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New York Evening Post:—The President could not easily say anything stronger for the wise and safe policy of getting rid of the legal-tender notes than he said in his message and in his letter of the 4th of December.

His conversation with General Hawley Friday night, of which a report is printed in the Herald Saturday, is of interest not because the President said anything new, but because he reaffirmed what he had said already.

He believed that a discussion of the greenback question will show that "the true issue" is now, as heretofore, "between inflationists on one side and the friends of sound, stable constitutional currency on the other.

He urges hard-money men to vote against proposals "which are against an early return to a constitutional currency," and to vote for all proposals "which, like Mr. Bayard's, look to the action recommended by the message."

He does not regard the matter "as a mere party question," but he warns the Republicans that if they are not true to sound principles they may enable the Democratic party "if it is wise to carry the country in 1880."

The President stands fast. Let us stand by the President.

The New York Tribune of Sunday publishes an interesting list of the residents of that city who pay, avoid and ignore the assessments on their personal property. The table shows that the commissioners of taxes assessed 16,626 persons. of this number the pitiful few of 1,899 pay, "and these," says the Tribune "paying tax on sums greatly reduced from the original assessment, are among the poorer classes of people in the city." Those who will pay no tax are 6,219, of the wealthiest citizens, who march up to the assessors' office and swear they have no personal property. The balance, 8,505, merely default and let their tax swell the constantly growing deficiency list. The aim of the Tribune in printing this list is that "a full exposure of the absurdity of the system of assessment, the ridiculous conditions under the law, and the lax manner in which arrears are collected, compromised or abandoned as worthless, will lead to the reform of the laws and the improvement of the entire system.

It is said that since the fraudulent work in Maine has been announced, Republican Congressmen from this State seem to be in favor of the Legislature choosing the electors for New York. It is not impossible that such a course may, eventually, be justified; but it seems a hasty conclusion at present. Nor is it probable, although so reported from Washington, that the majority of the Republican Congressional delegates from this state, have so expressed themselves. The conclusions of Washington correspondents must often be taken cum grano salis, especially in times of political excitement.—Binghamton Republican.

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