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RESUMPTION.

Last Thursday morning at nine o'clock the United States returned to a specie basis, and the pledges and promises of sixteen years' standing are redeemed. It is not believed that the change will cause a ripple in financial and business circles. The crisis was passed when legal-tender notes reached par with gold on the 17th of December, and since then there has been, to all intents and purposes, practical resumption. The more formal act of exchanging gold for legal tender notes by the government commenced to-day. At the financial centres such exchange has been made for days past at par. The prediction that there would be a great rush made upon the treasury for gold will not likely be realized. With gold and greenbacks at par, one with the other, and with custom duties payable either in notes or coin, there will be no actual necessity for the latter. It is possible that certain classes of speculators and inflationists, who are now deprived of their avocation, will attempt all manner of reckless less schemes to embarrass the government in carrying out the resumption law, but they will find that Secretary Sherman holds the strong hand.

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A COPY OF THE SCRIP.

The following is an exact copy of the April scrip:

PHILADELPHIA & READING RAILROAD COMPANY,
Wages.
Philadelphia, Dec. 10, 1878.
The Philadelphia & Reading railroad company promises to pay to the holder of the sum of ten dollars on the 15th day of April, 1879, with interest to date, for each month he shall receive.

This note is issued for wages due by the Philadelphia & Reading railroad company, and will be received after before or on the 15th day of April, 1879, with interest to date, for each month he shall receive.

In payment for the rent and toll bills of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad company, the Philadelphia & Reading company, Inc., can receive after dates due to either of the companies.

(Signed) S. BRADFORD, Pres.
(Signed) F. H. GOWEN, Vice-Pres.

IT'S PAYMENT.

The payment of the scrip to the employees will cover the wages of the months of September, October and November, while the December wages will be paid in cash. It does not include the employees of the Philadelphia and Reading coal and iron company, who are all paid up in cash, but those of the railroad company.

Death of R. W. Mackey.

Hon. Robert W. Mackey died on Wednesday morning, Jan. 1st, at his residence in Philadelphia, in the 47th year of his age, after a long and heroic struggle with disease. During the last ten years no man in the Republican party has exercised so much influence in political management. His first appearance in State politics was in 1859, when he was elected State Treasurer by a Republican Legislature. In 1871 he was re-elected without opposition in his party. In 1872 he was re-elected State Treasurer by the Legislature, and in 1873 he was chosen by the popular vote the first Treasurer of the State under the new constitution. He held the responsible office of State Treasurer for six of the eleven years of his active connection with State politics. He was uniformly kind and generous in his private relations and esteemed by all parties.

Protection for Kansas Immigrants.

The Governor of Kansas has requested General Sherman to station a strong military force on the southern border of that State, to prevent the reservation Indians from making cattle-stealing raids within its borders. The Governor expects an immigration of three hundred thousand settlers into Kansas this year, and is anxious for their protection. His request will be granted as far as the strength of the army will permit.

Senator Blaine says he has received three hundred letters from the South giving specific instances of intimidation and fraud at the late election, which he will hand over to the investigating committee.

The Treasury Department will pay out fifty millions of dollars in gold, in exchange for legal tenders without stopping. Whether they will then revert to the payment of silver is not stated.

Wade Hampton has resigned the Governorship of South Carolina, and a party named Sheepson will hasten to have him half-drown in that state.

The state will provide

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Congress re-assembled on the 11th inst.

Gov. Hartranft is urged for the Berlin mission.

Only one man in thirty in Idaho has a wife.

Hunter is to be executed on the 10th of January.

Cherry trees are in bloom in certain balmy California vales.

The Pennsylvania Legislature assembled on last Tuesday.

There are 480 places of religious worship in New York city.

Louis Stomer was frozen to death near Wilkesbarre last week.

Hundreds of Michigan deer have been wantonly killed for their hides.

A North Carolina cow is the modest mother of twenty-three calves.

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