

President's Message. We print the message in full this morning, on the second page. As it is quite short, when compared with most of its predecessors, we presume everybody will carefully read it for themselves, and make up their own opinions as to its merits or demerits.

The President urges, with great pertinence, the annexation of the Island of San Domingo, and devotes considerable of his message to the discussion of that question. We are of the opinion that the people are tired of the Government's speculations in that direction, and have a little anxiety on the subject.

What will, no doubt, greatly comfort the reformers and new party men, the President does not quarrel in favor of reform in the Civil Service, so as to provide for both appointment and tenure, and relieve Congressmen from the thankless and disagreeable labor of procuring appointments.

As stated by a contemporary, the message runs largely to details taken from the department reports, and shows a desire to make a full presentation of the business of the country. Its greatest argumentative force is devoted to San Domingo. It concludes with a general statement of the policy of the administration, which is everything that can be wished.

We have not undertaken to summarize all the topics treated in the message. It will be necessary for every one to read it in order to appreciate it.

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St. Croix and Lake Superior Railroad.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

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The President's Message Distributed Among The Committees.

NEW MEMBERS TAKE THE OATH.

SENATE. WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.

Several bills were introduced, when the Senate adjourned in order to complete the informal revision of Standing Committees.

Senate bills were introduced as follows: Mr. Blair, to authorize the appointment of a delegate to Congress from Indian Territory; Mr. Scott, to repeal so much of the act of July 14, 1870, as continues the income tax after December 31, 1870; Mr. Palmer, to authorize the Postmaster General to use the postal service a patent device for post marking and a more effective collection of postage stamps.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Sherman, and adopted, calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for copies of the regulations prescribed by him for the transportation of gold and silver through the United States to Canada.

An order was informally issued for the complete revision of the standing committees. The Senate adjourned at 12:30.

HOUSE. WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.

The bill passed by the Senate at the last session, extending the time for the construction of the railroad from the St. Croix River to the west end of Lake Superior, and to Bayfield, came up as the regular order of business in the morning hour. It extends the term of the grant for seven years, from the first of May, 1870, provided that thirty miles be completed within eighteen months, and so on every year thereafter. The bill was explained and advocated by Wilson, of Minnesota.

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Mr. Wood opposed the bill, declaring that it would be but a continuation of the swindling system by which the public lands had been given away to private corporations.

Mr. Julian desired to have the bill amended so as to exclude timbered land from the grant.

Mr. Lawrence desired to have the Railroad Company to sell the land to actual settlers only, and the quantity not exceeding a quarter section, and not exceeding \$2 50 an acre.

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