

mouth—that is, a dollar for each inhabitant, the law would have yielded in the whole State about a million and a half of dollars!

Resumption, Silver, &c. Resumption has been easy and smooth. Nothing better illustrates the facility with which the country has adapted itself to a lock with water until the boat seeking admission into it is floated in without the aid of motive power.

The Chamber of Commerce of New York improved the occasion to gratify its spite against silver by adopting a resolution condemning silver as a standard and urging Congress further to limit its coinage and its use as a legal tender.

This act of the Chamber reminds us of Quixot's aversion to the old figure-head, which he never lost an opportunity to throw a hatchet at. And what good did it do the Chamber to throw the hatchet spitefully at silver? None whatever.

What the country wants now is that there shall be a just regulation of the relative value of gold and silver. When that is done there will be an end of rejecting coin at the counters of banks and depositories generally.

It is a happy thing for the Union that the resumption of specie-payments during which we have passed should be done in connection with silver coin, and should carry silver along in its time-honored position of that precious metal that is most useful and that is brought nearest and most familiar to the people.

Resumption—has certainly occasioned not a ripple upon the surface of affairs, and naturally there is an evident complaint that an event which everybody expected to produce a sensation should be so devoid of excitement.

First Congressional District. Governor HOLLIDAY has issued a writ of election to supply the vacancy in the First congressional district, occasioned by the death of the Hon. BEVERLY B. DOUGLAS.

Senator GRAYSON, president pro tempore in the chair. The Senate met at 10 o'clock. The Senate proceeded to the consideration of a communication from the Superintendent of Public Instruction, dated December 29, 1878.

By Mr. GRAYSON: A bill to amend and re-enact section 90 of chapter 49 of the Code of 1878, in relation to allowances to sheriffs and sergeants by counties and corporations.

By Mr. GRAYSON: A bill to amend and re-enact section 90 of chapter 49 of the Code of 1878, in relation to subscriptions to works of internal improvement by counties, cities, and towns.

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