

It appears from the President's message that of the fifteen millions of dollars of free - - - currency outstanding, only about one - - - thousand dollars have been redeemed during the past year.

A REPUBLICAN member of the U. S. Senate, says he has it from President Arthur that Grant will be permitted to name one member of his Cabinet, but that his second Washington is undecided as to whether to present at the conference of the Treasury for redemption.

NEARLY every member of the Kentucky Legislature, in response to an overwhelming popular demand, has refused to accept free passes from the railroad companies. If there was a session of the Pennsylvania Legislature this winter we would like to see how many of its members would imitate their Kentucky brethren.

THE Philadelphia Times, the prospectus of which for 1882 will be found in another part of our paper, still maintains its well-earned reputation as an able and admirably conducted newspaper.

ON Monday last the President nominated to the Senate Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, as Secretary of State, to succeed Mr. Blaine, who formally resigned his office when Mr. Arthur became President, but continued in the discharge of his duties at the President's request until the meeting of Congress.

THE death of John W. Forney, the well known politician and journalist, died at his residence in Philadelphia on Friday morning last, after only three days' illness, in the sixty-fifth year of his age.

THE great and unusual length of the President's message forbids its reproduction in our columns, but we do the next best thing, by publishing a synopsis of it containing its most important features.

ALTHOUGH Logan, of Illinois, failed at the last session of Congress to get the Senate to pass his bill placing Grant on the retired list of the army with full pay, he is determined to put the thing through if he can, and on the very first day of the present session he rode the same hobby into the Senate chamber.

JOSEPH H. RAINEY, the colored ex-Congressman and a candidate for Chief Clerk of the House at Washington, has discovered, or has had a nightfy fair chance to discover, the utter hollowness of Republican professions of love for its faithful ally, the negro voters.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL JAMES will retire from office on the first of January, to assume the duties of the Presidency of a New York banking institution. Beyond all question he has been one of the most competent and efficient officers the Postoffice department ever had.

OUR PHILADELPHIA LETTER.

PASSING AWAY—TWELFTH OUNDRY—POPULAR SUFFRAGE IN PHILADELPHIA—REPUBLICAN WOLVES OUT OF THE FIELD—TARIFF TO BE GRATEFUL FOR, ETC.

President Arthur on Tuesday last week sent his first message to Congress. It is a lengthy paper and quite replete in dealing with the important topics relating to the affairs of our government.

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The Immense Windows on Chestnut Street, and the arcade entrance (with its splendid displays of Christmas things) Will be illuminated with Electric Light until o'clock every night. Mail orders have our careful attention. We are organized to attend to two hundred letters daily.

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NEW ADVERTISING. A. BRATTIN'S DISCOUNT BOOK. 7 Per Cent. First-class Farm Machinery. JOHN H. CLARK'S FIRST SALES. PARTNER WANTED. My daughter's defective vision was much improved by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.