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THE INCOME TAX. Fon the action of the Senate yesterday, in striking out the provisions of the House bill relating to the income tax, every just man in the nation should be devoutly thankful. There is no longer a decent pretext left for the continuance of that odious, inquisitorial, and unequal method of raising revenue. Not only is the faith of the Government substantially pledged to its abrogation, but the necessity for its imposition passed away while its gross injustice was being clearly demonstrated. The motives which prompted the members from rural districts in the House to vote for its continuance are a disgrace to American legislation. They must have understood perfectly well that they were imposing oppressive burdens upon thousands of men in the cities from which their own constituents of greater relative wealth find no difficulty in escaping, and that they thus taxed comparatively poor clerks and business men for the indirect benefit of comparatively rich farmers. They must have known that while the law weighed heavily upon struggling honest men, it was habitually evaded by prosperous rogues. They could not have been blind to the experience of Great Britain that, while an income tax may be theoretically fair, it is practically the most unfair of taxes. They understood how bitterly the instincts of the American people revolt against a public exposure of their private affairs, and how galling it is, in numberless cases, to announce either wealth or poverty to the world. They could not have forgotten that the tax was explicitly classified, from the outset, as a war tax, to be dispensed with as soon as it ceased to be imperatively required by the Treasury, and they could not pretend to be ignorant of the prosperous condition of the national finances. Under these circumstances they committed such a grievous wrong in favoring the continuance of the tax, that they should bo glad to avail themselves of the opportunity presented by the action of the Senate to change front.

By a singular coincidence the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the chairman of the House Committee of Ways and Means, and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, who are the most earnest advocates of the income tax, all hail from Obio Their course commands the approval of a majority of the people of that Commonwealth, and we do not doubt that they faithfully represent their immediate constituents. but they should not be allowed, either by their individual or joint efforts, to impose on the whole nation a policy especially adapted to the views of the Buckeye farmers. Secator from California said recently that Ohio, with six times the wealth and population of California, paid but a trifle more of the income tas, and this simple statement affords an unagawerable argument against a surrender of the better judgment of the American Congress to Ohio Senators and Representatives. A prime requisite of all taxation is that it shall be made as equal as possible; and the income tax is so grossly deficient in this reapect, whether we regard it from a sectional or an individual standpoint, that the House will commit an inexcusable error if it persists in its attempts to perpetuate this odious imposition. We have full faith, however, that the bonate will not recede from the just stand it has taken, and that the income tax will therefore soon find its true place among extinct monstrosities.

| the case under consideration, however, | Mesars. Vetterlein have substantial ground upon which to base a suit for heavy damages, and it will be a matter for congratulation if they succeed in mulcting McKellop & Co. to the tune of \$100,000. A verdict for such an amount as this would be a severe if not a fatal blow to the whole commercial agency business, and it would be a direct encouragement to other sufferers to aid in crushing out the whole system of black-mail that the men who carry on these agencies now practise with impunity.

#### THE GEORGIA BUSINESS.

IT was on the 17th of May, a month after the latest action of the Senate in the matter. that the Reconstruction Committee of the House instructed General Butler to report a certain bill for the restoration of Georgia to representation in Congress. Butler was himself the author of the bill, but it did not meet his views altogether, and so he quietly pocketed it and awaited developments. Subsequently the committee voted to attach the Bingham proviso to the bill, but in this shape it was even more objectionable to the chairman, and another delay was the result. Then, on the 16th of June, Butler succeeded in getting authority from the committee to report the bill without this proviso, and substantially the same as in the case of Virginia, Mississippi, and Texas, with an amendment repealing the law prohibiting the raising of militia forces in certain Southern States. It was not, however, until the 23d that General Butler condescended to report the bill in this shape, and yesterday afternoon the House came to a vote and the question was put at rest.

The Senate substitute for the original House bill provided practically for remanding the State to military rule, until an election could be held on the 15th of November next. The measure which received the assent of the House yesterday simply declares that "the State of Georgia is entitled to representation in Congress," but with the proviso that nothing in the act shall be construed to deprive the people of the State of the right to participate in an election for members of the Legislature at the time fixed by the present constitution. Tacked on to this is a provision repealing the acts which prohibit the organization of the militia in the States of Georgia, Mississippi, Texas, and Virginia. In this shape-which was a combination of a substitute for the bill as reported by the Reconstruction Committee offered by Mr. Dawes, and certain amendments thereto proposed by Messrs. Farnsworth and Dickey-the bill commanded the assent of the House, and the approval even of Butler himself. The latter gentleman at last yielded to the general sentiment of the House, for the sake of "conciliation." as he claimed; and as the State constitution provides for an election next fall, the Bingham proviso has practically prevailed and Butler sustained an outand-out defeat. The measure thus agreed upon by the House presents nothing more than technical points of disagreement with that sent to the House by the Senate in April last, and the concurrence of the latter is almost a matter of certainty. The only cause for regret is the trifling manner in which General Butler has acted throughout the whole business, which could and should have been settled as it was yesterday full two months ago. And now, supposing that the Senate acts promptly and favorably upon the bill, the question arises as to the manner in which Georgia will be restored to representation in Congress. Two sets of Senators are ready to claim seats in the upper house-Hon. Joshua Hill and Hon. Homer V. Miller, elected by the Legislature after the negro members had been cast out: and R. H. Whitely (for the term ending March 4, 1871), Foster Blodget (for the term commencing at that date), and H. P. Farron (for the term ending March 4, 1873), elected in February last, after the State government had been a second time reconstructed. During the Fortieth Congress, although the Senate refused to admit Messrs. Hill and Miller to seats, the House did admit those who claimed to be elected, and they retained their seats until the end of the term. Claiming to have been elected also for the full term succeeding, they applied for admission to the Forty-first Congress and were refused. It is probable that they will again present their claims to seats on this basis, but the chances are that the House will hold them to have been elected for the short term only, and that Georgia will be without a voice in the lower house of Congress until another election can be held. Bossi .- The Washington despatches published in the morning papers state that private advices received in that city from Andrew G. Curtin speak encouragingly of his expected entire restoration to health, which was so impaired by his arduous official services during the Rebellion. In order to entirely restore his health he will leave his post of duty at St. Petersburg on the first of July for the purpose of spending two months at the warm springs of Germany. It is very sad to think that so many of the stay-at-home rangers should have suffered in health through their arduous services in suppressing the Rebellion. Mr. Curtin has been in the habit of issuing bulletins about his physical condition ever since he went out of office, and it is gratifying to know that although his improvement has been slow it is likely to be permanent, for really we are rather tired of hearing that he is weak but improving, and candidly we do not think his case is half as bad as has been made out. If Curtin had lost his health through arduous services in the swamps of the Chickahominy, we would feel for him a respectful sympathy, but as his comfortable arm-chair at Harrisburg was not a very unhealthy base of operations, we doubt whether his efforts for the suppression of the rebellion were altogether responsible for the present weakness of his physical condition. Everybody that is anybody in Europe goes cases to those who obtain it as it is damag- to the German baths or fashionable resorts ing to those to whom it relates. In | during the summer months, and it is likely

that a desire not to be ont of the fashion | quite as much as bad health influenced Mr. Curtin to ask a leave of absence for a couple 

In connection with the above the N. Y. World says editorially:-

"From St. Petersburg to-day we have a most touching telegram. Columbia throughout her length and breadth will wall to hear that the health of her beloaced Minister at the Court of the Czarof her beloaced Minister at the Court of the Cear-Mr. Curtin, of Pennsylvania—is not so good as she could have wished it to be. His Excellency seems to be out of spirits, and he has been most kindly invited by the Emperor of all the Russias to accom-pany himself and his court to the warm springs of Germany. In the midst, however, of his personal sufferings our envoy has preserved a vivid regard to the interesta of his constituents, which induces him to notify all whom it may concern, and particularly the iron manufacturers of Pennsylvania, that the Russian Government intends to purchase a number of articles in the United States to be fabricated by American skill and ingenuity. The mood in which this notice is given reminds one of the heroic woman, famous in the annais of Pere-la-Chaise, who used her husband's tomostome to an-nounce that, notwithstanding his lamented decease, the business in which he had carned his reputation would be carried on by his weeping widow at the old stand and on the old terms."

RELIGIOUS NOTICES. HALL YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSO-CIATION, NO. 1210 CHESN UT Street. The Monthly meeting of the Association will be held on next MONDAY EVENING, at 8 o'clock. Addresses by CHARLES A. SHIVELY, Esq. Sub-ject, "Work for Young Men." Question of discussion. "How Shall We Work?" Vocal and insstrumental music under the direction of Professor C H HARDING f Professor C. H. HARDING. The Public are invited. 61t CLINTON STREET CHURCH, TENTH Street, below Spruce, —Rev. ALBERT BARNES with communion service to-morrow at 10% A. M. Rev. SAMUEL M. HAGEMAN at 8 P. M. Evening subject, "The Heart of Stone," All cordially in-SEVENTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROAD Steet, above Chesnut.-Rev. HENRY C. MCCOOK, Pastor, will preach to-morrow at 10% A. M., and Rev. J. M. CROWELL, D. D., of Rochester, at 4 P. M. TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHES-NUT Street, west of Eighteenth.—Preaching to-morrow morning by Rev. Dr. RAMBAUT, of Mis-souri; in the evening by Rev. H. C. MCCOOK, of this Services to commence at 1016 A. M. and 716 city, P. M. NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SINTH Street, above GREEN.—Preaching to-moriow (Sabbath) by Pastor, Rev. B. L. AGNEW, at 10% o'clock morning, at d 8 evening. Strangers always welcomed. 6 24 5t WAYNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. RAD-NOR.—The Rev. SAMUEL POLLOCK LINN will preach at WAYNE HALL to-morrow (Sabbath), service commencing at 10% o'clock. Sabbath-school at 9 o'clock. The public are invited. BETH-EDEN BAPTIST CHUCH, BROAD and SPRUCE Streets.—Rev. J. WHEATON SMITH will preach Sunday morning, and Rev. WIL-LIAM T. BRANTLY, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga., in the evening. Strangers cordially invited. ARCH STREET M. E. CHURCH, BROAD

below Arch.—Preaching Sunday morning at 10½ and evening at 8 o'clock by Rev. C. H. PAYNE, Pastor. Evening subject—"National Perils and Coferencede" Saleguards."

WFST ARCH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner of EIGHTEENTH and ARCH Streets.—Rev. A. A. WILLITS, D. D., will preach to-morrow at 10% A. M. and S P. M.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WASHINGTON Square. - Rev. HERRICK JOHNSON, D. D., Pastor, will preach to-morrow at 10% A. M. and S P. M.

U. P. CHURCH, MASTER above Fifteenth Street, morbing and evening.

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#### COMMERCIAL AGENCIES.

A sere that involves questions of considerable importance to the mercantile community has been brought in the Supreme Court of New York by Vetterlein & Co., of this city. to recover \$100,000 damages from John Me-Eellop and others, who carry on what is termed a "commercial agency." Business men have learned to look upon commercial agencies as nothing more nor less than organized schemes for levying blackmail. Practically, they are of no benefit to any one but the persons engaged in conducting them, and they do incalculable injury, often in such a manner that it is almost impossible for the sufferers to call them to account for it. In this case McHellop & Co. reported Messrs. Vetterlein & Co. upon their weekly list as having failed, and this statement, pubtished not only in the United States but in Europe and the West Indies, caused the complainants great embarrassment and loss in their business. They applied to have the statement corrected, but no notice was taken of the request, and they therefore claimed damages for the above amount. Vetterlein & Co. were repeatedly solicited to subscribe. to the books of this agency, but refused to do so, and the plain inference is that the report of their failure was circulated for the purpose of intimidating them and others. It is apparent to the commonest understanding that no commercial agency can obtain really reliable information about the status of business houses by any fair means, and as they are Limited by no responsibilities, except these imposed by the laws against libel, they can say what they please about any individual or firm that may not be in their good graces. The libel laws in this and other States are exceedingly loose and unsatisfactory, and damaging hints and insinuations can be made almost with impunity, provided no positive statements are put forth. Indeed, this is the method in which, as a general rule, the commercial agencies carry on their business, and the information they give is as unsatisfactory in the majority of

TRAVELLERS

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AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC ON THURSDAY EVENING, June 30, at 8 o'clock. All who appreciate the advantages that the thorough fare of Broad street enjoys to make it, with proper im provement. THE FINEST AED MOST IMPOSING AVENUE IN THE FINEST AED MOST IMPOSING AVENUE IN THE WORLD; and all who take an honest pride in BEAUTIFYING AND ADORNING OUR CITY, ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATFEND THE MEETING.

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AT THE PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL OF DESIGN FOR WOMEN, NORTHWEST PEN SQUARE, an election for Twelve Directors will be held on MONDAY, the 27th instant, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock A. M. It

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