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Cononess during the past week has done but little besides getting into working order by the formation of committees &c. But few bills of general interest have been offered. Mr. Sumner however has offered one very ridiculous bill, which is, to issue ten millions of compound interest notes each month and retire an equal amount of green backs, as if currency was not scarce enough now without offering further inducement for persons to hoard it up. He also startled the Senate by giving notice that he should introduce a bill to abolish the Internal Revenue Bureau.

Civil Reform.

The President in his recent Message lays much stress on the necessity of reform in the manner in which official appointments are made. There is no doubt much truth in this assertion, but we think there never will be much reform until the constitution is so amended that no person can fill the Presidential chair, two successive terms. Take away the temptation to "fix things" for a re-election, and one great step has been taken towards securing a reform in the appointment of subordinate officers.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The President commences his message by congratulating himself that he has been enabled to enforce the laws on the statute book, and he says he has done this without stopping to inquire as to their wisdom. After referring to the satisfactory condition of our relations with all other nations, he speaks of the troubles regarding the fishery boundaries as follows:

"I recommend that the legislation necessary on the part of the United States to bring into operation articles of treaty relations of the United States toward British North American provinces to become operative so soon as proper legislation shall be had on the part of Great Britain and its possessions. It is much to be desired that this legislation may become operative before the fishermen of the United States begin to make their arrangements for the coming season."

The President says the government was compelled to ask the recall of the Russian Beath from Blowing Down a Lamp Minister owing to his impertment meddling with affairs that did not concern him.

He calls the attention of Congress to the damaging effect of the continued fluctuations in our currency, and asks for legislation that will give a fixed and steady value to the same, but does not suggest any meth-

od for accomplishing so desirable an object. The steady increase of the receipts of the Post Office department are referred to as evidences of the growth of education, and the President favors the uniting of the tel- ing over her the blazing liquid, and in an egraph system to the postal department. The reduction of the National debt has been so great that the President thinks to accidents resulting from the carcless use that modification of the tariff and the reve- of coal oil, and people cannot be too care- primal and perfect woman nobly planned. nue laws will be advisable, and that it is ful how they manage and handle their had probably no greater wealth of tangled not necessary that this rapid payment lighted lamps.

the debt should be continued. His ideas upon the subject of the tariff coincide with the old whig doctrine and are as follows:

"I therefore recommend a modification of both the tariff and internal tax laws, and recommend that all taxes from internal sources be abolished except those collected from spiritous, vinous and malt liquors, tobacco in its various forms, and from stamps. In re-adjusting the tariff I suggest that a careful estimate be made of the amount of surplus revenue collected under the present laws, after providing for the current expenses of the Government, the interest account and a sinking fund; and that this surplus be reduced in such a manner as to afford the greatest relief to the greatest number. There are many articles not produced at home, but which enter largely into general consumption, through articles which are manufactured at home, such as medicines, compounds, etc., from which very little revenue is derived, but which enter into general use. All such articles I recommend to be placed on the free list. Should a further reduction prove advisable, I would then recommend that it be made upon those articles which can best bear it without disturbing home production or reducing the wages of American labor."

In reference to the troubles in Utah the President suggests that Congress considers, what, in the execution of the laws against polygamy, is to be the status of plural wives and their offspring, and thinks that laws might be passed legitimizing children born previous to a certain date.

The President is opposed to giving away any more of the public lands to corporations and upon this subject says :

"I renew my recommendation that the public lands be regarded as a heritage to our children to be disposed of only as required for occupancy and to actual settlers. Those already granted have been in great part disposed of in such a way as to secure access to the balance by the hardy settler who may wish to avail himself of them, but caution should be exercised even in attaining so desirable an object."

The condition of the Southern States and the amnesty question is disposed of as fol-

"More than six years have elapsed since the last hostile gun was fired between the armies then arrayed against each otherone for the perpetuation, the other for the destruction of the Union-it may well be considered whether it is not now time that the disabilities imposed by the Fourteenth amendment should be removed. That amendment does not exclude the ballot, but only imposes the disability to hold offices upon certain classes. When the purity of the ballot is secure majorities are sure to elect officers reflecting the views of the majority. I do not see the advantage or propriety of excluding men from office merely because they were before the rebellion of standing and character, sufficient to be elected to positions requiring them to take oaths to support the constitution, and admitting to eligibility those entertaining precisely the same views, but of less standing in their communities. It may be said that the former violated an oath, while the latter did not have it in their power to do so. If they had taken this oath it cannot be doubted they would have broken it as did the former class.

If there are any great criminals distinguished for the part they took in opposition no cause for such belief would exist, and we to the Government, they might, in the Monday, December 11th, at 7 o'clock p. m. judgment of Congress, be excluded from such an amnosty. This subject is submitted for your careful consideration. The condition of the Southern States is, unhappily, not such as all true patriotic citizens would like to see. Social ostracism for opinion's sake, personal violence or threats toward suchpersons as entertain political views opposed to those entertained by the majority of the old citizens prevents immigration and the flow of much needed capital into the States lately in rebellion. It will be a happy condition of the country when the old citizens of those States will take an interest in public affairs, promulgate ideas honestly entertained, vote for men representing their views, and tolerate the same freedom of expression and ballot in those entertaining different political convictions."

The President closes his message by carnestly recommending a reform in the civil service, and trusts that the board convened for that purpose will be enabled to devise a plan which will remedy the evil and be a great advantage to the Executive and all the heads of the departments.

The Luzerne Union records another terrible accident resulting from the too common practice of blowing down a lamp chimney to extinguish the light. The casuality occurred in Cleveland, Pa., a few nights since. Mrs. Elizabeth Stark disrobed to retire about 10 o'clock. She ata very common manner, by blowing down instant she was enveloped in flames and was terribly burned. There seems no end

A Singular Case.

Mr. Eli Hempsted died a short time since in New Haven from a most singular cause. Some years ago he was attacked with insanity and was sent to the Insane Retreat in Hartford. While there he pushed a watch key up his nose, and after his recovery informed his physician what he had done. An effort was made to get it out, without success. He left the Retreat, and nothing further was done to remove the article, though he occasionally spoke of feeling it. In a year or two he was attacked with a sharp pain in at the lower part of the right lung. He suffered from it for some time, when it passed away and for two years he enjoyed good health. A few weeks ago he went to New Haven with an invoice of produce, and while engaged in lifting barrels was again attacked with pain and bleeding from the lungs. He was taken to his father's house, where in a few days he died .-His case was so singular that the physicians made a post mortem examination, when they found the key embedded in the lower part of the lung, and surrounded by a lump in a state of mortification. The key had dropped out of the nose through the windpipe into the lung, and had remained there four years.

Anchored to a Whale-A Strange Story.

The Boston Herald says: Captain John Evitt, of the fishing schooner, Charles H. Price, of Salem, Mass., which arrived home from a cruise yesterday, reports the following strange story. The schooner was anchored off Grand Bank, ten days ago, with about 200 fathoms of hemp cable out and about ready to start for home, having taken about 15,000 pounds halibut. The cook threw over a line to eatch a fish for dinner, and having caught one, threw the line over again and found it tended aft at a remarkable rate. Thinking it strange, he called from the cabin the captain, who came on deck, went forward, and found the vessel going ahead at about five knots speed, but could not account for it. He ordered all hands called, and they hove in the cable to within about thirty fathoms, when they discovered that their anchor had got hooked to a large whale, which they had before seen at some distance. The whale ran with the schooner some little time longer. The crew weather-bitted the cable, and in a short time the whale sounded, broke the anchor, and carried away with him a good part of it. The black skin is to be seen on the cable where it chafed on the whale. The ring and a small piece of the anchor were all that was left attached to the cable; the flukes are gone, and are supposed to have somehow become attached to the body of the whale.

Charged with Murder.

An old colored man named Edinboro Smith, who lived by himself on Laurel Hill, about three miles from Johnstown, and who had some money about his house, was murdered on Wednesday evening, August 15, 1865, in his own dwelling. He was found weltering in his blood early the next day. Suspicion rested upon a person who was loitering in the neighborhood the previous day, but who could not be identified then.

Recently information was made charging a young man named George Gates, with committing the deed, and on the 2d inst., he was arrested and taken to the Cambria county jail. A motion for a writ of habeas corpus was made before the court at Ebensburg which was granted and returnable on

Awkward. A citizen of Elizabeth, N. J., went to the cars on Thanksgiving day to see his daughter off. Securing her a seat, he passed out of the cars, and went round to her window to say a parting word, as is frequently done on such occasions. While he was passing out the daughter left the seat to speak to a friend, and at the same time, a prim-looking lady, who occupied the seat with her, moved up to the window. Unaware of the important changes inside, our venerable friend hastily put his face up to the window and hurriedly exclaimed, "One more kiss, pet." In another instant the point of a blue cotton umbrella caught his seductive lips, followed by the passionate injunction, "Seat, you old gray-headed wretch !" and he scatted.

There is a man at Spring Grove, Houston county, Minnesota, who is gradually turning into stone. He is completely petrified in all his limbs and body-the only exception being a portion above the mouth, throat and eyes. He has a good appetite, eats, and prays day and night for the Lord to deliver him from this, terrible affliction. He is perfectly helpless. The process of pertrification commenced some time last spring in his feet and knees, since which time it has gradually increased.

There is a young lady in Boston who was persuaded the other day to give a private exhibition of her beautiful head of long and heavy black hair. Her height is tempted to extinguish her coal oil lamp, in five feet three inches, and when she is standing erect her hair falls to her feet, and the chimney. The lamp exploded, throw- trails a quarter of a yard on the floor. It is seventy-five inches in length. Here, indeed, is a favored young person. No need has she of chignons, nor of tricopherous compounds; and Eve herself, the

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