Cuvening Xellegraph THK WORK BFFORF CONGRTRSS. As the Republican party will have a com-
paratively small majority in the uext Con. paratively amall majority in the next Con-
gress, med as it may even lose control of the next, Houss by a combination of tho reveruug
roformers and the Demooracy, it behooves its mombers make any whe prasont sossion, all
and to finishl up, at then
important mensures involving partisan diversitios of opinion.
Reoonstruction is substantially comploted, and there is little to bo dons in conneotion
with it except the passage of a universal amwith it except the passagg of a universal am-
nesty bill wiping out ani disability arising
from the rebellion, and onco more malin erory citizan in effortar to thestroy the tespite Na-
particiption
tionni Government. tionnt Government. This proposition gains
strength every year with tho growing desire
to forgive and forget past struggles; and the
ban hes to forgive and forget past struaggles, and the
ban has already been removed from so many of the rebels that it is scaracoly worth while
to continue to ostracize any portion of thom. The main question now is whether it
is prudent and poitio for the Repubitan
party to make a swoeping and final exhibition of its magnanimity, at a timo whou it rotains
a large majority in Congross. If any croeit
is to be gained for an amnosty bill it minst bo
passed at onoes; and this fact is beooming so plain that we shall not bo surprised if the ro-
maining poitical fetters imposed on a fow
 The abolition of the franking privilego is
again under consideration, and we hope that duriog this session a bill completing this im-
portant reform will pass the Senate as well as the abuse of this privilege, and there is a very
simple method of doing this without inter fering with the freedom of intercommunica tion between Congtessmon and Sonators and
their constituonts. Let the national reprosen.
tativos bo put, in post office matters, upon a Cooting similar to those of mombers of our
State Legislature. All their legitimate postal
expenses can thus be paid, and they will ouly be doprived of the opportanity of flooding
tho country with trashy partisan pamphiets in defrauding the postal revenuess. Senatorn and members of Congross who thatoh the
land with their fraks, thereby coannit
fraud souroely less flagrant thas the of of makers of forged stamps; and as oxpe
rienco has demonstrated tha imposibility of reforming the incorrigible donizons of the
Capito, there is no other remedy than an The Republican party would gain dessorve Treatitable busingess of piffering stamps.
The reduction of internal revenue exaction mado at the last session leaves littlo to desiro
or hopo for now except the extirpation of th odions and iniquitous inoome law. A groa
nation has no moral right to plandor any por such a diagracofal measura, and wo hope it Various plans for the restoration or revival
Anorican commeroe will probably soou oome up for consideration; but all laws nomi
nally designed to promote this important objet which manifestly tend to to thp dertant ob-tion
of the ship-building interost of our own oountry shonld be defeatod. It will be a wise
and good thing to set our own mechanios at work constructing bona fide American vessols, late the purehase or transfer to Ameriaan
rogistor of vessels built in foreign countries rogistor of vessels built in foreigg countries
If commoroe is to be revived, let ns bo quite oortain that it is our commorere that Congress
takes cars of and that our laws are not framed in hip-owner
The adv display anxiety to secure logislation designed ble that they will succeed at the present ses sion. Kxperiments with the ourrentey are
full of danger, and any attempt to put the fuli or danger, and any attempt to put the
busiugss of the nation on a hard-moneney basis
beforo it is fully prepared for such an important ohange will inverole the suach an in than
sands of ontorprising men, and at the same time quiekly check the golden tide that i
now pouring four hundred millions pe
nonan annum into the national treasury. Congrass
will oommit a terrible mistake if it now orces the poisonous specio payment nostrun
down the throats of the A uetican people. A graat manyprojects for subsidizizing West,
orn railroads have been devised, but nons of orn railroads have been devised, but nonns o
them will be apt to command muluh attention in view of the growing hastility to all large and grants, exoept the Southern Pacifo pro
eot. Its advocates olaium that ita construe lion is as important to the tier of extreme
Southern States and Territories as the North orn Paoific is to the extreme Northern States
and Torritories, and on this ground it may raceive more consid
of less magnitude.
The San Domingo treaty continues to re
oeive the earnest support of the Prosident whilo a number of Republican Senators, whom sumner bittor struggle mays ppring from this diversity of poseibility that San Domingo may prove
daugarous rock for the Ropublican party.
ARGHBISHOP SPALDING ON THE Tris loerned and eloguent addrese delivere least ovening at the Aeademy of Music by Arombiahop spalaing was a curions illastration
of the poetical aphoriena that distanee lends enchantment to the view. The Catholics of supporters of the Pope's protensions as a
tomporal prince, for the roasons that they
hava had no pratioal experience of the evid thant have resalted from those pretenaions,

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but he did not prove that it
was necessary for the welfare of the Catholio
Church, or that the Pope had claima as a
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be, ought to be the last to dony the right of
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