

SAN DOMINGO.

President Grant's Views on the Annexation Question

Mr. Sidney Andrews writes from Washington to the Boston Advertiser a connected and coherent account of the President's views concerning the San Domingo treaty, as follows:—

He says that the Dominican authorities made the first proposals, and pressed annexation on him before he had looked into the matter, or formed any opinion as to the expediency or feasibility of the project.

When asked if he is certain that the debt is no larger, he replies that he has the strongest proof of the fact that this figure covers the whole thing.

The present population the President estimates at less than 200,000, and he apprehends no trouble whatever in governing them and preserving order.

He holds that the exportation of valuable woods and various minerals from the island would be great, and that before the end of twenty years the commerce would equal that of Cuba.

He says that, looking at the questions involved from the standpoint of the Monroe doctrine, we cannot refuse to receive the island, now that it is offered to us by the almost unanimous voice of its inhabitants.

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The Cobra Capella.

Hitherto no antidote has been known to the poison of the cobra capella. Last brave and gallant little animal the mongoose, who is the natural enemy of the deadly snake, and fights him whenever there is an opportunity, is supposed to know of an herb answering the purpose.

took measures of his own for a cure. There were two wounds on the man's index-finger. Mr. Shortt, taking off the cord of his eyeglass, bound up the finger tightly at its base, and tied up the wrist in a similar manner.

He then washed the wounds with liquor potash, and having given the man a dose of potash mixed with brandy, drove him, for further treatment, to the hospital.

BEAUMARCHAIS.

The Creator of "Eugene" as a Merchant—What he did for us in Revolutionary Days, and how he was Required—A Lecture by Hon. John Bigelow.

At the recent monthly meeting of the New York Historical Society, an address was delivered by the recent Minister to France, Hon. John Bigelow, on the subject of "Beaumarchais, the Merchant."

There are few who have not heard of the Barber of Seville, and still fewer, perhaps, who know anything of the part played by its author in the struggle of the American Colonies for liberty.

In 1777, Beaumarchais had sent to Congress nearly \$1,000,000 worth of supplies, for which he counted upon receiving prompt returns in tobacco and the other products of this country.

Mr. Bigelow then read extracts from these letters, many of them very witty, giving a vivid idea of the operations of Beaumarchais, and of the state of the struggle which was then going on in the country.

De Francey's indignation at the individuals in Congress who had opposed Beaumarchais knows no bounds, and he even rises to denunciation of Congress in general.

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the fate of Beaumarchais to illustrate the ingratitude of republics? On motion of Dr. Osgood, a committee was appointed to further investigate the claims of Beaumarchais upon the gratitude of the American people; and a vote of thanks to Mr. Bigelow was passed, after complimentary speeches.

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CITY ORDINANCES. COMMON COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA. CLERK'S OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, March 25, 1870.

AN ORDINANCE. To Authorize a Loan for the Erection of a Bridge across the River Schuylkill at Fairmount.

RESOLUTION TO PUBLISH A LOAN BILL. Resolved, That the Clerk of Common Council be authorized to publish in two daily newspapers of this city, daily for two weeks, the ordinance presented to the Common Council on Thursday, March 24, 1870, entitled "An ordinance to authorize a loan for the erection of a bridge across the river Schuylkill at Fairmount."

COMMON COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA. CLERK'S OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, March 25, 1870. In accordance with a Resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, on Thursday, the third day of February, 1870, the annexed bill, entitled

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