

The President's Message.

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the enjoyment of the privilege guaranteed by such convention. The question is of long standing, and from time to time for nearly three-quarters of a century has given rise to discussion, accompanied by some irritation. As a last arrangement, the treaty of 1871 was abrogated by the United States June 30, 1885; but it enabled us to obtain for our fishermen during the remainder of the season the enjoyment of full privileges. The growth of population of the British provinces, with the fisheries question and the continuous expansion of commercial intercourse with the United States created a condition of affairs scarcely realizable in 1881. While unfeignedly desirous that the friendly relations should exist between us and the inhabitants of Canada, yet the action of their officials during the past season toward our fishermen was such as to seriously threaten a continuance of bad feeling. Although disappointed in my efforts to secure the fishery question, negotiations are still pending with a reasonable hope that before the close of the present session of congress an acceptable conclusion will be reached, and at an early day may be laid before congress and the correspondence on the important subject of the history of the past fishery season may be fully disclosed and the attitude of the administration clearly comprehended. The recommendation submitted last year for the provision of preliminary reconnaissance of the boundary line between Alaska and British Columbia is secured.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS. I express the unhesitating conviction that the intimacy of our relations with Hawaii should be emphasized. The result of the reciprocity treaty with those islands, on the highway of Oriental and Australian traffic, is beneficial. These islands are naturally the outpost of American commerce and a stepping stone to our growing trade with the Pacific. The Polynesian Island group has been absorbed by other more powerful governments, so that the Hawaiian islands are left almost alone in the enjoyment of an autonomy which it is important for us should be preserved. The treaty is now terminable on a year's notice, but proposition to abrogate it, would, in my judgement, be most ill advised. The paramount influence we have there acquired, once relinquished, could only by difficulty be regained and a valuable coign of vantage for ourselves might be converted into a stronghold for our commercial competitors. I earnestly recommend that the existing treaty stipulation be extended a further term of years. The importance of telegraphic communication between the island and the United States is not to be overlooked.

MEXICO. The development of the intimate relations of the United States with Mexico, which has been so marked within the past few years, is one occasion for congratulation and solicitude. I urgently renew my former representation of the need of speedy legislation to carry into effect the reciprocity commercial convention of 1883. Mexico concluded with several foreign governments treaties of commerce, defining the alien rights in trade, property, residence and consular privileges. Our yet unexecuted reciprocity convention covers none of these points, the settlement of which is necessary to propose negotiations for a new and enlarged treaty.

THE CUTTING CASE. In compliance with the resolution of the senate, I communicated to that body on August 2d last, and also to the house of representatives, the correspondence in the case of J. K. Cutting, imprisoned in Mexico, charged with the commission of a penal offense in Texas, of which a Mexican citizen was the object. After a demand was made for his

release, the charge against him was amended, so as to include a violation of Mexican law within Mexican territory. This induced me to order a special investigation, pending which Mr. Cutting was released. The incident disclosed a claim of jurisdiction by Mexico which was a novel one in our history. Jurisdiction was sustained by the courts of Mexico in the Cutting case and approved by the executive branch of the government upon authority of a Mexican statute. The appellate court, in releasing Mr. Cutting, decided upon the abandonment of the complaint by the Mexican citizen aggrieved by the alleged crime. This removed the basis for further prosecution. The admission of such pretensions might cause serious results by invasive jurisdiction to this government, and be highly dangerous to our citizens in foreign lands. I therefore demed it. I protested against the attempted exercise as unwarranted by principles of law. The Mexican statute on this question makes claim broadly, of a principle which, if conceded, would create a dual responsibility in the citizen. When citizens of the United States voluntarily go to a foreign country they must abide by the laws there in force, but watchful care by this government over citizens must not be relinquished because they have gone abroad. If charged with crime committed in a foreign land, a fair trial, conducted with a decent regard to justice, must be demanded for them. Whatever extra territorial jurisdiction may be formally allowed among European states, no such doctrine was ever known to the laws of this country. In the case with Mexico, there are special reasons which strongly favor perfect harmony and a mutual exercise of jurisdiction. I trust the statute referred to will be so modified as to eliminate all possibility of danger to peace between the two countries.

THE FINANCES. During the fiscal year we coined under the compulsory coinage act \$29,858,849 in silver dollars. The cost of silver used was \$23,478,960. There had been coined up to the close of the previous fiscal year 203,885,254 silver dollars. On the 1st of December, 1886, the total amount was \$247,131,549. The price of silver on the 30th of November last was such as to make it intrinsically worth 78 cents to the dollar. The fluctuations in the price of silver certainly do not indicate that compulsory coinage by the government changes the price of that commodity or secures uniformity in its status. Every fair and legal effort has been made by the treasury department to distribute this currency among the people. The withdrawal of United States treasury notes of small denomination, and issuing small silver certificates, has been resorted to in an endeavor to accomplish a result that would be in obedience to the will of congress. On the 27th of November, 1886, the people had the nominal sum of \$166,853,041. We still have \$79,964,345 in the treasury, against \$142,891,055 in the hands of the people and \$72,865,376 in the treasury one year ago. It seems to me there is no reason for me to change the views I expressed in my last message on the subject of this compulsory coinage, and I again urge suspension on the grounds contained in my former recommendation, reinforced by the significant increase of gold exportations during the last year. We now have an abundance for all needs, and there seems but little propriety in building vaults to store such currency in, when there is only a pretence that coinage is a necessity of the people.

THE PUBLIC LANDS. The rapid appropriation of the public lands without bona fide settlement invites the serious attention of congress. The energies of the land department have been devoted during the present administration to remedy the defects and to correct the abuses in the public land service. The results of these efforts have been largely in the nature of reform in the process and methods of the land system so as to prevent fraudulent occupation of the public domain. The commissioner of the general land office

has restored to the public domain 2,750,000 acres and reports that 2,370,000 acres are embraced in investigations now pending in the department and in courts. The action of congress is asked to effect the restoration of 2,790,000 acres additional. I recommend the repeal of the pre-emption and timber culture acts and that the homestead law may be so amended as to secure a compliance of the clause requiring cultivation for a period of five years from date of entry, with a commutation provision for speculative relinquishment. I also recommend the repeal of the desert land law, unless it be the pleasure of congress to so amend these laws as to render them less liable to abuse. Last year an executive proclamation was issued directing the removal of fences which enclose the public domain. Many of these have been removed in obedience to such order, but much public land still remains enclosed by unlawful fences. The removal of those fences still remaining should be enforced with all the authority the executive branch of the government is invested with by congress for that purpose.

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PENSIONS. The commissioner of pensions gives most satisfactory exhibit of the operations of the pension bureau. During the last fiscal year the amount of work done was the largest of any year since the organization of the bureau, and it was done at less cost. On the 30th of June there were 365,763 pensioners on the rolls. No one can examine the pension establishment and its operations without being convinced that through its instrumental justice is being very nearly done to all who are entitled, under the present laws, to pension or bounty from the government, but undesirable cases exist as well as those entitled to relief, and the pension bureau is powerless to prevent them. These conditions fully justify an application to congress for the special enactment of preventive laws, but a resort to congress to overrule the careful determination of the pension bureau or to secure favorable action, which could not be expected under the most liberal execution of the general laws, opens the door to the allowance of questionable claims. Every pension granted on any other grounds than of actual service, injury or disease in such service, and every instance of pensions increased on other grounds than merit, I claim works an injustice to the brave crippled, but poor and friendless, soldier, who must be content with the smallest sum allowed by the general laws. Every consideration of fairness and justice to the ex-soldiers point to the adoption of a pension system broad enough to cover every contingency, and to make unnecessary any special legislation.

PACIFIC RAILROADS. The secretary of the interior suggests a change in the plan of payment of the indebtedness due from the Pacific subsidized roads to the government, which has received the indorsement of the persons selected by the government to act as directors of the roads. INTER-STATE COMMERCE. A recent decision of the supreme court has adjudged the laws of the states inoperative to regulate the rates of transportation on roads running from one state into another. This important field to control and regulate transportation is entirely unoccupied and the expediency of federal action is worthy of consideration. LABOR AND CAPITAL. The relation of labor and capital is of the utmost concern to every patriotic citizen. In a special message to congress last session I suggested the enlargement of the present labor bureau, adding to its power of arbitration in cases of difference between employes and employers. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. The department of agriculture, representing the oldest and largest of the national industries, is subserving well the purpose of its organization, by opening up new sources of agricultural wealth, by the dissemination of early information of production and prices, and

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NOTICE: All those owing James Burke on note or book account will come forward and settle the same with me, they having been placed in my hands for collection. Myrtle Point, n31-3m

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION. NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Edward M. Hoffman and Luther Williams is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Dated Myrtle Point, Edward M. Hoffman, Or., Nov. 10, 86. Luther Williams, n14-1w

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