

ONE of the most prominent Republicans who supports President Cleveland's view in his message on revenue reduction, is Hugh McCulloch, who was Mr. Lincoln's Secretary of the Treasury.

E. L. HARPER, Vice President of the Fidelity Bank of Cincinnati, which he wrecked some months ago by using up the deposits in enormous speculations in wheat, was convicted of his offense on Saturday last and on Monday was sentenced ten years to the Ohio penitentiary. If every bank officer who plays the same rascally game that Harper did is arrested and should meet with a similar punishment, the practice of using other people's money in wild speculative schemes would be more honored in the breach than in the observance.

JOHN S. BARBOUR has been nominated by the Democrats in the Virginia Legislature for United States Senator to succeed Henry H. Riddleberger, whose term of office will expire on the 4th of next March. The election of Mr. Barbour by the joint vote of the two houses will take place on next Tuesday. As Chairman of the Democratic State Committee Barbour drove Mahone out of the Senate last year by securing the election of a Democratic Legislature, and in the same capacity this year and with a similar result, he will perform the same pleasant duty for Riddleberger.

ARTHUR O'CONNOR and Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde, the two Irish Home Rulers who are now making a tour through this country, addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting of the friends of Ireland in the Old City Hall, Pittsburg, on last Saturday evening. Rev. E. R. Donahoe, a Presbyterian clergyman, delivered the address of welcome, Father Wall introduced the two distinguished gentlemen in a few appropriate remarks and Father Sheedy read the resolutions which were adopted by the meeting. A collection was taken up in aid of the cause which amounted to \$1,500.00.

FIVE hundred and ninety-four bills were introduced in the United States Senate on last Tuesday, a larger number than were ever before introduced in a single day. Among them were bills calling for appropriations aggregating nearly eight millions for the erection of thirty-one public buildings all over the country from Oregon to Florida. Twelve out of the fourteen Senators who made this raid on the Treasury are Republicans. It is one of their ways of getting rid of the surplus in the Treasury. Cleveland's plan is to admit certain raw materials of manufacture free of duty and to reduce the tax on the necessities of life.

JOHN MOSE, the convicted New York Anarchist, was sentenced on last Friday to one year's imprisonment in the Blackwell Island penitentiary. From this sentence Mose, under the law of New York, had the right of appeal to the Supreme Court and he availed himself of the privilege, a female sympathizer, named Mrs. Hoffman, going on his bond in the sum of \$5,000. It would seem from the cases of Jacob Sharp and John Mott that in the city of New York the surest way to keep out of prison is to get convicted and sentenced by a General Session Court, then take an appeal and employ two or three able lawyers.

As no synopsis of the President's message could do anything like justice to that important State paper, we publish it in full in our present issue. It is comparatively brief when contrasted with previous deliveries of the same character and discusses only one subject—reduction of the surplus in the treasury. Although the message is addressed to Congress the great purpose of its author is that it shall reach and be read in every household in the land, for the simple reason that it discusses questions which come straight home to the welfare of what Abraham Lincoln called the "plain common people." Its brevity and the great importance of the questions it treats will cause it to be more generally read than any message sent to Congress since the close of the civil war.

A wide difference of opinion exists among the editors of Republican newspapers, as well as among the rank and file of the grand old party, in regard to the man that wrote Cleveland's message. "Nothing like it has occurred since the agitation of the famous and still unsolved question, 'Who struck Billy Patterson?'" The Altoona Tribune is so certain that it was written by Mr. Carlisle, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, that it would not think, flinch from making an affidavit in support of the truth of its theory. Another organ is just as positive that its author is William Dorsheimer, editor of the New York Core. Next its writer is claimed to be David A. Wells, of Connecticut, the well known writer on political economy. Then "Parson" Moore, of New York, is held up to public gaze as the guilty man. And last but not least a shrewd Republican politician of Wilmore, in this county, according to a letter from that place published in the Altoona Graphic, stoutly maintains that it is the diabolical work of Lord Harrington, a Tory statesman of some eminence in England.

You are all barking up several wrong trees, gentlemen, and each of you ought to know it if you have carefully and intelligently studied the public career of Grover Cleveland. He is a big man, intellectually as well as physically, just the kind of a man that this big country at present wants in the White House. He is a man of the people, and for the people, does his own thinking and writes his own messages. He is steadily growing in public estimation and if he lives will put his sign manual to several more messages.

The Chicago Tribune is the ablest and much the most influential Republican journal west of the Alleghenies. It is an out and out party organ; an ardent supporter of Mr. Blaine, and what it says, or what it does not say, is said in not said as party interests demand when party supremacy in the nation is involved. It speaks for the vital Republicanism of the West and Northwest, and in a leading editorial thus discusses the President's message: "Full justification of President Cleveland's unprecedented course in devoting his annual communication to Congress exclusively to a consideration of the surplus and the reduction of the tariff, it is to be found in the message itself. The message is able and statesmanlike, business-like in style, perspicuous in statement, clear in its reasoning and irrefutable in its conclusions.

The message rises above party lines and presents a common basis of patriotic statesmanship upon which Republicans and Democrats are bound by every consideration of the public welfare and of political expediency to stand together. The position taken in the previous Congress by the Minnesota delegation and several other Republican members standing by the Republican side of the House at this session, or they and perhaps the party which they represent will be overruled. The message is simply the tariff reduction plank of the Republican party, adopted in 1884, expanded. It is neither more nor less than a textual sermon on that passage of the resolutions which promises to 'reduce the surplus by correcting the inequalities of the tariff,' and it is certainly none the less binding on the Republicans for being so endorsed by a Democratic President. This message is not a remedy, it is a claim, for the discussion of the theories of protection and free trade. Whatever difference of opinion there may be on general propositions of political economy no one can honestly and intelligently deny that the present state of the public treasury necessitates reduction."

There are quite a number of foreigners in the present Congress, and the Irishmen lead, numbering nine. There are seven Scotchmen and two Norwegians. Minnesota, with a single exception, is entirely represented by men of foreign birth. Leopold Morse, of Boston, is a Bavarian, and Romeo, of Toledo, Ohio, the baggage master Congressman, who defeated Frank Hurd, is also a Bavarian. John T. Cairne, the Mormon delegate, was born in the Isle of Man. There used to be a few colored men from the South in Congress and complaint is being made by the Republican papers that there is not a man of that race in the present body. This gives rise to the question, why don't the Republicans give a practical proof of their affection for the black man by sending a few of them to Congress? There is surely one colored man in Philadelphia and likewise Pittsburg, the home of "Ajax" Smith, who is fit to go to Congress. The Republicans in both these localities have the strength to elect any man they see proper to nominate, and instead of railing at and abusing the South for not sending colored men to Washington they could best show their sincerity by doing so themselves.

JOHN J. INGALLS, of Kansas, who is President of the United States Senate, and whose tongue is steeped in gall and bitterness, was asked the other day what his idea was of the civil service question and answered as follows: "I believe in civil service reform. But the civil service reform which I would enforce would be to promptly remove every Democrat and fill his place with an uncompromising Republican." As President of the Senate Ingalls takes good care of his own household. By virtue of his office he gets \$3,000 monthly salary over and above the pay of a Senator, and he has just appointed his son to be his private Secretary at a salary of \$2,000 with practically nothing to do. He has also the appointment of a messenger for his room in the Senate at a salary of \$1,000. Ingalls is also chairman of the committee on the District of Columbia, with another Secretary and messenger at salaries of \$2,200 and \$1,400 respectively. The account from which we get this information don't state who are now filling the last three named positions, but the inference is warranted that if they are not new relatives of Ingalls it is because he has some who could fill the positions. This is the sort of civil service reform that a tariff man like Ingalls yearns for. He is a demagogue and a fraud of the purest stamp.

In urging in his message that the question of revenue reduction should be treated in a non-partisan spirit the President remarks that "both of the great political parties now represented in the Government have, by repeated authoritative declarations, condemned the condition of our laws which permits the collection from the people of unnecessary revenue, and have, in the most solemn manner, promised its correction." It is worth while to recall the latest "authoritative declaration" of the two parties, as uttered in the national conventions of 1884.

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An attempt was made to assassinate Julia Ferry, a leader of one of the political factions in the French Chamber of Deputies, on last Saturday afternoon, as he was descending the steps of the Bourbon Palace after the adjournment of the Chamber. Three pistol shots were fired at him by a man named Augustin, supposed to be insane or at least weak-minded, two of which took effect. The wounds are not dangerous and Mr. Ferry's life is not in any danger. The would-be assassin was promptly arrested and said that he is a member of a band of assassins and that he had been ordered to kill Mr. Ferry. When the attack was made Augustin, who was to be shot by a committee, was shot by M. Goblet, another member of the band, who failed to carry out his purpose, giving as his reason that his revolver dropped to the ground.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

To the Congress of the United States:

You are confronted at the threshold of your legislative duties with a condition of the national finances which imperatively demands immediate and careful consideration. The amount of money annually expended, through the operation of the present laws, from the Treasury and necessities of the people, largely exceeds the sum necessary to meet the expenses of the Government. When we consider that the theory of our Constitution is to secure to every citizen the full enjoyment of all the fruits of his industry and enterprise, with only such deduction as may be his share of the cost of the maintenance of the Government, which protects him, it is plain that the exaction of more than this is indefensible. It is not a time, as the Republican party of American fairness and justice. This wrong inflicted upon those who bear the burden of national taxation, like other wrongs, multiplies a brood of evil consequences. The public treasury, which should only exist as a conduit conveying the people's tribute to its legitimate objects of expenditure, has been largely withdrawn from trade and the people's use, thus crippling our national energies, suspending our country's development, and preventing the growth of productive enterprise, threatening financial disturbance, and inviting schemes of public plunder.

This amount of our treasury is not altogether new, and it has more than once of late been submitted to the people's representatives in the Congress. It alone cannot be a remedy. Yet the situation still continues with aggravated intensity, more than ever pressing financial convulsion and widespread disaster. It is not to be expected that unwise appropriations will be made for the purpose of avoiding the accumulation of an excess of revenue. Such expenditure, besides the loss in efficiency, stimulates a habit of reckless improvidence not in the least consistent with the mission of our people or the highest beneficent purposes of our Government.

I have deemed it my duty to thus bring to the knowledge of my countrymen, as well as to the attention of their representatives charged with the responsibility of legislative relief, the gravity of our financial situation. The failure of the Congress heretofore to provide against the dangers which it quite evidently the very nature of the difficulty must necessarily produce, caused a condition of financial distress and apprehension which last year, standing three per cent bonds of the Government. During the six months prior to June 30, 1887, the surplus revenue of the Government, after the accumulation, and it was feared the withdrawal of this great sum of money needed by the people, would so affect the credit of the Government that the sinking-fund of such surplus, amounting to \$138,058,320.94, and deducted from that surplus as stated, were permitted to fall into the hands of the Government. During the six months prior to June 30, 1887, the surplus revenue of the Government, after the accumulation, and it was feared the withdrawal of this great sum of money needed by the people, would so affect the credit of the Government that the sinking-fund of such surplus, amounting to \$138,058,320.94, and deducted from that surplus as stated, were permitted to fall into the hands of the Government.

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Our scheme for taxation, by means of which this needless surplus is taken from the people and put into the public treasury, is a tariff. This tariff is levied upon importations from abroad, and internal-revenue taxes levied upon the consumption of tobacco and spirits, and upon the sale of liquor. It is a tariff which is levied upon importations from abroad, and internal-revenue taxes levied upon the consumption of tobacco and spirits, and upon the sale of liquor.

But our present tariff laws, the vicious, inequitable, and illogical source of unnecessary taxation, ought to be at once revised. This revision should be as their primary and plain effect, raise the price to consumers of all articles imported and subject to duty, by preference to the goods of our own manufacture. Thus the amount of the duty measures the tax paid by those who purchase for use these imported articles. Many of these articles are necessities of life, and the duties now levied upon foreign goods and products are called protection to these home manufactures, because they render it impossible for those of our people who are manufacturers, to make their articles and sell them for a price equal to that demanded for the imported goods of the same class.

It seems to be no assurance that, with such a withdrawal from use of the people's circulating medium, our business interests will not be injured. The future is subjected to the same distress which was quite lately produced from the same cause. And while the functions of the Government are not to be few and simple, and while its best condition would be reached, I believe, by its entire disconnection with private business interests, when by the diversion of its purposes, it lays its hands uselessly subtracted from the channels of trade. There seems to be no other means by which the Government should be restored to an emergency, without waste or extravagance, such means as are necessary to the people, and which are not to be a burden upon the people.

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A WORD TO ALL.

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