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THE DEATH OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

It is with sorrow that we record the death of Hon. Thomas a Hendricks, Vice-President of the United States. This event occurred at his residence in Indianapolis during the afternoon of the 25th of November. Mr. Hendricks, it will be recollected by our readers, was on the ticket with Mr. Tilden in 1876 and was then elected to the office now made vacant by his death, but deprived of the same by the partisan action of a Congressional Returning Board, which, upon a mere pretext, thwarted the will of the people. In 1884 he was again elected on the ticket with Mr. Clevelond and duly installed into office on the 4th of March last.

By the failure of Congress to carry out the express powers set forth in the Constitution, by which the Presidential succession could be rendered certain and the will of the people of the several States be secure, it will now devolve upon the Senate, which is Republican, to choose a presiding officer, who, in the event of the death of the President, will become the acting Chief Executive of the United States. Thus the will of the people, as declared at the ballot box in 1884. may be defeated and the Republicans again come into the possession of all the Executive powers of the country. We trust that Congress will, without delay, enact the needed legislation.

Mr. Hendricks had long been in public life. he was a member of the House of Representatives from Indiana in 1851, and afterwards became commissioner of the general land office during Pierce's Administration. In 1862 he was chosen life was blameless. There is no dent of the Senate, the Speaker of en us, "the God of nations and men! known. will supply some one to fill the void created. He always has done so and always will do so. In His eye there is no one, however exalted Southern States Nov. 17, 1885, and in talents and worth, to whom He reported expressly for the ROCKET cannot provide a successor fully by C. A. Snow & Co., Patent lawyers, competent to minister to the wants opposite U. S. Patent Office, Washof the people in all their extremities. In this view, how unutterably small

is human greatness! We sincerely sorrow with those who, by family and social ties, are so severely bereaved, and trust they may have that consolation in their hours of sadness which a contemplation of the character of the dead man will surely furnish them.

HOT-BED PROSPERITY. We have not had the fortune to read the lecture recently delivered by Senator Vance at Henderson. It is said, however, that he expresses himself clearly upon the subject of trap. undue stimulus to an increase of the population of our State. We are much inclined to agree with his views. A certain class of population, attracted by our climate, soil and other advantages, is, in our view, highly desirable. But there is no need of any persistency on our part | wrench. to induce them to come amongst us. It is doubtful, therefore, whether our | current wheel. Immigration Bureau is of any service at all. We do not know that it has done much to bring citizens to the State. Indeed, we think it has done very little. It is true that "a city of magnificent distances" has been laid out near Manly, in the county of Moore, where, possibly, in manufacturing coke. the next half century, there may be collected a few hundred people. At fruit crate. present the pity consists almost entirely of land, being destitute of drier. houses and population. All it needs -for there is plenty of land in Moore county to make it nearly as large as London and New York combinedis the erection of several hundred thousand houses and then getting ing machine.

persons to occupy them.

The fact is, the hot-bed process is hurtful in all business matters. It never begets genuine prosperity. A healthy, natural development is the only wise one, the only stable one. In due time this country will have plenty of population. Our own people can raise nearly all we need. In that respect they differ widely from the descendants of the crew of the All subscriptions accounts must be Mayflower. With them it requires immigration to keep up the population. It is admitted that they are not "multiplying and replenishing the earth" to much extent. Let us be patient; and, as we need them, people will come and occupy the waste places. We do not object to immigration. We are glad to see it. But we want no hurtful stimulus given to it; it will work only mis-

In this, as in all business matters. our view is to let natural laws work out results. They will do it far bet ter than hot-beds.

SOMEWHAT CONSOLING.

When we wrote our article or "Thanksgiving Day," which appear ed in our last issue, we had not read the Proclamation of the Governor upon the same matter. Subsequently we had the pleasure of seeing what our most excellent Chief Magistrate said on the subject. It became plain then that the mind of the Governor and the mind of the editor of this paper were running in the same channel. We quoted the whole of the 67th Psalm, whereas in the Proclamation only those parts which are most apt were used.

We entertain no doubt that Gov. Scales will feel highly complimented that the ROCKET paid him tribute by resorting to the same source for illustration of its idea to which he recurred. Indeed, we are sure he will be highly flattered by the coincidence. At all events, we can assure him that we are happy-to know that our mind and his show this similarity of operation.

THE MATTER OF SUCCESSION.

Section 146, Revised Statutes of the United States, provides that in case of the removal, death, or inability of both the President and Senator in Congress and served six Vice-President, the President of the years. Subsequently he was elected | Senate shall act as President until Governor of his State. In all posi- the vacancy ceases, or an election is tions, whether private or public, his made; and, if there be no Presistain upon his shield. Would that the House, for the time being, shall all public men were as pure as he act as President. When the Senate was! What a mighty effect it would meets next week a presiding officer have upon the welfare of the coun- of that body will be elected who, in try! His loss, will be felt by the the event of President Cleveland's people, as is always the loss of any death, would be the acting President good and great man. But the ways of the United States until an election of Providence are mysterious. De- for President could be held and the spite the calamity which has befall- people's choice of a successor made

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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Special Correspondence of the Rocket.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27, 1885. The Administration is in mourning for vice-President Hendricks. Thanksgiving day was a sad and quiet one at the White House. There were no callers, no business was designs being followed that were used in memory of Gen. Grant.

Presidency of the Senate to the Rea President of the Senate pro tempore, fore Congress meets, the country would be without a head, and a difsolution.

The country is now in the same condition that it was during the first month of Mr. Arthur's presiden-

cy. He also left the Senate without having it name a pro tempore presiding officer. The situation naturally gives rise to discussion of proper laws to regulate the Presidential suc cession, and it is probable that the incoming Congress will be urged to There are no new sects, isms or olocontingencies.

The last Vice-President who died in office was Mr. Wilson of Massachusetts. His death was as sudden as that of Mr. Hendricks, occurring, it will be remembered, while he was presiding over the Senate.

When the death of Mr. Hendricks was announced at the White House, Mr. Cleveland immediately called a special session of the Cabinet. Action was taken in regard to the funeral, which the President and Cabinet will attend.

The Senators and Representatives in the city also held meetings for the purpose of deciding upon committees to attend the burial services.

The people of Washington obeyed the terms of the President's proclamation in celebrating Thanksgiving day. Government business was suspended, Department clerks and school children were set free, there were family reunions, and feasting and pleasure making. In the churches, sermons were preached from appropriate texts. Secretary Whitney offered to give every officer and employe of the Navy Department a Thanksgiving turkey. Many of them availed themselves of his courtesy. Congress will convene in one week from next Monday. There is a bustle of preparation at the Capitol. It is true the work of cleaning up, repairing and making improvements has been going on there during the entire recess, Still everything is getting another touch in readiness for the event.

The President has nearly finished J. I. Greer, Headsville, Texas, cot- his message to Congress, and the Cabinet officers have about completed their reports. The majority of them will be published before Congress meets. Only that of the Secretary of the Treasury will be with-W. P. Hamlin, Rogers, Ark., bee held to go to Congress with the Presi-

As to points in the message it may be mentioned that the policy of the Administration will be very clear and direct in advocating increased W. W. Kone, Houston, Texas, economy in Governmental expenditures and cutting down tariff taxa-G. W. Lawhon, Knoxville, Tenn., tion in such a way as will not hurt industries which have been built up S. J. Lea, Chattanooga, Tenn., under existing laws. The policy outlined to Congress will be con-

One of the newly appointed Civil Service Commissioners, says that any expectations that the reorgan-P. Nolan, Chattanooga, Tenn., rail- ized Commission will be governed by partisan considerations will be D. D. Martin, Greenville, Texas, doomed to disappointment. He further said in all his consultations H. M. Pierce, Nashville, Tenn, with the President, he was impressed with the sincere purpose Mr. W. F. Redding, Tangerine, Fla., Cleveland showed to enforce the law strictly and impartially. The ma-Z. Stephenson, Verona, Ky., clothes jority of the Senators of both parties favor a moderate Civil Service re-E. W. VanDuzen, Newport, Ky., form. They are pleased to be rid of the annoyance of looking after small W. W. Watts, Louisville, Ky., places, but they would like to obtain control of appointments to the

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SENATOR VANCE AT HENDERSON.

Extracts From His Lecture at Burwell Hall,

Henderson Gold Leaf.

* * * * Immigration is desirable only when it comes in such volume as can readily be absorbed and Americanized, incorporated into our society and infused with our transacted, and decorators were ideas and feelings; not when it busy outside putting up the crape comes in such power as to preserve and bunting that will shroud the its own European customs, ideas and columns of the Executive mansion traditions, when it simply transfers until the day after Christmas. The a segment of foreign kingdom to our Capitol and Government buildings soil. I am just about satisfied on are also draped in black, the same the whole with the progress North Carolina is making. It is slow, but is natural and stable. If the wagon Mr. Hendricks' death gives the moves up the hill but slowly, it rolls back none. An abnormally rapid publicans, as they are a majority in growth is rarely a healthy growth, that body. It is customary at the in plants, animals, or that conglomclose of a session of the Senate for pration of animals called a commuthe Vice-President to leave the chair | nity. In the forests of my native for a time and permit the election of home I found a prostrate giant chestnut tree, more than ten feet in diamin order that there might be a suc- eter. Both axe and saw were recession to the Presidency in case of quired to sever its huge trunk. The the death of both the President and rings which marked its annual the Vice-President. Mr. Hendricks growth indicated that it had been attended the sessions of the extra nearly a thousand years in growing session so closely last spring, that no to its enormous bulk,—about the pro tempore officer was elected. Now, eighth of an inch per annum-slow if Mr. Cleveland should also die be- but sure. That is my idea of the growth of a State if it is to live and become renowned for the lasting hapficult problem might be offered for piness and prosperity of its people.

Another result of our homogeneous society is our conservatism. In our dispositions and temper, habits and language are to be found more evidence of conservatism than among any people I know on this Continent; in politics, in religion and in morals. Innovations of any and all kinds take little hold in our soil or exotic factions in our politics; Camels Hair, Mohairs, &c., &c. no patriot philanthrophy or sentimental humbug in our morals; no chartered scoundrslism or joint stock villainies in our financial life. In this respect we are contented to be behind some States and get along the best we can with the old Ten Commandments.

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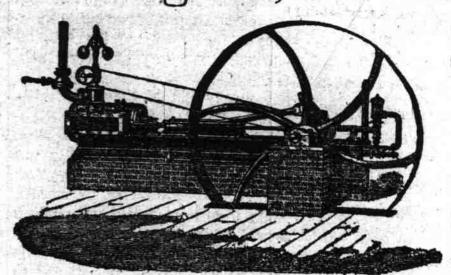
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