

to compensate for the risk of a downward fluctuation in value of the currency. Second, that the secretary of the treasury be authorized to redeem say not to exceed \$2,000,000 monthly of legal tender notes by issuing in their stead a long bond, bearing interest at the rate of 3.55 per cent, per annum, of denominations ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 each. This would reduce the legal tender notes to a volume that could be kept afloat without demanding redemption in large sums suddenly. Third, that additional power be given to the secretary of the treasury to accumulate gold for final redemption, either by increasing revenue, curtailing expenses, or both, if it is preferable to do both, and recommend that a reduction of expenditures be made wherever it can be done without impairing government obligations or crippling the due execution thereof. One measure for increasing the revenue, and the only one I think of is the restoration of the

DUTY ON TEA AND COFFEE.
These duties would add probably \$18,000,000 to the present amount received for imports, and would in no way increase the prices paid for those articles by the consumers. These articles are the products of countries collecting revenue from exports, and as we, the largest consumers reduce the duties they proportionally increase them. With this addition to the revenue, many duties now collected, and which give but an insufficient return for the cost of collection, might be remitted, and to the direct advantage of consumers at home. I would mention those articles which enter into manufactures of all sorts. All duty paid upon such articles go directly to the cost of the article when manufactured here, and must be paid for by the consumers. The duties not only come from the consumers at home, but act as a protection to foreign manufacturers of the same completed articles in our own and distant markets.

ANOTHER METHOD.
I will suggest or mention another subject bearing upon the problem of how to enable the secretary of the treasury to accumulate balances: It is to devise some better method of verifying claims against the government than at present exists through the court of claims growing out of the late war. Nothing is more certain than that a large percentage of the amounts passed and paid are part or wholly fraudulent or are far in excess of the losses sustained. The large amount of losses proven on good testimony according to existing laws, by affidavits of fictitious or unscrupulous persons to have been sustained on small farms and plantations are not only far beyond possible yield of those places for any one year, but, as every one knows who has experience in tilling the soil and who has visited the scenes of these the spoliation are in many instances, more than the individuals were ever worth, including their personal and real estate.

THE BLACK HILLS.
The discovery of gold in the Black Hills, a portion of the Sioux reservation, had the effect to induce a large emigration of miners to that point. Thus far the effort to protect the treaty rights of Indians in that section have been successful, but the next year will certainly witness a large increase of such emigration. The negotiations for the relinquishment of the gold fields having failed, it will be necessary for congress to adopt some measures to relieve the embarrassment growing out of the causes named. The secretary of the interior suggests that the supplies now appropriated for the sustenance of that people being no longer obligatory under the treaty of 1868, but simply a gratuity, may be issued or withheld at his discretion.

THE INDIAN POLICY.
The method for the treatment of Indians, adopted at the beginning of my first term, has been steadily pursued with satisfactory and encouraging results. It has been productive of evident improvement in the condition of that race, and will be continued with only such modifications as the further experience may indicate to be necessary.

POLYGAMY.
I have heretofore called attention to the anomalous not to say scandalous condition of affairs existing in the territory of Utah, and have asked for definite legislation to correct it. That polygamy should exist in a free, enlightened and christian country, without the power to punish so flagrant a crime against decency and morality, seems preposterous. True, there is no law to sustain this unnatural vice, but what is needed is a law to punish it as a crime and at the same time to fix the status of the innocent children, the offspring of this system, and of the possibly innocent plural wives; but, as an institution, polygamy should be banished from the land.

CHINESE WOMEN.
While this is being done I invite the attention of congress to another through perhaps no less an evil—the importation of Chinese women, but few of whom are brought to our shores to pursue honorable or useful occupations.

THE PUBLIC LANDS.
Observations while visiting the territories of Wyoming, Utah and Colorado, during the past autumn, convinced me that existing laws regulating the disposition of public lands,

timber, etc., and probably the mining, are very defective, and should be carefully amended and at an early day. In territories where cultivation of the soil can only be followed where irrigation is practicable, the lands can only be used as a pasturage, and this only where stock can reach water to quench their thirst, and cannot be governed by the s. m. laws, as to every acre, lands must be held in larger quantities to justify the expense of conducting water upon it to make it fruitful, or to justify utilizing it as pasturage. The timber in most of the territories is principally confined to mountain regions, which are held for entry in small quantities only, and as mineral lands. The timber is the property of the United States, for the disposal of which there is now no adequate law. The settler must become a consumer of this timber whether he lives upon the plains or engages in working the mines. Hence, every man becomes either a trespasser himself or knowingly a patron of a trespasser.

My opportunities for observation were not sufficient to justify me in recommending specific legislation on these subjects, but I do recommend that a joint committee of the two houses of congress, sufficiently large to be divided into sub-committees, be organized, to visit all the mining states and territories during the coming summer, and that the committee shall report to congress at the next session such laws, or additions to laws, as it may deem necessary to insure the best interests of the government and the people of these territories, who are doing so much for their development. I am sure the citizens occupying the territories described do not wish to be trespassers, nor will they be if legal ways are provided for them to become owners of these actual necessities of position.

CONCLUSION.
As this will be the last annual message which I shall have the honor of transmitting to congress before my successor is chosen, I will report or recapitulate the questions which I deem of vital importance which should be legislated upon and settled at this session.

A GOOD EDUCATION.
First—That the states shall be required to afford the opportunity of a good common school education to every child within their limits.

NO RELIGION IN THE SCHOOLS.
Second—No sectarian tenets shall ever be taught in any school supported in whole or in part by the state, nation, or by the proceed of any tax levied upon any community; to make education compulsory so far as to deprive all persons who cannot read and write from becoming voters after the year 1880, disfranchising none, however, on grounds of illiteracy who may be voters at the time this amendment takes effect.

CHURCH AND STATE SEPARATION.
Third—Declare church and state forever separate and distinct, but each free within their proper spheres and that all church property shall bear its own proportion of taxation.

LICENSED IMMORALITY.
Fourth—Drive out licensed immorality, such as polygamy and the importation of women for illegitimate purposes. To recur again to the centennial year, it would seem as though now, as we are about to begin the second century of our national existence, it would be a most fitting time for these reforms.

SPECIE.
Fifth—Enact such laws as will insure a speedy return to a sound currency such as will command the respect of the world.

Believing that these views will commend themselves to a great majority of the right thinking and patriotic citizens of the United States I submit the rest to congress.
(Signed) U. S. GRANT,
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