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Elsewhere we give a correct synopsis of the President's message. The entire document is seldom carefully read by the average reader. In fact, but few peruse it carefully, in detail—hence the abridgment. It is a document, fully in accord with the President's policy, as manifested by his acts; and if not demonstrating that he is a brilliant statesman, it certainly is creditable to him as a good citizen, rather than a politician.

Congress met last Monday. The political complexion of the two great bodies is as follows: Senate—Republicans, 42; democrats, 34. House of representatives—Democrats, 183; republicans, 140. Also one independent republican, and a democratic greenbacker.

Senator John Sherman was elected president of the senate, by a strict party vote. Senator Isham Harris was the democratic candidate; but failed for the want of eight votes.

Editor Pulitzer, of the N. Y. World, has been arrested for libel by Mayor Grace, who claims \$50,000 damages for connecting his name with the failure of the Marine bank, and the firm of Grant & Ward, in statements published in the World.

Kalakauna, king of the Sandwich islands, wants to sell out his kingdom to Uncle Sam, and become an American citizen. Last week his finance minister was in Washington, and had several long interviews with President Cleveland and the secretary of state, relative to the matter. Hawaii is 2,100 from San Francisco. Uncle Sam's "yellow boys" are used mostly as currency; and the exports aggregate a value of \$8,000,000 annually, the chief product being sugar and rice. The United States for years controlled all the Hawaiian trade, and American merchants are located all over the dominion.

Serious charges are made against the land office at Washington by the Duluth Herald. That paper says that parties in the land office at Washington offered for \$300 to send a patent, no matter whether proofs were good or bad. They finally reduced the amount to \$75. This was sent as a test, and in thirty days patents were received on claims where the proof was of a doubtful character, while patents are withheld in cases where proof is perfectly good.

It is estimated that from 2,000 to 3,000 immigrants have crossed the boundary from Manitoba and settled on the Mouse this season. Immigrants have also arrived by way of Bismarck, Jamestown and Devils Lake in large numbers. Although the census taken last June first shows this country to have but 2,000 population, yet the actual number of people now living in the country tributary to the Mouse is from eight to ten thousand.

A Grand-Forks man, Mr. Henry Delaney, has demonstrated that frosted wheat makes as good bread as though it had not been touched by frost. The Grand-Forks Herald says that Mr. Delaney exhibited samples of biscuits baked from different kinds of flour, one being of McCormack's best and the other of frosted wheat ground at the Exchange mill. There was no perceptible difference between the biscuits, in color, lightness, and taste, and the flour from the frosted wheat was as nice as the best. Farmers knowing this fact by experience would be well not to sacrifice their wheat even if it is frosted.

Not Retroactive. Washington special, Dec. 7: Much apprehension has been manifested in the west in respect to the scope of Commissioner Spark's recent decision to the effect that homestead claimants, who have previously had the benefit of the pre-emption law, cannot commute their homestead claims. It was feared that this decision was to be made retroactive, which would have the effect of upsetting titles to claims which had passed by purchase into the hands of third parties. In regard to the matter, the commissioner says that the decision will unless reversed by higher authority, be a guide for the future action of land officers, but that he is not inclined to go into the actions of his predecessors, nor interfere with claims which have already been secured under former rulings of the land office in this respect unless a fraud shown to have been perpetrated in securing such claims.

Notice of Final Proof—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 19, 1885. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 31st day of December, 1885, viz: John Paulson, D. S. No. 16575, for the sec 14 of sec 12, tp 14n, r 61w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Mattie Nestro, Frank Reine, Andreas Hanson, Hans Nelson, all of Jesse P. O., Griggs county, D. T.

The famous young trotting stallion, Epaulet, was sold at Lexington Saturday last, by Mr. L. L. Dorsey of Louisville, to Mr. R. Steele of Philadelphia, for \$22,500. Epaulet is now 5 years old, by Auditor, dam Pantalette, by Princeps, second dam Florence, by Volunteer, third dam Nell, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian. He is inbred to this last-named horse, his sire, his grandsire's sire and his great grandam being by Rysdyk's Hambletonian. Epaulet was purchased when 2 years old for \$300 from R. S. Veech, St. Matthews, Ky., and has a record of 2:19, made Oct. 19, 1885, at Lexington, Ky., where he defeated Lizzie Wilks, Early Dawn and Lelah II in straight heats in 2:20 1/2, 2:20 1/2, 2:19. He will prove a dangerous competitor in free-for-alls next year.

Maxey Cobb will next season be in the stud in Kentucky. He is by Happy Medium and has a record of 2:13 1/2.

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