

MR. CLEVELAND has signed the Presidential succession bill and it is now a law.

In the House, on Tuesday last, Gen. Bragg, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter similar to the one vetoed at the last session by President Arthur.

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In these days of pretensions and counterfeit statesmanship every intelligent Democrat in the country, as well as every fair-minded Republican, will regret that the public career of Judge Thurman of Ohio, has been brought to a close.

It is no longer a secret that John Kelly, the veteran Tammany Hall leader, is slowly but surely approaching his end.

We at last know the nature of the office to which that chronic peace-seeker, Morgan R. Wise, of Greene county, was recently appointed and about which there were divers conflicting reports.

MISS KATHERINE LEE BAYARD, eldest daughter of Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, Secretary of State, was found dead in her bed on last Saturday afternoon by one of her younger sisters who went to her room for the purpose of awakening her.

A few weeks ago Germany and Spain selected the Pope as arbitrator to settle the dispute between them in regard to the right of Germany to assume jurisdiction over the Caroline islands.

ONE DAY last week the Altoona Tribune said: "The simple truth about the nine Democrats who were so summarily kicked out of the Ohio Legislature is that they were not elected."

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WE publish in another column, the material portion of the opinion of Judge Simonon, of the Dauphin county court, rendered on Friday last in the case of the Commonwealth against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

AN apparently reliable report from Washington shows that Mr. Cleveland has defined his position in language so plain that he who runs may read, on the proposition of the Republican members of the Senate to ask him for his reasons for removing Republican office holders and appointing Democrats in their stead.

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THE RAILROAD SUITS. Text Judge Simonon's Decision in the South Pennsylvania Injunction Cases.

In the opinion of Judge Simonon, of the Dauphin County Court, continuing the injunction of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's purchase of the South Penn road, the facts are as follows: The argument was earnestly pressed upon us that the prohibition of a corporation owning or having under its control a railroad completed and in operation—that in the future or things there can be no competition with the railroad when there is no road over which to transport.

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