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Political.

HON. ULYSSES MERCUR, OF PENNSYLVANIA, IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FEBRUARY 16, 1867.

The House, as in Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, proceeded to the consideration of the President's annual message.

Mr. MERCUR said: Mr. SPEAKER: Motion is said to be a natural condition of all matter. Progress appears to be a law of the world's nature.

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Now is it contended within the limits of that portion of our country which was in open rebellion. The men of the North who sympathized and fraternized with the rebels while they were in arms now seek to excuse them and embrace them as brothers guilty of no crime.

Our brave soldiers and seamen did their duty in the bloody conflicts of battle; we must now do ours. The military power of the Government subdued the rebels in arms; Congress must now provide for their restoration to a new-born civil life.

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Grant that they were all contrary to law; grant that our Constitution and laws expressly forbade them, and that they were of no binding force as against us; yet it by no means follows that we must treat the wrongdoers as if they had committed no crimes.

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Miscellaneous.

Lord Shaftesbury lately stated in a public meeting in London that, from personal observation, he had ascertained that of adult male criminals of that city, nearly all had fallen into a course of crime between the ages of eight and sixteen years.

This is a fact of singular importance to fathers and mothers, and shows a fearful responsibility. Certainly a parent should secure and exercise absolute control over a child under sixteen. It cannot be a difficult matter to do this, except in very rare cases.

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Selected Poetry.

PUT UP THE BARS. After the milking was over Annie would follow the cows Half a mile down to the clover, And turn them in to browse.

Lips may be humming a ditty, And faces may show unconcern; But secret there are—what a pity That some are too easy to learn.

Over the path by the hillside Some one would wander by night; Some one who came from the mill side, Lured by two eyes that were bright.

Meadow and valley grow stiller Under the stranger's stars; Would it be earlier if the miller Helped Annie to put up the bars?

FUN, FACTS, AND FACETIE. THE LADIES.—May their virtues exceed the magnitude of their skirts, while their faults are still smaller than their bonnets.

NEVER "KNOCK UNDER."—No never—always lay thy forces for another and more desperate assault upon adversity. If calamity assail you, and the world—as it is apt to do in such cases—takes part with your traducers, don't turn moody and misanthropic, or worse still, seek to drown your unhappiness in dissipation.

LIVING TOO FAST.—Most people live too fast in this country. We crowd life. Without intermission we feed our mental furnaces with the pitch-pine of excitement, and the consequence is that too many of us collapse long before the time when we might be expected to succumb to the regular wear and tear of the voyage of life.