Evening Telegraph

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1870.

REVENUE REFORM.

THE free-traders have begun to use the term "revenue reform" as a partisan watchword, and with them it means nothing more nor less than taking off the duties on imports and placing them upon home productions. It certainly needs no very elaborate display of facts and figures to prove that the only true revenue reform will be just the opposite of this, and that what the country needs is to have the internal taxes reduced to a minimum, and abolished altogether wherever it can be done.

The receipts of the Treasury during the first quarter of the present fiscal year were \$115,101,230.75. The expenditures during the same period were \$86,562,920.83, which leaves a surplus of \$28,538,309.92. The balance in the Treasury on the 30th of September, 1870, was \$133,103,493.31. These figures are amply sufficient to prove that there is good ground for the kind of revenue reform that the friends of the industrial interests of the country demand. The question for the administration now is, Shall the President indicate a policy of revenue reform, or wait for the candidate of the Chicago Tribune to inaugurate it? The question for the people is, Shall revenue reform begin at home or abroad?

Of the receipts quoted above, \$57,729,-473.57 were received from customs, while internal revenue produced \$49,147,137-92. The internal taxes, it will be understood, have been reduced, to take effect from October 1, 1870, and part from May 1, 1871, and also that the reduction of tariff rates ensues from and after December 31, 1870. As the revenues of the Gevernment, however, will be sufficiently large, even after all these reductions go into effect, to enable it to pay off annually a large proportion of the principal of the public debt and yet to carry large balances, will the people of the country be satisfied to pay income tax rather than customs duties, or to pay the tariff on food and raw material instead of continuing fair competitive imposts on articles of foreign manufacture which are in direct antagonism with our own productions?

Congress at its last session refused to abolish the income tax, and the elections that have just been held demonstrate that the people have condemned its action. Dissatisfaction with the illiberal construction of the excise laws on the part of the officials, and the continuance of certain unpopular internal taxes, were among the most potentinfluences against which the Republican party had to contend at the last election, and they came very near causing the election of a Democratic majority in Congress. Democratic rule would be neither safe nor pleasant in the present condition of the country, and it therefore behooves the administration to declare openly and fairly for the kind of revenue reform we have indicated. Let internal taxes except those upon distilled spirits, fermented liquors, tobacco, cigars, and stamps be abolished, and take off the remainder of the impost upon tea and coffee, and a revenue reform will be accomplished that will not only satisfy the people, but that will encourage and stimulate every department of industry and enterprise. That this reform is demanded by the people the recent elections plainly indicate, and if the President takes his stand firmly and squarely as its advocate he will certainly be sustained by the people. The President made a serious mistake in recommending the continuance of the income tax in his last annual message; and we believe that he has now discovered the fact for himself. At the commencement of his administration he said that "the expressed will of the people" should guide his policy; and there has certainly been a plain enough expression of opinion upon this subject to excuse him from the necessity of any doubt or hesitation with regard to the desire of the people that the internal taxes shall be done away with altogether, so far as is practicable.

YOUNG AFRICA'S FIGHT AGAINST YOUNG AMERICA.

THE colored cadet at West Point, James W. Smith, who has recently been tried before a court-martial of which Brigadier-General O. O. Howard was President, was found guilty on the first charge of "conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline," the specification being that he "did create a disturbance in camp, and did assault Cadet John W. Wilson, of the said academy, with his dipper and his fists." On the second charge, of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, the specification of which consisted of an allegation that he had made a false statement, in writing, he was declared not guilty. The sentence was that the accused should "walk post, under charge of

cadet, from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until retreat, for six consecutive Saturdays." The Secretary of War has since issued an order disapproving this sentence, on the ground that the sanction of the Government should not be given to "a punishment so utterly insufficient as that proposed to be inflicted;" Cadet Smith is released from arrest; the court-martial, of which General Howard is President, is dissolved; and Young Africa is left to fight his battles with Young America as best he may at West Point. Many of the white students at that institution are tortured nearly to death by their associates, and we have little doubt that Smith had abundant provocation for the use of his "dipper and his fist." But as the ultimate object of the education of the eadets is to furnish the nation with wellinstructed soldiers who are formed of the toughest kind of physical, moral, and mental material, it is perhaps well enough that they should all be subjected to a series of eruel ordeals. If the charge of falsehood against had been sustained, he have been summarily should dismissed, but as he only appears by the

record to have been guilty of choosing an \nappropriate moment and an undignified method for conducting a campaign on his own account, we think the order of the Secretary of War is substantially just; and if Young Africa can stand the additional ordeals which await him he will have a fair chance of proving in the end a first-class

THE late French victories are supposed, in some quarters, to be the prelude of a series of similar successes, of a triumphant sortie from Paris, and a complete turning of the tide of battle against the Germans; but on the other hand it is alleged that Moltke is setting a trap in which his impetuous foes will soon be caught, and that Paladines will speedily share the fate of Bazaine and MacMahon. The course of future events will soon show which of these conflicting theories is correct.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

"The Bohemian Girl" by the Faglish Troupe. The performance of The Bohemian Girl last evening attracted a large audience at the Academy of Music, as it generally does if there is reason to expect that it will be well rendered. This opera fully deserves its popularity, for it is full of very pretty music that is worth hearing frequently; and although the musicians dispute its claims to high merit, the public find enjoyment in it, and consequently fill the theatre when it is brought out to a greater extent than they do for more pretentious com positions. The performance last evening passed off in excellent style, Miss Rose Hersee acting and singing the part of "Arline" very charmingly. Mr. Campbell had his "heart bowed down with weight of woe" in a manner satisfactory to the audience, and Mr. Bowler narrated with good lyric expression how "the fair land of Poland was trod und er the hoofs of the ruthless invader." The most interesting event of the evening, however, was the debut in this city of Miss Fannie Goodwin, who in the role of the "Gipsy Queen" displayed capabilities that promised well for what she will be able to do when she has obtained sufficient experience to make her feel perfectly at home upon the stage. Miss Goodwin has a pleasing presence, and her acting last evening indicated that she possesses good dramatic abilities. Her voice is clear and sweet and her method is good. She only needs practice and culture to make her a very pleasing singer and a valuable addition to any operatio

AT THE ACADEMY OF MUS'C this evening, Meyerbeer's opera of The Humanots will be performed, with Mrs. Bernard as "Valentine," Miss Hersee as "Marguerite," Mrs. Bowler as "Urbain." Mr. Castle as "Raoul," Mr. Drayton as "Marcel," Mr. Laurence as "Nevers," and Mr. Campbell as "St. Bris."

AT THE WALNUT Mr. J. S. Clarke will personate "Major Wellington de Boots" and "Simon Purefoy" this avening. The City Amusements. this evening.

AT THE CHESNUT the burleaque of Little Faust will

be performed this evening.
At the Arch Messrs, Hill and Craig's dramatization of Edwin Drood will be repeated this evening. SIGNOR BLITZ and his son will exhibit their magical wonders at the Assembly Buildings this after-ADAM FORSPAUGH'S Circus and Menagerie will be open for visitors this afternoon at 1 o'clock, and this

evening at 7 o'clock.

AT DUPREZ & BENEDICT'S OPERA HOUSE a variety
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songs, and other entertainments will be given this songs, and other entertainments will be given this evening. The troupe at this house is large, and con-tains a number of very excellent performers. Those who wish to pass a pleasant evening can be sure of doing so by paying Duprez & Benedict's Minstrels a

visit.

At the American a variety performance will be given this evening.

At the Arch Street Opera House Sheridan and Mack will give their "living photographs" and their Dutch songs and dances this evening. A number of other attractive features are announced that make up a very interesting programme. It should be remembered that this is the last week of the panto mime of The Baker's Mishaps.

THE GERMANIA ORCHESTRA WIll give a public re-hearsal at Musical Fund Hall on Saturday afternoon, Mr. Rufus Adams, the elecutionist, in compliance with the desire of many of his friends to see him impersonate a character with the assistance of a regular dramatic company, will appear at the Arch Street Theatre on Friday evening, December 2, as "Shylock," in Shakespeare's comedy of *The Merchant*

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PADDOCK-BADGER.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Tuesday, 15th November, by the Right Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D., the Rev. Wilhur F. Paddock, D. D., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, and Mary L. BADGER, of this city.

SNOWDEN-SIMPSON.—On the 15th instant, in Brooklyn, N. Y., by the Rev. Francis Vinton, D. D., WILLIAM SNOWDEN. of Philadelphia, to LOUISA, daughter of the late Thomas Simpson, of Philadelphis.

DEED.

KEARNEY.—On the 14th instant, George, son of Richard and Ann Kearney, aged 23 months. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his parents, No. 2411 Lombard street, on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Interment in Cathedral Cemetery.

RICHARDS.—On the 13th instant, Mrs. Mary RICHARDS, wife of the late George W. Richards, in the 74th year of her age.
The relatives and friends of the family are in-

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her son, John S. Richards, Twenty-second and Sharswood streets, on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Services at the Twentieth Street M. E. Church at 3 o'clock. To proceed to Monument Cemetery.

Souder.—Suddenly, at Burlington, N. J., on the evening of the 14th instant, Annie F., wife of Walter N. Souder, in the 28th year of her age.

Her friends and relatives and those of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her husband, corner of Broad and Main streets, Burlington, on Thursday morning, the 17th instant, at 10 o'clock, and at Trinity Church, Moorestown, at 1 o'clock P. M.

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rent societies of which he was a member, and the undertakers of the city, are respectfully invite! to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 309 Girard avenue, on Thursday morning next, the 17th instant, at 8 o'clock.

SPECIAL NOTICES. For additional Special Notices see Incide Pages,

THE DEDICATION SERVICES OF THE ARCH STREET METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH will be held on THURSDAY AFTERNOON at 3 o'clock. The doors will be opened at half post 2.

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Appropriate services will be held during the week as follows, to which the public are invited:—

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