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CONGRESS AND THE MESSAGE.

It is just thirty-six days since Congress convened in extraordinary session to repeal the purchasing clause of the Sherman act, concluded its labors and adjourned. Today, the first Monday in December, is somewhere with law and unlikely, it seems to regular session. Enough transpires during the special session to give assurance that a lively time might be expected when the silver question should be put temporarily out of the way. And any lingering hope as to a short and harmonious sending when the regular session should convene has surely been dispelled by the political operations and programs developed during the month's intermission.

By way of opening the ball, the President's Message, long and positive, goes to the two houses of Congress. It surpasses in importance and interest anything else that the wires can bring today, or that editors or reporters may write. We sacrifice our columns to it, and hope therein to please our readers too. All should peruse it carefully, for it promises to excite more discussion in and out of Congress and throughout this and other countries than any similar document since the war.

GOVERNOR WAITE'S STRANGE LOGIC.

Waiving entirely the merits of the case against the Salt Lake runaway, Mr. Von Grotte, or Brown, or whatever his name is, we are compelled to say that the action of Governor Waite of Colorado in refusing to grant his extradition, taken with his explanation for such refusal, is very remarkable. It will be remembered his reason at first was that the papers were technically faulty; and when it was proposed to correct these, that the person wanted was too ill to travel. Assuming that the governor was under no inducement for doing what he did save his conscience and official discretion, such a proceeding comes precious near to being an invitation to rogues, having about their persons plausible evidence of bad health, to strike for a "big thing," and skip with it over the line to Colorado. If Governor Waite is honest in the present action he will treat all comers alike who can show an equal ratio of bodily ailment to a given quantity of crime. The governor may not have thought of this part of his official utterance, but logic is logic and bad men can usually reason as well as those who are not so bad when it runs in their line. Brown, alias Von Grotte, may have been too ill to be conveyed immediately to Salt Lake. If so was, there were other ways more friendly, we think, to the cause of law and order, than to turn him or any presumed criminal at liberty. Besides, the dispatch informs us that the suspect will take his departure at once to Washington; from which we must infer that the road to Salt Lake from the point of arrest is not quite so comfortable for the conveyance of invalids as the line to Washington. There is not only gubernatorial inconsistency in the refusal to hold him for the Utah officer, but, in the latter view of the case, a remarkable instance of gubernatorial inconsistency.

THE LESSON OF STRIKES.

The calamities attending the Lehigh Valley railway strike are something shocking. Seven hundred thousand dollars is too much to pretty serious work. It would not take many such lines to reduce the capacity of the nation's small mother. The damage is not only to be calculated in the value of the cars, freight, warehouses and lives destroyed, but in the repudiation of the road. Of course the railway authorities charge that Debsism is responsible for the losses with their rolling stock on the part of the strikers. The latter, with much force, assert that it is personal result of employing incompetent men. In any case, the whole is a very strange time for a strike. The world rejoices that while illness are positively starting to decay all over the country, having nothing to do and no provision for an livelihood, men who have no employment would be glad to hold them, even at plucking wages. There are times when very low enterprises can pay their stockholders anything, and the rule is for the stockholder to sit down on his private bank to take the business over and carry it then cring to gloves. But there is at the same time, a tremendous amount of good in the lot, some worth. Enterprises that, if

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