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E PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

President Arthur's last Message to gress is a very able document, it occupies considerable space. The ...ick's review of the paper is quite haustive, and we give it herewith. e message itself is too lengthy for r columns:

Chester A. Arthur closes the long of annual presidential messages m Republican executives with a siness like document. It is long, but none too long to express in a terse anner the various subjects to which the attention of Congress is called.

The message begins with a congratulation to the American people for e loyalty and good temper displayed the recent election, when so small plurality decided the question; and r. Arthur improves the opportunity thus afforded to again call the attention of Congress to the necessity of providing some precise and definite method of counting the electoral vote. He s...nd says very truly, that any ...which will settle this question preferable to continued in-

...n importance is the relation United States with foreign , and these are treated alpha- beginning with Belgium and with Venezuela. With all the ...ions of the world the United States is at present on friendly terms. There are, however, some claims here and there which need to be settled. In Chili a convention will soon be negotiated to indemnify Americans for losses caused by the recent war between that country and Peru.

The difficulties between France and China form an embarrassing feature of our eastern relations, although China has paid promptly the losses sustained by Americans in the Canton riots. The President renews his recommendation of last year that the Chinese indemnity fund be returned at country. This is an act of which should not be delayed. Arthur also fears that the Chi- exclusion act violates in some the treaty rights of certain subjects of China. American commerce in the east has been strengthened to a considerable extent by the purchase of a large trading fleet formerly sailing under the Chinese flag.

The United States has been embarrassed by the withdrawal of its representative from Egypt, and the President hopes that diplomatic intercourse with that country will be resumed, especially as the United States is one of the treaty powers whose duty it is to protect the rights of foreigners.

The Bartholdi statue comes in for executive recommendation that ngress take necessary steps for its ception and for providing a proper stal.

The insurrection in Hayti and re- ous attempts in Cuba have neces- ed action on the part of the Unit- States to maintain neutrality and ...ch those organizing filibustering ditions in this country.

pan is about to thoroughly revise foreign treaties, in which revision merica will be represented. Good will is prevalent between Mexico and the United States, and a reciprocity treaty between the countries only needs the necessary tariff legislation complete it. Nicaragua has con- ed to the United States a valuable to build a canal, railway and graph line across its territory. Turkey is disposed to withhold certain rights which belong to us, but proper treatment of the questions involved will no doubt bring a satisfactory solution. There are also claims Venezuela which need adjusting.

The increasing importance of the the American continent has e appointment of the "Cen- ...h American Commission," shortly depart on its errand ...ging our commercial inter-

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revised International Regula- for preventing collisions at sea been accepted by all the other maritime nations, and the States should accept them also. copyright and neutrality laws ...ched upon, and the President ...mends that the scope of the lat- be so enlarged as to cover all pat- ...t acts of hostility committed on our ...ritory. The nat...ation laws ...ve careful attention and ...plification. ...e regulations of ...static rep-

vice of the country are not satisfactory to the President, and he wants arrangements made whereby the dignity of the United States can better be maintained.

There is a surplus revenue this year of $55,603,396,09. There was a net decrease of expenditures of over $21-000,000, and the aggregate receipts were about $54,000,000 less than last year.

President Arthur recommends the immediate suspension of the coinage of the silver dollar, there having been issued of these pieces nearly 185,000,-000, of which only about 22 per cent are in actual circulation. The recommendation to abolish all excise taxes except those on spirits is renewed and Congress is earnestly invited to consider the best means of increasing our foreign trade.

The contraction of the currency caused by the gradual retirement of bonds is a question calling for a solution. The President approves the recommendation of the Secretary of war regarding the necessity of a proper system of coast defense, and he also recommends the establishment of two government gun factories.

Mr. Arthur gives the status of the new steel cruisers ordered by the previous Congress. The Chicago is half finished, the Atlanta successfully launched, the Boston and Dolphin ready for delivery. The monitors, Puritan, Terror and Amphitrite are being reconstructed, while the Monadnock and Miantonomah remain as they were, owing to lack of appropriations. The Naval Advisory Board recommends the construction of more steel cruisers of forty-five hundred and three thousand tons burden, of three gunboats, one dispatch boat, one armored ram, and three torpedo boats. The President gives in detail the action of the government with reference to the bringing home of the bodies of Commander De Long and his companions and the rescue of Lieutenant Greely and his surviving comrades.

Referring to the report of the Post Master General, Mr. Arthur speaks of the success achieved in the reduction of postage to two cents. The estimated loss of revenue at the time the bill came before Congress was $3,000,-000, the actual deficit is $2,375,000, which he justly characterizes as a complete vindication of the change. He recommends the unit of weight shall be changed to one ounce, instead of a half ounce, as now, is in favor of extending the free delivery of letters and reducing the postage on drop letters to one cent everywhere. He also advocates extraordinary postage, regulated by stamps, for extra speedy delivery of important letters in our large cities, thus doing away with the private express enterprises now in vogue.

The position of the subsidizing railroads and the forfeiture of land grants, where the letter and spirit of the law have not been lived up to, are freely discussed, but nothing new or of especial prominence is developed.

The President speaks in no still tones of the gigantic crime of Mormonism, but advises and urges the most radical measures looking to its suppression.

Civil service reform is fully commented upon and its practical workings elucidated. The benefits resulting to the government, the people and their representatives, by civil service examination are clearly set forth and abundantly proved.

In his conclusion Mr. Arthur urgently impresses upon Congress the necessity of the rapid creation of a navy, of extensive and sufficient sea coast defences, of the needs of governmental aid to popular education, of of the great desirability of reciprocal commercial treaties with American nations and a regulation of the tariff looking to this end, as well as to foster our own industries. In this portion of the message the President is particularly happy and forcible, making his points with clearness and concisely arguing them to the conclusion.

Taken as a whole the document is a very able one and reflects great credit upon the brain, heart and patriotism of our present Chief Magistrate.

THE Associated Press had a dispatch denying the truth of the reports of a wide-spread and fatal disease prevailing in the mountainous regions of Virginia, Kentucky and West Virginia, but now the reports come from the Kentucky side, with such substantiality, that it is feared it is true. The district afflicted appears to be larger than first reported, five or six counties in Kentucky and Virginia and three or four in West Virginia being afflicted. The disease is a peculiarly virulent form of dysentery. At one location at the head of Clover creek, in Harlan county, Kentucky, there were twelve deaths in one day. There has been no failure of the crops, but the destitution is caused by the sick taking up the time of the well, so as to prevent the gathering and preparation of food; the sick and dying being so numerous that the well cannot make coffins and bury the dead fast enough; while the streams are so low that the mills on the upper streams are stopped for want of water. So inaccessible is the region that it is feared no adequate assistance can be rendered, and the pestilence will continue until it exhausts itself.

Another Lie Nailed.

Two or three prominent Democratic papers have, in their desire to break the force of Mr. Blaine's Augusta speech, caught at an alleged interview with ex-Senator Blanch K. Bruce, of Mississippi, in which he is represented as having severely rebuked Mr. Blaine for having declared that the colored voters at the South are deprived of the right to exercise the suffrage freely. It was asserted, on the authority of Mr. Bruce, that the recent election showed that the colored men were as free to vote their political convictions and preferences in the Southern States as were any class of citizens at the North, and that Mr. Blaine had been guilty of gross misrepresentation.

Testimony such as Mr. Bruce was alleged to have given, although it would have been by no means conclusive, would have gone far to raise a reasonable doubt in the minds of Republicans as to the correctness of Mr. Blaine's position. Mr. Bruce is an intelligent and conscientious representative of the colored race, and being familiar with their political as well as their social condition, is a competent witness. We did not believe he had given the testimony attributed to him, and, therefore, made no special reference to it.

Mr. Bruce, however, turns out to be an adverse witness for those Bourbons who have put him upon the stand. He has given no direct testimony on either side, but in a dispatch from Indianapolis, under date of November 24, he says: "The dispatch from Philadelphia purporting to be the substance of an interview with me in regard to Mr. Blaine's Augusta speech is a pure fabrication, with not a word of truth in it." In so far, then, as Mr. Bruce has said anything, his testimony is in favor of Mr. Blaine, and he must be set down as an adverse witness against those who have undertaken to break the force of that Augusta speech.

If the test of truth be honestly applied to the statements of Mr. Blaine they will be found to be literally correct. There is no getting away from the fact that the South has been made solidly Democratic through fraud, violence and murder, and that the Democratic party goes into power as the beneficiary of these crimes against free government.—*Pittsburgh Com.-Gazette.*

A FORMER resident of this city, writing from a Texas town since election, says: "It has leaked out here that my brother and I are Republicans and we may be forced to leave here. This country is wild over Cleveland's election, and when I say wild here it means a general tear-up. We have been waited on by committees; had an armed mob of 200 at our door at mid-night, and secret orders have passed resolutions to trade with no Republicans. If you at the North but knew the true feeling of the solid South, New York State would have given Blaine a million majority. They mean war, and you have them to whip sure. When it gets to that you may look for me to settle in Western New York, which is heaven to live in compared with this society."
—Rochester *Democrat.*

IT is significant that while the successors of those who revolted against the election of President Lincoln are almost insane with their jubilations over their return to power, they seem to miss the fact that the Republicans show no disposition to follow their example and fight. The Republican party has set many a good example which it would be well the present victors should note down in their pocket memorandum books for future reference and imitation.

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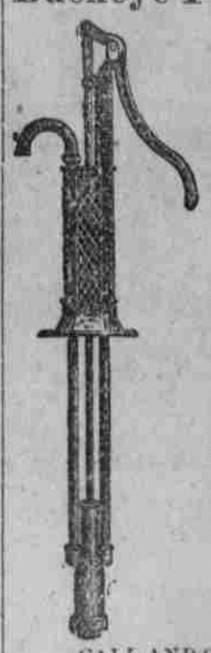

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