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### OPINIONS OF THE MESSAGE.

The message of the President is the topic of favorable comment in political circles at Washington. The older members speak of it as one of the ablest messages which has emanated from the Executive for many years. The Speaker regards it as the basis of a line of administrative policy upon which the party can harmoniously act, and is in itself a wise exposition of the Republican doctrines of government. General Henderson says that those portions which more directly interest the people will be most cordially approved, especially those portions which relate to liberal appropriations for rivers and harbors and for the recognition of the soldiers of the late war. Major McKinley is very enthusiastic in his approval of the economic features of the message. The leading men in the Pennsylvania delegation are pleased with the President's recommendation respecting tariff legislation, the building of additional ships for the navy and the establishment of closer relations with Central and South America by the encouragement of lines of steamers with the ports of those countries.

Senator Quay said that the message would make a magnificent campaign document and should be placed in the hands of every Republican voter in the United States. The President was highly complimented by his more intimate Senatorial friends upon the statesmanship displayed in his first annual communication to Congress. Congressmen Henry P. Cheatman, of North Carolina, the only colored member of the House of Representatives, is highly pleased with that portion bearing on the civil and political rights of the colored people. "The President," he said "shows himself to be the firmest friend to my people who has set in the Executive chair since it was filled by General Grant. The dissatisfied colored element, which has been pretty noisy of late, will now vanish like a mist before the rising sun. On the negro question President Harrison is pure gold and solid to the center."

### THE WEEK IN CONGRESS.

**Forecast of the Probable Work. The Lost Salaries.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The recent defalcation in the Sergeant-at-Arm's office, and the consequent loss or inconvenience of many Congressmen, have been the engrossing questions of interest around the House of Representatives during the past few days, and little thought has been given to the course of business in the coming week. If the committee investigating the defalcation completes its work in season to make a report to the House to-morrow, it will undoubtedly give rise to much discussion, but the committee does not expect to be able to finish its labors until some later day. It is thought that resolutions will be introduced and pressed to prompt passage, to provide for the payment of the lost salaries, though there are intimations that this will meet with determined opposition.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

The Committee on Rules has not yet held a meeting, and when the House assembles to-morrow it will governed parliamentary practice. In former years it was the custom to permit Representatives to introduce bills before the committees were appointed, but this led to such confusion in the docking of measures that in the Fiftieth Congress the practice was discontinued, and it is hardly probable that it will be reestablished. There is reason to believe that instead of waiting as usually to complete the entire list, Speaker Reed will announce several of the more important committees this week. In fact he has indicated to one or two members of the House a strong probability that he will do so. Until these are announced, however, short sessions and long recesses may be expected.

Wednesday at the Capitol will be devoted to the program of exercises commemorative of the Centennial celebration of the inauguration of George Washington.

IN THE SENATE.

It is not expected that any business of importance will be completed in the Senate this week. Bills will be introduced and referred, and some of the committees will begin their regular work. Senator Voorhees will probably call up his resolution this week in accordance with the notice given at the time it was introduced, declaring in favor of tariff reform, and make a speech in support of it. Action will probably be taken upon the nominations sent in by the President last week. These number 133; all are recent appointments, except that of Judge Brewer, to be an Associated Justice of the Supreme Court. The holiday recess question will probably come up this week for settlement. It is believed on the Senate side that the recess will begin December 19 and end January 6th.—*Ex.*

### Are There Too Many Lawyers.

This question is asked by John J. Wickham in the current issue of the Pittsburg *Legal Journal*. The writer is president judge of the court of Beaver County, and speaking from his own observation and knowledge he declares that there are too many lawyers and that the result of this excessive supply is the impoverishing of the profession, taking it altogether, and the multiplication of shysters whose base instincts and impulses are intensified by the increasing difficulty of making an honest living at the bar. This prompts them to create business for themselves by promoting and prolonging litigation and resorting to every despicable form of professional knavery.

David Dudley Field, addressing a wider forum, takes substantially the same view. In his address before the American Bar Association he gives the number of lawyers in the United States as 70,000, or one to every 909 of the population, while France has only one lawyer to 4762 of its population and Germany one to 6433. The business of turning out lawyers has clearly been overdone. The profession has great attractions for ambitous youths. They are filled with hope and a laudable spirit of emulation by the substantial rewards and high honors gained by the few and the best known, succeed. Then, too the most direct gateway to public life is through the bar. It gives aspirans greater opportunities than any other to show their metal and win a political support, while its duties and demands tend to develop the gifts most requisite for success in deliberative bodies. There will always be, therefore, a large body of candidates for the legal profession and as long as admission is as easy as it is now the profession will be crowded.

Such warnings from the bench as Judge Wickham has just given is a real kindness to those who are still weighing in their minds what calling to adopt. That there is plenty of room at the top is a maxim which is responsible for a great deal of misery. There is room at the top because so few are able to get there, and the newly admitted lawyer must know that his place is at the bottom, where competition is keenest and the fierce struggle for existence consigns all but the fittest to a life of comparative poverty. Judge Wickham proposes to make admission to the bar more difficult by adding to the requirements and the years of preparation. His strictures apply to the bar in nearly every state, certainly in every Eastern state, where according to uncontradicted testimony, the number of lawyers has increased unduly, is still increasing, and ought to be diminished, not simply for the sake of the lawyers, but because the public would be better served by a smaller number having a higher average capacity and learning.—*Ex.*

### *SHUNK ITEMS.*

Revival services are being held in the church by Rev. Keller of the Grover Mission Evangelical church The services are impressive and well attended, several converts have been the result. Rev. Wm. E. Porter conducted the services on Sunday evening in the absence of the pastor.

We learn that Dr. E. J. Schlicher has returned from his western tour and will locate in Hillsgrove. Success to him.

Many Sullivan county people will be sorry to learn of the death of Adelbert S. Williams, which occured on the 26th of Nov. His home has been for several years past in Kalkaska Mich., where he has pursued his chosen profession of teaching, the same as when he was so familliarly acquainted with the best people of this county. Of the circumstances of his death, we have as yet been unable to learn, excepting that he died away from home of heart disease. He droped down at his post, suddenly leaving desolate the hearts of wife and child.

### Court Proceedings.

The regular December term and Sessions of the several courts of Sullivan county convened on Monday. Hon. John A. Sittser president, and Hon's. E. A. Strong and R. Taylor, his Associates-judges on the Bench The several Constables were called and made their sworn returns in open court.

The Grand Jury called, sworn, and charged by the President Judge; R. McBride appointed foreman.

On account of the illness of Dist. Atty. R. J. Thomson, the court appointed E. M. Dunham to act in his stead.

The Resturant License of J. Chesley in Dushore Boro. was transferred to Samuel Lewis; approved bond filed.

A. L. Smith was appointed Guardian of Emma C. Benfield, a minor; bond to be given in the sum of $500.

Geo. E. Brown was appointed Guardian of Francis H. Miller, a minor; bond to be given in the sum of $500.

Com'lth. vs Lincoln L. Edkins; Larceny; deft. pleads guilty, and sentenced to pay a fine of $5.00 costs of prosecution, and imprisonment for 6 months in county jail.

Com'lth. vs J. W. Carroll, violation of liquor laws: True Bill; case continued until February sessions.

Hag & Son vs Finan & Keefe; rule granted to open judgment.

James McFarlane vs C. W. Wilhelm: Report of auditor referred back to finish hearing.

In. re. Sale of Real Estate of W. Whiteley dec'd. on petition, the court order that petitioner raise the sum of $2800 by sale decedents real estate; bond to be given in the sum of $8000. Terms of sale as per rules of the orphan's court.

Hoyt Bros. vs H. Cummings; rule granted to open judgment.

Keeler vs Lewis; same.

J. S. Hoffa vs Overseers of Cherry twp. Court direct mandamus execution to issue.

C. M. Hoffa vs Overseers of Cherry twp. Similar writ ordered.

White vs White, Sheriff directed to make publication.

Lamson vs Lamson; J. H. Cronin appointed Commissioner.

Danelly vs Danelly; subpoena in divorce directed to issue.

On petition, the court appoint A. L. Letts, deputy Constable of Fox twp.

James McFarlane vs C. W. Wilhelm. Guy M. Watkins appointed a Commissioner in this case to take testimony in Philadelphia.

In. re. estate of Patrick McDonald dec'd. Court direct Adm'r. to make execute and deliver to Mary McDonald Walsh, a good and sufficient deed for land described in petition, and in conformety with the intention of the contract.

Michael Young & Co., vs Andrew Hackley. Case tried: Verdict for plaintiff for $63.

E. S. Keeler vs Jesse Vargason; stay of execution extended until defendant has an opportunity to apply to court for a rule.

TRIAL AND ARGUMENT LISTS.

Dunning vs Bostian; continued.
Dunn vs Dunn; " "
Craft vs Warn et. al. (2 cases.)
Meyers vs Jackson. " "
Lorah vs Wilson et. al. "
Bigger vs Dubler (2 cases)"
Fuller vs Bohn & Porter. "
Hoffa vs Wilhelm; continued at costs of deft.
Bahr vs Zaner (2 cases,) continued.
Scouten vs Tripp (2 cases) continued.
Richart vs Pa., & N. Y. C. & R. R. Co., settled.
Fox vs Trustees of Shunk church. Nonsuited.
Snyder vs Lewis; continued.
Finkle vs Rosbach & Schanbacher. continued.
McIntire vs Same; continued.
Homet vs Robins; argued and C. A. V.
Page vs Garey & Baker; continued.
Bullock vs Williams; rule discharged.
Meyers vs Jackson; court takes the papers.
Sick vs Kane Sr. rule discharged.
Stone & Drake vs Darby; continued.
Bostion vs Tripp; argued & C. A. V.
Whitely Ext'rs. vs Whitely Adm'r. et. al. rule discharged.

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