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FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 8, 1871.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

As this Message is examined, and public opinion upon it is reflected from the public press, we notice that it meets the fullest anticipations of his friends, and is proof against the attacks of his enemies.

THE NEW YORK HERALD SAYS:

The President's Message is before our readers. It is an unexpected and a most interesting State paper, which challenges the general attention of the country.

That proposition is good for thirty or forty thousand majority in the House of Representatives. It is an unexpected and a most interesting State paper, which challenges the general attention of the country.

GENERAL NOT SPECIAL RETRENCHMENT.

That very remarkable document Wednesday, promulgated by his Excellency Gilbert C. Walker—remarkable certainly for its length—contains an appeal to the members of the Legislature in behalf of the Commonwealth, to bring into her treasury all the money due them for mileage, except just so much as will defray the expenses actually incurred.

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informed as to their wishes; to exemplify the republicanism we all profess, by appearing not as a monarch, ruling by divine right, and claiming homage to his person; but as the Chief Executive officer of a free people, faithfully performing his official duties, and not discarding those of personal, common citizenship.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

In the Senate yesterday, the only matter of real import was the joint resolution extending time for making returns by treasurers and township collectors, to Feb. 1st, 1872.

The extension appears to be necessary and not unreasonable, in view of the actual pecuniary condition of the people.

The resolution in relation to amendments to the Constitution, (one of the suggestions emanating from the Governor, which has met prompt response in the General Assembly) lies over.

The people demand the repeal of that law; and it will not be safe for any man or any party to uphold it, against their will, clearly spoken through an independent press and in the late elections.

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lectively, and strikes a fatal blow at the individual credit of every man in the community. To justify, or even extenuate, such financial criminality, is to rule yourself out of all high-toned business circles, and draw down the social and financial ostracism of every business man in the community.

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