

THE First National Bank of Utah owes the Government about \$100,000 and cannot pay. Another steal from the people.

ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS weighs only eighty pounds. At Verdopolis, he may be considered the light weight of Congress.

THE Santa Cruz Sentinel says JIM McCLATCHY is made up of three hundred pounds of beef and one ounce of brains. This make-up would do for our amiable friend across the way, minus the brains.

CONGRESS starts in on the Southern Pacific Railroad. We hope it will stay on the track. If the powers over at Washington will stop spending money on the Indians of Arizona and invest it in the Southern or Texas Pacific Railroad, they will soon so civilize the Apaches that no harm will ever be done by any of them.

REPORTS from all parts of the country are full of promise. The acreage which will be seeded this season will more than double that of any previous year since the settlement of the valley. The amount of small grain we shall harvest will be largely in excess of former years, if the crops are as good as anticipated. If the large wheat acreage seeded in San Fernando valley yields a fair crop, of which there is now no reason for doubt, we shall harvest wheat enough next year to supply the home market with flour. Our advisers are that many thousands of acres in this county will be set out in young trees and vines between now and the 1st of March. The valley is rapidly filling with people and prosperity reigns everywhere.

HERE is an item which steady drinkers should read and temperance organizations use as an argument why all men having policies of their lives should be teetotalers: The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company resisted the payment of a policy on the ground that the insured had violated his agreement by the excessive use of liquor, and thereby assisted himself out of the world. It was in evidence that the deceased had drunk brandy at the rate of a bottle and a half a day, besides large amounts of wine and other light drinks. It was a strong case for the company but by way of encouragement to moderate drinkers and to give the facts we must state that the jury found for the plaintiff, and the company found itself out and injured.

THE Council did not show a strong disposition to consider the petition to leave the railroad depot where it is at present located. The petition was received and placed on file without discussion. We can see no reason for changing the opinion expressed in the HERALD of yesterday morning that it would be just as well to move the depot as per agreement between the Council and the railroad representatives some weeks ago. Nothing is clearer than that a new location must be selected at an early day, and as that location has been agreed upon and the railroad company have commenced work on their new buildings, why discontinue an improvement which, though it may not be absolutely necessary at this time, all admit that the time is near at hand when the demands of commerce will render the change imperative.

THE farmers built the Salinas and Monterey Railroad. They placed their shoulders to the wheel and all worked together. They did not find it such a hard or difficult job when all were united and determined to push the work to completion. The people of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties should profit by the example of the Monterey farmers. The building of the Los Angeles and Independence Railroad will not be as great or difficult an undertaking for the people directly interested as was the Salinas and Monterey road for the little band of sturdy Grangers who built it. The necessity for our road is a hundred times greater than theirs and the value of our road will be a hundred times greater than theirs. Our people can build the much needed road. All that is required is unity of action and a determination to push the work along.

Just while we are reading in the President's Message that a better state of feeling exists in the South and that hostilities between the white and colored people of that distressed region appear to have closed, the telegraph flashes the news that trouble exists between the races at Vicksburg and in a fight twenty negroes were killed. This sort of thing is unpleasant to read, but we shall have such paragraphs until the colored people learn to regard the Southern people—their old masters—as their truest and best friends. It is stated that in some portions of the South societies and organizations composed of colored men are breaking away from the influence of the carpet-bagger and are seeking advice and friends among those who were once their masters and owners. This is a sensible move. The carpet-bagger is an adventurer, and he cares not what difficulties and privations he imposes on the negro, so he secures

office and self-aggrandizement. The native Southerner is the colored man's truest friend after all, and stand by them when the Northern office-seeking adventurer will leave them to be shot down in riots he himself incites.

The President's Message.

The President's Message of which the readers of the HERALD were presented with the main features yesterday morning, is a shorter though much more sensible document than the present Chief Executive has yet laid before Congress. The views on the taxation question are in accordance with the opinions expressed by the Secretary of the Treasury. The opinion that the revenue will have to be increased will not meet with general favor. Increased revenue means increased taxation, and the people are long weary of that load. On the whole, the message is a sensible paper, containing many sound suggestions on the national finance problem, and the proposed return to specie payment. The President appears to have all at once realized the fact that the great majority of the Chinese who come to this country are not free agents coming of their own accord, but slaves, coolies, brought here by their owners and used as slaves. This fact has long been known to the people of California, and we are pleased to know that it has finally reached the President. That part of the message which depreciates the custom of coercing negro voters in the South by capitalists is very well so far as it goes, but the President should not have stopped where he did on this subject. He should have deprecated and called on Congress to put a stop to the habit of Federal officers of coercing not only the colored voters of the South, but thousands of white voters in the North. He should have told how Government navy yards were stocked with men who could not hold their situation a moment after refusing to vote the Administration ticket, and how every employee in a Federal office is coerced out of his vote. But GRANT has sent out a sensible message—an unusually sensible one for him.

An Act of Cruelty.

PHILOSPHER PICKETT is still in durance vile. His offense was contempt of court, and the man who ordered him to prison was Justice WALLACE. This man PICKETT, whom every resident of San Francisco and nearly every old resident of the State knows personally or by reputation as "Philosopher PICKETT," is an eccentric man—so eccentric that one is almost justified in the conclusion that his mind is a little off balance at times. He is a man of more than average talent and of good heart and kindly disposition. He has no enemies except Justice WALLACE, and he has many friends. One day his irregularly constructed mind prompted him to assume the seat of Justice CROCKETT and maintain his right to hold it, until he was forcibly ejected by the officers. For this he was sent to prison, and for this he still remains in prison. Judge CROCKETT is a good and humane man, and it is strange he does not intercede for PICKETT's release. It would be a generous thing for him to do. The majesty of the law has been vindicated, and certainly the dignity of the Judge ought to be satisfied with the long imprisonment of a man whose eccentricities have long marked him as one of strange, almost unsound, mind. As for Mr. Justice WALLACE, there is nothing to be said except that should he ever again ask the people to give him an office, his cruel and relentless treatment of poor PICKETT will be remembered against him to his disgrace and discomfiture.

THE MERCED TRAGEDY.

Attempt to Lynch the Murderer, but He Escapes—The Mob Become Frantic and Sack the "Argus" Office. MERCED (Cal.), December 8th.—The town is all excitement, in consequence of the shooting of Edward Madden, editor of the Tribune, by Harry Granite, yesterday. Last night crowds gathered on the street, who meant to deal summarily with the murderer, but the Sheriff, anticipating the condition of affairs, had removed the prisoner to Hoffman's Ranch, one mile from town, in charge of two respectable sub-officers. The people found out that the prisoner had been removed. About 9 o'clock information reached them as to his whereabouts. The mob mounted on mustangs, went out to his place of concealment and demanded him of the officers. One of the officers was in bed with him and had him handcuffed, one of the cuffs being placed upon his own person, to guard against any possible escape. The two got out of bed and ran out of doors into the night. It seems that the prisoner here made his escape. Reports are numerous as to how he made his escape. All the officers are now in search. The town is full of parties who have come from abroad to learn the particulars of the tragedy. Last night the mother of the deceased arrived, and the remains were taken to Stockton to-day, where they will be interred in the family lot. A great many accompanied the cortege from here.

The crowd went and broke into the jail after the prisoner had been removed. They then went to the Argus office and upset things generally. The office looks like a wreck this morning. It seems that Steele made a bill of sale of the property to Wiginton, the banker here, who had a mortgage of \$2,500 on it at the time of the affray. Madden was universally esteemed. He was unmarried. Granite is the stepson of Steele, the editor of the Argus, and is young and of little account. He was instigated by Steele, no doubt. The citizens waited on Steele last night and gave him twenty-four hours to get out of town. He left immediately.

REPORT OF SECRETARY BRISTOW.

A Definite Plan for Arriving at Specie Payment—Economy Recommended in Public Buildings—Restoration of Tax on Tea and Coffee—Etc.

WASHINGTON, December 7th.—The report of the Secretary of the Treasury recapitulates the transactions attending the refunding of the debt. Successful bidders have taken up all the first bids and hold options for the rest until February 1st. The sinking fund has been reduced to \$100,000,000. The Secretary now takes strong grounds in favor of specie payment, but sets forth a definite plan for reaching the same. He recommends the resumption of the gold and silver coin, a fixed day. As to contracts thereafter made, and except as the official salaries and ordinary expenditures of the Government under existing appropriations, the Secretary recommends that authority be given for the immediate issue of convertible bonds bearing a low rate of interest. He asks that a day may be fixed for the resumption of specie payment not more remote than three years from the date that time the Secretary is authorized to raise gold by selling back bonds to such amounts as may be necessary from time to time to keep the treasury in a condition to issue greenbacks as presented. It is recommended that fractional currency be replaced by silver, and to accomplish this the Secretary desired to set all the mints at work coining silver, and as rapidly as produced, the fractional currency be called in and destroyed, beginning with the smallest denominations. The Secretary also asks that the coinage of gold be made in the United States only, and in London, in order to prevent the exportation of bullion for coinage. In regard to printing all varieties of Government notes, bonds and stamps, the Secretary recommends that the whole be done in the United States, and the Department. The Government has all the necessary machinery, obtained at a great cost, and all the necessary facilities. It can perform the work at least as cheaply as any private firm, when the cost of transportation by express is considered. Aside from these minor considerations the Secretary regards the question of safety as one of great importance. The Government currency should be made at the end of the present contracts, or as soon as they can be legally terminated. He recommends that all the work of this nature be performed in the printing division of the Treasury. The Secretary also recommends that the free banks as a part of the plan for the resumption of specie payment, and this branch of the subject is much elaborated. Concerning internal revenue the Secretary recommends that the tax be taken out of loan checks, watches, cosmetics and drugs; and to meet this loss, an additional tax of ten cents per gallon be imposed on whiskey. This will raise the revenue a little greater than is now realized from the articles enumerated. The practical workings of putting tea and coffee on the free list have been fully examined by the Treasury Department. Carefully prepared tables of the prices of tea, coffee, watches, cosmetics and drugs; and to meet this loss, an additional tax of ten cents per gallon be imposed on whiskey. This will raise the revenue a little greater than is now realized from the articles enumerated. The practical workings of putting tea and coffee on the free list have been fully examined by the Treasury Department. Carefully prepared tables of the prices of tea, coffee, watches, cosmetics and drugs; and to meet this loss, an additional tax of ten cents per gallon be imposed on whiskey. This will raise the revenue a little greater than is now realized from the articles enumerated.

THE TARIFF AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

UPON the question of tariff the Secretary, without entering upon much discussion, says at present it is only necessary to limit the tariff to the protection of revenue, and not to either protection or free trade. In the interest of business he does not think any changes should be hastily made, and if Congress desires to revise the present tariff, he recommends that the matter be appointed to take the whole subject into consideration, with instructions to report to the next Congress.

A Great economy is recommended in the expenditures for public buildings. The Secretary recommends that Congress go over the appropriations and estimate for these works with great care, with a view of reducing some and wholly suspending others. He expresses the belief that the needs of the Government do not require such elaborate and costly structures as have of late been erected, but that plainer and at the same time substantial buildings will answer every purpose and save many millions. He thinks there is needless extravagance in furnishing public buildings, and that much greater economy should be practiced in all directions. In this matter he has transmitted the estimates which have been already carefully revised, but he earnestly requests Congress to unite with him in scanning them still more closely, with a view to their further reduction.

LOWEST LIMIT OF ECONOMY.

The force of the Department has been reorganized and diminished exactly in accordance with the laws and appropriations of last session, but the Secretary thinks the lowest limit of economy consistent with a prompt and efficient performance of public business has not yet been reached. As to all plans for increasing the public indebtedness by aiding private enterprises of any kind, the Secretary does not believe the present condition of the Government justifies extending aid in any form.

Frightful Railroad Collision.

Boca (Nevada), December 8th.—No. 2 west bound overland train ran into No. 6 west bound emigrant train at Boca this morning, throwing an emigrant car down the bank, killing three passengers and wounding several—three of them quite badly. The others were able to continue their journey. One boy is missing, and is supposed to have been thrown into the river. The names of the dead and injured are not yet received.

Latest Telegrams.

EASTERN.

The Excitement Subsiding. VICKSBURG, December 9th.—The excitement is subsiding and business being resumed. Bands of negroes are reported on the Texas and Pacific approaches to the city. Governor Ames has issued a proclamation for the convening of an extra session of the Legislature.

Hamburg Steamer Line—Challenge. NEW YORK, December 9th.—The Occidental and Oriental Company, to run the China and east steamers, is thought to be a humber.

Chevenne on the Raid. CHEVENE, December 9th.—Jack's band of Chevenne have left the reservation in Colorado to raid on the Snake River settlements. Citizens are arming.

Congressional News. WASHINGTON, December 9th.—In the Senate, Col. Scott presented a memorial from the Texas and Pacific and Atlantic and Pacific Railroads, asking Congressional aid.

Conflict of Races. CINCINNATI, December 9th.—The fight between negroes and whites was renewed at Snyder's Bluff, ten miles from the city, last evening. The blacks returned. At last accounts the negroes had received reinforcement and were driving the whites to the city.

Colored Men Go Back on the Carpet-Bagger. MEMPHIS, December 9th.—The colored people of this city have organized a society for the purpose of discarding their old ties with the carpet-bagger and making friends with the whites in the South.

No Election Necessary—A Heavy Gale. CHICAGO, December 9th.—A Washington special says that the Republican caucus yesterday decided that no other election of President pro tem of the Senate was necessary.

Riot and Fighting at Vicksburg. NEW ORLEANS, December 7th.—Vicksburg reports in circulation last night that a large number of armed negroes were on the way to the city to take possession of the court-house, were confirmed this morning at 9 o'clock, when the alarm bells were rung, and the citizens, Business houses of all kinds closed, and the whites went under arms marching out to meet the enemy. The court-house is in possession of the whites. The negro Sheriff is a prisoner. Great excitement prevails.

New Orleans, December 7th.—A telegram from Vicksburg, signed by Arthur W. Allen, was received by General Emery to-day. It gives information that the riot and fighting began at this morning, that the militia cannot maintain order, that the mob has possession of the Sheriff and court-house. The extent of the fighting is not known.

New Orleans, December 7th.—A Vicksburg special says 700 armed negroes attacked the city this morning on three roads, but were driven back by the citizens with the loss of twenty killed and wounded, and forty prisoners. The whites lost one killed and two wounded.

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