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THE MESSAGE.

President Cleveland's remains to the new Congress will be found in full on other pages of this paper. As I discussed, like Missouri's, would not have the depth of a well nor the width of a narrow, but broad. In the previous article in the opening paragraph, the writer of the message alludes with due skill to foreign affairs and national defense; these are the only subjects which he pays other than incidental attention.

No doubt the utter absence of anything like fugitives from the former part of the document will prove a disappointment in many quarters, and yet in the case where he appears required to speak upon the material his plan of proceeding with affairs in the American continent to affect the Monroe doctrine will receive the same emphasis though without any of the bluster that some of his critics think necessary. Without being enthralled either by Mr. Cleveland's personality or his policy, we are nevertheless disposed to credit to his treatment of foreign affairs generally the credit of honor, patriotism and a just conception of the best American traditions. These portions of his message confirm the estimate of his policy for the record proves that he has shown himself without balking and vigor unequal by taxation.

Whatever disappointment, however, there may be with reference to such parts of his address, none will be found with his remarks on the domestic financial situation. He has always been a pronounced anti-slavery man, and in defining now his views, his attitude, and his policy, he now goes far beyond any previous statement, and makes an argument more complete and stalwart we think than any we have seen from that side of the question. We of the West may seem his logic faulty and his conclusions fallacious, but we present them with a clearness seldom seen in a dispute so complex, and with a lucidity and facility of phrase that cannot but illumine the dry abstractions of the theme. As the hearing of all sides of a question necessary to its honest comprehension, we commend this part of the message in particular to the reader, as probably the best exposition of the immovable anti-slavery and the best defense of its policy that current literature affords.

We much for what the President says. What he does not say would fill quite a book. He makes only passing allusion to the tariff policy of the two parties, merely hinting at the restriction of immigration, and passes in entire silence the Nicaraguan canal and other national questions. Naturally enough, he does not become confidential with a Congress politically antagonistic to himself, on the question of a third term for Presidents, and save in the matter of the popular service he says nothing about civil service reform. But there is plenty of time for special messages on those and all other proper subjects of discussion, and he is hardly the man to let any necessary occasion pass by unnoticed. He may be ponderous in frame and mentality, but he is agile in letter-writing, and though at times prolix, he is always worth reading, and his messages mostly will find a place in history.

THE PRICE OF CUBA.

Cuba at one time very nearly came into the possession of France. At least that is the story told by a writer in the *Particularist Review*, and it is interesting at this time as showing the value placed on the "queen of the Antilles" when it was for sale. What the cost would be now, should the United States be induced to make a bid, is another question.

According to the story, Senator Campion, a Spanish diplomat, was sent in 1877 to Paris on a secret mission. He carried with him a proposition from the queen regent, Maria Christina, to Louis Philippe to sell Cuba, the Philippines abandoned Porto Rico for the sum of \$7,000,000. The sum paid was \$10,000,000, while Porto Rico and the Philippines were for sale for 10,000,000. The extravagant queen needed money for her expenses and also was quite willing to sell sunny parts of her country.

How the bargain came to nought is interestingly related. The Spanish envoy with shame burning in his face, but full of patriotic ardor, speedily obtained an audience with the French king. The secret treaty was read and agreed to, so far as Cuba was concerned. The portion that reads that Island in France but the negotiations were actually rejected. But the writer relating to the other islands caused some discussion and a scene that ended the negotiations. Louis Philippe was indeed too repulsive. He adhered to the price demanded and offered 7,000,000 francs. The justification of the Spanish envoy rose to the ceiling joint. The king became impatient, passed the treaty across the table to the writer, and exclaimed: "This reduction of the price must be accepted. The terms are too onerous. Seven millions of francs is my offer, at the same time mutual to the Spanish."

During his stay, throwing out of the chair which he had been sitting in, calling the treaty, exclaimed: "Your majesty is in the right; the mercantile world and only fit to be thrown into the fire." Without another word, he strode across the room and flung the paper between the burning logs on the hearth, tearing it down with his hands until it was entirely consumed. The long audience had been a waste. Campion was soon summoned to every time with indignation, calling it a waste. Presently the king, who, like Emperor Francis and his secretary, withdrew, and the meeting was without any result.

And thus it happened that Cuba, after a few minutes having been the property of France, reverted back to Spain, to fight present for its liberty, at the cost of millions and many lives.

A BOTANICAL MUSEUM.

In our city public schools many of the parks draw great pleasure from simple scenes of beauty. As a result, leaves, buds, roots, and plants have for long now interested, making an interest artistic, running vines, great hedges and growing trees are rendered more beautiful because beauty is better understood. This fact is suggestive of an idea that could be made profitable in connection with many of the schools in Utah, especially in the country districts, though the city schools need not be exempt. At almost every school building in the country there could be a little garden plot, to afford means of supplementing the now bare walls of the schoolhouse and the hard ground or barren waste of yard near by. A plot a few rods square, with a similar rock mound or two, a few trees, some grass, a selection of various plants, roses, pansies, violets, etc., with some ivy and other climbing vines and a few house plants—and the children could be taught how to make home beautiful, and at the same time acquire powers of observation, discrimination and comparison in botanical studies without passing beyond the proper limits of time for that branch. It will not do, we suppose, to suggest to the authorities that the children will not take commendable pride in such work, or keep their share of the garden used as a plot. They do this, and produce on the school grounds some of the most beautiful small flower gardens to be seen anywhere. The children in Utah can do equally as well, and thus add an element of joy and profit to any a district plot—a stronger to handmake plot.

WOMEN AND PROHIBITION.

The question of the probable influence of women on public morals as exercised through the ballot has received an illustration in Norway recently.

Not long ago the attention of Europe and America was called to the way in which the liquor traffic is regulated in that country, and a great many became quite enthusiastic over the so-called *Godegjeld* system.

Since then the women in Norway have been given a chance to express their views on the liquor question, and since they for years have been in a position to study the practical results of the system on their husbands and brothers, their verdict is not to be set aside by theoretical arguments.

The first chance the women had to impress their views with effect was in the University of Oslo. There an election day they called an mass around the polls and voted against the system. In another city, Arendal, the result was the same. The third place where the women pronounced against the liquor traffic was Stavanger. And it is supposed that other cities will follow the example, when their turn comes.

The women of Norway have announced against the liquor traffic even when regulated in a manner that many consider next to perfect. They believe that it is an evil, and never a necessary evil, and they do not intend to take a preliminary view of the matter.

There is one city in which for years no sale of liquor as a beverage has been allowed and that is Haugesund. This city has 2,000 inhabitants, and it is surrounded by populous parishes of which it forms the commercial center. However, it is the gathering place of regular intervals of thousands of Norwegians, mostly young people, but not a drop of liquor is to be had in town. A correspondent of a Christian paper in a letter reproduced in the London Times, wrote that nobody misses it. Beer is sold under certain restrictions, but whisky is at general sale. An unfeasted person is forced to buy a pint of beer. "A mother and nine infantines sleep at working men," the correspondent adds, "for me to find in all Norway that that of Haugesund, and, indeed, they have shown a remarkable spirit of self-sacrifice in those of us who are ignorant, I presume myself, as to what is to be done for the continuation of the sale of whisky. Haugesund has not, however, any strong objection to the禁酒运动, but only good ones."

No wonder that these facts are considered as good news by all who believe in prohibition, and that the women of Norway should vote in accordance with those feelings.

The annual meeting of the Western Union Telegraph company, the New York is located, as are also the headquarters if they did not know it, for the entire and complete copy of the press. Let me tell you, they are absolutely true.

It was transmitted over the lines of the company after midnight last night, and was ready for the company's newspaper partner in Salt Lake City at daylight this morning, though not to be used, of course, until actually delivered to Congress. The excellence of the copy, the promptitude with which it was transmitted, the thoroughness in the handling of all voluminous documents, and the fact that it is delivered to W. G. Driggs without expense to the latter—all attest the thoroughness of the company's facilities, the energy of its management, the efficiency of its employees and its recognition of the interests of the community and appreciated. The New York deserves well to be under its unique arrangements.

If the forthcoming legislation of the state of Utah has the full height of the session, it will take the opportunity of striking from the statute book a number of enactments which are perhaps possible in midwinter mischief in execution. Furthermore, if the community here governed is better governed, our statute books need passing down.

The Passengers may not have all the light, but he has nearly all the language.

OUR LIVES SAVED.

Mr. Phineas Thomas, of Junction City, was saved by his relatives from having Consumption when they thought no hope for him, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life.

Then Eggers, the Florida State Superintendent, suffered from a dreadful cold, which he could not get rid of without spending a week in bed.

Dr. H. Koenig, C. F. & A., of Marion Rock, Hill, Lake City,

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