PRAISE AND BLAME.

The action of the President in the

positions to shield the star route thieves. has elicited almost universal commendation. Every body says it is just what should have been done. Most of the Republican papers and politicians are encouraged to hope that this is the harbinger of better work on the part of the President. In consequence, they compliment him with a persistency and profuseness, which has much more of real meaning in it than is seen upon the surface. So loudly have the praises of the President been sung that one, unaccquainted with the facts, would conclude that he had suddenly inaugurated some new reform. The facts, however, are quite contrary. The officials whom he removed, were engaged in an earnest and persistent endeavor to obstruct the efforts of the courts and clog the tardy wheels of justice. Their offense was well known throughout the country. The President knew it, or if he did not, it was because he had not availed himself of the means of information common to the whole country, or because he wished to remain in ignorance of it. Their guilt was as well established several months ago, and salmost as well known, as it was at the time of their removal. To be sure it increased in degree, but it did not change in kind. In view of these, well known facts, the applause which these removals has elicited carries a strong undercurrent of reproof, which the President cannot fail to understand. It was simply the discharge of a long delayed duty. If he had followed the plain course of conduct which a proper love of his country, not to mention the obligations armed and helpless when you greethim with hearty praise. It is to be hoped that this reproof may not pass unheeded. The people of this country, though naturally rather enthusiastic, do not, as a rule, unite in applauding the actions of a man who does merely what they expected he would do. It is the unusual, the unexpected which excites their admiration to this extent. No more emphatic reproof or keener condemnation has been visited upon Pres ident Arthur than the recent expres-

Senator Logan of Illinois has called up his bill amending the present Chinese law so as to permit the passage of Chinese through this country. This bill was introduced last session but was net disposed of, and Senator Legan now insists upon a speedy disposal of the matter. He is an earnest advocate of the bill, and is using all his influence to secure its passage. The fact that this bill will be a great draw back to the restriction of Chinese emigration is too plain for argument. If they are permitted to pass throught how are they to be prevented from stopping? The present bill, though it might be greatly improved by a few judicious amendments, had better be let severely alone so long as it does as well toward accomplishing its purposes as it has done since it went into effect. If these gentlemen who persist in telling the acre. This would make the corn crop people of this coast what they do, and 1,620,000,000 bushels. Illinois leads do not want, would only consent to as usual with an estimated crop of 209,turn their attention to organizing a 000,000 bushels, and Iowa comes next new polar expedition or figuring out the result of the transit of Venus observations or some such interesting pastime we undertake to present them the heartfelt thanks and best wishes of the people of the whole Pacific slope.

sion in regard to these removals. If

he does not profit by this, he is either

incapable of understanding the senti-

ment of this people, or more indifferent

to his future than is generally supposed.

The prohibition amendment, passed by the last legislature was not, it seems, entered on the journals of the Legislature as required by the costitution. This sets the whole matter back for another two years at least. Such omissions are inexcusable, to say the least, and reflect unfavorably upon those having the matter in charge.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM BILL.

The first bill introduced at the presremoval of those public officers who were employing the influence of their Hoosier Senator.

Butler And The Democrats-

crat and was not elected by the Democrats. He says he is the peoples governor and not a Democratic governor, of his official oath, had dictated these and that he cannot forget that Massa removals would have been made long chusetts is a Republican State. His ago. The fact that he did not, has theory is, that the Republicans, disscandalized the country and injured satisfied with their party leaders, conthe party to which he claims to belong, cluded to throw them overboard and When a man, either as an individual elect him as their governor. Butler is er a public officer, simply does that now in Washington scheming for the which it is his plain duty to do, there defeat of Senator Hoar. From presis no occasion for applause. And the ent appearences he is likely to succeed fact that action in the line of private in this and it is not impossible that he or official duty is made the occasion will himself become Hoar's successor. without having first obtained the Govfor such excessive praise, indicates a He saused considerable uneasing deeper feeling of distrust, and carries amongst his would be Democratic for his future home Arabi, in true politthe force of a keener reproof than is friends by dining with the President ical style addressed a letter to the people and spending several hours in private may become blinded by anger, when and mysterious consultation with him. you excite the perversity of his nature Ben is a political paradox, and his new by open condemnation, but he is dis. found political associates, who so warmly embraced him a few weeks ago, are already beginning to look upon him with a great deal of uneasy suspicion. The trouble is that Ben is cross ey ed politicially, as well as phys ically, and you never can tell what he is looking at. It would be very sad, if, after all the crowing and blowing the Democrats have done about the victory of Massachsetts, their Governor should denounce and deny them.

> It is now, almost a month and a half since the election, and the Democratic sapers are still enthusiastically at work upon obituaries of the Republican party If the thing is dead what is the use of talking so much about it. The adjective dead does not admit of comparison you can't get the party any deader. Come, let up and give us a rest. Of course you are not afraid of a dead party and it is not very nice, to say the least of it. to go to a funeral and then put in the time kicking the corpse.

> And now it is reported that Secretary Lincoln wants to retire from public life. Such reports usually indicate the incipient stages of the Presidential fever. His father-in-law is responsible for the report, however, and it is unfair to hold a man resposible for the utterances of such distant relatives. Now if his mother-in-law had said this, early retirement.

There were 65,000,000 acres of corn planted in the United States last year. The average yield was 25 bushels per with 186,000,010 bushels.

Gen. Rosecrans has introduced a bill to incorporate a railroad company to con structa line through Yellow Stone Park. He takes great care to state that the bill is introduced by request and he does not wish to be understood as advocating its passage.

There are 4,000 saloons in Chicago. license would close up fully one half nal company.

There is now the enermous sum of most entirely recovered from his recent \$287,867,173 in the National Treasury. ilness.

UIVERS AND HARBORS.

The secretary of the treasury in his ent session of Congress, was a bill to annual report did not furnish estimates prohibit political assessments. Sen- of the amounts required for the im ator Beck, of Kentuckey, who intro- provement of rivers and harbors for duced the bill, claims to be able to show next year. These estimates are made that great outrages have been perpe- by a government engineer, and the trated upon government officials in secretary is required to furnish them making political assessments. He says to Congress with his annual message. he can show that many men and women The fact that he failed to comply with have been turned out of their postions the law in this respect this year, would for their refusal to contribute to the seem to indicate an understanding be Hubble committee, and that others, tween him and the President on this only kept their places because some subject. If the purpose is to prevent good charitable Democrat furnished any appropriations for the improve them the money with which to pay the ment of rivers and harbors, and there assessments. That sounds very much can be no other, the accretary of the like Democratic brag but let us hope treasury has taken rather a high hand that Senater Beck may be afforded ed way of accomplishing this purpose every opportunity for making good There are very few people who, what his promises. If any such outrages ever may be their opinions of these aphave been committed the country propriations, are willing to see a sec wants to know all about it and will retary of the treasury or the whole heartly thank, and kindly remember cabinet, for the matter of that, handicap Senator Beck branybody else, who will the United States assembly in any such furnish the information. Senator an arbitrary manner. The question of Hawley, of Connecticut, has also in- these appropriations rests with Controduced a bill somewhat similar to gress, and it should be furnished every that of Senator Beck, though more means for ascertaining the wants and pointed and stringent. There is a needs of the country in this respect. strong current setting in at Washington There is a certain class of politicians, in favor of practical civil service re- who seem to think that because the form which at present gives promise appropriations of last year were some of some real good. Senator Voorhees, what extravagant, therefore no the valliant statesman from Indiana, further appropriations should be made. has already planted himself squarely This is a miserable political artifice to in the way of of practical work in this originate campaign capital. Such indirection. But then Voorhees has not ternal improvement, as the country sufficient force to obstruct anything, really needs should, of course, be made The greatest danger from him is that he even at the expense of the criticism of will orate in favor of the reform. He those sections where no improvements hones for some of the spoils for his are required. A resolution has been hungry followers and the civil service introduced in the House, calling upon reform and ant-assessment agitation the secretary of the treasury for the has a sort of an empty sound to the engineers estimate and it will no doubt be forth coming in consequence. A resolution has also been introduced asking information as to what amount Ben Butler says he is not a Demo- of money, appropriated last year, remains unexpended.

Arabi Pasha pleaded guilty to the charge of instigating an insurrection and encouraging rebellion and all the other high sounding military charges preferred against him. Upon this plea he was sentenced to be hanged. This sentence was commutted to banishment and he was banished to the island of Ceylon. He is to be maintained on the island by the English Government in a manner befitting the dignity of his previous station, and is not to leave ernments permission. Before leaving of England congratulating them upon their success in Egypt and expressing hope that their efforts for the improvement of that unfortunate country might be successful. He had, he said, begun a great reform in Egypt but he cheerfully relenquished the undertaking to his conquerors. That's what we would call taffy out west.

The propsition is again being act ively agitated to reduce the postage on letters to two cents. The present Post Office appropriation bill contains such a clause and will probably be adopted. The Post Office department is more than self sustaining and there is no reason why such a reduction should not be made. The postal business is not expected to be a source of revenue to the government. It is maintained for the convenience of the people and the cheaper the postage the greater the convenience. It should be made as nearself sustaining as possible; but if a small appropriation were requird in consequence of the proposed reduction no great fault would be found. Besides, experience has shown that each reduction in postage has resulted in such an increase of business as to almost make up for the reduction.

The Senate is now engaged on bankrupt law. It is very buful whether the opposing opinions on this bill will be sufficiently harmonized to ecure its passage at this term, but it will be disposed of in some manner we would be prepared to hear of his within a few days. The next bill in order is the civil service bill of Senator Beck and after that comes the intermineble Fitz Porter case.

A polar wave visited the northern and Atlantic states during the last week of such severity that in some localities the thermometers fell as low as 67 degrees below zero. The pee ple of those states had better take Horace Greelys advice and go west.

London England was last week vis ited by the most destructive fire known there for agreat many years. More than \$15,000,000 worth of property was destroyed and many lives were lost.

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