

The Re-assembling of Congress—The President's Message—Annual Reports of Departments—Sign from Evidence of National Development—The President and Cabinet.

Wednesday Morning, Dec. 4, 1872.

DEATH OF HORACE GREELEY.

Many of our readers will be severely shocked, as we were, to hear of the sudden and unexpected death of this greatest of American Journalists and Philosophers—

One who has so prominently been in the country, for a quarter of a century—on last Friday evening, at the residence of a friend, a few miles from New York city.

The report had gone forth that his nervous system had been very much prostrated, but very few, if any, anticipated so sad and sudden a termination of one of the finest intellects of this age.

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The Tribune of Saturday morning contains the following in regard to his last few days and hours:

So far as any of his associates knew, Mr. Greeley was in almost as good health as usual, on the day after the election, he wrote the card announcing his resignation of the editorial charge of the Tribune.

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MEETING OF CONGRESS.

The last session of the 42d Congress will assemble on Monday. Quite a number of Representatives have already arrived in the city, and some of the committees are busy preparing work for the session.

The House Appropriation Committee are preparing to report the estimates for 1873-4. The total estimates for the Government, including interest on the public debt, will not vary much from those of the current year, and will amount to the aggregate of about \$300,000,000.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

A rough draft of the President's message to Congress was examined by the Cabinet at its regular semi-weekly meeting yesterday.

THE ARMY MEDICAL MUSEUM.

The annual report shows that the visitors to the Medical Museum, during the past year, have numbered 17,000, many having come from a distance to obtain information not attainable elsewhere.

THE PENSION OFFICE REPORT.

The annual report of Gen. J. H. Baker, Commissioner of Pensions, will be ready on Saturday. It shows that at the close of the fiscal year there were on file 37,176 unadjudicated claims of invalids; 23,762 claims of widows and dependents; and 11,580 claims of soldiers and widows of the war of 1812, making a total of 82,518 claims.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

In the forthcoming annual report of the Secretary of the Navy important suggestions will be made in reference to reducing the expenses of the navy and increasing its efficiency.

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION.

The report of the Chief of the Bureau of Construction, accompanying the report of the Secretary of the Navy, will recommend that compound engines be placed in all the navy steamers.

THE PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

Like most of the annual reports for the fiscal year, that of the Patent Office indicates a large increase of business.

The most astounding fact, however, is that during the last decade the annual issue of patents has been more than quadrupled.

WORK FOR CONGRESS.

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The Signal Service Bureau is organizing a flying corps of observers, fully equipped, to dispat-h from point to point, as the emergencies of the weather require, to aid and extend the observations of storms reported from the permanent stations.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

There is still a division of sentiment among Republicans as to the policy that ought to be pursued in making appointments and promotions.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

On the outside of this paper and below will be found a number of proposals submitted to the Convention, looking to the improvement of that venerable instrument.

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LETTER FROM LONDON.

LONDON, ENGLAND, Nov. 9, 1872.

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