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STEPHEN J. FIELD.

The retirement of Associate Justice Stephen J. Field from active service in the supreme court of the United States marks an epoch in the history of American jurisprudence. Justice Field has completed the longest term of service of any justice since the wonderful machinery of the American government was finished and put in motion. Appointed by President Lincoln, March 10th, 1863, he has outlived all the other appointments to like positions by the martyr president. As the venerable jurist himself puts it, "At the head of the court when I became one of its members was the venerable Chief Justice Taney, and among the associate justices was Justice Wayne, who had sat with Chief Justice Marshall, thus constituting a link between the past and future, and, as it were, bringing into unity nearly an entire century of the history of this country. During my incumbency three chief justices and sixteen associate justices have passed away." Few families, if any, have taken such a prominent part in the conduct of American affairs as has this generation of Fields. Four brothers, equally prominent in their different vocations, have contributed deeds of worth to promote the country's greatness, and added laurels to their own fame. Without the indomitable courage and far seeing prophecy of Cyrus Field the laying of the Atlantic cable would have been delayed many years. David Dudley Field occupied, probably, the foremost position among the leading legal students of the last half century. H. M. Field is known wherever the church has spread its gospel, while the white haired man who has just lain down the active burdens of life to spend his few remaining years in peace, has made an impression upon the constitutional life of the country such as few men could ever hope to do.

What a well rounded life his has been! In the stirring scenes of golden California, he bore a prominent and dignified part. In the dark days of the rebellion he saw the inner workings of the ponderous mechanism whose labor it was to save the union from disruption. In the time reconstruction he aided in making the nation whole again. His eyes have witnessed and his hands have borne a part in the determination of the gigantic questions which the American people have had to settle in the last quarter century.

The supreme court of the United States, most people agree, is the most dignified body in the world. To occupy such a prominent position as Justice Field has done, would seem the satisfaction of the most exacting ambition a man could have.

"Happy, indeed, is he who crowns mid scenes like these.

A youth of labor with an age of ease." The American people feel a sympathetic interest in the retirement of Justice Field, and appreciate the very tender letter written by President McKinley and the heartfelt words of the associate justices. The example set by any one of the Field brothers is one which every American youth would do well to follow, though few can hope to imitate.

THE RETURN OF PROSPERITY.

The return of gold to this country is generally accepted as one of the most substantial signs of renewed prosperity.

The gold arrived or shipped during the past week amounted to \$8,850,000, and it is thought before the movement stops forty or fifty millions will come. The treasury

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The failures for the quarter to October 1st, were for any quarter since 1892, and the business payment through banks the largest by two hundred and sixty-eight millions, according to Dun's Review, ever known in September. The week's exchanges were 8.8 per cent larger than in 1892. The aggregate returns of the railroads for September were 12.8 per cent larger than last year. There was a net increase of \$13,160,440 in the money in circulation in September.

The export trade was enormous, but there has been a falling off during the past week of one million bushels each in wheat and corn. It is thought to be a hint from foreign customers to our farmers and speculators not to hold back for higher prices. An advance in wool to the average of twenty cents a pound adds to the satisfaction of the farmers.

Altogether it may be said that a greater change for the better in the business condition of the country was never experienced than that which the last twelve months have witnessed. By every possible test it has been proven that the policy advocated by the Republican party is the best for the general good of its country, and under it the nation can enjoy a prosperity not possible under the doctrines promulgated by any other political body.

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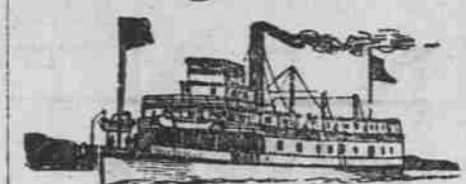
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