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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1906

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The Observer is this morning presenting an abridgment of the latest among the addresses which the President—in writing from the White House—Jefferson—has made.

Even more necessary than when dealing with corruption, says the President, it is necessary in dealing with such a problem as this to have an awakened public sentiment and to supplement it by whatever legislation will add speed and certainty in the execution of the law.

It is hardly necessary to say, since the fact is still comparatively new, that the text of the message is in the Germanic spelling; and that such barbarisms (outside poetry) as "past" when he means "passed," "express" and "thoroughly" (intolerable anywhere), are as thick as weeds.

Red Cross during the late war, the efficiency and humanity of the Japanese officials, nurses and doctors, won the respectful admiration of all.

The President frankly tells Congress that he does not expect it to extend the long strides in the direction of controlling inter-State corporations which it took at the last session. It may be best, he thinks, to wait until the laws have been in operation for a number of months.

As foretold, the President declares for a graduated inheritance tax, and if possible (the doubt being due to the measure of 1894 under Cleveland having been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court) a graduated income tax.

We are particularly pleased that advocacy of the bill providing for forest reserves in the White Mountains and the Southern Appalachians, though brief, is not omitted from this message, as it was from the one of last year.

In the City Police Court. Recorder Shannonhouse imposed only two fines in the city police court yesterday morning. M. L. Harnes, a white man who had imbedded too freely of scrip tickets, assessed the customary 20 cents.

placed upon the employer, the President argues, he will promptly and properly add it to cost of production and thus assess it proportionately upon consumers, making society bear the burden rather than the individual worker.

General remarks upon the subject of peace and the prospective Second Hague Conference lead the President to a discussion of the army and navy. He only asks that the navy be maintained at its present relative strength.

While the coteries were still laughing at Miss Gladys' naive disparagement of her evidence about Boston, her father and her Uncle Fred came back.

Mr. Johnston had too much local pride, however, to yield the palm to Boston so easily. He proceeded to "Miss Gladys Swan," said he, "how old were you when you left Boston?"

Col. R. A. Hancock, of Atlanta, Ga., general agent of the Orient Fire Insurance Company, and Mr. Max Robertson, his agent, were registered among the visitors at the Southern Manufacturers' Club yesterday.

WEEDS BY THE WAYSIDE

There was a charming visitor to the Manufacturers' Club yesterday morning. Miss Gladys Swan's mother dressed her all up and let her come with her father and her Uncle Fred up town.

Well, everybody took notice when Miss Gladys came upstairs between her father and her Uncle Fred. They took her in a big leather chair, under that picture, you know, where the wicked little boy is tickling the back of his grandfather's neck with a straw.

There was a newspaper boy at the reading table. Miss Gladys saw him when he took out his pad and pencil and began taking notes of her garb. She forgot the details. She looked at Mr. Alston out of her blue eyes.

Medical Society Elects Officers. The annual election of officers of the Mecklenburg County Medical Society took place yesterday. The following named doctors were elected: Dr. John H. Irwin, president; Dr. Thomas F. Costner, first vice president; Dr. W. K. Reid of Pineville, second vice president; Dr. C. A. Miles, third vice president; Dr. W. D. Witherby, secretary and treasurer.

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