

Grant at his Message—Mexican Claims—Fish and Cuba, &c.

WASHINGTON, November 24. The President was at work on his message to-day, and refused all visitors.

The amount of claims filed by Americans before the joint Mexican Commission in session here already exceeds fifteen millions of dollars.

The representatives of the Cuban Junta here say that they have learned that Secretary Fish is the determined enemy of Cuban independence.

The most reliable statement regarding the Spanish gunboats seems to be that the writs of attachment served to-day are procured upon the advice of the Peruvian Consul that the Government of Spain designed to use them against his government.

Ex-President Andrew Johnson will take rooms at the Arlington Hotel for the winter.

The Commissioner of Customs' report shows the receipts for the fiscal year at one hundred and eighty millions, with fines, penalties and forfeitures of three quarters of a million, and with other fees the total aggregating one hundred and eighty-two millions, equal to two hundred and thirty-four millions currency.

It is regarded as certain that the Spanish gunboats will be released. A libelling affidavit concerning the gunboats has been made by Alpanse of the Cuban Junta.

Turbulent speeches by Elliott, Ransier and Whipper followed, in which the longshoremen were denounced as making it a political convention, and their leader as trying to reenact the scenes of Military Hall.

Amid tremendous confusion, hawking and hooting, the convention was declared organized, and adjourned.

It is reported that Grissell & Co. will resist the cancellation of the Blue Ridge contract, on the ground that their delay was caused by unavoidable circumstances.

The bill to repeal the township law will doubtless be passed; there are only five votes against it in the House.

In the Senate, Donalson introduced a bill to authorize the Legislature to purchase the lot on Meeting street, known as the Clubhouse, for United States Courthouse, which received its first reading.

In the House, Donalson introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Charlotte and Augusta Railroad; by Johnson, a bill to establish a system of free common schools; by Wright, a bill to incorporate the Provident Life Insurance Company, and a bill to regulate pilots and establish rates of pilotage; by Donalson, a bill to incorporate Charleston University, and a bill to incorporate the Edisto Phosphate and Fertilizing Company.

This morning, Charles Cohn, merchant, was arrested in this city on a charge of being Chief of Police of Charleston, South Carolina, charging him with having forged drafts in that city to the amount of ten thousand dollars.

The Journal Official has received the following from Port Said: "The imperial yacht l'Algeut with the Empress on board, and the entire fleet, left Smyrna yesterday, and reached the Mediterranean to-day.

The Republican State Convention, of Virginia, met in Richmond at noon yesterday.

The death warrant of Dr. Paul Schoeppe, for the 22d of December, has been signed by the Governor of Pennsylvania.

At a Washington dispatch of Tuesday, to the Baltimore Sun, says: From what has been developed within a few days past it is evident that the question of repeal or modification of the income tax will cause excited and prolonged discussion in the approaching session of Congress.

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The leading figures of the State debt are given as follows: Funded debt October 31, 1869, \$1,343,340 17 Total assets held on that date, 2,754,690 00 Interest falling due during the fiscal year ending October 31, 1870, 388,690 00 The taxable property is estimated at \$190,000,000 00

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THE ANNUAL MESSAGE OF GOVERNOR SCOTT. The Labor Convention—Proceedings in the General Assembly Yesterday—The Blue Ridge Contractors Want to Hold Fast to their Bargain, &c.

COLOMBIA, November 24. The Labor Convention met this evening. About three hundred delegates were present—nearly all black, and mostly legislators.

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THE CAPTION OF A SINKING FUND. There are some twenty millions of dollars of railroad bonds and other securities which I recommend to be held and ultimately used as a sinking fund for the redemption of the State debt.

THE AMBITION OF LABOR AND CAPITAL. This brings Governor Scott to his pet theme, the redemption of the State debt.

Among the evils of civilization may be deemed the ambition of capital and labor, and the strife and contentions which generally accompany it.

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SPECIAL PAYMENTS. Secretary Boutwell's Programme—Gold and Silver in 1871. A Washington dispatch to the New York World says: From semi-official sources I have ascertained that, after some consultation with leading New York bankers and also with Western Bankers, Secretary Boutwell has decided to submit an early day—probably in his annual report—the following programme for a return to specie payments to the consideration of Congress.

1. The national banks to redeem their notes for gold by July 1, 1870.

2. The government to redeem its greenbacks in gold after January 1, 1871.

3. From banking for all parties upon bonds bearing interest at five per cent. in gold.

4. This point is not quite settled. There is some difference of opinion as to whether the United States should take charge of all circulation by the issue of greenbacks on a plan similar to that of the Bank of England.

5. The free-banking clause of the programme, which has been the great favorite among those who have been opposed to the return to specie payments to the Western States, where the greatest obstacles to a resumption of specie payments now exist.

The Moon recently submitted to a large meeting of German astronomers at Vienna, and were highly praised. The atlas consisted of twenty-five plates, each six feet six inches in dimensions, being twice the size of the largest lunar maps heretofore published.

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SPECIAL NOTICES. SOMETHING NEW AND VERY SALEABLE. HAWKINS' GUNNY SURPRISE BOXES can be had at VAN SICK'S BAZAAR, No. 222 King street, by dealers at manufacturers' price, \$2 per dozen. At retail, 25 cents per box. Each box contains a prize.

CONSIGNERS' NOTICE.—THE Schooner A. E. GLOVER is THIS DAY, discharging, at Atlantic City Wharf. All goods not called for by sunset will be stored in owners' risk and expense. All claims for reclamation must be made on the wharf. MISS GILBERT'S SON.

NOTICE.—STEAMER CITY POINT will depart here for Florida on FRIDAY EVENING, at 8 o'clock, instead of SATURDAY, as heretofore. J. D. Aiken & Co., Agents.

J. N. M. WOLFFMANN for the present occupies the store of Messrs. FARRAR BROS., corner Third and Cumberland streets, and will be pleased to see his friends.

JUST RECEIVED. A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF FINE BUSINESS ENVELOPES. Which will be furnished to our customers with Business Cards neatly printed thereon at 41 to 50 per 1000. CALL AT

NOTICE.—A MEETING OF THE Creditors of Dr. JOHN J. ISHMAN will be held at Manning, S. C., on MONDAY, the 6th of December next, on which day there will be a sale of the assets of the Estate.

WE LIVE IN THREE CLIMATES. In this country we have, at different seasons of the year, the temperature of three climates.

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