Evening Telegraph

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1870.

THE WORK BEFORE CONGRESS. As the Republican party will have a comparatively small majority in the next Congress, and as it may even lose control of the next House by a combination of the revenue reformers and the Democracy, it behooves its members to make hay while the sun shines, and to finish up, at the present session, all important measures involving partisan diversities of opinion.

Reconstruction is substantially completed, and there is little to be done in connection with it except the passage of a universal amnesty bill wiping out all disability arising from the rebellion, and once more making every citizen equal before the law, despite participation in efforts to destroy the National Government. This proposition gains strength every year with the growing desire to forgive and forget past struggles; and the ban has already been removed from so many of the rebels that it is scarcely worth while to continue to ostracize any portion of them. The main question now is whether it is prudent and politic for the Republican party to make a sweeping and final exhibition of its magnanimity, at a time when it retains a large majority in Congress. If any credit is to be gained for an amnesty bill it must be passed at once; and this fact is becoming so plain that we shall not be surprised if the remaining political fetters imposed on a few Southern rebel leaders are stricken off before the fourth of March.

The abolition of the franking privilege is again under consideration, and we hope that during this session a bill completing this important reform will pass the Senate as well as the House. The great evil to be remedied is the abuse of this privilege, and there is a very simple method of doing this without interfering with the freedom of intercommunication between Congressmen and Senators and their constituents. Let the national representatives be put, in post office matters, upon a footing similar to those of members of our State Legislature. All their legitimate postal expenses can thus be paid, and they will only be deprived of the opportunity of flooding the country with trashy partisan pamphlets, and of becoming the accomplices of knaves in defrauding the postal revenues. Senators and members of Congress who thatch the land with their franks, thereby commit a fraud scarcely less flagrant than the offense of makers of forged stamps; and as experience has demonstrated the impossibility of reforming the incorrigible denizens of the Capitol, there is no other remedy than an abo'ition of their much-abused privilege. The Republican party would gain deserved credit by giving a deadly blow to the discreditable business of pilfering stamps.

The reduction of internal revenue exactions made at the last session leaves little to desire or hope for now except the extirpation of the odious and iniquitous income law. A great nation has no moral right to plunder any portion of her citizens, in time of peace, by such a disgraceful measure, and we hope it may be speedily repealed.

Various plans for the restoration or revival of American commerce will probably soon come up for consideration; but all laws nominally designed to promote this important object which manifestly tend to the destruction of the ship-building interest of our own country should be defeated. It will be a wise and good thing to set our own mechanics at work constructing bona fide American vessels; but it will do more harm than good to stimulate the purchase or transfer to American rogister of vessels built in foreign countries. If commerce is to be revived, let us be quite certain that it is our commerce that Congress takes care of and that our laws are not framed in the interest of foreign ship-builders and ship-owners.

The advocates of specie payments again display anxiety to secure legislation designed to hasten resumption, but it is scarcely probable that they will succeed at the present session. Experiments with the currency are full of danger, and any attempt to put the business of the nation on a hard-money basis before it is fully prepared for such an important change will involve the ruin of thousands of enterprising men, and at the same time quickly check the golden tide that is now pouring four hundred millions per annum into the national treasury. Congress will commit a terrible mistake if it now forces the poisonous specie payment nostrum down the throats of the American people.

A great many projects for subsidizing Western railroads have been devised, but none of them will be apt to command much attention, in view of the growing hostility to all large land grants, except the Southern Pacific project. Its advocates claim that its construction is as important to the tier of extreme Southern States and Territories as the Northern Pacific is to the extreme Northern States and Territories, and on this ground it may receive more consideration than other schemes of less magnitude.

The San Domingo treaty continues to receive the earnest support of the President, while a number of Republican Senators, of whom Sumner is perhaps the most prominent, resolutely oppose it. An animated and bitter struggle may spring from this diversity of sentiment, and it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that San Domingo may prove a dangerous rock for the Republican party.

ARCHBISHOP SPALDING ON THE TEMPORAL POWER OF THE POPE. Tus learned and eloquent address delivered last evening at the Academy of Music by Archbishop Spalding was a curious illustration of the poetical aphorism that distance lends enchantment to the view. The Catholics of America now appear as the most enthusiastic supporters of the Pope's pretensions as a temporal prince, for the reasons that they have had no practical experience of the evils that have resulted from those pretensions,

and that they have attached a wrong value to the temporal power as auxiliary to the spiritual influence of the Papacy. Archbishop Spalding last night gave a very complete and a very interesting resume of the history of the temporal power; but he did not prove that it was necessary for the welfare of the Catholic Church, or that the Pope had claims as a temporal prince that the Italian people are bound to respect simply because certain grants were made to the See of Rome some centaries ago by kings and emperors whose dust and ashes cannot at this day claim to rule the destinies of the world. American citizens, whatever their religious belief may be, ought to be the last to deny the right of any people to choose their own rulers and forms of government, and the position the Catholic Church now holds in the United States is a sufficient proof that it and all other religious bodies gain in dignity and influence by being totally independent of political influences. The position of the Popes for a long time past has not been such as could afford much gratification to their supporters. The temporal power has been the merest shadow of pretense, and it has only been maintained by foreign bayonets. This was a great scandal to the Church, and it was productive of innumerable evils that could not be denied or explained away. That this will always be the result of a union of Church and State has been proved so often that it is almost superfluous to attempt to argue about it. The most healthy religious life in England to-day is among the dissenters, and it is to the influence of Methodists and Presbyterians that the Church of England owes whatever vitality it now possesses. But for the competition excited by the dissenters the English National Church would long have stagnated, so that no remedy for the evils that afflicted it could have been suggested except to dissolve its connection with the State and oblige its ministers to depend upon their own exertions; and even now the indications plainly are that such connection will ere long be dissolved to the mutual advantage of all parties. If the temporal power of the Pope is permanently abolished, no impartial observer or reader of history can doubt that the spiritual influence of the Church of which he is the head will be greatly advanced; and the Catholics of America, instead of protesting against one of the inevitable results of the religious and political enlightenment of the nineteenth century, ought rather to congratulate themselves on the fact that it has been accomplished in such a peaceable manner, and without violence or indignity to the person of the Holy Father. On our sixth page will be found the full text of the Papal protest against the occupation of Reme by the Italian Government, which our readers will find of interest in this connection.

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