



"Let our just Censure

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.—The third annual message of President Grant opened with a reiteration of the policy announced in his inaugural message.

Under the head of foreign relations, the country is properly congratulated upon the beneficial effects likely to result from the treaty of Washington.

Some surprise will doubtless be felt to find M. Cateaux elevated to the dignity of a national grievance, and the purely personal difficulties between that obnoxious envoy and the administration at Washington deemed worthy of a place in the President's message.

Turning from foreign to domestic affairs, the first and most important recommendation of the message is, that the tariff and internal laws be modified with a view to lightening the burdens at present imposed upon the country.

It appears from the report of the committee, that the Financial Agent has hypothecated \$3,773,000 of bonds, against advances amounting to something over \$900,000; but, on what account this money was borrowed, they fail to show.

It is admitted that this amount of debt has been redeemed, but its final position in the account cannot now be ascertained with certainty.

The Bey of Tunis recently sent Gen. Grant "his cordial and friendly greetings." When informed of it, he immediately rang for the White House steward.

The suppression of polygamy in Utah, with a provision for the legitimization of "innocent children" up to a certain date, is suggested—the latter only "as a suggestion, not a recommendation."

Political amnesty is recommended, upon the ground, apparently, that no good comes from excluding a particular class of men from office, because they had violated their oath to support the Constitution.

The wretched misrule of the carpet-bag governments of those States, now upheld by Ku Klux legislation, has far more to do with their present "unhappy condition" than any feeling of personal hostility or "social ostracism" on the part of the older inhabitants.

GREENWOOD AND AUGUSTA RAILROAD.—By appointment of an adjourned meeting of the friends of the Greenwood and Augusta Railroad, the citizens of Abbeville and Edgefield met at Millway, on December 1, and, on motion of Dr. J. H. Jennings, Gen. P. H. Bradley was called to the chair, and Dr. M. C. Tugart requested to act as Secretary.

Resolved, That a committee of twelve be appointed, who shall adopt such measures as may be necessary to secure a charter for a railroad, to be known as the Greenwood and Augusta Railroad.

Resolved, That said committee be authorized to have an immediate survey made and published.

Moved by Capt. Jas. Talbert, that four of the committee of twelve, constitute a quorum to transact business.

The Courier, of Charleston, says that Mr. Kimpton is the appointee, under the Act of August 26, 1868, of Governor Scott, Mr. Attorney-General Chamberlain and Mr. Treasurer Parker.

Mr. Chamberlain, in his published speech, (before us,) at Chester, in August, 1870, asserted the whole public debt to be \$6,183,349.17. He spoke as one of the Financial Board.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—THE FINANCIAL AGENT KNOWN AS "GUTTER SHARK." The correspondent of the New York Tribune, at Charleston, throws, in a recent letter, some new and interesting light on the condition of the State finances.

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MARRIED.—On 2d instant, at the residence of Dr. J. C. McGregor, by Rev. Father Francis Paquette, Mr. W. J. MAGRATH, of Charleston, S. C., and Miss SELMA E. BELL, daughter of the late Charles J. Bell, of the same city.

The New York Nation says: These accounts are very curious. In October, 1870, Parker, the Treasurer, gave "an official statement" of the debt of the State, which he sets down at \$7,695,903.98.

Few people complaining of life's misfortunes, are aware of how much better off they are than many of their fellow-beings. When they learn, as they readily can from the last census returns, that there are in this country alone 20,320 blind people, 37,582 insane, 24,527 idiotic, and 15,822 people deaf and dumb, to say nothing of the unnumbered hosts of people suffering under minor afflictions, health and sound faculties will perhaps be better estimated.

SINGULAR CAUSE OF DEATH.—The Boston Traveller, of November 28, says: Mr. E. C. Chambers, the Park street station agent of the Medford branch of the Boston and Maine Railroad, met with his death in a very singular way, some days since.

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"THE TWEEDS OF THE SOUTH."—The Buffalo (N. Y.) Courier, in an editorial bearing the above caption, says: "A Western Republican journal makes the observation that three years of Radical legislation in a Southern State, is a calamity equal to a Chicago fire."

A WHOLESALE MURDERESS.—One of the most remarkable cases ever put on a criminal docket is about to be tried in New Haven. The accused, Mrs. Sherman, is charged in the indictment with the death of four cold-blooded and unnatural murders, while by popular opinion she is guilty of these and seven more.

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