

EDITORIAL OPINIONS OF THE LEADING JOURNALS UPON CURRENT TOPICS—COMPILED EVERY DAY FOR THE EVENING TELEGRAPH.

THE EPISCOPAL COUNCIL.

From the N. Y. World.

It is curious to observe how little effect in religious matters the liberal leaven appears to have upon the orthodox lump. The theological guerrillas only close up the ranks and strengthen the array of the church militant.

Upon points of doctrine it is not understood that this council will deliberate, as its deliberations could not in any case be of any authority or arrive at any final decision, and would therefore be the result of being as unsatisfactory as the deliberations upon those points of the Unitarian Conference appear to have been to those who participated in them.

But there are many points of discipline and organization which the council can buy itself upon. Though these, perhaps, are not of so general interest as debates upon questions of belief, and so are not likely to figure so conspicuously in the newspapers, the arrangement of them is at least as likely to benefit the interest of the church in whose behalf they are sought to be ordered.

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WHAT IS CUBA WORTH?

From the N. Y. Sun.

Cuba has for years been to Spain the mine from which, by the most cruel and tyrannical system, she has drawn the means to support her court and its parasites. After paying the expenses of a considerable quota of Spain's army, and, on an average, those of one-half of her navy, Cuba has for very many years remitted, as the net proceeds of surplus taxation over the cost of her own Government sums varying from six to seven million dollars per annum.

The Cubans naturally desire to own their country, and they might be willing perhaps to pay a fair price for it, in order to avert further destruction of their own property. It is natural that they of all others should be best informed of the real value of the island.

Various sums have at different times been named as the price at which Spain would sell the island. They vary from one hundred and thirty to one hundred and seventy millions of dollars.

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freedman to work for others, where nine-tenths of the land was at the squatter's disposal, and more than sufficient to supply his wants. For many years no new element can be found to replace the negro. The reorganization of free labor will be a task requiring much skill, patience, and assiduity; and no set of men but the native Cubans, who are thoroughly acquainted with the character of their late slaves, are likely to undertake the task with any prospect of success.

Cuba, then, is not worth much except in the hands of the Cubans; its value is much less to-day than it was when the revolution began; and it will continue to decrease as long as the civil war continues. The only sure way of arresting this decline in the worth of the island is to help the Cubans to maintain their independence. Let the United States recognize the Cuban Republic, or even allow it the rights of belligerency, and the interests of property on the island, as well as the higher interests of humanity, will gain immensely by the act.

SURRENDER OF MARSHAL BAZAINE.

From the N. Y. Tribune.

That which has long been known to be inevitable has come a little sooner, perhaps, than the most sanguine friend of the German arms anticipated. The victory of Gravelotte, fought on August 18, assured the fall of Metz sooner or later; the triumph at Sedan and the capture of the only army which could aid his forces made the assurance of Bazine's surrender doubly sure. But that he should have made no bolder and more frequent efforts to escape, and should thus soon have succumbed to hunger, appears strange when compared to the desperation of MacMahon and the patient endurance at Strasbourg. Bazine will receive neither the honors extended to the wounded commander at Sedan, nor the admiration freely expressed for the stubborn defender of Strasbourg.

The influence which this important surrender must have upon the issue of the war cannot be overestimated. The annihilation of the French army thus completed is the least of the many considerations involved.

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in the house. But what same men ever, in his wildest moments even, so much as dreamed of using the morning smoking-caps or the indescribable morning jackets, the filigree card-cards or the embroidered watch-pockets, for which at every charity fair bright eyes and fascinating lips so soon to despoil him of his substance? We specify the smoking-caps, for, of course, it is man who is the object and the prey of all these enterprises, and for whose especial enticement the mass of this gorgeous inutility is prepared. He buys it, indeed, whenever a sufficiently pretty woman asks him to buy it, and he throws it away afterward. Perhaps he is consoled by the reflection that his money has gone for a worthy object; but his business instinct, if he be a man of business, cannot repress a pang that it has been so apparently wasted.

Now, all this appears to us to be wrong. To give money directly in aid of a charity is one thing, and to give it indirectly, through the medium of bargain and sale, is another. Humanity naturally resents anything savoring of imposition, and most people would rather give outright, for a laudable purpose, whatever they can afford, than be enjoined into paying the same amount for a worthless article, which at once takes their money and the credit of unrequited liberality. If charity fairs made it a point to offer only useful articles of good quality, at fair market rates, they would probably give us more general satisfaction and exhibit more flattering results. Since their stock in trade is usually made up of gratuitous offerings, there would be no difficulty in combining just prices with generous profits, and most people, finding fair dealing, would be glad to buy their little every-day necessities in a quarter which offered so pleasing a prospect for the union of economy and virtue.

DEMOCRACY AND DISASTER.

From the Albany Journal.

The Democratic party is the party of strife, turmoil, and protracted conflict. It is the enemy of public peace and prosperity. It refuses to accept the great settlements of the Constitution. It disputes the validity of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments, and threatens, in case it secures power, to overthrow them. Its triumph would revive the rebellious spirit of the South, stimulate anew such outrages as that of the Georgia Legislature, and inflame again the violent and distracting agitation from which the country will secure entire relief by Republican ascendancy. The Democratic party is the party of violated faith and national shame. It advocates the equivalent of repudiation—in some parts of the country, open and undisguised repudiation itself. Its success would be a deadly blow at the honor of the nation—it would be a fatal stab at the public credit. The calm, steady, orderly movement of the national finances, by which the debt is being rapidly paid, by which the annual burden of interest is being reduced, and which the decrease of taxes is made possible, by which the value of the public securities is being augmented, by which the purchasing power of our money is being sensibly increased to every holder—all this would come to an end. The Democratic policy is precisely the reverse in its character and would be precisely the reverse in its results.

The Democratic party is the party of financial convulsion and disaster. In order to carry out its policy with regard to debt and currency, it would issue a new flood of greenbacks, and so unsettle all the foundations of industry, business, and commerce. It would utterly change the standard of value. It would produce violent and ruinous fluctuations. It would overthrow the National Bank system, against which it avows its implacable opposition, and substitute a currency not intelligently regulated by the demands of trade, but subject to the capricious changes of Congressional majorities. It would spread uncertainty and peril through all our financial system and baffle the calculations of the wisest men. It would reverse the movements which are carefully and prudently carrying us towards specie payments, and would take us in the opposite direction. These are not wild statements. They result inevitably from the pronounced Democratic policy. The country is now in the enjoyment of public peace and business prosperity. Democratic triumph would destroy both.

The Democratic party is the party of corrupt, wasteful, and extravagant administration. Wherever it is in power it exhibits the same results. It has brought our own city to bankruptcy. It has swelled the taxes in New York from three millions to twenty-seven. It has wasted an annual surplus of three millions in the canals, and raised the taxes by two millions and a half. Everywhere it falls under the control of profligate and rapacious rings who prostitute it to their own enrichment. Wrong in principle, dangerous in policy, ruinous in administration, how can the people hesitate to reject this Democratic party?

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