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sATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1869.
THE GEOUNGNIOAL OOUNOIL. Ir is a great misfortune to the world that the
poliog of the Catholio Church is controlled entirely by a minall body of Italian enclesias. ties, who contrive to retain all the highest
ofices of the Church, including the Popeoffioes of the Church, including the Pope-
dom in their own hande, and who really dom in their own handa, and who reaily
know little or nothing about the requiremonts
of the age in which they live. The men about of the age in which they live. The men about
the court of Rome exist in a little world of the court of Rome exist in a little world of
their own, and all their ideas are colored by their own, and all their ideas are colored by
surroundings that are as different as possible surroundings of the Catholic clergy in such
from those
countries as France, England, and the United countries as France, England, and he
States. As always the case with men in such a situation, they aro retrogressive rather
than progressive, and they are utterly than progressive, and they are utterly una-
ble to comprehend the nature and extent of the anthgonism
Roman Church that exis.
 of Italy. They do not know or care to know
the strength of their enemies, and they resothe strength of their enemies, and they reso-
lutely prosecute a policy that binds hand and lately prosecute a policy that binds hand and
foot the zealous Catholics who are endeavoring to advance the interests. of their religion
in all parts of the world. The protest of in all parts of the world. The protest of
Father Hyacinthe is an example of the dissatis-
faction and disquast that exist among the infacoion and disgusts that exist among the in-
telligent Catholics who are out of the range of telligeot Cathoics who are out of the range of
the Vatican influences, and who know by many and bitter experiencese how mistaken many
of the actions of the Pope and his counsellors of the
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cil call cil called by the Pope is designed to ratify decisions already resolved npon, the principal
dogmas to be asserted being the personal in. dogmas to be asserted being the personal in-
fallibility of the Pope and the assumption of the Virgin. It was a knowledge of the real character of the council that called forth the
protest of Father Hyacinthe. We scarcely, however, expected that anything of the kind
would be openly acknowledged at Rome would be openly acknowledged at Rome,
and it is certainl a remarkable exam.
ple of the total inability of the rulers of ple of the total inability of the rulers of
the Church to comprehend the real situation, that the ofticial organ of the
Pope, the Civitta Cattllica, should say
plainly, as it is reported to do by a cable despatch, "That the bishops have been summoned to the council not to doliberate on and
decide questions by a vote of the majority, deciade questions by a vole of the majority,
but to ratify decisions already resolved upon
by the Sovereign and Infallible Pontiff." by the Sovereign and Infallible Pontiff.
The dootrine of the Church always has been that the decision of a universal council, voice of the Church. In such a council the
ven
Pone Pope has but one voice and vote, the same as
any other bishop, and it is essential that the any other bishop, and it is essential that the
most unrestrained freedom of debate should most unrestrained frediom of debate shound
be allowed in order to make the conclusions of alloweducil binding. If there is any re-
oftraint upon the discussions, if every member of the council is not allowed to speak his mind freely and to vote according to his con-
science, there are hosts of Catholics who will refuse to recognize the decisions
as being those of a real council of the Church. One prominent clergyman has already announced his position in clear,
unmistakable terms, and if what the official organ of the Vatican Court says proves true, he will undoubtedly be joined by others whose love for the Church and faith in its doctrines
cannot be disputed. A grand opportunity to cannot be disputed. A grand opportunity to
establish its authority and influence more firmly than ever is apparantly about to be thrown away by the Romann Church, and with
the influences for good which it can rendily the influences for good which it can rendily
wield, this course cannot but oause profound wield, this course cannot but oause profound
regret to impartial and right-minded men, whether Catholics or Protestants.
Yestrabay the Commercial Convention which has been in session during the week
at Louisville fixed to-day as the period of its final adjournment. A strong Southern feel ing pervaded nearly all its proceedings. In
disoussing the Southern Pacific Railroad question, it decided, amid prolonged cheers question, it decided, amid prolonged cheers,
to favor the El Paso or extreme Southern
route, which runs westward from the Rio ronte, which runs westward from the Rio
Grand, near the boundary line plividing the
United States from Mexico while the ronte United SEartes from Mexico, while the youte
of the thirty-fifth parallel, whioh was so enthusiastically condomned, is in about the
 former is especially advantageous to the inte.
rests of the Gulf States, while the latte would more nearly approximate a line run through the central portion of the entire
body of Commonwealths classified as South ern States. Reports were also adopted favor ing the eetablishment of steamship liues be tween Europe and Southern ports, and various other propositions deemed useful to
Southern interests were approved. As the Southern inverests were approved. As the
South is now an integral portion of the Union, the increase of her prosperity will prove ase ful to the entire nation, and it will therefore be gladly noted by all other sections: but a
the same time the bitter memories of the war are not sufficiently subdued to make the American people ansious to shower benefits apon the Gulf States at the expense of Northern tax-payers.
Tus Harrisburg Patriot labors under n Indierous misconception of the dimicuity It alleges that that body manipulated the vote for Governor so as to largely increan Geary's majority and thus overcome, un. justly, the rural majority for Packer, and in announces in a Bombaster Furioso double
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of a specalation to buy buckshot in expecta-
tien of a rise. The Repur
 pectedy completo. Thay have not only
elected their Gubernatorial candidato by a
large majority, bnt obtained control of large majority, but obtained control of the
Legislature, and thns secured the ratification Legislature, and thns socurad the ratification
of the new Constitutional amendment. This result ts dut in a largo measuro to the manner
in which the in which the campigng was conduotod and
the issues it involved. The nomination of the issues it involved. The nomination of
Pendleton by the Democracy led to a square Penalion by the Democracy led to a square
fight on the old party issues, which were
earnestly and earmestly and ably discossed by the bost ora-
tors of both parties, and the people have tors of both parties, and the people have
shown that they are as ready now ns ever to shown that they are as ready now as over to
reppadiate repuniation, to ratify reconstruc-
tion, tion, and to renounce rebellion.
Tus rontrical situation in France is anoma-
lous. Whilo the Eaperor hase lous. While the Emperor hana approved the
modification of the old Imperial system, he modiffcation of the old Imperial system, he
has refused to define the extent of the re-
paived libertieg of the gained liberties of the people, and tho Lon-
don Timeas if no change had oconrred, and none ant "as tended; as if personal rule wore now ond might be expected forever to be, what it has
been in the tor been in the worst times." The Emperor appears to be determined to retain a controlling
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