

CORRESPONDENCE. A law of this State makes it the duty of the President of the State Board of Agriculture, to make an annual report to the Legislative Assembly, embracing the proceedings of the Board for the past year, and an abstract of the proceedings of the several subordinate societies.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. We do not intend to reprint, entire, the document bearing the above caption, and dated 9th inst. It will suffice for our readers to hunt up any of this class of executive effusions from the same source.

He starts out by calling the attention of Congress to the State of the Union, accuses the Legislative Branch of causing any amount of "pernicious results"—deplores the fact that Virginia, Mississippi and Texas did not participate in the election of President and Vice President.

He claims that at the close of the war "the spirit of the rebellion had spent its force, and in the Southern States the people had warmed into national life, and through the whole country a healthy re-action in the public sentiment had taken place.

The tenure of office bill still acts as a thorn in his side, and he gives it a kick as he moves his slow length along. The army appropriation bill also gets a snarl for curialling his dangerous power, and he recommends the repeal of the offensive provisions.

On the subject of Finances he adopts a system of argument that should bring the blush of shame to any puffing lawyer. He figures the price paid for a nation saved as enormously out of proportion. He compares our expenditures in the Mexican war, and in the war with Great Britain.

The Union against treason was ever fought before in the history of man.—He with a cunning more becoming an attorney than the Chief Magistrate of a great nation, files his special plea against the loyal outpouring of the people's money and the people's blood.

He reiterates his charges of extravagance in expenditures now, but forgets to call attention to an Indian war that reaches from the British Possessions to the Gulf. He forgets to deduct the enormous amounts of Bonds issued to the various branches of the great Pacific Railroads.

He reiterates that portion of his message of July last, touching certain amendments to the Constitution in the following language: "I renew the recommendation contained in my communication to Congress the 18th of July last, a copy of which accompanies this message."

In speaking of our national indebtedness he adopts the Madame Grundy style—is insultingly abusive of its present condition and management, prevents himself an adept at fault finding, but alas, he is the poorest of the poor in suggesting relief.

Our own history has recorded for our instruction enough and more than enough of the demoralizing tendency, the injustice and the intolerable oppression on the virtuous and well disposed, by degraded paper currency.

His Excellency must be getting hard up for ideas when he is under the dire necessity of giving us a refresh of his old quotations and messages. Pah! such weakness in the head of a great nation is humiliating.

HERD LAW. WEeping WATER, Dec. 4, 1868.

Mr. Editor:—As there is considerable excitement at present in this county in regard to a general herd law, and as you do not appear to know that there is two sides to this question, I thought I would tell you that there is;

There is not one man in ten who has land enough to herd his stock on; for, as soon as you pass a herd law, you place every foot of land under fence, and you have no more right to herd on another man's prairie than on his grain.

Newspaper editors will not do the work; we must petition our Legislature in regard to this matter; therefore let all who are interested in this thing, bestir themselves now, before that body meets, so that they may go to work intelligently.

There is a great deal of speculation on this subject just now. Some people think that Mr. E. B. Washburn will control him; some say that he is in frequent and confidential correspondence with Mr. A. T. Stewart.

Another meeting of the St. Louis and Neb. Trunk R.R. Co was held this forenoon at Judge Kinney's office, and matters pertaining to that enterprise were under discussion.

The Yale College base ball club have played forty two match games within the last three years, winning twenty-three of them.

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