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The Revolution in Cuba. Tun intelligence from Cuba indicates the con tinued activity and success of the Creoles, and it is becoming extremely doubtful whether Spain will be able to crush a revolt of such formidable proportions. A new impetus will be given to the zealous efforts to throw off the most ancient yoke which the Old World established in America, by the resolution offered in the House of Representatives yesterday by Mr. Banks, "authorizing the President to recognize the independence of Cuba whenever, in his opinion, a republican form of government shall have been in fact established;" and this resolution would scarcely have been presented if there was not a strong probability that the contingency it contemplates would arise. It is reported that the Navy Department has recently received despatches from Admiral Hoff, who commands our West India Squadren, stating that the Spanish authorities are becoming very much embarrassed, and that the revolutionary party is rapidly gaining strength in the central and western portion of the island. The cable telegrams announce a succession of conflicts, a confession that "conciliation is at an end," and the cold-blooded massacre of prisoners by the Spanish troops; and no doubt remains that the autagonisms and aspirations created by centuries of oppression are being submitted to the arbitrament of arms, under circumstances which involve the final issue in doubt, but afford fair grounds for the hope that Cuban independence will be achieved.

Their prespects of deliverance are much strengthened by the prevailing disorders in the mother country. As long as Spain could concentrate her energies upon the task of holding in subjection a compact little island perpetually blockaded by her fleets and held in terror by her garrisons, it was madness for the patriotic party to make a serious demonstration. Even now, if the internal troubles of Spain could be instantly subdued and tranquillity restored among ber rival factions, the resubjugation of Cuba would be an easy task. But each day's prolongation of the existing uncertainties at Madrid is serviceable to the Creoles, and the necessity of keeping watch and ward over ultra Republicans and ultra loyalists at home seriously embarrasses the efforts of the Spanish Ministry to crush a revolt abroad.

As the Cubans have succeeded in mastering the difficulties which hitherto prevented the fermation of a formidable national party, they are not only inspired by the feeling that

"Freedom's battle once begun, Bequeathed from oleeding sire to son, Though baffled oft, is ever won,"

but they count confidently upon the disastrous effect of the climate upon any new Spanish troops that may be introduced, as well as the prolongation of the bitter contest between rival aspirants for the Spanish throne and between hostile parties struggling for ascendancy under the Provisional Government.

The modern course of events in the United States has greatly changed the bearing of the Cuban revolt upon American politics. Under the old pro-slavery régime it was considered a national necessity that slavery should be perpetuated in the Spanish-American dominions; and the fire-eaters of our country were eager to advance this infamous purpose either by purchase, by open seizure, or by organizing filibustering expeditions in the interest of pro-alavery revolutionists and annexationists. This programme is now obsolete, and it is the interest of our Southern States that slavery should be abolished in Cuba, because the value of the sugar plantations of Louisiana and Texas would thereby be increased. While no section of our country may derive any nmediate special advantage from the overthrow of the Spanish yoke, per se, patriotic men of all portions of the Union will be gratified by any event which hastens the triumph of the "manifest destiny" doctrine.

No comment upon the prevailing mode of conducting legislation at Harrisburg could be more significant and severe than the simple statement of the reporter of legislative proceedings, that "not more than eight public bills have become laws this session." Meanwhile Governor Geary has signed twenty-three private bills relating to Philadelphia, three more are awaiting his signature, about forty additional private bills appertaining to this city are in various stages of progress, and a legion of private bills relating to other sections of the State have been, or will be, passed during the present session. Everything desirable or important in nine-tenths of these private enactments could be more justly and properly done, under the operation of general laws, by the courts or by other local authorities; and in many instances they are passed at the request of interested parties to facilitate schemes of jobbery or to legalize fraudulent practices. Meanwhile the interests of the State are systematically neglected. The Common School system remains unimproved. The recommendations for the establishment of a Board of State Charities are unheeded. The financial system of the Commonwealth receives no attention, and no efforts are made to abolish old abuses and inequalities. Petitions and memorials for the accomplishment of any object of general utility are treated with disdain. The legislators are absorbed in petty schemes for the advancement of petty objects, and they seem incapable of rising into a higher ephore of actions

Our Dirty Streets and the Contractors. On Thursday last Councils adopted a resolution requesting the Mayor to sign the warrants of the contractors for cleaning the streets during the month of February. On the 1st of March a committee of Councils waited upon the Mayor and requested him to sign these warrants, which he refused to do. It is notorious that the contractors did not clean the streets during the month of February, and as the work was not done, it is simply defrauding the city of so much money to pay them the amounts which they claim. In their resolution Councils recommend that the Superintendent of Street Cleaning proceed at once to do the work, thus taking it out of the hands of the contractors, but on what grounds of right or justice the money which those individuals did not earn was authorized to be paid it is difficult to see. In Select Conneil a minority of the Committee on Street Cleaning presented a report recommending that the contracts should be annulled, that the Mayor be authorized to readvertise for proposals, and that the City Solicitor be directed to proceed against the securities of the delinquent contractors in the manner provided by law.

This is clearly the course that should be adopted, and if the contractors fail to fulfil their engagements to the letter, their securities should be held responsible, and a little of the right kind of vigor on the part of the Mayor and City Solicitor would doubtless produce some gratifying results.

We hope that the Mayor will adhere to his first determination and steadfastly refuse to sign the warrants of the delinquent contractors in spite of the request of Councils. The warm weather is fast approaching, and the filthy condition of the streets gives great cause for apprehension as to the health of the city. If we are visited by some dreadful pestilence next summer the street contractors will be directly responsible for it, and not only should they not receive the money that they never earned, but they, or their securities, should be obliged to appear in court and answer for their

oriminal neglect. Presidential Cheerfulness. "THE President smiled!" In fact, ever since inauguration day he has been in a perpetually smiling mood. The most commonplace remarks appear to tickle his fancy, the most importunate begging for an office brings a broad grin to his features; even the harmless pleasantry of the Georgia Democrats in always prefixing a very obnoxious adjective to the word Yankee is responded to by a smile-Now, Several very important questions arise in connection with this smiling propensity of the new President. Is it possible that he never smiled before he took the oath of office on the 4th of March? Or is it possible that he may have been accustomed all his life to carry about with him a cheerful face, without the circumstance being noticed by any one in his presence? Or can it be that every man who has encountered the President at any time in the past has been struck by the evidences of his lightheartedness, and yet has not regarded it as of sufficient importance to be proclaimed to the world? We are unable to answer these perplexing questions with that degree of positiveness which will carry with it to the minds of our readers the elements of authority and certainty. Therefore we refrain giving any answer at all. But we cannot refrain from observing that while President Grant smiles quite as often as did his immediate predecessor, the latter's method of smiling was radically different. The smiles of President Grant start from his heart, and light up his face with the contagion of cheerfulness. The smiles of Andrew Johnson start from his lips, wend their tortuous way to his digestive region, and finding it already overburdened, dart back to his head, setting his face all aglow, scattering his wits to the winds, and loosening his garrulous and abusive tongue. If the President of the United States must respond

those indulged in by his predecessor. RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

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