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TIME TABLE.

S. C. & T. M. RAILROAD.
Trains make the round trip every day, except Sunday, leaving Cooperstown at 8:35 a. m. and arriving at Sanborn 11:30 a. m. Returning, leaves Sanborn at 1:15 p. m. and arrives at Cooperstown 4:15 p. m.

N. P. Railroad, main line—Passenger trains leave Sanborn:
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The serial we are publishing is entirely new, and its authorship is a guaranty of its merits.

Although we differ with our Romness correspondent on the use of the court house, we are always glad to hear from him, and are always ready to publish a communication, when well intended, and accompanied by the name of the correspondent.

The editor, and Register Evans, of Valley City, spent Sunday in Fargo, and made some pleasant calls on old acquaintances. Fargo is recovering from its business stagnation, and the old settlers, who have survived the depression of the last two years seem to be inclined to speculative ventures.

Tilden (the only man who ever declined the presidency) writes a message that should be hearkened to. He recommends that our surplus fund be used to improve our coast defenses. The suspicion of a possible job is born of the most miserable partisanship.

The supreme court of the United States has, in the Traill county tax case, decided that the lands of the Northern Pacific are not subject to taxation, because the company has not paid for the survey, and until they do, the lands belong to the United States. That is, the company takes advantage of its own wrong.

The South Dakota legislature meets at Huron, Monday. While it is probable that neither admission nor division will be accomplished at this session, all possible encouragement should be given our southern brothers in their efforts to obtain their rights. Admission of South Dakota, or division of the territory means, to the North, the extinction of the gang of dead beats who have, by the aid of southern allies, imposed upon the territory for ten years.

The Century.

The December number is one of the most attractive of the year. It is always magnificently illustrated, and its editor has the happy faculty of selecting matter that is interesting and instructive to the most intelligent and cultivated readers. You can not invest \$4 better than by commencing the new year with this magazine. Send direct to the Century Publishing Co., 33 East 17th street, New York City.

A Judge of Crowbait Sat Upon.

In Richland country a man who was making a tree claim died. It is usual in such cases for the heirs to go on and perfect the title, but the administrator procured an order from the probate court to sell the claim, which he did, and when the matter came before the Fargo land office the papers were returned with the information that only the heirs could sell. The probate judge then notified the land office that he had "bossed that job," and called attention to the records of his court. When Gov. Austin, in the land office, read this he returned the papers with this pointed remark written on them: "You have about the same authority to direct the sale of a piece of United States property that H. W. Beecher has to abolish school." —Exchange.

THE ADMINISTRATION.

Complete Synopsis of the President's Message.

He first speaks feelingly of the death of the vice president. "Full of years and honors, he has been laid at rest, amid universal sorrow and benediction."

THE AUSTRIAN DIFFICULTY.

In regard to the refusal of the Austria-Hungarian government to receive Mr. Keilly as envoy of the United States, he regarded it as an impertinence on the part of Austria, and has no new nomination to make.

THE SHIP CANAL.

He looks upon the Panama ship canal as a point of invitation for hostilities, or a prize for war-like ambition; but the proposed Eads ship railway as feasible, and to be recommended.

THE CHINESE QUESTION.



He deprecates the recent Chinese outrages in the western states, and territories, and on the Pacific slope; but evades what California calls the Chinese Question.

FINANCES.

In regards to finances he says: "The report of the secretary of the treasury fully exhibits the condition of the public finances, and of the several branches of the government connected with his department. The suggestions of the secretary, relating to the practical operations of this important department, and his recommendations in the direction of simplification and economy, particularly of the work of collecting customs and duties, are specially urged upon the attention of congress. The receipts from all sources for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1885, were \$322,690,706.38. Of this sum \$181,471,933.31 was received from customs, and \$1,248,725.54 from internal revenue. The total receipts as given above were \$21,824,163.54 less than those for the year ending June 30, 1884. This diminution embraces a falling off of \$13,595,550.42 in receipts from customs and \$9,687,346.57 in receipts from internal revenues. The total ordinary expenditures of the government for the fiscal year were \$290,226,935, leaving a surplus in the treasury at the close of the previous year. The expenditures are classified as follows: For civil expenses, \$23,826,942.11; foreign intercourse \$5,439,000.11; for Indians, \$6,522,494.63; for pensions, \$56,802,507.49; for military, including river and harbor improvements and arsenals, \$12,670,578.47; for the navy, including vessels, machinery, and improvements of navy yards, \$10,021,079.68; for interest on the public debt, \$54,280,256.47; for the district of Columbia, \$3,490,650.95; for miscellaneous expenditures, including public buildings, and collecting the revenue, \$54,738,054.31. The amount paid on the public debt during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1885, was \$15,993,255.43, and there has been paid since that day and up to November 1, 1885 the sum of \$369,828, leaving the amount of the debt at the last named date \$1,514,475,800.47. There was, however, at that time in the treasury applicable to the general purposes of the government, \$66,813,292.38. The total receipts for the current fiscal year, ending June 30, 1886, ascertained to October 1st, 1885, and estimated for the remainder of the year, \$315,000,000. The expenditures, ascertained and estimated for the same year, are \$245,000,000, leaving a surplus at the close estimated at \$9,000,000. The value of exports from the United States to foreign countries the past year were: Domestic merchandise, \$15,506,509; gold, \$8,477,892; silver, \$33,753,633; total \$784,421,280.

BELIEVES IN PROTECTION.

He recommends that the revenues from customs be reduced. That this does not involve the question of free trade.

"We should deal with the subject in such a manner as to protect the interests of American labor, which is the capital of our working men. Its stability and proper remuneration furnish the most justifiable pretext for a protective policy. Within the limitations ascertained, a reduction should be made on our customs revenue. The amount of such reduction having been determined the inquiry follows, where can they be best remedied, and what articles can best be released from duty in the interests of the citizens?"

The "important necessities" of life should be taxed lightly.

SILVER COINAGE.

The circulation of the national banks is not as large as permitted by law, and instead of continuing to coin 2,000,000 silver dollars each month, as has been done since 1878, the circulating medium

can be increased through the banks. He concludes with: "I recommend the suspension of the compulsory coinage of silver dollars, directed by the law passed in February, 1878."

OUR NAVY.



He states that within seventeen years \$75,000,000 have been spent on our navy, and we have now nothing to show for it. He recommends an active reorganization of the navy.

INDIANS.

He recommends that by law six commissioners be appointable, whose duties shall be to keep a disinterested eye on the reservations, and Indian agents.

CIVIL SERVICE.

He believes in civil service reform, through competitive examination, and charges its errors not to the idea, but the method of its enforcement.

"Experience in this administration will probably suggest amendments of the methods of its execution, but I venture the hope that we shall not again be committed to the system which distributed public positions purely as rewards for partisan services."

PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION.



The present condition of the law in relation to the succession to the presidency in the event of the death, disability, or removal of both president and vice president, is such as to require immediate amendment.

"In conclusion I commend to the wise and thoughtful attention of congress, the needs, the welfare and the co-operation of an intelligent and generous nation. To subordinate these to the narrow advantages of partizanship, or the accomplishment of selfish aims, is to violate the people's trust, and betray the people's interests. But an individual sense of responsibility on the part of each of us, and a stern determination to perform our duty well, must give us place among those who have added in their day and generation to the glory and prosperity of our beloved land."
[Signed] GROVER CLEVELAND.

The Railroad King Dies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—William H. Vanderbilt dropped dead at his residence at 2:20 this afternoon.

The death of Mr. Vanderbilt occurred at his residence while in conference with President Garrett, of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, on business connected with the entrance of the latter road into New York. The cause of his death was the bursting of a blood vessel at the base of the brain. Mr. Vanderbilt had been unusually cheerful and in the midst of an animated conversation he fell forward out of his chair and died without a struggle.

Physicians and the family were summoned, but too late. He didn't utter a word after he was stricken. Mr. Gould and other financiers do not believe his death will materially affect the market. Mr. Depew says his railroad interests will go on as before. Cornelius, William and Frederick, with Mr. Depew, will manage the lines and capitalists will sustain the market. His fortune left is estimated at two hundred millions at present values. The funeral will be on Friday, with interment at Long Island. The deceased would soon have been 65 years old.

Cold Legs.

Up to the last days of the stay of the royal family at Balmoral, Queen Victoria compelled poor Battenberg to dress in Highland costume on all public occasions. The poor fellow shivered dismally.

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