

they will be of a value commensurate with their cost. The production process now employed, has been demonstrated by past experience. That the present process is not the best is apparent. The production of the whole country will require additional facilities and cheaper energy for the more bulky articles of commerce to reach their water and a market will be demanded in the future. It is equally demonstrable. I would therefore suggest either a committee or commission to be authorized to consider this whole question and to report to Congress at some future day, for its better guidance in legislation on this important subject.

The railroads of the country have been rapidly extended during the last few years to meet the growing demands of producers and consumers. The construction of the railroads and the expansion of their facilities and the extension of their lines to the interior of the country, has been a very important feature of the past few years. It has not only opened up new markets, but has also facilitated the transportation of goods and passengers. The construction of the railroads has been a very important feature of the past few years. It has not only opened up new markets, but has also facilitated the transportation of goods and passengers. The construction of the railroads has been a very important feature of the past few years. It has not only opened up new markets, but has also facilitated the transportation of goods and passengers. The construction of the railroads has been a very important feature of the past few years. It has not only opened up new markets, but has also facilitated the transportation of goods and passengers.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.
The report of the Secretary of the Navy, recently submitted to Congress, is an important document. It contains a full and complete statement of the condition of the Navy at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1872. The total expenditures for the fiscal year were \$22,582,375.37, and the receipts were \$14,185,982.37. The net result was a deficit of \$8,396,393.00. This deficit was covered by the sale of old property and the issue of bonds. The Secretary reports that the Navy is in a very satisfactory condition. The fleet is well equipped and the personnel is well trained. The Secretary also reports that the Navy is in a position to meet any emergency that may arise.

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The Agitator.

A. L. HARRIS, EDITOR.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1872.

Governor Merrimon was last week elected United States Senator by the Legislature of South Carolina.

The monthly statement of the Treasury Department shows a decrease of the public debt during November of \$1,193,929.69, making a total reduction since President Grant was inaugurated of \$364,885,229.60.

The House of Representatives passed two important bills last Thursday, one to allow a drawback of duties on all bulked goods drawn out of Boston, and one to build six ships of war of not more than ten guns each.

The notorious Wootch, Woodhill and Clinton, were last week released from jail, and having been given in both the criminal and civil proceedings instituted against them. It is reported that so far as the libel suits are concerned, they will attempt to justify by proving the truth of their allegations.

Senator Sumner signaled the first day of the session of Congress by introducing a bill to blot out part of the history of the country. He proposed to strike from the national flag and the Army Register all records of the battles of the Rebellion. This we suppose, is Mr. Sumner's latest hobby, and it is a piece of silly sentimentality.

Judge Nelson, of the State of New York, who has been fifty years on the bench—twenty-two years as a judicial officer in his native State, and twenty-eight years in the Supreme Court of the United States—has just resigned. Such an experience is probably without parallel in the history of any nation. The President has appointed Ward Hunt, of the same State, to fill the vacancy thus occasioned.

James L. Orr, of South Carolina, has been appointed by the President Minister at the Court of St. Petersburg in the place of Governor Curtis. Although an original seceder, Mr. Orr was among the first to accept the situation, after the close of the war, and he has for years acted with the Republican party. He is a man of ability and much official experience, and his appointment is no doubt a judicious one.

We are glad to see that a bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives to reduce the postal rates. It would seem that there is no good reason why the postage on single letters should not be cut down to two cents, provided the franking privilege is not abolished in accordance with the President's recommendation made last year. These measures are each desirable in themselves, and both together would work a most beneficial reform of the postal service.

On the first day of the session of Congress Senator Cameron introduced a bill to grant a pension of \$2,000 to the widow of Gen. Meade. This is all right, and we hope the measure will be voted; but we cannot see why the widow of the late President Lincoln, Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy, is not entitled to equal consideration. Lincoln died in the service as an strict a soldier as any soldier ever did. Let a pension be granted to his widow, and an act of tardy justice will be done.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3, 1872.
MR. GREELEY AND HIS VICTORY.
The death of Mr. Greeley is mourned here by the vast majority of the people. In the late campaign for more than a year he was a Democratic vote. Many of the late state the absence of the great journalist without stint in their expressions. They say they voted for the man, but because they were obliged to do so or most recent will grant certainties. On the other hand, the editor of the *Sunday Capital*, whose black-mail sheet slanders friend and foe alike, makes the impudent assertion that the death of Mr. Greeley was mainly caused by the severity of abuse heaped upon him by Republicans during his ill-adviced and unfortunate campaign for the Presidency. No one who is unprejudiced will fall to accord to this price of journalists the position of one of our most distinguished American citizens. Mr. Greeley's career for nearly four decades has been a record of clear and honest statesmanship, and one which will leave many long years of brilliant record to other Republicans with all other good citizens will proudly point, and they will not care to hold in a leading mind of the nineteenth century, than whom few if any greater and better can be found upon the globe.

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