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Reform in England.

From the Tribune. The Reform Bill is now the exciting question in England. A meeting of the supporters of the Government was held at the house of Lord Russell on the evening of April 10, and an address was made by the noble lord at the head of the Government "with temper and judgment,"

In the meantime, although the Times professes a certain amount of satisfaction with Russell's speech, that satisfaction is not shared by those recalcitrant liberals who have been opposing reform. Lord Grosvenor will still press his stinging amendment, the success of which, we are assured, will dissolve Parliament.

We have, therefore, hopes of reform. The fidelity of the Ministry to the cause, added to the firmness of the English Liberals, leads us to believe that the Government will be strong enough to carry this measure of justice. The bill is not as broad as we could wish, but in English as well as in American politics the true plan is when we cannot get a whole loaf to take as many slices as we can.

Great Activity in Government Securities.

From the Times. Within the past week or ten days there has been an unusually, and, in the regular course of trade, we might add, an unprecedentedly heavy business transacted in all classes of the national stocks, at steadily advancing prices.

Kaiser Joseph's Difficulties.

From the Daily News. A veritable Ismael, just now, is Kaiser Joseph of Austria, with hand lifted against everybody, and everybody's hand against him. Much to distract his mind comes to him, now, planning in Vienna how to avoid overcrowding difficulties, and watching the cloud of battle gathering about him.

lots offered for sale at the ruling figures, especially of the six per cent. gold bonds, satisfied that they are relatively much the cheapest of all our national securities. This disposition is fostered by the unprecedented ease in the money market, present and prospective, which renders it exceedingly difficult to find even temporary well-protected employment for the rapid accumulation of means at this, as well as other business centres, at more than three or four per cent. per annum. It derives its main support, however, from the vigorous public confidence in the complete solvency of the Government, as the result of the rapidly increasing revenues and diminishing expenditures of the National Treasury, so admirably illustrative of the prosperity of the country, and the wisdom and patriotism of the people.

The Mexican Question—President Johnson's Settlement with France, and His Ultimatum.

From the Herald. A gratifying sense of satisfaction will be imparted to all sections and classes of the American people in the Mexican correspondence which we published on Tuesday. After many months of letter-writing between the two Governments, in which every device of diplomacy is exhausted by Louis Napoleon, he gives way to our inflexible requisition of non-intervention in Mexican affairs, and gracefully retires.

Louis Napoleon graciously retires from his Mexican adventure, which, with the collapse of the late S.thern Confederacy, became to him a fading castle in the clouds; but what is the position in which he has placed the beleaguered house of Austria? It is a position at once ludicrous and humiliating. A prince of the house of Austria, under the protection of Napoleon, and with the escort of a French army of fifty thousand men, is set up in "the halls of the Montezumas" as the Emperor of Mexico.

Now, considering the present complications between Austria and Prussia, with Napoleon as the culprit, the Emperor of Austria, the stupidity of the Hapsburgs in this Mexican arrangement, their credulity. All the facts and all the indications connected with the present situation of European affairs point to a settlement with Austria, by Napoleon the Third, and by an understanding between Austria and France.

The perils of Austria, in joining the Holy Alliance which carried the first Napoleon to St. Helena, remains as an outstanding balance to be settled by Napoleon the Third, and that he makes a settlement which will cut down Austria to second or third rate power, is now apparent upon the surface of European politics.

In this posture of European affairs, Austria, it appears, is preparing to supply the places of the French troops to be withdrawn from Mexico, and by an agreement with Napoleon.

With the success of Jeff Davis we should have had, no doubt, under Napoleon, a reconstruction of the map of North America; with the downfall of Davis and the Mexican offshoot of his Southern confederacy, we may look for a reconstruction of the map of Europe, and the Kaiser, who is stalking horse in this hemisphere, will become his victim in the other.

It is perhaps hardly worth while to go into any discussion of this proposition until it shall have been reported by the Reconstruction Committee. In good truth, we shall not be sorry to see it adopted by Congress. It has long been a matter of regret that there has been a difference between that body and the President, and as an appeal must be made to the people, the sooner the Congressional policy takes shape the more ample will be the time for discussion previous to the final vote. There must be a contest, we cannot doubt that the President will be well suited to have this proposition of Mr. Owen's presented as the rival to his as to have another. The more palpable its absurdity, the more assured is the triumph of the latter.

military counsel, sagacity in disposition of soldiers and genius of conception—even, say, like Friedrich of Prussia, or, later, Corcoran Bonaparte, who set Europe by the ears, humbling opposing kings and hurrying armies of enemies under the feather's weight of his conquering might; but the spectacle of him warring victoriously against threefold resistance. But little enough of that martial fact is possessed by Francis Joseph. The crown that once rested upon his head, and that was made of iron, light bows of Kaiser, Rudolf and Barbarossa—fighting ancestors they of our present Emperor, and great Hapsburgs, whose swords, as in Moden and other wars, flamed with a great light of battle from Byzantium to the Northern Sea, filling the century with the echoes of their blows—rests idly now in imperial vault, never touched save to have settling dust removed from its iron rim. Chance is there, however, in the case, that the sword that Kaiser may be happily delivered. Chance is there, too, that threats from Prussia may be but the windy prologue to a quiet settlement of peevish differences born of Scalessw-Holstein and its attendant wranglings; and, until blood be shed, there is hope for Austria, now seemingly envolved with waiting foes.

Robert Dale Owen's Plan of Reconstruction.

From the World. A Washington despatch in Tuesday's Evening Post states that a majority of the Reconstruction Committee have agreed to adopt the plan of reconstruction proposed by Robert Dale Owen. We were prepared for this announcement by a letter to the Chicago Tribune, written from Washington by one of its editors, whose acrimonious hostility to the President gives him confidential access to the Republican members. The Chicago editor stated that, so far as he could judge "from a pretty extensive intercourse with members, there are two propositions which meet with most favor, and the probabilities are that some twenty years ago a member of Congress from Indiana, if, as it seems likely, Mr. Owen's plan is adopted as the sole Congressional rival of the President's, it will immediately be made a party test, and will, of necessity, array which Republican party, the old balance, against President Johnson. It is on all accounts desirable that the issue should be thus distinctly presented.

As soon as the policy of Congress is relieved of vagueness, a large segment of the Republican party, we believe, will follow the lead of Mr. Johnson, and, as yet, politically classed as a Republican; and as Congress has agreed upon no counter proposition, as it has set up no definite policy as a rival to his, citizens who have heretofore followed the lead of the President have not satisfied themselves as to the expediency of the grounds of separation. The aspect in which the controversy has appeared to many, is that while the President has a policy fully formed, Congress has merely interposed its veto, and that the difference between them is more a question of time than of principle.

THE GREAT NATIONAL FAIR.

The Ladies Invited. The Ladies Directors of the National Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home. Will commence to hold a PUBLIC FAIR, in the CITY OF WASHINGTON, on the 15th of MAY NEXT, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the Support and Maintenance of the Orphans of National Soldiers and Sailors, not otherwise provided for in their respective States and Territories.

UNITED STATES TREASURY.

PHILADELPHIA, April 20, 1866. Holders of twenty coupons and upwards of United States Loans due May 1, 1866, are hereby notified that they may present them for examination and count at this office on and after the 24th inst., to be paid on and after May 1, 1866.

THE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.

The Corporation of "The Safe Deposit Company of Philadelphia," in compliance with the requirements of their charter, will hold a public sale of the contents of their vaults on FRIDAY, the 26th of APRIL, 1866, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of liquidating the same. The office of the President and the Board of Directors is at No. 114 South Third Street.

OFFICE OF THE LEHIGH COAL AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

PHILADELPHIA, April 21, 1866. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company will be held at the office of the President, No. 114 South Third Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th of APRIL, 1866, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year. The election to close at 1 P. M. of the same day.

ELECTION NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE CENTRAL PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Central Passenger Railway Company of the City of Philadelphia, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 400 South Fifth Street, Philadelphia, on MONDAY, May 7, 1866, between the hours of 9 and 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year. The election to close at 1 P. M. of the same day.

EAGLE MINING COMPANY.—A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS.

A public meeting of the Stockholders of the Eagle Mining Company will be held at the WETHERILL HOUSE, No. 642 Sanson Street, on THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1866, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year. Business of importance.

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States as long as possible; but, unfortunately, the Constitution declares that every State in this Union is entitled to two Senators and to a number of Representatives proportioned to its population as determined by the decennial census. The Senate must be chosen very different from the Legislature; but it is a manifest self-protection to hold that a Legislature acknowledged to be incompetent to ratify a Constitutional amendment is not competent to elect Senators. Mr. Owen's proposition, like every plan that can be devised against the President's, is a self-contradiction in its implied admissions. Its absurdity is as if some worthy member of Congress should make a set speech to prove by argument that he is dumb.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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