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The Forty-Seventh Congress.

The Congress now in session at the national capital is the first one for thirty years in which party questions need not necessarily obtrude. There is little likelihood and less need that any sectional jealousy or political dissension shall mar the harmony of deliberation or distract the legislators from consideration of the important matters that demand their attention.

A Southern Plea.

A PAMPHLET has been received from Charleston, S. C. which sets forth the state of education in that far-off corner of the Union, and treats of "the disabilities of the unaided South in public school facilities."

"But the danger which arises from ignorance in the voter cannot be denied. It covers a field far wider than that of negro suffrage, and the present condition of the race. It is a danger that lurks and hides in the sources and fountains of power in every state. We have no standard by which to measure the disaster that may be brought upon us by ignorance and vice in the citizen when joined to corruption and fraud in the suffrage."

"The voters of the Union who make and unmake constitutions, and upon whose will hangs the destinies of our governments, can transmit their supreme authority to no successors save the coming generation of voters, who are the sole heirs to sovereign power. If that generation comes to its inheritance blinded by ignorance and corrupted by vice, the fall of the republic will be certain and remediless."

"The census has already sounded the alarm in the appalling figures which mark how dangerously high the tide of illiteracy has risen among our voters and their children."

"To the south this question is of supreme importance but the responsibility for the existence of slavery did not rest upon the south alone. The nation itself is responsible for the extension of the suffrage, and is under special obligations to aid in removing the illiteracy which it has added to the voting population. For the north and south alike there is but one remedy. All the constitutional power of the nation and the states and all the volunteer forces of the people should be summoned to meet this danger by the strong influence of universal education."

That quotation covers the whole ground; if any portion of the Union is given national aid in the matter of education the south should by reason of her condition, have the first measure of assistance.

London Speculation.

An active speculation has recently been going on in the shares of the Hudson Bay Company, and a good many inquiries have arisen as to the cause of their advanced

prices. It is due, we believe, to speculations upon the future value of the company's lands in the Northwest. The company, as Messrs. Satterthwaite & Co., put it in an interesting circular they have issued upon the subject, is not now treated by the market as a trading company, but as a company which owns "two sections of 640 acres each in each surveyed township in the great fertile belt of the Northwest," or about 7,000,000 acres in all, as well as "some of the best land on the banks of the Red and Assiniboin rivers, in a district a large part of which will be the great grain-producing center of the future."

We take the following from the annual report of the chief of the bureau of statistics on the foreign commerce of the United States, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1881: The tonnage of vessels built during the last fiscal year amounted to 280,459 tons, as compared with 157,409 tons built during the preceding year. This increased shipbuilding was not, however, quite sufficient to offset the reductions of tonnage incident to the decay of vessels, and the losses by casualties, as is shown by the fact that on the 30th of June, 1881, the total tonnage of the country amounted to 4,057,734 tons, as against 4,068,035 tons at the close of the preceding fiscal year. The tonnage employed in the foreign trade of the United States decreased from 1,314,402 tons in 1880 to 1,297,035 tons in 1881, and the tonnage employed in the coastwise or home trade of the United States, embracing tonnage employed between American ports on the seaboard, on the Mississippi river and its tributaries, and on the Great Lakes, increased from 2,637,686 tons in 1880 to 2,646,011 tons in 1881.

CONSIDERABLE is at present being said about the claims of an organization known as the "Peruvian Company" against the government of Peru, which the Chilians are to be asked to recognize and provide for in the settlement of the war indemnity with the conquered country. This organization is an American company, working under a charter from the State of Georgia, with an office in New York. It professes to have succeeded to the rights of the original discoverer of the guano deposits, and upon this it has based a claim against Peru amounting to the trifling sum of one thousand millions of dollars. It having been charged that Gen. Grant was connected with it in an official capacity, the ex-president has emphatically denied the report.

The latest suggestion of the civil service reformers is to make certain officers elective who are

now appointed by the President. It is in an indirect way an attempt to take away considerable patronage from the President, and cannot, for that reason be hastily endorsed; for responsibility always implies a corresponding degree of power. The president will and should be responsible in a certain sense for his subordinates, and should have a say in their choice, unless it be the intention of those agitating the matter to take away all executive responsibility and make the American President the same as an English sovereign—simply a figurehead.

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To the above named defendant William Huston: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the above named plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled suit, in the above entitled court, on or before the first day of the next term of said court, which will be on Tuesday, the 3rd day of January, 1882. If you fail to so appear and answer for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in said complaint, which is a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between the plaintiff and defendant. This summons is published by virtue of an order made by his Honor, Judge Stout, Judge of said court, at chambers on the 15th day of November, 1881.

C. W. FELTON, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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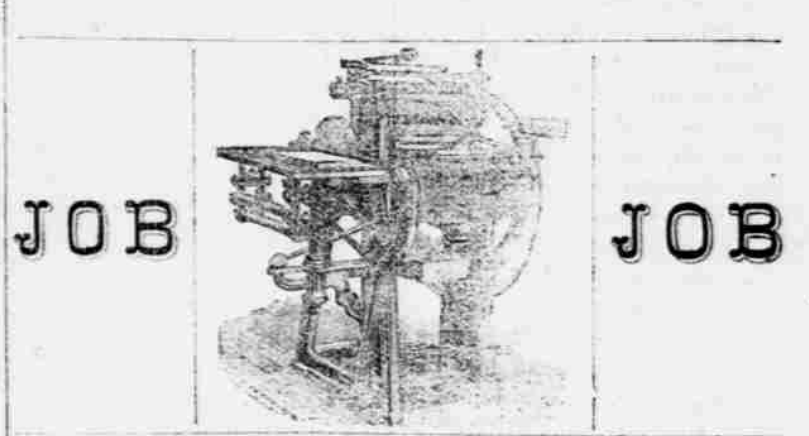
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