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### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The message of President Hayes to Congress opens with a reference to the pacification of the country under his administration, and expresses an abiding faith that time will furnish ample vindication of his course in the minds of a great majority of his countrymen. The withdrawal of the army from employment in upholding local governments has been followed by significant and encouraging results; the disorders and collisions prevailing in the South have almost coased, and there has been a general re-establishment of order and of the orderly administration of justice. Public credit in the South has been strengthened and useful industries resumed with revival of com-

SPECIE RESUMPTION.

He believes the people of the country to be in favor of restoration of the currency to a healthy condition, and the resumption of specie payment as speedily as the resources of the people and the wisdom of the government can accomplish it. He is confirmed in the opinion that the policy of resumption (should be pursued by all suitable means. He expresses the opinion that the stability of the national finances is most important of all to the laboring man, who should be compensated for his labor in money fixed in value by the labor necessary to its production. The rich and speculating classes feel less the mischlefs of a variable currency. SILVER AS MONEY.

While favoring the readjustment of our

coinage system by renewal of the silver dollar as legal tender, to some extent, the president still holds that obligation of public faith transcends all questions of profit or public advantage. The public debt bears interest in part at six per cent.; in part at five per cent., and late issues at 41/4 and 4 per cent. per annum. Part of these bonds issued when gold was the only unlimited legal tender metallic currency, and are justly payabla in gold, or com of equal value. The question of reduction of interest on the debt is of the greatest importance to the country, and maintainance of public credit will secure such a low rate of interest as to save the country \$300,000,000 before the debt can be paid, by mere lessening of interest.

If silver is made legal tender, a silver dollar must have absolute equality of commercial value with a gold dollar. He believes there should be limitation of the amount for which a silver coinage is to be legal tender, and recommends that in any legislation providing for coinage of silver and constituting it a legal tender, there be a interested in the pursuits of agriculture, firm provision that the public debt now out. to secure a patrouage that will justify standing, shall not be paid, principal or in- our adding one-half more reading matterest, in any coinage of less value than the ter to each edition, an improvement present gold coin of the country

CIVIL SERVICE.

civil service, to return to the system established by the constitution. Where special training is necessory he holds that proper qualification should control in a great measure the tenure of office. He had endeavored to make as few changes as was necessary to the perfection of the service, and asked co-operation of congress to provide rules for admission to and promotion in the service and make thorough competency, efficiency and character, the decisive each. It is expensive to place agents tests in these matters.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Our relations with other powers are treated of at length, and especial mention made of affairs with Great Britain, Mexico, and Cuba.

NATIONAL PINANCES.

The revenues for the year ending June 30, 1877, were \$269,000,586.62; expenditures for same time \$228,660,008.93, leaving a surplus for sinking fund to reduce the national debt of \$30,340,577.69. Estimates of revenue for year to end June 30, 1877, are \$265.500,000; estimate of expenditures \$232,430,643 72, and a surplus is anticipated of \$33,069,356.28.

The government revenues have decreased, owing greatly to decrease of customs dues. Exportation has greatly increased, Exports last year, including specie shipped, were \$658,637,457, against imports valued \$492,-097,540, showing balance of trade in our favor, \$166,539,917.

TARIFF AND REVENUE LAWS,

The President expresses the opinion that an increased tax on tea and coffee can be levied, which, with revenue from whisky, spirits, tobacco and beer, will enable congress to do away with a multitude of an noying taxes now levied under our revenue

THE NATIONAL DEBT.

The process of refunding the national debt has been rapid and satisfactory. Our bonds have of late found ready purchasers when bearing interest as low as 4½ and 4 per cent. Within little more than one year, by this means, the annual interest on the public cebt has been reduced \$3,775,000.

POSTAL SERVICE.

During last fiscal year expenditures of the postal service were \$32,322,504 24, total earnings \$27,468,323 42, deficiency \$4,854,189 42. INDIAN AFFAIRS.

The President reviews the condition of the Indian tribes, late Indian wars, &c., and urges upon congress the faithful perform could afford to venture upon enlargeance of our promises towards the Indians, ment without delay. Doing a credit

Physicians and Country Dealers will save more accountable of the Indians, ment without delay. Doing a credit purchasing elsewhere.

AGRICULTURE.

The report of the commissioner of agricul The report of the commissioner of agriculture contains the gratifying announcement of the extraordinary success which has rewarded the agricultural industry of the country for the past year. With the fair prices which obtain for the product of the soil, especially for the surplus which our people have to export, we may confidently turn to this as the most important of all our resources for the results of the depressed industrial. ces for the revival of the depressed industries of the country.

EDUCATION.

The message closes with the statement that one seventh of the voting population of our country cannot read and write, and shows the necessity of intelligence in the masses to secure proper direction of the affairs of the notion. "We should," he says: "avail corselves of all the opportunity which Providence has here placed at our command, to augment the general intelligence of the people and increase the condigence of the people and increase the condi-tions most favorable to the success and perpetuity of our institutions."

## THE WILLAMETTE FARMER.

With the approach of a new year and the closing of accounts for the old one, we return acknowledgments to the friends of the FARMER, and solicit their regard and support for the future. We occupy a position among the journals of the day that makes us dependent upon the tillers of the soil for our support, and we devote ourselves entirely to their interests, because we expect little or no support from any other source. Being the only journal in this wide section devoted to the interests of agriculture, we seek to identify our columns with the farm and the fireside, holding them open to contributions from all agriculturists, and persons identified with them, whose experience may be valuable in simplifying labor and increasing the productions of the soil and preparing them for market. The season has now come when the farmer has leisure to review the labors and rewards of the past harvest year, and we hope to see our columns filled with practical communications bearing upon this important subject.

We do not hesitate to believe that with this single object in view, aided as we are by many excellent minds whose opinions and experience are read in our columns, the WILLAMETTE FARMER is worth its price to every Bird Cages, practical farmer in our State, and we promise to use the means afforded us by public patronage to enlarge and improve our paper as much as possible. Since we took it, less than six years ago, all will testify that great improvement has been made. During the past year we have purchased a press, at great cost, capable of printing a larger paper and of doing fast work, and now we ask the assistance and good will of all patrons of the paper and all persons that we will undertake when we have one-fourth more subscribers than at His purpose has been, in respect to the present. If our friends will take a little interest in the matter, we can soon have the required list, and we offer to each subscriber who sends three new names, prepaid or to be paid soon, his [7] own subscription one year as his commission; or he can retain the money if his subscription is prepaid; or any one sending a less or greater number will be allowed pro rata commission on in the field to canvass, and it is not easy to find good canvassers. We adopt this method in preference, and offer this large commission because it has been found to work well, and we believe it will work well in the future.

The Patrons of Husbandry of this district should recognize that the FAR-MER offers them all the advantages they can ask of a special organ, and feels a deep interest in doing all that is possible to advance the good to be accomplished by the order. If our grange readers will make a little effort we shall soon have another thousand subscricers, and can more efficiently labor for the good of the farming community.

It is true that we do not exact prepayments, and only one paper in the State, the Oregonian, which has a monopoly of the news, is in a position to do so. We have friends who say that they cannot always pay in advance, but will pay during the year, and we cannot refuse to accommodate such, but we urge upon all who are able (and almost all are) to pay us in advance, and so enable us to carry on business at better advantage. The difference amounts to but a trifle, or nothing com- DRUGGISTS, paratively to you, but is almost vital to

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and that those who have, for a number of years, supported their families by their own labor, and are willing to detach themselves from their tribal relations, be admitted to the benefits of the homestead law.

business is very embarrassing, and we hope that with the beginning of the year many will find it convenient to pay up all back dues and pay in adpay up all back dues and pay in advance. We put these facts before you in no spirit of faultfinding, but to show what difficulties we labor under, and what intentions we have for future improvements. With the growth and rapid advancement of Oregon there is room for as to grow and improve, and we shall not be behind the times.

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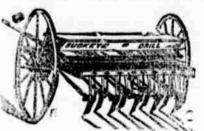


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