Miscellaneous.

THE WIZARD SIERRA NEVADA.

A ROMANCE OF CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE.

'Make way here-make way for

the bride! At this call, the dense crowd gathored on the banks of the gold strewn Sacram'to, surged tumultuously back, opening a wide passage in their midst.

and one stalwart miner waved his tatered straw hat, and eried :-Three cheers for Ralph Berne's bride, comrades!"

'Ha! Ha! three cheers!' echoed of the tropic sky. The last had not ly beautiful—I say strangely, because more, and it seemed to him he could one in a dream. Then a gilded door yet died away, when a little stir was heard around a tent near, and young heard around a tent near, and young her complexion was of dazzling fair-level appeared at the door, bowing low in acknowledgment of their courtains. He was a law research and a law resea tosy. He was a man of commanding and a luxuriance of midnight hair ly ten yards distant was the most ture frames on the walls, she could ly room where a Mexican priest was a presence, with a broad, open brow, a firm, proud lip, a sun bronzed cheek, and a clear, dark eye, which was now tender as a woman's. Nobody who could have looked at him as he stood there, would have wondered at the ascendency he had gained over his lawless fellow miners, or that he had been successful in wooing the belle and beauty of the neighborhood.

A long and happy life to you and yours,' exclaimed another. Yes, yes, yes,' passed from lip to

lip and once more a loud 'Hurrah!' Ralph Berne bowed again, and drew

back into the tent, but the pleasant tumult had not subsided, when a voice cchoing from out the thicket close by, cried:-

'Fear ye the festal hour! Ay! tromble when the cup of joy o'erflows! The bridal rose and the rich myrtle flower have veiled the sword!"

That voice—so singularly deep and sepulchral, and yet with such weird music in its tones, sent a chill to eveery heart. Men who had led a wild life in the land of gold, and met all the stirring adventures, which then made California the theatre where ruffians could boldly play their most desperate roles, now felt a tremor in their iron nerves. Their weatherbeaten faces blanched, and hoarsely one faltered to another :-

'The wizard-the wizard-the wizard of the Sierra Nevada!'

God help poor Berne ! said the miner who had proposed the cheer; speeding across the glen. They saw indicated and saw that they were promise to be his wife, and I made a there couldn't be a worse omen than the glitter of the sword, the foamto have that fiend in human shape at like fall of his plumes, which swept his wedding! I'd as lief see a ghost down from his sombero ere he reach-

nous eyes, so insensely black, so rest | brike, he lifted her to the saddle, and loss, so lurid with baleful fires. Thick dashed off on his fleet courser with masses of ebon hair swept shoulders, and round his brifolded a scarlet turban, fast

ly about him, and was gathered at waist by a steel belt, from which pended several curious charms, k and wands. Quaint old fushioned sa dels covered his bare feet, and in one hand he carried a bright metalic plate, stand idly by, and see berne thus set in a frame of some dark Indian wronged? He has loved that girl wood.

What wait ye for?' he asked at length, pausing in his hasty promen-ade; I have been looking in the Wizard's Glass, and I see a rude altar and a priest, with book and surplice, but there is no wedding here,' and he laid his finger impressive on the magic mirror! I tell you that the bride will be snatched from the bridegroom's arms, for the Fates declare that she before they reach the mountain! will never be Ralph Borne's wife .-Hole here! Ho, Christabel—I have 'you are as nale as the dead from that come a toilsome march over moundigly wound—I don't believe you can tain and valley, and foaming torrent, sit straight in the saddle. to warn you yet again! Remember what I said in the third watch of the said: and hastily binding up the night, as I met you under the Wizard wound on his shoulder, he hurried to Berno-go not!' At this juncture, a among the tall grass near it, and it ing in the tent before which he had saddle and bridle one, and start on female face peered through an openstopped; the cheek was marble pale, the pursuit. Ten hardy miners, the and there was a shadow on the brow, but the red lip was rigid with some firm purpose. The next moment it disappeared, and the Wizard passed on. A murmur of relief ran through the throng, but they could not return to their former hilarity—the spell of ows of the night. The glen was left his dreadful presence was too strong upon them. More than an hour had crossed, river after river forded, and gone by since they began to gather still the horsemen who had borne there, and the day was now lapsing into the dreamy, purple twilight.

The sunset's gold had grown faint on down the blue slopes of the west to the snows of the far off Sierras, and the sky, the young moon was just beginning to neer over tall pines, which formed one boundary of the glen. The swift river rushing by; the miners' tents gleaming white erra Nevada chain. through the shadows; the Indian bi gaudy plumes and gay wampum of after their night's march, with their and to her utter astonishment, found her father. The girl's heart seem.

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the Wizard Cedar-all lent a certain the light burden he bore, and they sank as if they had been velvet; ly sprinkled with silver, his once fine wild interest to the scene.

'The priest-the priest,' said Ben

Stand back, I say," exclaimed Ben and waved her hand to her love.

And rushing forward he struck the ring to the earth, and ground it to atoms beneath his feet. Then, draw-a silver trumper from his robe, he ing a silver trumpet from his robe, he blew a clear, shrill blast. 'Weep not, fairest Christabel, he cried; 'another and a worthier bridegroom is at hand.

Spur on, Victor.' Quick as thought, a horseman came ed them; the next moment he drew Hush!' whispered the companion rein beside the little pile of stones

his the speed of wings.

he crowd that had assembled to esbridal, stood for a time as by the strange scene been enacted before good them.

better than his own life-who dares mount and ride away with me to the

'I_I_I,' cried half a score of eager voices.

'I thousand thanks, friends,' said Berne, staggering from the loss of blood, as he regained his feet, 'I am going in search of my lost bride!-

'Don't be rash,' interposed Locke: you are as pale as the dead from that

'I must go,' was all Ralph Berne his tent. Two horses were grazing was but the work of a moment to foremost of whom was Ben Locke, gathered around him and they took their way along the banks of the

stream. Hours wore on; higher and higher rose the moon; deeper grew the shadhold a tryst with the morning star, the eastern horizon began to glow, and the day broke in brightness and beauty. At sunrise the band of pursuers had reached the base of the Si-

'There she is, my Christabel!' cried gaudy plumes and gay wampum of the braves showing distinctly in the braves showing distinctly in the glare of their watch fire; the glare of their watch fire; the grade of the deposition of the surplus which will be opening into each other, and forms of the swall done the probably remain attains against China; propagate the second the forms of the swall of the swall done the probably remain attains against China; propagate the second the forms of the swall of the swall done the probably remain attains against China; propagate the second the forms of the swall of the swall done the probably remain attains against China; propagate the forms of the swall of the swall done the probably remain attains propagate to the disposition of the surplus which will be opening into each other, and forms opening into

started on, and then shouting:

moving along the passage they had pressed, sending out an exultant cry opened for the bridal party. Paus whenever they saw the tracks of the ing by a rude pile of stones, he began stranger's horse. At last they saw Christabel?" queried the Wizard. fair female had peered for an instant. solemn old mountains ring. Christatent with Ralph Berne, than to live Here they come! Don't crowd! bellooked back, her face all aglow, here in splender.

voice of the Wizard Sprieked:

(Never! Never! Never shall Chris.
tabel Clair wear this accursed circlet!
And rushing forward he struck the

ney's end,' said he horsemen, with a then, and resolved that you should grim smile, as he saw her bewilder- grace my home among the mountains.

hard by a dilapidated rambling old vow that you should be mine. In the weird man; whose arts had made gainst him, but in vain. Then I grew him the terror of the Sierra Nevada, desperate. I summoned one of my Hush! whispered the companion at his side—the's close at your heels.'

Ben Locke glanced burriedly round.
There stood the singular being, who had cast such a damp upon their glee. He was tall and slender, and as he could see that he was as light of foot as a chamois. His face was one which would long haunt the spectator, like some troubled dream, the features were so strongly marked, the caver.

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The should be to grasp the arm of the bride elect.

(Fear not, Christabel, my wife, murmured Berne; they shall never in leaped to the ground, and taking ber from the from your lover.'

He paused, but Christabel made no reply, and he went on: I am here at your feet—Christabel does not your feet—Christabel does not your feet—Christabel made no reply, and he went on: I am here at your feet—Christabel made no reply, and the went on: I am here at your feet when the ground, and taking ber from the shadle and most shundant harvests.

The ballet al discussion was alighed to my will not be surprised to dear unusual good the ground and moss and the weat give response to mine! I can was all should not be a discussion was all should not be a see that he was as light of foot as a chamois. His face was one which was all and stender, and as her companion raised the wave diamonds in your hair, and robe you like a queen; and provide was proved to make observations, ere the horse dow and the region around it. She had band to my aid, and snatched you

her to the saddle, and his fleet courser with his fleet courser who have seed with his each of California upon me!

Let me go back—O, let me go back to Ralph.

'Welcome, fair Christabel, welcome to his fleet we spin in the signal in our suggestion of contour with the pare invoked alroad have recived the ruin for the sid and the wealth of California upon me!

'Welcome, fair Christabel, welcome to his fleet, his whole frame dilating with region and treaty obligations, would act solely and estibly like to suppose, and the work in the signal we seemed to assume, that foreign nations, in this case, dissarding all moral social will be supposed to his feet, his whole frame dilating with his read would are subject when the seemed to

statues, and then a spiral stair case, here to his dying day, a brigand.' and through corrider and corridor, and room after room, where her foot-speechless with terror. Then she fall aroused a dismal echo, and it sank down before him and gasped: seemed as if no sunbeam had ever "Is there no other way to avert such

couches that invited to repose; rare Now, to the rescue, boys! he dash- paintings and many a marble form Locke, and there was a confused ed into the steep and narrow road. rising in still, white beauty here and Henri Claire was an old man. Chrismovement in the crowd, as they Up, up, along risky paths; through there; clouds of Tyrian drapery at tabel thought of the pale mother anx. the clergyman—a rector of the Enslept—over wild mountain streams soft and mellow hue as it stole in; ranche on the Sacramento; of the glish church, who had stopped on his and drifted snows into the localisate minister that the localisate minister the localis pressed forward to get a glimpse of deep defiles were eternal shadows the windows, which gave the light a glish church, who had stopped on his and drifted snows, into the loneliest mimic fountains murmured dreamily; bright-eyed children who would be way to San Francisco, and was now passes of the Sierra Nevada, they all made that part of the house seem

to turn the leaves of his prayer book, the object of their search scarcely a and the multitude turned their attention toward the tent from which that a shout of triumph that made the er make my home in the meanest the first save you!

The Wizard's eyes flashed fire. but which will be with the say strong and its series to the say in the say strong and its series to the say in the

'Well, we are almost at our jour- more beautiful creature. I loved you Christabel glanced in the direction Berne—you were so infatuated as to his adventures Sierra Nevada. house. It seemed a fitting abode for my Wizard's dress I warned you a

for the service you have done.

The man bowed and retired, and Christabel Claire was left alone with the far-famed Wizard of the Sierra Nevada.

On not fear me, he said gently taking her hand, and fixing his magnetic eyes upon her; I shall do you no harm! I twas to save you from an ill marriage, that I commanded my trusty Victor to wrest you from Ralph Berne, even at the altar. Be of good conge—a more brilliant destiny is awaiting you.

But kind as he appeared, Christabel But kind as he appeared, Christabel But kind as he appeared. Christabel belwas not re-assured. Her young heart quarkey, as he led along the gloomy hall, with its grim bronzed statutes, and then a spiral statir case, here to his dying day, a brigand.

I the man sseed a hand she have a hand they can reach their aim more resolation and not then that hey can reach their aim more resolation and then took to gaming in the vain hope that he could count his fortune by millions rather than by thousands: He and I have played with desperate stakes; I have won all his property, and he is still my debtor. Now he is thoroughly disgusted with the vicissitudes of the card-table; he longs to shake the with the vicissitudes of the card-table; he longs to shake of going in search of my lost bride!— of good conrectance a more brilliant desgloomy hall, with its grim bronzed a rich man. Refuse and he stays

For a moment Chrisabel stood

seemed as if no sunbeam had ever crept. Her superstitions dread was at height, when on touching a secret spring, and oaken door flew back, and a large chamber was revealed, lighted only by a curious lamp suspended from the ceiling, and filled with the appliances of that strange man's calling—magic stones, rods and mirrors; 'black letter lore,' as he termed it; a quaint telescope, and a brazen tripod, over whose flame some oderous liquid was simmering. 'What think you of the Wizard's don't he asked, as Christabel's oyes wandered about the place. 'I—I—do not like it.' gasped the girl, 'the air oppresses me; take me away, I implore; 'Never did lips like yours ask anything reasonable in vain,' replied her companion; there are rooms in my house better suited to a lady's taste—come.'

Muchanically the girl followed him and to her utter astunishment, found herself in one of a suite of rooms, all opening into each other, and farnish poor clairs. Suffering had done the early lead to the rather the first carpets into which the face is a style of regal magnificance.—'The rich carpets into which the face is a style of regal magnificance.—'The rich carpets into which the face is a style of regal magnificance.—'The rich carpets into which the face is a style of regal magnificance.—'The rich carpets into which the face is a style of regal magnificance.—'The rich carpets into which the face is a style of regal magnificance.—'The rich carpets into which the face is a style of regal magnificance.—'The rich carpets into which the rich carpets into which the face is a style of regal magnificance.—'The rich carpets into which the face is a style of regal magnificance.—'The rich carpets into which the face is a style of regal magnificance.—'The rich carpets into which the face is a style of regal magnificance.—'The rich carpets into which the face is a style of regal magnificance.—'The rich carpets into which the face is a style of regal magnificance.—'The rich carpets into which the face is a style of regal magnificance.—'The rich

form was wasted to a mere shadow of its former symmetry—at forty-five, worse than orphaned if she did not save him, and a sudden revulsion of feeling swept over her. She sprang to him she wound her white arms a-

The poor man bowed down his head in

penitence and shame. "God bless you, my darling Christabel!" Locke, and every eye wandered to the pair who had just come forth— Ralph Berne and his betrothed wife, bristabel, dearest, you shall the scribe her so as to give the reader my idea of the miner's bride elect? Her into a gloomy winding path. Ralph Berne followed, aborter and so her for a moment be did not speak. Then he said with the snavity he had main blight I have brought upon you! If it were not for your mother and the childown, and waitill I return—I have down, and waitill I return—I have something important to say, this, afternoon. He been weak—I have yielded to temp into any comfort to you have something in portant to say, this, afternoon. He been weak—I have yielded to temp in your wretchedness to know I regularly and forgive me for a moment be did not speak. Then be said hoarsely, and forgive me for the walk with the snavity he had main blight I have brought upon you! If it were not for your mother and the childent was a specific to the pair who had just come for the pair who had main the did not speak. Then be said hoarsely, and forgive me for the pair who had with the snavity he had main the said with the said wi the multitude, as if with a single figure had the roundness of perfect Berne followed, shorter and shorter sank into one of the luxurious faute in your wretchedness to know I resolved voice, and then shout after shout went symmetry, but bent gracefully as the grow the distance between him and wils, and pillowing her head upon the follow a purer life, that consolation shall ringing up into the calm, blue depths | young willow; her face was strange. his mysterious foe—a few moments | velvet cushions, sat for a time like be yours. Again I say, God bless you— Farewell." He drew her to him in a con-

laughed at their crudulity, and nobody was found to weep over his hastily dug grave.

A week later Ra'ph Berne and his fair Christabel were married amid the rejoicings of their friends; Ralph was most successful in his toils among the mines, and is now a wealthy and respected citizen of the old Bay State; and sometimes when his children sit besides him in the glow of the winter fire, he tells them the story of his adventures with the Wizard of the Sierra Nevada.

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Such have been the additions by construction and prochase, that it may almost be said a Navy has been created and brought into service since our difficulties squadrons larger than ever before assembled under our flag, have been put affoat and performed deeds which have increased our Navyl rehown.

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Political.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

ide. While under this general recommendation provision for lefending our seacoast line occurs to the mind, I also, in While under this general recommendation provision and defending our seasons line occurs to the mind, I also, in the same connection, ask the attention of Congress to our great lakes and rivers. It is believed that some for iffications, and depots of arms and munitions, with harbor and navigation improvements, all at well selected points upon these, would be of great importance to the national defence and preservation.

I ask attention to the views of the Secretary of War

If, however, it should not be deemed advisable to carry that recommendation into effect, I would suggest that suthbritis be given; investing the principal over the proceeds of the surplus referred to in good securities, with a view to the satisfaction of such other just claims of our discuss against China se are not unlikely to arise becefter in the course of our extensive trade with that empire.

By the set of the 5th of August last, Congress authorized the President to instruct the Commanders of suitable resident to instruct the Commanders of suitable resident to instruct the Commanders of suitable resident to the more effectual protection of our extensive and rainable temmerce in the Eastern seas, especially, it seems to me that it would also be advisable to authorize the commanders of sailing vessels to recepture any prises which pirates may make of United States, vessels and their cargoes, and the Consular Courts now established by law in Eastern countries to adjudicate the cases, in the event that this should not be objected to by the level suthorities. If any good reason exists why we should persevere longer its withholding our recognition of the independence and sovereignty of Hayti, I am unable to discover Unwilling, however, to inaugurate a novel policy in

dence and sorereighty of Hayti, I am mable to discover it.

Unwilling, however, to inangurate a novel policy in regard to them without the approbation of Congress, I submit for your consideration the expediency of an appropriation for maintaint is charge draffaires near each of those new States; it does not admit of a doubt that important commercial advantages might be secured by favorable treasies with them.

The operations of the Treasury during the period which has elabased since your adjournment, have been conducted with signal success. The patriotism of the people face fraced at the disposal of the Government the hatigare makes detrained by the public virgencies.—Much of the Natigual Loan has been taken by citizens of the industrial classes, whose complement in their femintry's lattic sinkaged for their country's deliverance from presentings. I have indused them to contribute to the support of the flower meant the whole of their limited acquisitions. This fact impose proullar being the suffice.

The revenues from all sources, including leans for

I would invite special attention to the recommenda-

There are three vacancies on the bench of the Supreme Court; two by the d-cease of Justice Daniel and McLean, and one by the resignation of Justice Oampbell. I have so far forborne making nominations to fill these vacancies for reasons which I will now state: Two of the out-going Judges resided within the States now overrun by revolt, so that if their successors were appointed in the same localities, they could not now serve upon their circuit, and many of the most competent men there probably would not take the personal hazard of accepting to serve, oven here, upon the Supreme Bouch. I have been unwilling to throw all the appointments Northward, thus disabling myself from doing justice to the South on the return of peace, although I may remark that to transfer to the North one which has heretofore been in the South, would not, with reference to territory and population, be unjust.

During the long and brilliant judicial career of Judge McLean, his circuit grew into an empire altogether to large for any one Judge to give the Courts therein more than a nominal attendance, rising in population from 1,470,018 in 1830, to 6,151,405 in 1830. Besides this, the country generally has Joutgrown our present judicial system. If uniformity was at all intended, the system requires that all the States shall be accommodated with Circuit Courts intended by Supreme Judges, while, in fact, Wisconsin, Minnesota, lowa, Kansas, Florida, Tefas, California and Oregon have never had any such Courts.

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never had any such Courts.

Nor can this well be remedied, without a change of Nor can this well be remedied, without a change of the system, because the adding of Judges to the Supreme Court; enough for the accommodation of all parts of the country with Circuit Courts, would create a Court along other too numerous for a judicial body of any sort.—And the evil, if it be one, will increase as new States come into the Union, Circuit Courts are useful, or they are not useful. If useful, no State should have them. Let them be provided for all, or abolished to all.

Three modifications occur to me, either of which I think and

which I think would be an improvement upon our present system. Let the Suprems Court be of convenient number in every event. Then first, let the whole country be divided into circuits of convenient size, the Supreme Judges to cuits of convenient size, the Supreme Judges to serve in a number of them corresponding to their own number, and independent Circuit Judges be provided for all the rest; or, secondly, let the Supreme Judges be relieved from Circuit duties, and Circuits Judges provided for all the Circuits; or thirdly, dispense with the Circuit Courts all together, leaving the Judicial functions wholly to the District Court and an independent Supreme Court. preme Court.

I respectfully recommend to the consideration of Congress the present condition of the Statute Laws, with the hope that Congress will be able to find an easy remedy for many of the inconveniences and evils which constantly embarness those engaged in the practical administration of them. Since organization of the Government, Congress has enacted some five thousand acts and joint resolutions which fill more than six

and joint resolutions which in the draw and are scatter-thousand closely printed pages, and are scatter-ed through many volumes.

Many of these acts have been drawn in heste and without sufficient caution, so that their pro-visions are often obscure in themselves, or in conflict with each other; or, at least, so doubt-ful as to render it very difficult for even the best informed person to ascertain precisely what the statute law really is. It seems to me very important that the statue laws should be made as portant that the statue laws should be made as plain and intelligible as possible, and be reduced to as small a compass as may consist, with the fullness and precision of the Legislature and the perspicuity of its language. This well done would, I think, greatly facilitate the labors of those whose duty it it to assist in the administration of the laws, and would be a lasting benefits. efit to the people by the placing before them, in:
a more acceptible and intelligible form, the laws
which so deeply concern their interests and their
duties. I am informed by some, whose opinions
I respect, that all the acts of Congress now in I respect, that all the acts of Congress now in force, and of a permanent and general natura, might be revised and rewritten, so as to be embraced in one volume, or, at most, in two volumes, of ordinary and commercial size, and I respectfully recommend to Congress to consider on the subject, and if my suggestion be approved, to device such plants to their wisdom shall seem most proper to the artisinment of the end proposed.

One of the unavoidable consequences of the neutraction is the entire suspension, in many

neurrection is the entire suspension, in many places, of all the ordinary means of administer ing civil justice by the officers and the forms of existing law. This is the case in the whole, or in

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ment of their lawful claims against the citizens of the insurgent States, and their wast amount of debt, constituting such claims, some have estimated as two hundred millions of dollars, due, the large part from insurgents in rebellion, to loy-al citizens who are even now making great sacri-fices in the discharge of their patriotic duty to

support the Government.
Under these circumstances I have been urgently solicited to establish by military power Courts to administer summary justice in such eases. I have thus far declined to do it, not because I had any doubt that the end proposed, the collections of the debts was just and right in itself, but because I have been unwilling to go beyond the pressure of necessity, in the unusual exercise of power. But the powers of Congress, I suppose, are equal to the anomalous occasion, and I therefore note the whole matter to Congress. fore refer the whole matter to Congress with the hope that a plan may be devised for the administration of justice in all such parts of the insurgent States and territories as may be under the control of this Government, whether by a volunmanent institution, but a temporary substitute, and to cease as soon as the ordinary courts can be re-established in peace. It is important that some more convenient mesos should be provided, some more convenient messe should be provided, if possible, for the adjustment of claims against the Government, especially in view of their increased number by reason of the war.

It is as much the duty of Government to ren-

der prompt justice against itself in favor of citi-tère, as it is to administer the same between private individuals—the investigation and adjadication of claims in their hands belong to the judicial department. Besides, it is apparent that the attention of Congress will be more than usually engaged for some time to come with great national questions. It was intended by the organization of the Court of Claims, mainly to remove this branch of the business from the Halls of Congress. But while the Court has proved to be an effective and valuable mesns of investi-gation, it fails in a great degree to effect the ob-ject of its creation for want of power to make its judgments final. Fully aware of the delica-

ject of its creation for want of power to make
its judgments final. Fully aware of the delicaoy, not to say the danger, of this subject, I commend to your careful consideration whether this
rower of making judgments final may not properly be given to the Court reserving the right of
appeal on questsons of law to the Supreme Court—
with such other provisions as experience may
have shown to be necessary.

I ask attantion to the report of the Postmaster General, the following beling a summany statement of the
Department—The revenue from all sources diring the
final year ending June 30, 1851, including the annual
perment appropriation of free mail matter, ninmillions, forty-nine thousand two hundred and minetysix dollars and forty cents, being about two per cent.
Its than the revenue.

For 1800, the expenditures were \$43,802,750 11, showing a decrease of more than eight per cent., as compared
with those of the present year, and leaving an excess
of expenditures over the revenue for the last fiscal
year, of \$4,557,462 71. The gross revenue for the year
ending June 30th, 1863, is estimated at an increase of
four per cent. upon that of 1861, making \$5,883,000, to
which should be added the earnings of the Department
in chryping free matter, viz: \$700,000, making \$9,383,
000. The total expenditures for 1863 are estimated at
\$12,620,000, leaving an estimate d deficiency of three
malinons one hundred and forty-five thousand dollars to
be supplied from the Treasury, in addition to the per
manent appropriation.

The present insurrection shows, I think, that the ex-

west.

The receipts of the Patent Office have declined in nine months about \$100,000 rendering a large deduction of the force employed necessary to make it self-sustaining.

The demands upon the Pension Office will be largely increased by the insurrection.

Numerous applications for pensions, based upon the prescriptions of the control of the prescription.

tions of the Secretary for a more perfect organisation of the Navy, by introducing additional grades in the casualities of the existing war, have alservice. The present organization is defective and unsatisfactory, and the suggestions submitted by the Department will, it is believed, if adopted, obviate the difficulties alluided to, promote barmony and increase the efficiency of the Navy.

There are three vacancies on the bench of the Summer Court was the decrease of Justice Depids and on the presence of the summer of the summer of the insurgent army, giving them aid and comfort. The Secretary of the Insurgence of the summer and in receipt of the bounty of the Government, are in the ranks of the insurgent army, giving them aid and comfort. The Secretary of the Interior has directed a suspension of the payment. of the pensions of such persons upon proof of their disloyalty.

I recommend that Congress authorize that of-

ficer to cause the names of such persons to be atricken from the pension roll.

The relations of the Government with the In-

The relations of the Government with the Indian tribes have been greatly disturbed by the insurrection, especially in the Southern Superintendency, and in that of New Mexico. The Indian country south of Kansas is in the possession of insurgents from Texas and Arkansas.

The agents of the United States Covernment appointed since the 4th of Marchiast for this superincendency, have been unable to reach their pasts, while the most of those who were in their

posts, while the most of those who were in the office before that time, have espoused the insurgectionary cause, and assume to exercise the powers of agents by virtue of commissions from the insurrectionists.

It has been stated in the public press that a

portion of these Indians have been organized as a military force, and are attached to the army of the insurgents. Although the Government has no official information upon this subject, letters have been written to the Commissioner of ters have ocen written to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs by several prominent Chiefs, giving assurance of their loyalty to the United States and expressing a wish for the presence of Federal troops to protect them. It is believed that upon the re-possession of the country, by the Federal forces, the Indians will readily cease all hostile demonstrations and resume their former

relations to the Government.
Agriculture, confessedly the largest interest of the nation, has not a Department or a bureau but a clerkship only assigned to it in the Government. While it is fortunate that this great interest is so independent in its nature as to not have demanded and extorted more from the Government, I respectfully ask Congress to consider whether something more cannot be given vol-

or whether something more cannot be given voluntarily with general advantage.

Annual reports exhibiting the condition of
our agriculture, commerce and manufacture,
would present a fund of information of great
practical value to the country. While I make
no suggestion as to details, I venture the opinion
that an Agricultural and Statistical bureau might

profitably be organized.

The execution of the laws for the suppression of the African Slave Trade, has been confided to the Department of the Interior. It is a subject of congratulation that the efforts which have been, congratuation that the shorts which have been, made for the suppression of this inhuman traffic have been recently attended with unusual success. Five vessels being fitted out for the slave cass. Five vessels being fitted out for the slave trade have been seized and condemned. Two mates of vessels engaged in the trade, and one person engaged in equipping a slaver, have been convicted and subjected to the penalty of fine and imprisonment; and one captain taken with a cargo of Africans on board his vessel, has been convicted of the highest grade of offence under our laws, the punishment of which is death.

The Territories of Colorado, Dacota and Nevada, created by the last Congress, have been organized, and civil administration has been inaugurated therein, under auspices, especially gratifying, when it is considered that the leaven of tresson was found existing in some of these naw countries when the Federal officers arrived there, The soundant native resources of these arrived there, The soundant native resources of these arrived there, The soundant native resources of the territories, with the socurity and protection officed by an organized dovernment, will doubtless invite to them a large innightation, when peace shall restore the business of the doubtry to its acoustomed channels.

I submit the resolutions of the Legislature of Colorado, which evidence the patriotic spirit of the people of the Territories, as it is hoped it will be in the fifteen the continuent of the submit of the industry.

So far the authority of the United States has been upheld in all the Territories, as it is hoped it will be in the fifteen to the submit of the fifteen to the submit of the industry in the industry in the submit of the industry in the submit of the industry in the submit of the industry in the property of the continuence of the particle of the Patrician made for the suppression of this inhuman traffic have been recently attended with unusual suc-