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 $\xlongequal[\text { Just so. }]{\text { Jx }}$ tion of the late Territorial Legislature in repealing the pilot law, the Puget Sound Argus says: "The business of piloting fluctuate greatly; under a pilot law, the
pilots are required to be on the piliots are required to be on th
pilot grounds constantly, to b ready for duty when needed; so that a vessel coming in when she
is the only arrival in a month is just as sure of getting a pilot as though she came during the busy
season; in the absence of pilot regulations, pilots will ply their vocation only when it is profitable and in dull times, i. e., when ves will desert the pilot grounds for more lucrative fields of employ ment, leaving vessels to shift for themselves. The pilot law pro-
vides and enforces uniform fees, while its absence leaves pilots free to fleece luckless victims "for all
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missive system of plunder. Under mo pilot law, a foreign vessel of lumber; she belongs to the class that ought above all others to be protected and encouraged to bring foreign gold to exchange for ou
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petent pilot to take charge of his vessel berore entering the straits
in view of all this, she is likely t find no pilot waiting, and may be compelled either to undergo vexa for a pilot, or venture in and risk being wrecked through ignorant
handling; on the other hand, if she finds a pilot, he may take advan tage of the situation and demand an exorbitant fee for his services which the captain feels he mus
pay in order to secure safety.' Tis probable that the next Wash this is so, and pass a law regu lating and controlling the ma A Wasmescrox dispatch of the
tith says: Great surprise was felt here to-day among politicians by Sew York with General Grant, in which he announces belief tha Fitz John Porter has been greatly abused and now thinks his original sentiment of dismissal from the
army a flagrant bit of injustice. General Logan, chairman of the senate committee on military affains, was asked conceruing this change of sentiment on the part of
Grant. He said he had nothing particular to say upon the subje prised. He had heard trant express $\quad$ himself ver
strongly upon this subject again Porter. He knew of no new evi dence in case, as allege
newspaper publication. evidence upon which Grant base his change of opinion was befor him during the eight years he was president, and-Logan does not Grant can express the opinion as with this long struggle of Fitz ready expler for reinstatement find sudden change of opinion. Porter
has been knocking at the doors of Congress for years without stirring any attention. The refusal to
listen to him came largely through the influence of Grant himself. Of his character, Grant said here a year ago at the dinner table, that
he had gone over the evidence in and the only error in the case as be understood it, was that missed from the service. Grant when he was president, steadily
refused, to even consider Porter's case, and his sudden shift eomes
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vote to place oo on the retired list, Whex in 1876 the Presidential
complications of that year were
under discussion, and Oregon and Louisiana seemed doubtful, every-
body admitted that the first busibody admitted that the first busi-
ness of Congress should be the modification of the laws so that
such danger should not arise in the future. But nothing definite has ever been done; there has been a
good deal of good deal of cheap declamation,
but no more. Now comes an
illustration of another public ger in the vague and ambiguous
wording of our highest organic law wording of our highest organic law
in relation to the Presidential succession. The provision that the
Vice President shall aot in case of the disability of the President, is susceptible of three interpreta-
tions, and to prevent possible danger and probable complication, it
would be wise in Congress to legislate that a clear definitiou and
nnderstanding may be had. The present lull looks a good deal like the case of the Arkansas
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