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FRIDAY, JULY 16, 1869.

THE SALE OF CUBA. A PROJECT is on foot to settle the Cuba question by a sale of the island to the Cubans, with the understanding that the United States shall guarantee the bonds of the revolutionists. The consummation of this scheme would add a burden of a hundred millions of dollars to the heavy debt which is now imposed upon American tax-payers. This may seem a light matter to scheming politicians, who hope to derive incidental or direct advantage from the expenditure, or to receive brokerage for arranging the transaction. But the people look with little favor on any proposition that would retard the reduction of the public debt, which is now causing such universal satisfaction, and they are in no mood to welcome an increase of the exactions of assessors and tax collectors, for the benefit of the inhabitants of a foreign land. However much we may sympathize with the struggling Cubans, the toiling masses of this nation have a paramount claim to the consideration of the Government, and their rights, interests, and prosperity should be the highest objects of governmental solicitude. Americans naturally sympathize with the victims of oppression in

every land, but experience has confirmed the underlying idea of the policy established by Washington, that we can best help others by ensuring the success of republican institutions on our own soil, and do infinitely more good by our example and our readiness to welcome immigration than by armed intervention or a lavish expenditure of money. France, in undertaking to establish liberty throughout Europe at the point of the bayonet, lost her own freedom. If the United States endorses all the schemes that can be concocted to burden the National Treasury with the cost of contiguous territory, to purchase the Danish West Indies, to buy Canada, to replenish the Mexican exchequer, to endorse the Cuban bonds, to restore the ruined credit of the South American anarchies, and to become sponsors for the Irish republic, our own credit will speedily be destroyed, and our own position become as lamentable and hopeless as that of the prostrate nations of the earth. If any extraordinary expenditures are to be in-

THE IRISH CHURCH BILL.

receipts of the National Treasury.

will help to develop the matchless resources

Mr. GLADSTONE has been prompt and decisive in his action with regard to the Irish Church bill as amended in the House of Last night the bill was brought up in the House of Commons for the consideration of the amendments. The report of the proceedings that comes to us by the cable states that Mr. Gladstone on rising was greeted with loud cheers by the Liberals and derisive shouts from the Tory benches-all of which, of course, has the sanction of immemorial British custom, and is a very different thing from the disorderly conduct that some of our English critics censure in American legislators.

Mr. Gladstone, in announcing the intentions of the Ministry, went straight to the point, and stated that the Government proposed to restore the preamble, and the date of disestablishment as they appeared in the original bill, and they would oppose all the amendments made by the Lords, except those relating to ourates' annuities and to the protection of annuitants. If the House of Commons supports the Ministry throughout, the bill will go back to the Lords in substantially the same shape as when they first received it. That it will do this appears to be certain, as last night the amendment of the Lords with regard to endowments was disagreed to by a vote of 346 against 222, making the majority for the Government 124. The amendment in regard to the appropriation of surplus funds was also disagreed to by a vote of 246 against 164, making the Government majority 82. This is a decisive triumph for the friends of the bill, and it is scarcely likely that the Lords will refuse a second time to accede to the wishes of the lower house. The feeling against them on account of their opposition is being intensified every day, and the wholesome fear of the "unpleasant accidents" very plainly hinted at by Mr. Bright will probably bring them to terms without much further difficulty.

THE Age this morning copied the brief sketch of Hon. Cyrus L. Pershing, the Democratic candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court, which was given by our Harrisburg correspondent, and which, as our readers will remember, was quite satisfactory as far as the personal character and legal acquirements of that gentleman are concerned. Will the Age to-morrow morning have the candor to copy still further from our columns to the effect that Mr. Pershing studied law with that wellknown legal quibbler and ardent perverter of constitutional and statute law, Jerry Black, with whose antediluvian and dangerous notions he is in full accord?

SENATOR BUCKALEW opened his speech to the Democratic State Convention with a compliment to the numbers and respectability of the persons he addressed. He left his audience in doubt, however, whether his admiration had been excited by the dexterity displayed by the gang which had depleted his pockets as he entered the doorway, or by the stunning appearance of Brick Pomeroy, the distinguished guest of the occasion.

JEDAS ISCARIOT. On our sixth page will be found a poem entitled "A Roman Lawyer in Jerusalem-First Century," which originally appeared in Blackwood's Magazine. The peem is well worthy of perusal on its own account, as some of its passages are exceedingly graphic, and the author has worked out his theme with not a little skill; but it is particularly interesting as an attempt to give a new view of the character of Judas Iscariot; and the argument is based upon the supposititious narrative of the Roman centurion who arrested Christ, and who professes to have been intimately acquainted with Judas. Of course the author has for his only source of information story of Christ's betrayal as

by the apostles, from which usual unfavorable estimate of the character of Judas has been deduced. The poem is an effort to discard the reverential ideas that have grown up about the figure of Christ and his disciples during the lapse of centuries, and to look upon them as actual living men, just as they appeared to their contemporaries. The argument in favor of Judas is that of an impartial and candid observer, a Roman lawyer, who had no reason to look upon Christ with the aversion that the priests and ruling classes of the Jews did, and who was able and disposed to consider judicially all the facts of the case as they appeared on the surface. As a work of art the poem is far from perfect, and the argument is rather specious than profound. It opens up a supposition, however, that is worthy of consideration. Judas, according to the account of his friend the centurion, was a man profound sensibility and enthusiasm the cause of his master: he was more intelligent and more devoutly convinced of the divine mission of Christ than any of his disciples. His apparent act of treachery is described as the result of a fit of fanatic enthusiasm, by which he hoped to confound the enemies of the Master, and hasten the day when all his power as the Son of God should be manifested. The instant remorse of Judas is made perhaps the strongest argument in favor of this view of his character, and there are some points, as the thirty pieces of silver for instance, that are not disposed of altogether in a satisfactory manner. As we have said, the argument is rather specious, although to some degree plausible; and it is to be considered not so much as a serious attempt to vindicate the character of Judas, as an artistic effort to estimate what a man of a certain temperament and east of mind might under certain circumstances. As a psychological study, the Judas of the poem is imperfect, although the portrait is drawn with considerable skill. The writer, however, has failed to penetrate beneath some of the more superficial signs of character, and while curred in future, they should be only such as the inconsistencies of real human nature are fairly estimated, the profound depths have of our own country and increase the current not been touched as some of the master

> THE PLATFORM adopted by the Democratic State Convention was reported by Hon. F. W. Hughes, of Schuylkill county, one of the old stagers of the party, who is prominently identified with all its past transgressions, and who took care to inject into the resolutions doctrines which have repeatedly been rejected by the American people. He evidently favors the complete annihilation of the settlement of the war issues which is now restoring peace and order, and Packer's election would be construed into a verdict for renewed opposition to the existing system of national government.

poets could have touched them in handling

the same theme. The poem, however, is one

of real power: it is graphic and original, and

is well worthy of a careful perusal.

It is rumored that the leading Democrats of Philadelphia are determined to secure a reconstruction and partial purification of their city ticket. They do not like to be burdened in the gubernatorial contest with objectionsble local nominees, and they will make desperate efforts to throw their Jonahs overboard. If the Republicans do not adopt a similar policy, they will be outgeneralled by their enemies.

THE AUGUST MAGAZINES. FROM Turner Brothers & Co. we have received seve-

ral of the August magazines. The August number of the Atlantic has the following table of contents :- "The Taillefer Bell-ringings," "Great Earthquakes of the Old World," "Zoroaster and the Zend-Avesta," "The Foe in the Household," VI; "Before the Gate," "Among the Isles of Shoals," "The Hamlets of the Stage," II; "Agatha,"

"Uncle Gabriel's Accounts of his Campaigns," "The 'Strikers' of the Washington Lobby," "Gabrielle de Bergerac," II; "On Mr. Fechter's Acting," "Jubilee Days," "Recent Travels." Our Young Folks, as usual, is richly illustrated, and it presents an attractive variety of stories, sketches, and miscellaneous articles, which combine amusement and instruction in an agreeable manner, The Lady's Friend, published by Deacon & Peterson, has for a frontispiece a steel engraving of "Paul

rary contents are up to the usual standard of excel-Arthur's Home Magazine presents an interesting variety of literary matter adapted for home reading, and illustrated with a number of attractive cuts. The Children's Hour is filled with entertaining stories and sketches adapted to the tastes of juvenile

and Virginia," a finely-colored double-page fashion

plate, and a variety of other illustrations. The lite-

Once a Month is made up of good original articles on popular subjects, and judicious selections from the best foreign and American journals, magazines, and reviews.

Personalities.

-Grant is Long Branching to-day. Beecher is wearing out.

Rev. Morgan Dix is happy with \$13,000 annually.

Mrs. Colonel Colt's income is \$400,000 per annum.

Senor Reberts, the Spanish Minister, is not yet

forty.

Victoria is asked to make Archbishop Manning a peer.
—Miss Ella E. Gibson acts as chaplain of the 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery.

—Lord Lyons and Mr. Motley were present in the House of Lords during the Disestablishment de-

bate.

—Mrs. Liberger, of Bucyrus, Ohio, died from the effects of straight lacing, according to the Coroner's

Jay Cooke and his party have purchased Sandy River Pond, Me., and two thousand acres of land at the Rangel y Lakes, as a fish preserve.

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