

Slavery Abolished in Brazil.
The last stronghold of slavery on this continent, and in the world, has fallen. The Emperor of Brazil, on the 7th of April, issued a decree declaring all persons born in his dominions after the 8th of April to be free; and all persons born in servitude previous to that date to be free in twenty years. After the abolition of slavery in this country, and of serfdom in Russia, Brazil was the only remaining great slave empire of the world. The estimated number of her slaves in 1854 was three and a half millions, and at the present they cannot fall short of four millions. It is true that these slaves are not to be immediately emancipated, but all future increase of their number as slaves is prohibited; and it is very probable that, long before the limit now fixed for their emancipation shall arrive, the Government of Brazil will shorten the time allotted, and complete the great work at once. The only remaining country in the Western Hemisphere where slavery prevails, to any great extent, is Cuba; and were not the Government of Spain so reactionary and despotic in its character, we might have hope that even here it would soon cease to exist.

The effect of this great measure upon Brazil cannot be other than beneficial. The gradual transformation of so large a part of her inhabitants from the condition of slaves to that of freemen, must give an impetus to the development of the empire such as could have been secured in no other way. The wise and humane character of the Emperor leaves no room to doubt that proper measures will be taken for the education and elevation of his whole people. Emancipation will certainly make Brazil more attractive to emigrants from other countries, unless, indeed, we except that small class of Southern secessionists who could not bear the idea of living in a free country, and so emigrated to Brazil. What they will do now it is hard to tell.

Such great events as the overthrow of slavery in the United States, the abolition of serfdom in Russia, and the downfall of slavery in Brazil, are splendid landmarks to the onward progress of the race. And they show us, too, on a grand scale, the hand of Providence in the affairs of men. Ten years ago, he who should have prophesied these startling events so close at hand, would have been deemed a dreamer and an enthusiast. God has brought them about in His way and at His own time, while we can only behold and adore these displays of His wisdom and power.

The Question of Reform at a New Tribunal.

To-day the great Reform demonstration takes place in Hyde Park, London. At it will be represented all the working classes of Great Britain. The artisan, heretofore considered a cipher in the sum of political power, now rises into apparent omnipotence, and meeting in the place so long dedicated to nobility, will speak plain words to those who need plain declarations. The question of reform has been carried before a new tribunal. It was debated in the Commons, and the popular demand was refused by the secession of some of the so-called friends of the people. The masses now canvass the matter for themselves. They meet together and say what shall and what shall not be passed as an amendment to the law. The meeting to-day is considered the grand culmination of the popular opinion—the climax to the expression of popular determination. The nobility fear that violence will be exhibited, and the Government have been securing a special police. We do not apprehend any such display of physical violence as is feared. The people are determined, but they are calm, and will have their rights, not by displaying lawless might, but by a quiet display of power and determination. We anticipate at the meeting in London such a turn-out as was made in Birmingham, and such speeches as that of John Bright at the latter place, where he eloquently declared:—

"The rich people of this country, as a mere matter of wishing, would desire that everybody should be satisfied and everybody should be comfortable; but the rich people in the west end of London cannot stand perpetually the exhibition of 50,000 or 100,000 men coming out and saying, 'We are shut out from the Constitution of our country. We are not seeking to injure you; we are not men of violence, of whom you need be afraid; but there is the Constitution, and we claim under that Constitution to have the right to vote for members of the House of Commons.' Let Mr. Beales and his friends in London—let the workmen everywhere, by great meetings—the greater the better—peaceful and orderly meetings, passing sound and rational firm resolutions; let them make it appear to every person, from the humblest in the land to the Queen on the throne, that there is a general, a wide, a universal, and a strengthening sentiment that what exists is not longer tolerable, and that something better must be established. I give you my word I never said anything with a more perfect confidence than I speak the truth, but not this season—it may be next—you will be admitted to a frank and generous and liberal and satisfactory exercise of the electoral franchise guaranteed by the Constitution of your country."

THE DEBT.—The statement on May 1 of the condition of the national debt shows us that the total indebtedness is \$2,668,875,098. The funds in the Treasury amount to \$148,089,002, leaving a balance on the debit side of \$2,520,786,096, being a decrease during April of but \$2,641,974. At this rate of liquidation it is useless to discuss whether or not a national debt is a national blessing. It becomes, for a century or so, a national necessity.

The Peace Congress.
To-morrow the Peace Congress, on whose decision rest the peace of Europe and the stability of many of the existing powers, will meet in London. There will be present at the Conference representatives of Great Britain, Russia, France, Prussia, Italy, Belgium, and Holland. As a distinct preliminary to any proceedings, each of the great powers pledges the others to maintain the decisions of the Conference by all means in its reach. So that, should either France or Prussia deem herself aggrieved by the decision, she will have really no remedy except to fight her late colleagues in the Conference united in opposition. We, therefore, cannot feel that the peace of the Continent is endangered. The day for the settlement of all quarrels between nations by arbitration seems approaching. The general desire manifested to avoid a conflict, the instantaneous effect on stocks, and the serious loss which would accrue to each individual by war, make peace advocates, and bring into life a class in every nation, which is most influential by reason of its wealth, who are opposed to battles, because they affect the Bourse or 'Change. We therefore hope that, as capital is gradually diffused among the masses, and the number of those who will be pecuniary losers by war increases, that the day dreamed of by Tennyson approaches:—
"When the war-drum throbs no longer, and the battle-flags are furled,
In the Parliament of man, the federation of the world."

Illness of Minister Wright.
The cable tells us that Hon. Joseph A. Wright, United States Minister at Berlin, is lying at the point of death. This information will be received with sincere sorrow by those who have had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with that gentleman. Urbane and courteous, he was possessed of intellectual powers of no mean order, and was a universal favorite. Governor Wright was born in Pennsylvania in the early part of the century. When a young man he emigrated to Indiana, and was elected to Congress from that State in 1843. In 1849 he was chosen Governor of Indiana, and was successively re-elected to that position until 1857. In 1857 he was appointed by President Buchanan Minister to Prussia, and continued in that position until the accession of Mr. Lincoln. Returning in 1861, he was elected United States Senator, and during the one session he held that seat acted with the ultra war Democracy, following the lead of the lamented Douglas. In 1863 he was appointed by President Lincoln United States Commissioner to the Hamburg Exhibition. Upon Mr. Johnson's succeeding to the Chief Magistracy, he was tendered his old post of United States Minister to Prussia, and sailed at once, and has remained in that position ever since. He was a warm personal friend of the President, and his was the first appointment made when Mr. Johnson gained power. He has well represented us in Berlin, and his long experience has made him thoroughly familiar with the customs of the country, and his personal popularity secured him an intimate acquaintance with its public men.

Mr. Perry on the Situation.
MR. PERRY, who for a time was one of Andrew Johnson's satraps, otherwise called Provisional Governors, has written a bitter letter, urging the people (white) of South Carolina to vote against calling a Constitutional Convention under the Military Reconstruction bill. This fossil politician is afraid that the negroes, with whom "thousands of unprincipled whites will unite their destiny for the sake of spoils and plunder," will proceed to confiscate the landed property of the State, and divide it among themselves. We remember that Andrew Johnson once, in a celebrated speech, proposed some such measure as this, but we have not heard it seriously advocated since then. Mr. Perry is afraid of a shadow. What he and those like him have serious cause to fear, is the overthrow of the political aristocracy which has so long lorded it over the people of South Carolina.

By-the-way, from Perry's standpoint, what becomes of the oft-repeated boast that their old masters would be able to control the votes of the freedmen?

Democratic Lawlessness in Kentucky.
While in the late Rebel States, under the wise execution of the Reconstruction law, outrages upon the persons and property of the freedmen, and upon Union men, have almost totally ceased, in Kentucky, where so-called Democracy has full sway, they are of everyday occurrence; and the United States authorities have just been forcibly resisted in attempting to arrest the murderers of the freedmen at Nicholasville, in that State. The account states that Lieutenant Rice was wounded in three places, and a private soldier was also wounded. Had it not been for the Reconstruction law, a similar state of things would have prevailed all over the South; and give the Democratic party power to-day, and Kentucky lawlessness and intolerance would speedily prevail in all the Southern States. The rule of the Democratic party in the South means the rule of mob law, of violence, and of barbarism. Kentucky is a good example of the barbarism that calls itself Democracy.

The Kentucky Election.
The special election in Kentucky for Congressmen came off on Saturday, and, if reports are to be believed, resulted in the success of the ultra States Rights Democracy by a largely increased majority over the Duval contest last year. The result is not in the least surprising. It is only what we might have confidently anticipated. In Kentucky the Rebels are not disfranchised, and the negroes are not allowed to vote. Under such circumstances there is no wonder that the Rebels gained the ascendancy. It is probable that of the delegation there will be seven ultra Democrats and

two radicals. But it may be that the Democrats have carried every district, as we base our hopes on the despatch which states that the western districts are very closely contested.

WILLIAM CORNELL JEWETT, of Nicaragua and Colorado fame, has at last taken unto himself a wife. The N. Y. Times says that:—
"We have from a correspondent at Frankfurt, Germany, a sparkling account of the marriage in that city of William Cornell Jewett (better known as Colorado Jewett) to Charlotte Berns, daughter of Anthony Berns, Esq., one of the wealthiest Americans resident in Frankfurt at present. We have not room for the details of this extraordinary event, and must content ourselves with simply announcing it. We may venture to express the hope that this incident will put a stop to the issue of Mr. Jewett's extraordinary political circulars."

DOINGS OF A BOSTON BROKER.
PARTICULARS OF THE OPERATIONS OF JOHN LEIGHTON IN MIXING STOCKS, ETC.—HIS ARREST AND DEPORTATION ON THE 20TH OF APRIL, 1867.—EXPOSURE IN THE "HUB."

Boston, May 6.—The topic of conversation on the streets, in the hotels, and even in church to-day is the recent arrest of the renowned and irrepressible John Leighton, whose operations in stocks for the past few years have been the wonder and envy of circles on 'Change. On Friday night he was comfortably ensconced in Young's Hotel, although under arrest, but on Saturday noon his quarters were changed to the Cambridge street jail, in the absence of bail to the amount of \$100,000.
The complete list of Leighton's operations in New York parties for embezzlement and misappropriation of the funds of the Franklin Mining Copper Company, whereof he was recently President, to the amount of \$50,000; the same charge by the same parties for the Mining Companies, to the amount of \$13,000 each, and by the United States Government with feloniously and unlawfully using moneys of the United States, and unlawfully receiving \$300,000 from J. F. Hartwell, late agent of the State Treasury in this city. The last charge mixes him up with the late gigantic swindle in making a "corner" of copper stocks of Mellen, Ward & Co.
The arrest of Mr. Leighton has also naturally enough been the topic of conversation among the very large class which have a direct interest in copper and gold stock. Mr. Leighton has been a bold operator, but not always a successful manipulator of stocks; for, though temporarily successful, the result has shown that he had ventured beyond his depth, and that his schemes, which had carried heavy losses to others, have at last brought him to an unfortunate position. In his case ever reaches judicial investigation, we shall have more correct ideas of what really constitutes "luck" and "sagacity"—qualities which he is credited as having possessed. The friends of Mr. Leighton state that he admits that there was an over-issue of stock of the Franklin Mining Company while another party was in his office with him; but Mr. Leighton claims that he never had a dollar from the company, that he never owed it a dollar, but that, on the other hand, he paid out of his own pocket \$136,000 to save it from going to ruin. This payment, he claims, was made voluntarily, and that he was not obliged to make it. In regard to the Dana and Hanover Companies, he claims that when he went out of office as their treasurer he owed them \$30,000; that the money, by vote of the directors, was loaned to him, and when his successor took his place it was the distinct understanding of the directors that the money should remain in Leighton's hands. The money was used to pay the Huron Company, and Mr. Leighton has a proposition to give Huron paper endorsed by himself and another person to protect it. Last night the requisite bail was obtained, and he was released from custody, and will proceed immediately to New York to straighten his affairs there.

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The Georgia Injunction Case.
WASHINGTON, May 6.—In the United States Supreme Court this afternoon, Attorney-General Stanbery closed the argument in the Georgia and Mississippi injunction cases.

The Attorney-General spoke as to the general principles involved, and denied, as heretofore, that these cases had any place in Court. They were not within the jurisdiction of a Court of Equity such as the Constitution of the United States provides. There was in them no basis of property on which relief could be given. Georgia and Mississippi, according to the bills filed, undertook to speak for all the people of those States. Which was not within the jurisdiction of the Court. Besides, of the ten Southern States over which the Reconstruction acts were to operate, only two of them were here. It was not known to the contrary that the remaining eight States were satisfied, for they had not presented any bills of grievances. The law gave the citizen a right to vindicate himself, and he could do this as successfully as a State could for him. Counsel on the other side had invoked the Court to save their liberties from destruction, to preserve the integrity of the States in whose behalf they appealed.

But, said the Attorney-General, there was no inherent power for that purpose in this Court, for Congress might as well destroy the efficiency of the Court by impeaching its judges on false accusations, or by denying the salaries requisite to their support. It rested with the people, however, to secure the honesty and right doing of the Legislature; and on this basis we must look for the preservation of the rights of citizens, and of the guaranteed rights of the States.

No further proceedings took place on the question before the Court, which adjourned immediately on the conclusion of Mr. Stanbery's argument.

Burning of a Town in Illinois.
CHICAGO, May 6.—The business portion of the town of Cambridge, Illinois, three miles west of Rock Island, was entirely destroyed by fire yesterday, except one store and one hotel. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, with an insurance of \$25,000.

From Buffalo.
BUFFALO, May 6.—The gale which has prevailed here has blown large quantities of floating ice in front of the harbor, and the bay is completely blocked. A large fleet of vessels are in the offing, icebound. The schooner Southwest struck on a rock on the Canada shore, on Saturday, and sunk in twelve feet of water. Four thousand bushels of grain were transferred from her to a lighter. The balance of the cargo was damaged.

Naval.
NEW YORK, May 6.—The United States Ship Guard has arrived here, in fifty days from Port Mahon. She has on board twenty-six officers from the United States European squadron. She sailed from Boston on July 12, 1866, and has since been attached to the European squadron.

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