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THE MESSAGES.

President Cleveland and would-be President Blaine have each delivered messages—the former to congress and through that body to the people, and the latter direct to the people. The message of President Cleveland is an official document, and contains his views of what congress should do to relieve the people of heavy burdens and to reduce the surplus in the treasury. The republican party takes exceptions to those views and immediately raises the cry of protection. This government is of the people, and if it is not conducted in the interest of the majority its mission comes short of accomplishing its object. The democratic party is called by its opponents the free trade party, but it is not, it believes in taxation or tariff enough to pay legitimate expenses only. It seems to be that Blaine's message is in bad taste at this time, and injures his prospects for the nomination next June. The argument for the tobacco but not for free whisky. He claims that to tax one is a necessity to a great many men. He might with equal logic claim the same for whisky. The great will undoubtedly take some steps to notice the message he comes and it is hoped that the reaction will office those scoundrels most commonly used. It should be kept in mind that the greatest good to the greatest number is the motto the people have.

PRESIDENT AND JUDICIARY.

President Cleveland has appointed L. Q. C. Lamar to be a justice of the United States supreme court. Mr. Lamar has been in Mr. Cleveland's cabinet as secretary of the interior and was many times by the wisdom and justice of his decisions. Mr. Lamar is from Mississippi and is said to be a fair representative of the southern type. He was colonel in the Confederate army, was secessionist, made his mark in the high position to which he has been called. Mr. Lamar is still young, strong, and with the vigor of his manhood. He is a good lawyer, a ready speaker, and a man of great force of character. He is a democrat of the school of Jefferson and Jackson, and is a strong exponent of the principles of his party. He is a gentleman of the highest order, and his appointment will prove to be a wise one.

THE TARIFF.

The United States supreme court has decided the house constitutional in its contention. The question of revenue bills, which must originate in the house, was raised, and the court decided against the claim of the senate that it could not be entertained because it was not in the house. The decision is a very important one, and will have a great influence upon the tariff question. The senate has been the chief obstacle in the way of tariff legislation, and now it will be compelled to yield to the house. The senate will not be able to kill the house bill by simply not taking up the question, as it could if it could originate the bill itself. The decision will be a great victory for the house democrats, and will be a great gain to the cause of tariff reform. The decision will be a great gain to the cause of tariff reform. The decision will be a great gain to the cause of tariff reform. The decision