

the Columbia Spy. J. W. YOCUM, Editor. Columbia, Pa. Saturday, December 4, 1869. Proceedings of Congress. In the Senate on Monday, Jan. 18, 1869. The Senate met on Monday, Jan. 18, 1869, at 10 o'clock. Mr. Morrill was sworn in as successor to Mr. Sessons. The resignation of Senator Grimes, of Iowa, was presented. The credentials of the Virginia Senators were read. Mr. Colfax presented a petition of Pennsylvania, asking the recognition of John H. Squire as Governor of that State. Mr. Squire was admitted. Mr. Colfax introduced a bill restricting the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States in certain cases affecting the constitutionality of acts of Congress. Mr. Morrill introduced a bill to reconstruct the State of Georgia, and Mr. Edwards called up the bill to enforce the Fourteenth Amendment in that state. Mr. Colfax introduced a bill to restore to a republican form of government. Mr. Edwards made the order of the day. Mr. Stewart offered a resolution directing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the case of persons equal protection of the laws, and to report what action may be necessary in the matter. Mr. Colfax's message was read, and the Senate after an Executive session adjourned.

The Richardson-McFarland Tragedy. We give this article the above caption because Richardson was the first transgressor, and McFarland the next. The brief history of this painful tragedy we give as follows: Mr. Richardson, who was a frequent visitor at the house of the publisher of the Tribune, Mr. Sinclair, happened one evening some three weeks ago to meet his brother-in-law, Mr. Sinclair, who had introduced to the wife of Mr. McFarland. Mr. Sinclair's house was said to be the rendezvous of many of the leading gentlemen, whose names are quite familiar in journalistic circles, and whose conversation interested him in the relations of the sexes and the principle of physiological activities. Mr. Richardson was just sufficiently educated and metaphysically inclined to understand and take an interest in these matters. Mr. Richardson was just sufficiently educated and metaphysically inclined to understand and take an interest in these matters. Mr. Richardson was just sufficiently educated and metaphysically inclined to understand and take an interest in these matters.

The Message. The President delivered his message to Congress on Monday, one day in advance of the usual time. It is a plain, concise, and straightforward document, sensible, and straightforward. It is not brilliant, nor has it any of that felicity of expression which characterizes the messages of President Lincoln, or the personality and disarming eloquence of President Johnson's. It states plain facts in a plain way. The four prominent points of which it treats are the finances, the progress of reconstruction, Cuba, and the Alabama claims. Upon the financial question, the President speaks sensibly. He thinks immediate resumption dangerous but recommends a gradual return to specie payment. His theory to accomplish this is to authorize the Treasury to redeem its own paper, at a fixed price, whenever presented, and withhold from circulation the currency so redeemed, until sold again for gold. The revenues and internal taxes may be reduced, as they are now more than required for the current expenses of the country. The President expresses the sympathy of the Government and the people with those struggling for independence and freedom in Cuba, but he must not violate the letter of the law in attempting to show our sympathy. As to reconstruction, the President recommended that the Governor of Georgia be authorized to convene the Legislature of that State as originally elected, and that each one be required to take the oath prescribed in the reconstruction act. Mr. Richardson's connection therewith, Mr. Richardson's connection therewith, Mr. Richardson's connection therewith.

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