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ARTHUR'S ANNUAL.

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river, and the nucleus of states established at twenty-two stations under our flag, which offers freedom to commerce and prohibits the slave trade. The objects of the society are philanthropic. It does not aim to give the management to political control, but seeks the neutrality of the valleys. The United States can not be indifferent to this work nor to the interests of their citizens involved in it. It may become advisable for us to cooperate with other commercial powers in promoting the rights of trade and residence in the Congo valley from the interference or political influence of any one

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE CONGRESS.

In view of the frequency of invitation from foreign governments to participate in a social and scientific congress for the discussion of important matters of general concern I repeat that suggestion of my last message recommending that provis-ion be made for the exercise of discretionary power by the executive in appointing delegates to such convention. Specialists are ready to serve the nation in such capacity without personal profit, or other compensation than the defrayment of expenses actually incurred, and these a comparatively small annual appropriation would suffice to meet.

RESTRICTION ON AMERICAN COMMERCE.

I have alluded in my previous messages to the injurious and vexatious re strictions suffered by our trade in the Spanish West Indies. Brazil whose natural outlet for its great natural staple, coffee, is in and through the United States, imposes a heavy import duty on that product. Our petroleum exports are hampered in Turkey and other eastern ports, by restrictions as to storage and onerous taxation. For these mischiefs adequate relief is not always provided by reciprocity treaties like that of Hawaii or that lately negotiated with Mexico and now awaiting the action of the senate. Is it not advisable to provide some measure of equitable retaliation in our relations with governments which discriminate against our own If, for example, the executive were empowered to apply to Spanish vessels and cargoes from Cuba and Porto Rico, the same rules of treatment and scale of penalties for technical faults which are applied to vessels and cargoes in the Antilles, a resert to that course might not be barren of good results.

OUR NATIONAL FINANCES.

The report of the secretary of the gives a full and interesting ex- four years before any of the four and onetreasury hibit of the financial condition of the half per cents, can be called in. The country. It shows that the ordinary latter, at the same rate of accumulation revenues from all sources for the fiscal of surplus, can be paid at maturity, and year ending June 30, 1883, amounted to the monies requisite for the redemption \$398,287,581.95, whereof there was re- of the four per cents will be in the treasceived:

4,460,205 17

1,436,236 34

3,322,361 64

1,556,866 90

1,322,103 11

1.221.611 76

648,694 82

121,000 0

1,839,533,99

2,413,332 18

49,556

From profits on coinage, bulli-on deposits, and assays..... From customs fees, fines, pen-From fees - consular, letters-patent, and lands. From repayment of interest by Pacific railway com-

Prom sinking fund for Pacific railway companies. From deposits by individuals

950,229.46 3,149,780,54 coinage, &c. Frem deposits 172,461,31 of District of Columbia 2,560,117.99 1,243,982.01 1,237,189,63 2,382,810,37 laneous,

Total receipts.\$95,966,917.03 \$247,023,082.97 The actual and estimated expenses for the same period are:

Actual Estimated. For civil and miscellaneous, in-cluding all public buildings, light houses, and collecting the reverue. \$15,385,799.42851,114,200,58 For Indians. 2,623,390,54 4,126,609.46 For pensions. 16,285,261,98 93,714,738,02 For pensions..... For military establishment, including fortifications river and harbor improvements & 13,572,204.33 26,487,795.67 For naval estabarsenals..... lishment, including vessels and machinery and improvements at navy yards. 41,992,996,92 12,300,700,31 For expenditures

account, District of Columbia.... 1,138,836,41 2,611,163,59 or Columna... 1,135,555,41 2,511,155,55 For interest on the public debt... 14,797,297,96 39,702,702,04 Total ordinary ex-... 67,942,090,33 19,057,909.67 penditures Total receipts, actual and estimat-actual and esti-

158 000 000 00 mated..... Total surplus. \$85,000,000.00 Estimated amount due the sinking fund \$45,816,741.07

From pr'fits on

for survey ing lands. From revenue

rom miscel-

Leaving a balance of\$39,183,258.93

If the revenue for the fiscal year which will end on June 30, 1885, be estimated upon the basis of existing laws the secretary is of the opinion that for that year the receipts will exceed by sixty millions the ordinary expenditures, including the amount devoted to the sinking fund.

REDEMPTION OF BONDS.

Hitherto the surplus, as rapidly as it has accumulated, has been directed to the reduction of the national debt and as a result the only bonds now outstanding which are redeemable at the pleasure of the govenment are the 3 per cents humilation by a hostile power greatly in- things it involves so many questions of amounting to about \$305,000,000. The ferior to ourselves.

41 per cents, amounting to \$250,000,000 and the \$737,000,000 of 4 per cents are not payable until 1891 and 1907 respectively. If the surplus As germane to this subject I call your attention to the importance of perfectshall hereafter be as large as the treasury estimates now indicate, the three per cent. bonds may all be redeemed at least be disposed to provide suitable facilities ury many years before those obligations and plans for the manufacture of such become payable. There are cogent rea-

sons, however, why the national indebt-edness should not be thus rapidly crimguished. Chief among them is the fact that only can excessive taxation make

In a communication to the congress at its last session I recom- officers I am induced to believe that the mended that all excise taxes be encouragement of state militia organiza- enacted, have been just and reasonable,

abolished except those relating to dis- tions by the national government would be would in many instances be justly retilled spirits, and that substantial reduc-tiens also be made on the revenue from 1,322,103 11 1,221,611 76 255,055 72 receipts of the government have been cut to be substantial reduc-tiens also be made on the revenue from customs. A statute has since been en-acted by which the annual tax and tariff 255,055 72 receipts of the government have been cut the substantial reduc-tiens also be made on the revenue from customs. A statute has since been en-the aid of a large body of volum versuu-the performance of military duties.

purpose of traffic in countries where sil- it remained until 1872, when in those

I recommend that provision be held double for the entire cost, not only tion and cure.

silver of like quantity. THE CUSTOMS DISTRICTS.

consolidation of certain of the customs districts of the country and suggests that the president be vested with such power in relation thereto as is now given him in respect to collectors of internal revenue by section 3141 of the revised ous aspects of the government to the statutes. The statistics on this subject telegraph. Such reflection as I have which are contained in his report furnish been able to give to this subject, since of themselves a cogent argument in de-fence of his views. At the adjournment of congress the number of internal reve-pressed in dissenting from the recom-

leaves at present but 83. INDIAN TROUBLES.

From the report of the secretary of war it will be seen that in only a single instance has there been a disturbance of the quiet condition of our Indian tribes, a raid from Mexico into Arizona by a small party of Indians which was pursued by General Crook into the moun-tain regions from which it had come. It is confidently hoped that serious outbreaks will not again occur and that the Indian tribes, which have for so many years disturbed the west, will hereafter emain in peaceable submission.

OUR NATIONAL DEFENCES. I again call your attention to the pres-

ent condition of our extended sea coast, upon which are so many large cities whose wealth and importance to the country would, in time of war, invite at-

tack from modern armed ships, against which our existing defensive works could give no adequate protection. Those works were built before the introduction ed and opposed have doubtless attracted of German heavy rifle guns into maritime your attention. It is likely that the warfare, and if they are not put in effi- whole subject will be considered by you cient condition we may be subjected to at the present session. In the nature of

THE TORPEDO SERVICE.

ing our torpedo defences. The board authorized by the last congress to report on the method which should be adopted for the manufacture of heavy ordnance adapted to general warfare has been assisted by the principal iron and steel works, in this country and in Europe. It is hoped that its report will be soon made and that congress will thereupon

> guns as are now imperatively needed. THE STATE MILITIA. On several occasions during the past

year officers of the army have, at the request of the state authorities visited their military encampments for the inspection which had been passed many years preof the troops. From the reports of these

circulation in demestic trade has now the risk of diminishing for a time at least ceased and they have become a disturb the receipts from postage upon local leting element. They should not longer be ters. I can see no reason why that parpermitted to embarass our currency sys- ticular class of mail matter should be

made for their reception by the treasury of its collection and delivery but th and mints as bullion, at a small per cent- collection and delivery of all other classes, age above the current market price of and I am confident after final consideration of the subject that the reduction of rate would be followed by such a grow-The secretary of the treasury advises a but slight and temporary loss to the reving accession of business as to occasion enues to the postoffice.

THE TELEGRAPH QUESTION.

under government supervision.

approbation.

GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION.

special characteristics, have been sug

THE COURTS.

The attorney general criticises, in his

report, the provisions of existing law

fixing the fees of jurors and witnesses in

26, 1853, though some of them were in-

INTERIOR AFFAIRS.

ng state of illiteracy in certain portions

of the country, and again submit for the

THE POLYGAMY ULCER.

The Utah commission has submitted to

Mormons. There is grave reason to be-

lieve that they are in sympathy with the

practices that this government is seeking

o suppress, and that its efforts in that

regard will be more likely to encounter

their opposition than to receive their en-

MORE STRINGENT LAWS NEEDED. Even if this view should happily be erroneous the law under which the com-

couragement and support.

therefor has not already been

the terms of the treaty whereby that territory was ceded to the United States. The postmaster-general devotes much For sixteen years they have pleaded in vain for that which they should have re-ceived without the asking. They have no law for the collection of debts, the they have far as I am aware, has been appointed to of his report to the consideration in its varisupport of education, the conveyance of the public service in the classified porproperty, the administration of estates or tions thereof at any of the departments. he enforcoment of contracts, none in. or any of the postoffices and customs dis leed for the punishment of criminals except such as offend against certain cusoms, commerce and navigation acts. The resources of Alaska especially fur, mines and lumber are considerable in extent and capable of large developas ample as has ever been claimed for it, ment, while its geopraphical situation it would not in my judgment be a wise use of that authority to purchase or as-sume the control of existing telegraph is one of political and commercial importance. The promptings of interest therefore as well as considerations of lines, or to construct others with a view honor and good faith demand the immeof entering into general competition with private enterprize. The objections in that territory. which may be justly urged against either

RAILWAY ABUSES.

vestigating the causes of these diseases

THE NEEDS OF ALASKA

protection of law. Its people have re-peatedly remonstrated against our ne-

glect to afford them the maintenance

and protection expressly guaranteed by

I trust that congress will not fail at its

of these projects, and indeed against any system which would require an and urgent that certain corporations, at its last session, afterfull consideration, mormous increase in the civil service controlling in whole or in part the facili- passed an act relating to the subject list, do not, however, apply to some of ties for the inter-state carriage of persons which will now, I trust, commend itself the plans which have lately provoked and merchandise upon the great railroads to the approval of both houses of conpublic comment and discussion. It has of the country, have resorted in their gress. The clause of the constitution dealings with the public to diverse upon which must depend any law regu-measures, unjust and oppressive in their lating the presidential succession presents been claimed for example, that congress might wisely authorize the postmaster general to contract with some private character. In some instances the state also for solution other questions of paraperson or corporation for the transmiscourts have attacked and suppressed mount importance. These questions of para-these evlis but in others they have late to the proper interpretation of the sion of messages at specified rates and been unable to afford adequate projec-tion becauce of the jurisdictional limitations which are imposed upon them by the federal corporation. Various such schemes of the same general nature, but widely differing in their

GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

gested in the public prints and the argu-The question, how far the national duties of the office shall devolve upon government may lawfully interfere in the vice president, who may himself unthe premises, and what, if any, supervision or control it ought to exercise, is one officer as congress may by law appoint to act as president. I here find set forth nu-While we cannot fail to recognize the merous and interesting inquiries which importance of the vast railway systems are suggested by these words of the con-of the country, and their great and bene-stitution. They were fully stated in my detail that your deliberations would probably be aided slightly, if at all, by ficial influences upon the development of first communication to congress, and any particular suggestions which I might now submit. I avow my belief, however, other hand, remember that the individ- erations in that body. It is greatly to be that the government should be author ual and no corporation ought to be in- hoped that these momentous questions ized by law to exercise some sort of vested with absolute power over of the supervision over inter-state telegraph interest of other citizens or class of citiommunication and I express the hope that for attaining that end some measure zens. may be devised which will receive your

CONGRESS SHOULD PROTECT THE PEOPLE. and alarm. The right of the railway corporations

to demand a profitable return upon their investments and a reasonable freedom in their regulations must be recognized, but it seems only just, so far as its constitutional authority will permit, that congress should protect the people at the federal courts. The provisions are chiefly contained in the act of February large in their inter-state traffic against acts of injustice which the state governments are powerless to prevent. troduced into that act from statutes

FOREST PRESERVATION.

vious. It is manifest that such compenattention to the necessity of protecting his judgment. sation as might, when these laws were by suitable legislation the forests situated upon the public domain. In many portions of the west the pursuit of gen-

and valuable. At his instance a conven- Washington, numbering about 5,600, and home. He used to seriously talk of inver passed at its value ascertained by its weight and fineness. It never had a legal lished it was increased to defray the ex-dustry of the country was lately held at and postoffices where as many as 50 per-with, and for all I know he has increased to defray the exdustry of the country was lately held at and postoffices where as many as 50 per- with, and for all I know he has, for there 327,538.69 tender quality. Large numbers of these coins entered, however, into the volume of our currency by common consent. Their discussion. A committee of the conven-tion will invite your co-operation in in-customs districts and twenty-three post-tion will invite your co-operation in inoffices were thus brought under the imand providing methods for their preven- mediate operation of the statute. WORKINGS OF THE SYSTEM.

erazy. "Edison was as considerate as a woman The annual report of the civil service of the feelings of others, and I never knew commission, which will soon be submithim to say a harsh word about anyone. present session to put Alaska under the ted to congresa, will doubtless afford the He was one of those shrinking, timid, means of a more definite judgment than means of a more definite judgment than I am now prepared to express as to the merits of the new system. I am per-suaded that its effects have thus far proved beneficial. Its practical methods proved beneficial. Its practical methods

> ings were toward his beloved machines. He used to hang over a network of wheels within wheels, and cogs within cegs. adjusting, changing, fitting in new ones, and removing old ones, and I have sat by the hour watching the rapt, tense look on his face. I believe he regarded this cold iron as a living, breathing creature, to which all the love and tenderness of his nature was given. These masses of inert

fantastic shapes to his busy mind.

At the time when the present execu-"If Edison was backward among men tive entered upon his term of office his he was absolutely helpless among women. death, removal, resignation or inability to discharge his duties would have left who, by the way, still lives here, and that the government without a constitutional girl, I think, caused Edison as much diate establishment of civil government head. It is probable, of course, that a trouble as his much-hated feline enemies. similar contingency may again arise un-less the wisdom of congress shall pro-she took especial pains to please him. He Complaints have lately been frequent vide against its recurrence. The senate got to loving her, as much as he could love anything that was not in the machinery line, and it was curious to see his passion struggling with his diffidence. The girl, with true feminine coquetry, would keep the poor fellow in hot water all the time by staving off the great con fession. One day he met her on the stairs, and nerved himself up togothrough the fearful ordeal of having to tell his love. She was fairly caught, and, before she could escape, Edison blurted out the old story.

could get up an improvement on the

plan of the universe. He was one of the

best receivers I ever saw. He could take

thirty-five words a minute and think

nothing of it. But his mind was not in his work, and if he ever did think of

sending or receiving it was only to plan some scheme by which it could all be

done by some patent arrangement. He

never made much money here. Indeed,

he didn't care for money. Although he

was as frugal as an anchorite, he never

saved money, for almost anyone, on

almost any pretense, could get his last

"Why, Mr. Edison, you surprise me, said the little rogue. 'I like you ever so Our organic law provides that when the president suffers from such disability, the much as a friend, but I can't marry you because Mr .---- is going to marry me tonight.

Edison just went back to his machinery der like circumstances give place to such with more energy than ever. But I doubt if he has to this day forgiven the girl for leading him on, though he has a sweet-faced little woman for a wife and several handsome children. That was his first love, he afterward told me. And our material wealth, we should, on the have been the subject of frequent delib- it did not seem to have much of an effect on him.

"He would have been a fine operator if he had kept to his business, but he will find speedy solutions lest an emerwas forever trying to devise methods of shortening the work. I believe Edison was always sorry the Almighty didn't call him in at the creation so that he gency may arise when long delay will be impossible, and any determination, albeit the wisest, may furnish cause for anxiety

THE VETO POWER.

conformity to the rules.

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For the reasons fully stated in my last annual message, I repeat my recommendation that congress propose an amendment to that provision of the constitution which prescribes the formalities for the enactment of laws whereby, in re-spect to bills for the appropriation of public money, the executive may be able, while giving his approval to particular items, to interpose his veto as to such In my last annual message I called others as do not commend themselves to

CIVIL RIGHTS.

unhesitating approval,

tained. 100 doses \$1.00.

ouisville Courier Journal.

"I never saw him but once since he The fourteenth amendment of the con- left here. I was in New York, and felt aate. portions of the west the pursuit of gen-eral agriculture is only made practicable the y the respir to irrigation while such i maspeful irrigation would by impossible the United States, and subject to the little paler and thinner in the face, but

CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

pure, so clear, so delightful can be ob-

TOM EDISON.

Some Interesting Recollections of the

Great Inventor When He Was

a Telegraph Operator.

"Oh, yes, there are a great many of us

appear to be adequate for the ends pro- never allude to anything he did or intendposed, and there has been no serious ed to do. "I often used to wonder what his feeltricts above named, except those certified by the commission to be most competent on the basis of the examination held in matter must have assumed all sorts of THE PRESIDENCY AND POWERS.

"Like all men of delicate nervous orand often said that he veriliy believed that a drink of whisky would set him

nue collection districts was 126. By mendation of the postmaster-general that executive order executed June 25, 1883. the government assumes the same con-I directed that certain of these districts trol over the telegraph which it has alve consolidated. The result has been a ways exercised over the mail. Admitreduction of a third in the number which ting that its authority in the premises is

city From Indian trust-funds From Indian trust-funds..... From donations towards liqui-dating the public debt..... From Japanese indemnity From immigrant fund From revenues of the District of Columbia...... From miscellaneous sources...

Total ordinary receipts... 398,287,581 95 which must elapse before the effects of The ordinary expenditures for the the act of March 3, 1883, can be definitesame period were: For civil expenses \$ 22,343,285 7

For foreign intercourse...... For Indians. For the military establishment including river and harbor 48,911,382 93

including vessels, machinery, and improvements at mavy

yards For miscellaneous expendi-tures, including public build-ings, light houses, and col-lecting the revenue. For expenditures on account of the District of Columbia.

For interest on the public debt.

Total ordinary expenditures.....\$265,408,137 54

Leaving a surplus revenue of \$132,879,444 41 Which, with an amount drawn from the cash balance

in the treasuury of Was applied to the redemption: Of bonds for the sinking fund .. \$ 44,850,700 Of fractional currency for the sinking fund. Of funded loan of 1881, contin-65,380,250 00 ued at 35 per cent..... Of loan of July and August, 1861, continued at 35 per cent. Of funded loan of 1907..... Of funded loan of 1881. Of loan of February, 1861.... Of loan of July and August, 20,594,600 00

Of loan of March, 1863..... Of loan of March, 1863..... Of loan of July, 1883.... Of five-twenties of 1862... Of five-twenties of 1865... Of the twenties of 1865... Of five-twenties of 1865..... Of ten-forties 1864.... Of consols of 1865.... Of consols of 1867.... Of consols of 1868... Of Oregon war debt Of refunding certificates... Of old demand, compound in-terest and other notes....

Total.....\$134,178,756 96

THE REVENUE.

	THE BETRICE	
The revenue for the present fiscal year actual and estimated, is as follows, for the quarter ending September, 30, 1883 and for the three quarters of the year:		
Source	Actual	Estimate
From customs. Intr'n' rev'nue.	57,402,975.67 29,620,786.40	\$137,597,024.1 90,337,721.4
From sales of public lands. From tax on	2,932,635.17	567,364.8
circulation and deposits n'tional b'nks From repay- ment of in-	1,557,800.88	1,942,199,1
terest and si'king fund, Pacific R. R. From customs	521,059.51	1,478,940.4
foos, fines, &c. From fees, con-	298,096.78	901,303.2
sular letters patent and lands From proceeds of sales of	863,209.89	2,435,790.3
government		

112,562.23

proprerty

down to the extent of at least tifty or

REDUCTIONS ADVISED.

such rapidity attainable.

THE NEW WAR VESSELS. sixty millions of dollars. While I have no doubt that still further reductions 121,000 00 may be wisely made I do not advise the 964,426 87 adoption at this session of any measure of large diminution of the national rev-

enue. The results of the legislation of 231,476 50 the last session of congress have not as 1,970,938 47 yet become sufficiently apparent to justify any radical revision or sweeping modification of existing laws. In the interval ly ascertained, a portion at least of the surplus revenue may be wisely applied to

2,419,275 24 the long neglected duty of rehabilitating 7,362,500 84 our navy and providing first class defense our navy and providing first class defences 66,012,573 64 | for the protection of our harbors. This is a matter to which 1 shall again advert. THE NATIONAL CURRENCY.

Immediately associated with the financial subject just discussed is the import-15,283,437 17 ant question as to what legislation is needed regarding the national currency. The aggregate amount of bonds now on 40,098,432 73 deposit in the treasuly to support the national bank circulation is \$350,000,-3,817,028 48 000. Nearly \$200,000,000 of this amount the construction of four gunboats, and consists of three per cents, which, as al-59,160,131 25 of the government, and are likely to be

called in within less than four years, unless, meantime, the surplus revenues shall de diminished. The probable effect of such an extensive retirement of 1,299,312 55 the securities, which are the basis of the national bank circulation, would be such a contraction of the volume of the currency as to produce grave commercial embarrassments. How can the danger be obvisted? The most effectual plan, and one whose adoption at the earliest prac-

ticable opportunity I shall heartily approve, has already been indicated.

1,418,850 00

719,150 00 18,000 00 the expenses, the volume of circulation cope with that of the other great powers ever, affords little cause for congratula-266,600 00 will not be likely to suffer any material disturbance, but if on the other hand foreign conquest, and the peace which there shall be a great delay in reducing we have long enjoyed is in no seeming toward the extirpation of polygamy. All 116,850 47,650 00 10.300 taxation, it will become necessary either 7,050 00 taxation, it will become necessary either 9,600 00 to substitute some of the other forms of currency in place of the national bank 133,550 00 40,800 00 notes, or to make important changes in 235,700 00 154,650 00 5,450 00 109,150 00 the laws by which their circulation is 5,450 00 latter course is far preferable. I com-to patriotic citizen can withhold his asmend to your attention the very inter-esting and thoughtful suggestions on this

13,300 00 subject, which appear in the secretary's report. The objections which he urges

against the acceptance of any other securities than the obligations of the government itself as a foundation for national bank circulation, seem to me insuperable for averting the threatened contraction. Two courses have been suggested, enactment of a law repealing the tax on circulation, and permitting the banks to issue notes for an amount equal to ninety cents per half ounce or fraction thereof. with such powers and duties as shall be

The secretary of the navy reports that under the authority of the acts of August 5, 1882, and March 3, 1883, the work of strengthening our navy by the construc-tion of modern vessels has been auspiciously begun. Three cruisers are now in progress of construction-the Chicago, of 4,500 tons displacement, and the Boston and Atlanta, each of 2,500 tons. They are to be built of steel, with the tensile strength and ductility prescribed by law, and in combination of speed, endurance and armament are expected to compare favorably with the best war vessels of other nations. A fourth vessel the Dolphin, is to be constructed of similar material, and is intended to serve as

a fleet dispatch boat. The double-turreted monitors, Puritan, Amphrite and Terror, have been launched on the Delaware river, and a contract has been made vent frauds under the pension laws. for the supply of their machinery. A similar monitor, the Madanock, has been launched in California. The naval adtreasury report. also of three additional steel vessels like ready stated, are payable at the pleasure the Chicago, Boston and Dolphin as an important measure of material defense. I have previously referred to the alarm

INCREASING OUR NAVAL STRENGTH. The secretary urges also the immediate

consideration of congress whether some creation of an interior fast line of water federal aid should be extended to public ways across the peninsula of Florida, primary education when adequate prodong the coast from Florida to Hampton vision Roads, between the Chesapeake bay and made. Delaware river and through Cape Cod. I feel bound to impress upon the attention of congress the necessity of the secretary of the interior its second continued progress in the re-construction of the navy. The condition of the pub- annual report, with full particulars of its lie treasury, as I have already intimated, makes the present an auspicious time for act of March 22, 1882. It appears that

THE THREATENED CONTRACTION. If the revenues of the next four years shall be substantially commensurate with the expenses, the volume of circulation are in the the persons by that act disqualified, to the number of about 12,000, were ex-cluded from the polls. This fact, howof the world. We have no wish for tion, and I fear that it is far from inditoward the extirpation of polygamy. All of the members of the legislature are danger of interruption, but that our naval strength should be made ade-quate for the defense of our harbors, the protection of our commercial inter-

sent.

THE POSTAL SERVICE.

The report of the postmaster general contains a gratifying exhibit of the condition and prospects of this interesting branch of the public service committed to his care. I appears that on June 30, 1883, the whole number of postoffices 2,238, on the calendar of the senate at its METHODS FOR AVOIDING CONTRACTION. was 47,863, of which 1,632 were established during the last previous fiscal

the ballief that the statutes should be re-vised by the these fees are regulated; so, too, should the laws which regulate contributing to the regularity and con-stancy of such supply of water. During the compensation of district attorneys and marshals. They should be paid wholly by salaries instead of in part by profuse floods, followed by periods of fees, as is now the case. The change unusually low water in many of the great would prove to be a measure of economy, rivers of the country. These irregulariand would discourage the institution o ties are caused by the removal from about needless and oppressive legal proceedthe sources of the streams in question, ings, which, it is to be feared, have in of the timber by which the water supply has been nourished and protected. some instances been conducted for the mere sake of personal gain.

IMPORTANCE OF THE FORESTS.

The preservation of such portion of the forest on the national domain as Much interesting and varied informaessentially contributes to the equitable tion is contained in the report of the secflow of important water courses, is of the retary of the interior. I particularly call highest consequence. Important tribu-taries of the Missouri, the Columbia and your attention to his presentation of certain phases of the Indian question, to the Saskatchewan rise in the mountains his recommendations for the repeal of of Montana, near the northern boundary the pre-emption and timber culture acts, of the United States, between the Blackfeet and Flathead Indian reservations. and for more stringent legislation to pre-This region is unsuitable for settlement, statutes which preserve the definitions but upon the rivers which flow from it and punishments of crimes relating to depends in the future the agricultural pensions could doubtless be made more development of a vast tract of country. The attention of congress is called to the effective by certain amendments and additions which are pointed out in the necessity of withdrawing from the public sale this part of the public domain and establishing there a forest preserve. FROBRAL AID FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITIONS.

who remember Mr. Edison," said an old The industrial exhibitions which have Western Union operator to a reporter been held in the United States during yesterday. 'I boarded in the same house with him for months and worked at the the present year attracted attention in many foreign countries where the ansame table with him. Smart? Well, I nouncement of those enterprises had nouncement of those enterprises had been made public through foreign though, to talk to him. He is like almost

agencies of this government. The inall inventors, a poor describer. He could dustrial exhibition at Boston and the make a new machine easier than he could tell you about it. I remember when he southern exposition at Louisville were largely attended by the exhibitors of first came here. He was a modest, sly foreign countries, notwithstanding the sort of a boy, and I took a liking to him. absence of any professional character in He was hard to get acquainted with, but those undertakings. The centennial ex-position to be held next year at New after you got to know him he was sociable enough. If you have noticed men Orleans in commemoration of the cena port of the United States, bids fair to meet with a like gratifying success. Un-der the act of congress of the 10th of February 1882. declares of the 10th of much you will find that they all have one more strongly addicted than all the rest put together. Well, Tom was one of the February, 1883, declaring that exposition to be national and inter-national in few men who never seemed to be troubled its character, foreign goverments with which the United States maintain relawith a vice. He couldn't be induced to touch a card. He never took a drink in tions have been invited to participate. his life, and the rustle of woman's skirts, The promoters of this important underthat made many a good man go wrong, never set his heart a-beating. The man taking have already received assurances was wrapped up in machinery. He had no time, no thought for anything else. of the lively interest which is excited abroad.

District of Columbia is herewith transmitted. I ask for it your careful attention, especially for those portions which relate to assessments for arrears of taxes and water supply.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

The commissioners who were appointed under the act of July 16, 1882, entitled "An act to regulate and improve the civil service of the United States," entered promptly upon the discharge of these in ice-water around his head and keeping duties. A series of rules, framed in ac- his feet in warm water. cordance with the spirit of the statute,

was approved and promulgated by the men I ever knew. He would always president of the United States, and in some particulars wherein they torn old velveteen jacket without a but seemed defective, these rules were sub-sequently amended. It will provide for He had a mortal averson to cats, and seemed defective, these rules were subbonds. I agree with the secretary in the belief that the adoption of thus plan will afford the necessary relief. 167,437.77 The trade dollar was coined for the 167,437.77

without the aid afforded by the forests in jurisdiction thereof. It was the special just as natural-looking as ever. He took purpose of this amendment to insure me out to his little cottage heme, intromembers of the colored race the full en- duced me to his wife, and, I suppose, the past year severe suffering and great joyment of civil and political rights. spent several thousand dollars worth of loss of property have been occasioned by Certain statutory provisos intended to time on me. He is frightfully busy, and secure the enforcement of those rights, does more work than ten ordinary men have been recently declared unconstitu- could do. He is making a barrel of tional by the supreme court. Any legismoney, they say.' lation whereby congress may lawfully

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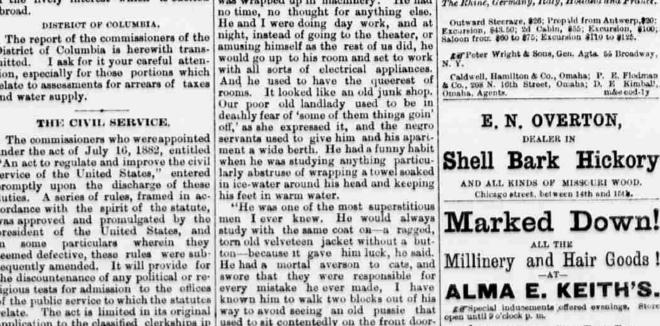
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either of which is probably feasible. One year. The number of offices operating is the issuance of new bonds, having many years to run, bearing a low rate of inter-est, and exchangeable upon specified terms for those now outstanding. The other course which commends itself to other course which commends itself to my own judgment as the better, is the service of the country. The rate of post-tion by the national legislature of the

per cent of the market value instead of In offices where the carrier system has delegated to it by law. not been established the rate is only half

missioners have been acting should be made more effectual by the incorporation of some such stringent measures as they recommend, as were included in bill No

last session. I am convinced, however, that pelygamy has become so strongly in-trenched in the Territory of Utah that it is profitless to attack it with any but the

stoutest weapons which constitutional legislation can make. I favor, therefore, the repeal of the act upon which the ex-

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.