

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

On the Mexican border troubles, the President in his message is very brief. Though the main object of the excursions across our frontier is for robbery, they frequently result in the murder of our people, and in some cases "even the United States postoffice and mail communications have been attacked."

Our naturalization laws have been abused by parties who have come to this country, procured naturalization certificates, returned to the mother country with them, avoiding all duties to the United States by their absence, and claiming to be exempt from all duties to the country of their nativity and of their residence by reason of their alleged naturalization.

Congress has never defined how and when expatriation may be accomplished by its citizens, and a law on that point is urged.

The attention of Congress is invited to the necessity of regulating by law the status of American women who marry foreigners, and of defining more fully that of children born in foreign countries of American parents, who may reside abroad, and also, of some further provision regarding or giving legal effect to marriages of American citizens contracted in foreign countries.

The resumption of specie payment is a consummation devoutly to be wished, but the President is not prepared to suggest the best legislation to reach such end. He hopes Congress may be induced, at the earliest day practicable, to insure the consummation of the act of the last Congress at its last session to bring about specie resumption on and after the first day of January, 1879, at the farthest. In closing his remarks on this subject, the President uses the following language:

Unlimited inflation would probably bring about specie payments, more speedily than any legislation looking to the redemption of securities in coin; but it would be at the expense of honor, and legal tenders would have no value beyond settling present liabilities, or properly speaking, repudiating them. They would buy nothing after the debts were all settled.

Which leads us to ask whether the President is an "inflationist," and if so, which?

It is recommended that Congress repeal that part of the legal tender act which makes legal tenders receivable for all debts, to take effect, say January 1, 1879, by which quotations will have real value—not fictitious, gold would be at a premium—currency at a discount. He recommends that additional power be given to the Secretary of the Treasury to accumulate gold for final redemption, either by increasing the revenue, curtailing expenses, or both.

The navy is in a satisfactory condition, but the affairs of the postoffice department show a deficiency. Among the few subjects on which the President takes a decided view is the postoffice, which, he thinks, next to free schools, is the greatest educator of the people; from which we might uncharitably infer that he also thinks it will have a great power in determining the third term.

THE TRINITY MESSAGE.

A careful perusal of the Message of the Moses of the Boston Methodists can leave no doubt in the minds of any fair-thinking person that it is an ingenious bid for a re-nomination for the third term. There is a vein of egotistical self-laudation pervading the document which will admit of no other construction.

The attempt to show our peculiarly friendly and amicable relations, just at this time, with the other nations of the world, the way "our government" had made them "come to Limerick" when they didn't do so, is a queer thing with us, and the "great unexampled prosperity" of our country just now, are expatiated upon at an unusual length, and the impression sought to be left that this happy and felicitous state of affairs could not have existed under any other Administration than the present.

Recognizing the popular pulse in the result of the recent elections, he proclaims himself the special champion of hard money and free schools, and nearly slops over in his new-fangled enthusiasm on these questions.

Knowing that the moral sentiment of the country looks upon Mormon polygamy with disgust and abhorrence, he throws in a glibly altered protest against its continuance, and asks rigid legislation upon that subject; but forgets to tell why he has just appointed Zach Chandler to one of the most important Cabinet positions when it is well known that he is a polygamist in practice if not in religion.

In the light afforded by the President's Message we think it is about time that those who have been pool-broking the third-term talk should quit it and view the question in a serious aspect. There is no doubt of Grant's aspirations in that direction. He is desirous and even determined if possible to hold the reins for another term, and it is sooner the people realize that he is in dead earnest in this matter, the better for them. They may be assured that every card in his hand will be played to win the third term prize, and, like other professional gamblers, he will spare no pains or scruples to hold a good hand. After his Message shall have been well digested he will make his claqueurs fling the bloody shirt to the breeze, the Ku-Klux outrage will be started to grinding out a new list of outrages, and bayonet rule will be again proclaimed throughout the Democratic States of the South.

Every government official in the country will be made to see, as do the Boston Methodists, that to elect him is salvation, and that a failure to do so will cause war and everlasting ruin.

We have had in the United States a series of calamities, fires, floods, wars, financial panics, rumors of war, riots, and dire disasters of all kinds, including the grasshopper plague, and it would be in keeping with all these calamities to have Grant, Chandler, Morton, Logan, Cameron, Harlan, Delano and the rest of our Presidential Electors withdrew from the ticket. It doesn't seem fair to place candidates in the field until they are properly "heeled" with all the party apparatus for the campaign; and this our Congressional and Electoral candidates cannot be until after the National Convention.

These are our views, briefly expressed—not in a spirit of dictation, but simply as a suggestion in common with those of our Democratic brethren throughout the State. We would like to see a still more general expression from the partisan press on the subject.

We join with the Mercury in urging the State Central Committee to hold an early meeting for the consideration and solution of this vexing problem. It has heretofore been usual for the Committee to assemble early in January, and yet we have seen no notice of a call for such purpose.

THE COUNTRY'S SALVATION. The Boston Methodists want Grant to be re-elected "for the salvation of the country." What with his unwarranted interference in state legislation, his Indian policy which has created more discontent and fighting among the savages and more tyranny over them by agents, and permitted more stealing by public officials than during all the other Presidential Administrations combined, we can only pray: Good Lord save us from such salvation!

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY.

The Willamette University is destined to take rank as a second-class institution of learning in this State, in just as sure as that it has occupied the highest popularity among the people of the northern coast during the past five or six years.

The pledges made by the late Father Waller, while soliciting subscriptions from persons who were not Methodists, for the purpose of erecting the building for the University, viz: that the school should forever remain free from sectarian influences, appear to be about as little regarded now by the trustees as would be the pledge of an Italian bandit by the remainder of his gang.

The gentleman spoken of we believe was a good and consistent christian, and during his life endeavored to shape the course of the trustees so as to redeem the pledges he had made. But the unworthy nincompoop, upon whose shoulders his mantle as agent of the University has fallen, thinking, perhaps, his mortal remains here reposed in the grave a sufficient length of time for these pledges to be forgotten by the people, have mounted their high Pagasus of Methodism, and propose to ride down all pledges made, and to place the school under the management of none but Methodists—or, to bring it to a finer point, none but Methodist preachers. In fact, this is openly declared to be the policy by a few of the trustees—the short-haired, tight-skinned, iron-bred, but what they will disgust the better class of men who hold position as trustees, and will carry their point. Old Thorton heads the movement, while the successor of Mr. Waller as agent of the University, and a few others tail on with him.

So extremely moral, temperate and Methodist have some of the trustees become, that upon recently passing upon the election of a member of the medical faculty, such questions as "does he swear?" "does he drink?" "is he a spiritualist?" was freely indulged in, and some of the reverend thin-skinned came forward and lied by assuring the trustees that the doctor was free from all such vices, adding that some years ago he was taken into the church on trial! One of the board made use of the following language, as reported to us: "Mr. President, it matters not to me—although the Doctor may get drunk as a brute and swear like a sailor—if you can assure me that he is a Methodist, I will vote for him!" Such language sounds like saram, yet the doctor was elected.

If the trustees propose to betray the pledges of the dead—one who, while living, under their sanction and authority, and one who was, we believe, sincere in every representation he made concerning the course to be pursued in the management of the school—we say, if the trustees betray those pledges, the sooner a number of vacancies on the board occur by resignation or otherwise the better for the prosperity of the institution.

The Olympia Standard is just "sweet sixteen," and yet has no one to kiss it for its mother. It is a stylish, well worn, pin-back and runs with the b-boys. Long may that Standard float, with J. Miller Murphy for its "jack-staff."

PUT THEM ON THE DEFENSIVE. The real issue to be determined at the ballot-box next year should be that with Grantism and corruption. The incoming Congress can force the fight on this ground if it keeps its skirts clear of corruption and follows a steady line of duty. Radical hopes are built upon suppositions of Democratic blunders. If the Radicals can successfully change front and divert public attention from the party record to the financial or school questions they will stand a fair chance of success. It remains for the Democratic House to say whether they shall be permitted to do it. If the leaders in Congress are not wise enough or pure enough to press the reform issue and put the Radicals back on the defensive, Democratic prospects will be indeed poor. But they must not remember, remarks the Baltimore Gazette, that those who urge reform must themselves be men who do not need reformation. Tricksters, protectionists, time-server, wire-pullers, inflationists, subsidists, moral cowards should go to the rear. Only honest men and honest Democratic principles can win. The road to success is by way of reform, hard-money, free-trade and home rule. All others lead to death.

THE METHODISTS ARE NOT ALL THIRD TERMERS. A dispatch from Philadelphia says: Bishop Simpson has denied the statement that he had expressed an opinion on the subject of a third term. He depreciates any attempt to connect the church with political nominations or elections.

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Also, the North half of the South-west quarter of Section 26, in Township 12, North of Range 4, West of the Willamette Meridian, in Linn county, Oregon, containing 120 acres.

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