

"The simple and plain truth which we owe the people is to reduce taxation to the necessary expenses of an economical operation of the Government, and to restore to the business of the country the money which we hold in the treasury through the perversion of governmental powers."

JOSEPH P. KNIGHT, who has been stealing from the Manufacturers' National Bank of Philadelphia for over twenty years, has just been detected. The vigilance of the bank officials in thus putting an end to his speculations within a comparatively short space of time after he began them deserves all praise.

Forty officials and clerks of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad have been suspended pending an investigation into the ticket accounts of the road at the office at Pittsburgh. It is hinted that bogus tickets have been issued, that many employees knew of and abetted the fraud, and that the company is the loser by thousands of dollars.

During the last Presidential campaign E. L. Harper, of the lately wrecked Fidelity Bank, of Cincinnati, swore that if Cleveland was elected he would go out of business. Harper has recently not only gone out of business, but has also gone to the Ohio penitentiary for ten years for stealing the deposits of the bank and sinking them in local speculations.

The usual holiday recess was taken by both houses of Congress yesterday to meet again on Wednesday, January 4th. As congress met on Monday, December 20th, and as no business worth mentioning has yet been transacted, it will be seen that when it reassembles a full month will have been wasted.

There is one thing in regard to the message of President Cleveland says the Philadelphia Record, which has not failed to make a great impression on the public mind. None can pretend that this message was dictated or inspired in the slightest respect by a spirit of subservience to Monopoly and Special Privilege.

Between 1868 and the adoption of the new Constitution of this State in 1873, the line of damages which could be recovered from a railroad company for the loss of a life on its tracks was \$5,000. The new Constitution abolished this limit, leaving the sum to the discretion of the jury and the court.

BLAIR, of New Hampshire, the irresponsible crank of the United States Senate, has reported favorably from the Committee on Education his favorite hobby known as the "Blair Educational Bill," which appropriates seventy-nine millions of dollars for educational purposes among the several States.

The Republican National Executive Committee met at Washington week before last and decided that the Republican National Convention to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President, should meet at Chicago on the 19th of June next.

The Republican papers of the Northwest insist that there should be no division on the question of internal revenue and no customs tax reduction on party lines. The existing tariff, they say, is a well-known Republican organ, in its issue of Saturday last says: "To take it a party question is impossible."

THE estate "Tom" Marshall, of Kentucky, was one of the most eloquent men who was ever to Congress from that or any other State. He served in the House with John Quincy Adams fifty years ago, and those who are old enough will recollect the memorable debate which took place between the "Nestor" from Massachusetts and the "Hotspur" from Kentucky, on the abstract right of petition asking Congress to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia.

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