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OUR AGENTS: The FREE TRADER may be obtained at the following places by the single copy.

Ladies were elected to the office of County Superintendent of Schools in eight counties of this state at the November election.

Anthony Trollope, the novelist, and son of Mrs. Trollope the well-known authoress, died at London on Wednesday, aged 67 years.

The gold current has again turned in favor of this country. The steamship Servia, on Tuesday, brought \$50,000 in gold to New York from England.

In the police court at Cincinnati, last Saturday, Frank Frayne, who had accidentally (carelessly?) shot Miss Von Behrens during a performance in the theatre, was discharged on the ground that it was a mere accident.

The Garfield monument fair at Washington closed last Saturday evening after a run of eight days. The gross receipts were about \$25,000, from which are to be deducted about \$15,000 for expenses.

Mr. Henry Ten Eyck White, the man who gets up those atrocious paragraphs for the Chicago Tribune that appear under the head of "Lakeside Musings," was married on Monday at Milwaukee to Miss Fannie Driscoll, the well known Wisconsin poetess.

Timothy Ryan, of this city, has been awarded by the government the sum of \$1,804 as back pension. He will probably invest in government lands in the west or northwest in the spring.

The cold since Wednesday night, of which the extreme has been 14 deg. below zero at Ottawa, reached astounding figures up in Minnesota, Dakota, &c.

FOREIGN.—London was ravaged on Thursday night and yesterday morning by the most destructive fire the city had seen in many years.

The transit of Venus occurred on Wednesday strictly on time, but the prayers for a cloudless day to enable the scientific people carefully to watch it from beginning to end, was but partially answered.

For a couple of weeks past the loungers about the purlieus of the criminal court at Chicago enjoyed what to them no doubt was better than a play in watching the proceedings in the trial of Madeline Strula for the murder of a noted Chicago gambler named Charles Stiles, in July last.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The message of President Arthur, sent to congress last Monday, will be found on our inside pages. The document is generally commended by the press as a very able, judicious and business-like paper.

The second part is gotten up in the style of party platforms. The President is in favor of everything that the voice of the country as expressed through the press and at the late elections has shown to be popular.

Thus, in spite of the utter unwillingness of either the President or his party a year ago to touch the question of a reduction of taxation, the warning of the President on that subject now is quite earnest and peremptory.

He is quite outspoken on the subject of extravagant appropriations, and recurs with evident satisfaction to his veto of the great river and harbor grab.

Considering the attitude and action of the President on the subject of civil service reform, especially in connection with the New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia campaigns last fall, the President's solemn sermon on that subject is so dull as to suggest the idea of intentional burlesque.

Other recommendations, such as the reduction of letter postage to 2 or 1 1/2 cts. an ounce, protection of our forests, &c., are in the same vote-catching, party platform vein, but while they may elicit some newspaper praise as being conceived in a statesmanlike and patriotic spirit, will hardly come to fruition, any more than his tariff and revenue and civil service reform recommendations, until the republican party passes out of power and the reins come into democratic hands.

SUNDAY LAW IN NEW YORK.—New York city had a genuine surprise last Sunday in the sudden enforcement of what a large portion of her people regarded as a new edition of the old Connecticut Blue Laws.

For a year or two past New York has been getting up a revision of her penal code, and in this revision the old Sunday laws were embodied without change, with an additional provision or two imposing heavy penalties on police officers, constables, &c., for neglect to enforce them.

The English in Egypt, in capturing Arabi Pasha, found themselves in the predicament of the man who had caught the bear by the tail and to whom it was equally dangerous to hold on or let go.

WASHINGTON.

Congress re-assembled on Monday, a quorum being present in both houses. Aside from reading the President's message, which was the first business in order, the only business done in the senate was to take official notice of the death of Senator Hill.

The same subject was brought to the attention of the senate on Tuesday by a resolution of Mr. Beck instructing the judiciary committee to report on the amount of political assessments levied during the late campaign, how it was disbursed, &c.

The senate on Wednesday and Thursday discussed the Lowell bankruptcy bill. The house on Wednesday heard majority and minority reports read in favor of and against Kelly's bill to repeal the tax on tobacco; and on Thursday ordered 20,000 copies of the report of the tariff commission to be printed and discussed the Indian appropriation bill.

The report of the tariff commission has rather taken congress and the country by surprise. Indisputably the object in creating the commission was to relegate the tariff over to the next congress, but the late elections gave the commission such a nudge that they not only concluded to report to the present congress but to recommend such a revision of the tariff as will reduce the tariff by 25 per cent.

SIGNIFICANT AND INSTRUCTIVE.

Mr. Folger's report on the state of the finances contains a great many words and a great many numerals. Here are four words and two rows of figures from the accounts of the last fiscal year:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Internal revenue \$146,497,595; Surplus Revenue 143,543,810.

Internal revenue reduction \$85,000,000; Tariff reduction 60,000,000.

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INTERNAL REVENUE.—The report of Gen. Raum, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury on the 1st inst., shows that taxation by internal revenue has increased from \$113,000,000 in 1879 to \$146,500,000 in 1881, and estimates the receipts for this year at \$145,000,000.

The outcome thus far of the attempt of J. R. Corbus, "the rotten ulcer of political depravity whom God in his goodness allows to be postmaster" of La Salle, as Jack Reddick designates him, to suppress the circulation of the La Salle Democrat, is that Mr. Reddick, the publisher, has been summoned to appear before Commissioner Hoyle, at Chicago, next Monday, to answer the charge of publishing an obscene paper.

Chicago has one persistent applicant for an attorney's license. He first sought admission through the March term in the first district, and was rejected; came to Ottawa in May, made affidavit that he had not applied within six months, in the usual form, and was again rejected.

Washington Letter. (Regular correspondence.) The First Performance—A View from the Reporters' Gallery—Speaker Keifer's Trials. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4, 1882.

private stipulation that Arabi should be furnished a comfortable domicile in England or any of the English possessions he might prefer outside of Egypt, and that he should retain his military rank and draw his pay, he accepted the offer, plead guilty and has duly received his pardon.

A "first performance," be it theatrical or parliamentary, always forms a great attraction for the spectacle-loving Washingtonians; and especially for the large number of transient visitors always in the city.

There is much talk and speculation in official and political circles in relation to the course of legislation during the present session. Neither party has as yet held a caucus or mapped out its programme.

From conversations with different members and senators, one is convinced of widely and apparently irreconcilable differences of opinion, especially on the subject of the reduction of taxation. All agree that there must be reduction, but how? That's the question.

Free Press: "Mrs. John Robinson, of Streator, on Wednesday evening, went from the house to the coal pile a few feet from the door and on returning with a full pail in her hand, she slipped and fell. It is thought that as she fell she must have struck on the edge of the coal pile with her neck; the skin is broken about her nose and eyebrows and the general indications point to a violent fall.

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Suburban Gatherings.

Streator has anticipated her annual income from taxes to the extent of 75 per cent. Frank Birkenbeul, of Peru, was last week brought from Iowa and put under \$1,000 bonds to answer in the Circuit Court to a charge of seduction preferred by a Peru girl.

The new road across the bottoms at La Salle is at last finished. "Squire Cicus, of Streator, has a child which had two thumbs growing side by side. One was recently removed by amputation.

A large quantity of fish were caught in the canal near Seneca, when the water had been drawn last week. A man named Matthews was arrested in Morris for theft of a coat. He claimed a residence in La Salle.

A fair for St. Mary's church, Peru, closed on Saturday night. It was very successful in every way. The old firm of Reedy & Fischer, of Mendota, grocers, has been dissolved by the retirement of Mr. C. Fischer.

Hon. A. Campbell and J. Miller, of Bureau county, have purchased 5,000 acres of coal land in Bureau county. La Salle Democrat: "A little 2 1/2 year-old son of John Bell had a miraculous escape from a most horrible death last Sunday. The child and father had been taking a ride, and the parent had left the buggy to assist his wife into the vehicle. The horse at that moment dashed away at furious speed with the boy clinging to the lines. At the corner of First and Wright street some idiot picked up a board and threw it at the horse to stop it. Instead of accomplishing it the board struck the boy across the face, knocking him from the buggy and breaking his nose. It is a wonder the little fellow's head was not crushed to a jelly. Mayor Welch picked the child up and in a few moments he was under the care of Dr. Burke, who thinks nothing serious will happen.

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