

Evening Telegraph

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1870.

THE SAN DOMINGO RESOLUTION.

The San Domingo resolution, which passed the Senate in spite of the bitter opposition of Sumner by the significant vote of 31 to 9, is a very innocent and straightforward proposition to give rise to an extraordinary and angry debate. It simply authorizes the appointment of three commissioners, who are to proceed to the island of San Domingo and ascertain whether the inhabitants of the republic of Dominica really desire to be annexed to the United States, as well as the character of the obligations such annexation would impose upon this country, and the nature of the advantages we are likely to derive from the proposed acquisition.

The President has been assailed in various quarters for his neglect or indisposition to originate a vigorous, positive policy, and he seems to have selected this San Domingo affair as the practical answer to these complaints. Attacked for his failure to either extend assistance to the Cuban insurgents or to improve what seemed a promising opportunity to acquire the Spanish Gem of the Antilles, he has aimed to appease the dissatisfaction arising from these attacks by obtaining, at a small cost, an island that may practically prove as valuable to us as Cuba. San Domingo is Grant's hobby, and since many people insist that he must have a hobby of some kind to be as grand a President as the stately rulers of the olden time, it is only courteous, fair, and just that the whole people should be instructed as fully as possible in regard to the resources and condition of the sable sister that is supposed to be stretching her hands lovingly towards us.

Hayti, before the abolition of slavery, and before her industry had been paralyzed by a succession of wars and revolutions, was one of the most productive portions of the world, and she yielded immense quantities of the two articles which, above all others, we are compelled to import—coffee and sugar. There is good reason to hope that the experience gained in our Southern States in the arduous task of reorganizing industry in a semi-tropical climate, immediately after the abolition of slavery, and after a series of terrible devastations, would enable American citizens to industrially reconstruct San Domingo as Georgia, South Carolina, etc., have been reconstructed; and if this hope is well founded, the President's pet project is worthy of all the friendly care he has lavished upon it. If we are to acquire territory of any kind, we can have nothing more desirable than coffee and sugar plantations conjoined with a naval station commanding the outlet to the Gulf of Mexico. Such an acquisition promises to be a thousand times more useful than bleak and distant Alaska, and to be an immediate and constant source of profit. There will be no Indians to fight, and no seal-fishing contracts to give out; and if we must send down a few regiments of colored troops to keep the new citizens in order, we can soon extract from our black Gem of the Antilles money enough to support them. At all events, it is due to the nation that the facts involved in the San Domingo business should be fully made known. It will matter little whether one or more impertinent Yankee speculators were roughly handled by the San Domingo authorities; it is not of much consequence whether some of Grant's original agents did or did not undertake to improve their private fortunes by the first negotiations. And we do not care whether a few hundred negro banditti do or do not relish the prospect of a just and stable Government. The real question is whether San Domingo is likely to be worth to us a great deal more than the probable cost, and if it is, the public will say to the President what he said to one of his generals on a memorable occasion, "Go in."

THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS. The opponents of the Penn Square site for the public buildings managed yesterday in Select Council to defeat the ordinance for the imposition of the special tax of six cents on the hundred dollars authorized by the act of the Legislature providing for the erection of the public buildings, by laying the whole subject on the table. The only excuse for this proceeding was that as the various disputed points in the law are now awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court, it would be better to await that decision before imposing the tax. The real reason for the perpetration of what was nothing more nor less than an act of supreme folly was that the property-holders in the neighborhood of Washington and Independence Squares hope to influence the Legislature to repeal the act of last session, or else to pass such a supplementary law as will further delay the erection of the public buildings where the people of Philadelphia have decided that they shall be placed. That the Legislature will dare to oppose the plainly-expressed wishes of a large majority of the citizens of Philadelphia in this matter in order to oblige a few property-holders who selfishly wish to defeat a great public enterprise, in order that they may be benefited, we do not believe. On the contrary, it may be considered as certain, especially in view of the vote of last October, that the Legislature will take such action as will carry out most effectually the wishes of the people, and will adopt measures to compel Councils to levy a sufficient tax to enable the commissioners to go on with the erection of the buildings.

The advocates for the Penn Square site should remember, however, that their opponents are desperate, and that no means will be left untried for the accomplishment of their ends. They should therefore bestir themselves, and when the Legislature meets every precaution should be taken to prevent the anti-Penn Squareites from applying the stimulant that has so often been found useful in influencing legislative action. There is absolutely no choice whatever between the

Penn Square site and any other that has been proposed for the public buildings, and the citizens of Philadelphia clearly recognized the fact when they made their choice last October. Select Council yesterday in refusing to levy the special tax did not represent the wishes of the public at large, and its action was the more foolish, inasmuch as it will certainly accomplish nothing whatever except to embarrass the commissioners and perhaps to delay the commencement of a great and important enterprise. It is absurd to imagine, after all that has passed, that the public buildings will be placed anywhere else than on Penn Square; and if another vote were to be taken the majority in favor of the one suitable site would be immensely greater than it was last October. The ring of property-holders who are now fighting the whole city of Philadelphia with the State of Pennsylvania behind them, may succeed by a system of pettifoggery in delaying the commencement of the work of erecting the public buildings upon the chosen site, but they cannot prevent them from being placed there some time, and they would do better by saving their money than by spending it as they are doing now in an attempt to accomplish an impossibility.

NOTICES. PROTECTION TO BUYERS OF CLOTHING. BENNETT & CO., TOWER HALL, No. 515 MARKET ST., HALF-WAY BETWEEN FIFTH AND SIXTH STS., WILL SELL LOWER THAN ANY ONE ELSE. WILL RETURN THE MONEY AND TAKE BACK THE GOODS IF DISSATISFIED. CALL AND SEE BEFORE PURCHASING. BRADBURY PIANOS, beautiful Christmas presents. GOULD & FISCHER.

E. BRADFORD CLARKE, successor to SIMON COLTON & Clarke, has now on hand at the old stand, S. W. corner of Broad and Walnut streets, one of the finest stocks of Christmas groceries to be found in the city. It is not only fine but large also, and embraces the finest staples and seasonable luxuries for the Christmas table. Competition in either price, excellence, or variety is positively defied. The best of white Almeria grapes may be found and may be bought for 25c. per pound, or three pounds for one dollar; also the finest of double and single crown raisins in quarter boxes, the former at \$2.25, the latter at \$2. These goods cannot be bought at any other store at these prices. In addition to these, new Grenobles walnuts, Gibberia, Princess paper-shell almonds, Pecan nuts, shellbarks, citron, currants, figs, prunes, olives, jellies and jams, oranges, lady-apples for the Christmas-tree and dinner-table, pears, wines of all descriptions, and other articles positively too numerous to mention, are included in the stock, and may be seen on personal application. There is, in fact, nothing wanting that is at all desirable, and all tastes can certainly be suited at the lowest prices at which they can be sold. Those who patronize the establishment will find themselves well satisfied with their bargains.

STEUB & CO.'S PIANOS, used by artists everywhere. GOULD & FISCHER, No. 923 Chestnut street. HAINES BROS.' PIANOS.—Of the ten hundred piano manufacturers in the United States, none enjoy a better reputation for turning out first-class stock than do the Messrs. Haines Bros., of New York. They have not made such extraordinary efforts as some have to get their instruments before the public, but their experience in business has taught them that the pianos they manufacture, by their superior tone and excellence, speak, as it were, for themselves; and those who purchase and use the instruments understandingly, do not hesitate to recommend them to their friends, and thus the pianos gain an enviable notoriety. These gentlemen have been in the piano business for twenty years, both being practical piano makers, and understand every department of the trade, and every instrument sent from their factory, be the price high or low, is thoroughly examined and pronounced perfect before it is sold. The instruments are made in every style of finish, and for tone cannot be surpassed in this country. We have sold over 2000, and each with a guarantee of five years. Hundreds of buyers purchase from us who start out reluctantly to look, feeling they must spend \$200, or \$300, or \$400, but find a splendid piano can be bought at about two-thirds these sums or less. Come and see us. GOULD & FISCHER, No. 923 Chestnut street.

MASON & HAMLIN'S Cabinet Organs: standard of excellence throughout the world. GOULD & FISCHER. WHY UNCLE JOHN WENT TO PARKINSON'S.—"Twas the night before Christmas," well what if it was? Is it coming again, that "ridiculous man?" Grown old Uncle John, as he tied up his head And shuffled away to his bachelor-bed, Thinking himself a most fortunate chap, With nothing to trouble his "long winter's nap." But the wind out of doors made a terrible clatter, And conscience could speak, "that's what was the matter."

So he lay there forlorn and shivered and trembled, When there right beside him stood one who resembled The famed Santa Claus, but his broad merry face Wore a frown that was surely there quite out of place; To the stockless chimney he pointed with ire, When up rose the fire-place higher and higher, And there through the flame, with amazement, John saw Aunts, uncles, and brothers and cousins-in-law In cheerful excitement preparing the store For the happy young chicks, who were dreaming it o'er, And now, growing plainer, was one little room, A poor little taper revealing its gloom, And a woman who wept, as she sewed by its gleam, For the children whose Christmas must be all a dream! John shrank from the light in good Santa Claus' eyes, For he knew why his poor sister Grace must thus sigh: "Not for you happy Christmas!" as sternly he spoke! Santa Claus melted up the wide chimney like smoke, And John with a shiver of terror awoke! Reproached that the morning dissolved the dark spell, And knowing that only what ends well is dark, He hastened to Parkinson's, Chestnut near Broad, And bought all the bonbons his purse could afford, Caramels and pralines of every description, ne plus ultra, Chocolate drops, glazed walnuts, Diablotins "Jim Crow," Imperial and Chantilly creams, Enough to defend from an army of dreams, And speed to put smiles where the tears freely came, Dost thou take, gentle reader? Go thou do the same! THE PARKINSON CARAMEL DEPOT, CHESTNUT STREET, ABOVE BROAD.

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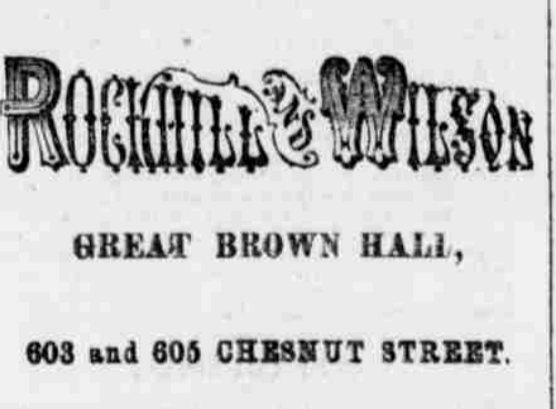
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