

SYNOPSIS OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The following synopsis will give an idea of President Cleveland's first message to Congress. He opens with a tender allusion to the death of Vice President Hendricks.

FOREIGN RELATIONS. A general survey shows that our relations with foreign powers continue to be friendly. Concerning the Isthmus canal the president says such a highway must be removed from the chance of domination by any single power, and must be for the world's benefit, a trust for mankind.

FAVORS A REDUCTION OF CUSTOMS DUTIES.

On the report of the Secretary of the treasury, the president favors a reduction of the customs duties on the necessities of life, for the reason that the revenue exceeds the needs of the government.

AS TO THE SILVER DOLLAR.

On the coinage question, the president says that experience proves that it is next to impossible to put into circulation the silver dollar, and that disaster will attend the continuation of its coinage. He favors legislation tending to a cessation of the coinage of silver dollars. He says, "prosperity hesitates upon our threshold because of the dangers and uncertainties surrounding this question. Capital timidly shrinks from trade, investors are unwilling to take the chance of the questionable shape in which their money will be returned to them, while enterprise halts, a risk against which care and sagacious management do not protect."

OUR DEFENCELESS SEA COAST.

Reviewing the report of the secretary of war, the president recommends reform in court martial proceedings, a remedy for the present defenceless position of our sea coasts and a law prohibiting the construction of bridges over navigable waters in such manner as to obstruct navigation.

THE NAVY.

Referring to our navy, he expresses the hope that the day is not far distant when we will have a navy such as befits our standing among nations. "But before we proceed further in the restoration of the navy we need a thoroughly reorganized navy department." He earnestly recommends the suggestions of Secretary Whitney in that respect.

OF POSTAL AFFAIRS.

Of postal affairs he says that the anticipated revival of postal revenues has been oppressed and retarded by the unfavorable business condition of the country, of which the postal service is a faithful indicator. The gratifying fact, however, is marked that retarding prosperity is shown by a gain of \$380,000 in the revenue of the latter half of the last year, over the corresponding period of the preceding year, and he confidently anticipates, that even the present low rates, now as favorable as any in the world, will yet be adequate to sustain the cost of the service.

OCEAN SUBSIDIES.

Of ocean subsidies, he thinks that congress should determine the amounts and the beneficiaries, if it intends that such gifts of public money are to be made to aid enterprises in the supposed interest of the public. The president endorses the plan suggested by the attorney general in his report to relieve the overburdened courts of the United States, and favors paying U. S. marshals and district attorneys, instead of compensating by fees.

THE INDIAN QUESTION.

Of the Indian question he favors the appointment of six commissioners, three of whom should be from the army, to carefully inspect the Indians, with a view of discovering their exact condition and needs, and determining what steps shall be taken by the government to improve their situation.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

Of civil service reform, the president hopes that we shall never again be remitted to the system which distributes public positions purely as rewards for partisan service. The allotments of an immense number of offices and places exhibited to the voters of the land, and the promise of their bestowal in recognition of partisan activity, debauch the suffrage and

rob political action of its thoughtful and deliberate character. "Civil service reform," he said, "came in too soon to check the progress of political demoralization."

POLYGAMY.

Of polygamy, he says there is no feature of it, or the system which sanctions it, which is not opposed to all that is of value in our institutions. There should be no relaxation in the execution of the law now in operation, and he will gladly approve of further discreet legislation which will rid the country of this blot upon its fair fame.

OTHER MATTERS.

He urges prompt action to secure accommodation and protection for the capitol library, and finally urges an immediate amendment of the law relating to the presidential succession.

A PATRIOTIC CONCLUSION.

In conclusion he says: "I commend to the wise care and thoughtful attention of congress the needs, the welfare and the aspirations of a generous and intelligent nation. To subordinate these to the narrow advantages of partisanship for the accomplishment of selfish aims is to violate the peoples' trust and destroy the peoples' interests. But an individual sense of responsibility on the part of each of us, and a stern determination to perform our duty well, must give us place among those who have added in their day and generation to the glory and prosperity of our beloved land."

The President's Message.

It will be a source of great gratification to judicious citizens without distinction of party, that the first annual message of President Cleveland fully sustains the promise made in his inaugural address, and the reading of it will go far to assure the public mind, that so far as the President's individual influence can go to guard the public welfare against the evils of ill-considered and violent change of policy, the country is safe. It is no mean achievement which the President has accomplished, that he has wrong from honest political opponents, naturally fearful of the consequences of his accession to power under the circumstances, avowals of confidence in the integrity of his purpose and intelligent conception of the public needs. The great length of the message is its only serious defect, and that only because it substantially debars the general newspaper from presenting it at length to its readers. In the presentation of the various topics of common interest, it treats of them in such a broad spirit of non-partisanship and progressive appreciation of their importance that we have to keep our minds steadily on the fact that we are reading the views of a Democratic President, to avoid the impression that we are reading the message of a Republican President fully imbued with traditions of his party. He speaks in no uncertain terms of the enormity of the wrongs perpetrated upon the Chinese in the far West and the obligations to bring the perpetrators to justice. While we do not agree with him in the vast importance he gives to the necessity for the reduction of revenue, especially from customs duties, the care with which he guards his recommendations in that direction by urging that the subject be dealt with "in such a manner as to protect the interests of American labor" secures us, if he can restrain the wild theorists of his party, against serious disaster. His treatment of the subject of silver coinage is bold, vigorous and conclusive, and cannot be disregarded with impunity. Of the Mormon question he treats with the plain truthfulness which indicates no spirit of compromise with the remaining "Twin relic of barbarism." On the topic of civil service reform the same plain, blunt and vigorous style prevails as in all the rest, which shows that he writes exactly what he believes in, and what he intends, to the extent to which he can compass it, to enforce. There are points upon which we could criticize him, but where they are so few and unimportant, we prefer to pass them by, feeling sure that if he can wield enough influence in his party to mould it to his views, he will have made a better, truer, more national Democratic party than was ever expected to have been seen in this country again.—Harriburg Telegraph.

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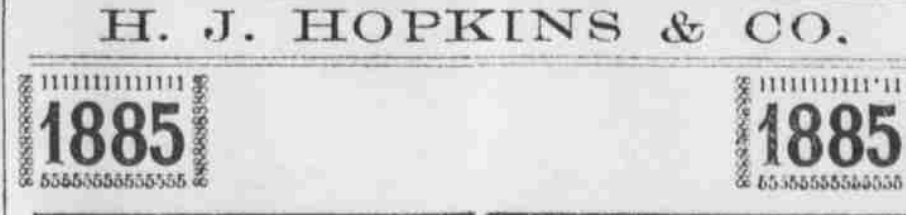
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