from internal revenue for the year, at the present rate of taxation, will be \$146,000,000. He urges a reduction of at least \$60,000,000 per annum in the revenue of the government, leaving untouched the taxes on liquors and tobacco, but striking off the duty on sugar.

THERE is a bill pending in congress to guarantee \$75,000,000 of the bonds of the Nicaragua Canal Company. It ought to be promptly squelched. If the ghost of the last river and harbor bill still stalks about the corridors of the house, let the ominous sound of its skeleton foot warn the defeated members not to take any stock in such expensive measures.

INTERNAL REVENUE COMMISSIONER RATHM is eminently sound when he recommends that there be no reduction of taxation on distilled spirits, liquors, tobacco or cigars. He is of the opinion that these articles of luxury should not be released that they are proper subjects for taxation, and that there is no popular demand for their exemption. Congress will do well if it heeds Commissioner RATHM's sensible advice in this respect.

A CABLE dispatch from Cairo, Egypt, says Arabi Pasha, on trial before a military court, pleaded guilty to the charge of rebellion, and was sentenced to death. The khedive subsequently commuted the sentence to exile for life. Arabi's demeanor before the court is represented to have been dignified. The other chiefs of the late Egyptian rebellion will be similarly disposed of. It is reported that Arabi will be sent to the Cape of Good Hope.

SOME of the papers continue to speak of Senator David Davis as "Vice President." He is no more vice president than any other senator. He is president pro tem. of the senate, appointed to that place by his brother senators. The vice president of the United States is elected by the people of the states, and David Davis has not been so elected, and there is not a word in the constitution or the laws which recognizes the president pro tem. under any circumstances or contingency, whatever.

ARAB RAY might have much worse luck. He gets off with a sentence of perpetual exile. The sentence was apparently prearranged Arabi pleaded guilty to the charge of treason and was condemned to death by the court martial assembled to try him. The sentence then commuted to perpetual exile. Arabi took the medicine without making a wry face. Though the khedive figured as the angel of clemency, the rebel is undoubtedly indebted to the interposition of the British for his mild punishment. He will receive the favor by going to live in the British dominions.

By placing sugar on the free list, the internal revenue commission estimates that the people of the United States would realize an aggregate saving of about \$45,000,000 per annum. That is a good recommendation. All the necessities of life, and all articles that enter into the daily use of the people, except those that are legitimately classed as luxuries, ought to be made as cheap as possible to the consumer. That is the rule which ought to guide congress in the revision of the tariff laws. It is founded on common sense and sound principles of political economy.

The Sioux Indian commission is meeting with extraordinary success in treating with the bands that occupy the great reservation west of the Missouri, and their efforts are promptly seconded by the executive and congress, at least 12,000,000 acres will be added to the public domain early next season. They have already treated with three Southern agencies, and with the Indians at Standing Rock. Only three more agencies have to be seen. They found a uniform willingness among the Indians to make the concessions asked, and a singular eagerness existing among the tribes lately wild to submit to the advantages of schools and to learn the arts of civilization. If the recommendations of the commissioners in the directions of aiding the Sioux to become farmers and cattle raisers are followed, a long step will have been taken towards rendering these troublesome wards of the government self-supporting and cutting off the supplies of the Indian rick.

President Arthur's message to congress contains the usual review of our foreign relations and the department reports. Its principal features, which most deeply interest the public, briefly stated, are as follows: (1) A recommendation that silver coinage be suspended; (2) that extensive reductions be made in taxation by a revision of the tariff and the abolition of all internal revenue avarice that deprives the public of rapidly increasing funds; (3) that the coast defenses be extended; (4) that no more river and harbor bills be passed by the present session; (5) that the constitution be so amended that the executive may disapprove of a portion of an enacted bill and that the balance of it shall stand as a law; (6) that hereafter all large appropriations be made in separate bills; (7) that the navy be strengthened by the substitution of steel for iron ships; (8) that methods of reviving American ship building be considered by congress; (9) that the postmaster general's scheme for the reduction of postage to two cents on letters be adopted; (10) that a bankruptcy law be passed; (11) that measures be taken to relieve the country of some of its alarming illiteracy; (12) that congress recognize the internal commerce to the extent necessary to protect the people from unjust discriminations; (13) that the forests be protected; (14) that the civil service be regulated by some law involving many of the main features of the Pendleton bill; (15) that a law to prevent the levying of compulsory political assessments be passed; (16) that the constitution be so amended as to fully provide for counting the electoral votes, and to clearly set forth the duties of a vice president.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Second Session of the Forty-Seventh Congress—Personal of the Two Houses—The Week a Bull One and a Half Days.

MONDAY, DEC. 7. Senate.—No opening day of congress has been more uninteresting to the casual observer than this morning. Although the city is full of strangers, the attendance at the capitol has been about what would be expected on a day of no business. The chief interest centered on the senate side. Perhaps it was the new furniture that attracted the most attention. The chief interest centered on the senate side. Perhaps it was the new furniture that attracted the most attention.

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FOREIGN. MICHAEL KELLY has been arrested near Limerick for participation in the murder of James Stephens. The arrest was made by the police.

At the wool sales in London 11,000 bales were disposed of, prices unchanged. The steamship Collier has foundered in the Bay of Biscay. The vessel was carrying a large cargo of coal.

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SOMEbody's MOTHER.

The woman was old and ragged and gray. She was sitting on a bench in the park. She was looking at a young girl who was sitting on the bench next to her. The girl was looking at her with a curious expression.

"You have no idea of what you are saying," replied Mr. Charlesworth, half sadly. "The weeks and months rolled by the young girl became the light and sunshine of Tom's life. He was a happy child, and he was a happy man."

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BRIEF ITEMS.

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Four Phrygian clerics adopted the custom of wearing gowns in the pulpit. Mr. George Augustus Sala warns Mr. Gladstone that he does not regard a little the Americans may begin to mistrust her.

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February 19, 1885, to nominate candidates for governor and other state offices.

The vote of Louisiana at the late election was the smallest since 1852. The democratic vote was 49,165 and the republican 38,395. New Orleans cast 24 per cent. of the entire vote.

Virginia has a total voting population of 384,000 of which 200,000 are white and 184,000 are black. At the late election, at least 400,000 white people did not vote. This was due to the capitation tax. This is now repealed.

The proposition to submit a prohibitory amendment to the constitution to the people of Vermont was defeated in the house of representatives. The vote was 100 to 90.

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