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THE SAN DOMINGO MESSAGE AND REPORT.

No MATTER what opinion may be entertained of the propriety of annexing the Dominican territory to this country, few Republicans will question the wisdom of the President in quietly submitting the annexation scheme "to the judgment of the American people and of their representatives in Congress assembled." General Grant has executed a flank movement against his political antagonists. Instead of seeking self-destruction by hurling himself upon their frowning batteries, he their well-fortified centre, avoids rendering its vast array of death-dealing weapons harmless, without abandoning the campaign. He seeks no immediate action on the Dominican project, but, contenting himself for the present with the performance of what he deems his complete duty by placing the subject squarely before the nation, he declares that while he favors annexation he has no "personal solicitude upon the subject;" that he has "ever believed that all men are wiser than any one man, and if the people, upon a full presentation of the facts, shall decide that the annexation of the Republic is not desirable, every department of the Government ought to acquiesce in that decision." These utterances betray none of that intolerant spirit which prompted James Buchanan to make a partisan test of the Lecompton Constitution. and which wrecked Andy Johnson on the rocks of his "policy," and Grant seems as ready to avoid some of the worst errors of his Presidential predecessors as he was, during the war, ready to avoid the blunders of his military contemporaries.

The Dominican question now goes before the nation on its merits, an additional array of facts being presented by the commissioners which have induced them to recommend annexation, and it is for the sovereign people to give the final answer on this project. The present sentiment of the country is averse to it, and it is doubtful whether that sentiment will change; but to the fermer who owns an immense plantation it is a matter of slight consequence whether he does or does not add a few rods to his broad acres, and there is comparative'y little to be hoped or feared from the political union of half a West Indian island with half a continent.

AMERICAN SIEAMSHIP COMPANY. THE American steamship Company has now fully organized by the election of a President and Board of Directors, and the high commercial standing and well-known energy of the gentlemen who have been chosen to manage the affairs of the company give assurance that nothing will be left undone to get the line of steamers into operation at as early a day as possible, and to make the great enterprise a success. The President. Mr. Herman J. Lombaert, is a gentleman of eminent business talents and administrative ability, which will find a congenial field of activity in superintending the affairs of the new steamship line, which is expected to do so much for the commercial and other interests of Philade phia. The Boar i of Directors is composed of the following gentlemen:-Messrs. Edward C. Knight, Washington Butcher, Josiah Bacon, John Rice, B. H. Bartol, John Price Wetherill, Henry D. Welsh, and D. B. Cummins, all of whom are well known to be among the most active and enterprising of the business men of Philadelphia, and they may be expected to devote themselves with energy to the task they have nndertaken.

The organization of the American Steamship Company inaugurates a new era for Philadelphia, and when the line is once in operation it cannot but exert a most powerful influence in advancing the prosperity of the innumerable industries which make the greatness of this city and in opening new fields of activity. The wretched municipal government of New York is fast driving capital from that city, and many great business enterprises, unless there is a radical change ere long, will be obliged to follow the example of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and locate elsewhere. New York's misfortune is Philadelphia's opportunity; and there is no reason why it should not regain its lost commercial prosperity and become the first commercial as well as the first manufacturing city in the Union. The immense manufacturing interests of Philadelphia have made her citizens indifferent to commerce, but the time has now arrived when it is of importance that commerce as well as manufactures should engage the attention of her men of business; and with all the advantages she possesses as a great commercial mart, there is no good reason why Philadelphia should employ New York as a port of entry. The vessels of the American Steamship Company, so soon as they commence to make their regular trips, will undoubtedly do much toward reviving the commercial spirit in Philadelphia, but the line of steamers, independently of this, will also aid materially in developing the resources of the State and in promoting the grand scheme of Pennsylvania Railroad Company for making Philadelphia the emporium for the grain trade of the Great Waste The dered by the Rev. William O. Lamson as direcfor making Philadelphia the emporium

importance and value of the new steamship line which will ere long be inaugurated are proved by the anxiety which New York has displayed on the subject. The journals of that city have never ceased to sneer at the enterprise, but in spite of the sneers of New York, and without any assistance from that quarter, the stock has been subscribed, and the bonds absorbed, and the company organized, while the interest which has been manifested by every class of Philadelphians is an assurance that the Company will in the future receive all the support it may need, and that nothing will be left undone to falsify the Gothamite croakings and predictions of failure.

Is THERE no authority in the House of Representatives capable of preventing such a disgraceful wrangle as that which occurred yesterday between General Butler and ex-Governor Swann, of Maryland? The people of this country are heartily tired of hearing ex-Rebels and their friends rehearse the wornout slanders about Butler's peculation of Southern spoons or his terrible treatment of Southern women and children, and such men as Swann can make no capital by allusions to Butler's famous New Oileans "woman order." for that was the one performance of his career as a military man which he can regard with entire satisfaction. General Butler made a proper reply to the blackguard assault of Swann yesterday when he said if there was anything in his life to be proud of it was this order, and that he regretted he did not issue a similar one in Baltimore. If General Butler made a violent reply to the assault upon him yesterday he was certainly provoked to it, for Swann's remarks were unparliamentary and ungentlemanly, and if the Speaker had done bis duty he would have checked the discussion at its beginning. It is to be remembered, however, that the Speaker himself not long ago took the floor to make a violent attack upon Butler, and excited a vituperative personal discussion quite as discreditable as that of yesterday, and he could not with any consistency have interfered. General Butler may not be an altogether lovely character, but the floor of the House of Representatives is no place for those who feel aggrieved at his performances either as a warrior or as a politician to give voice to their dislikes, and the members of the House who have any regard for its dignity should combine to prevent the recurrence of such a scene as that of yes-

Wz yesterday published a letter addressed to the Charleston Republican by C. S. Memminger, late Secretary of the Treasury of the Confederate States, in which he contends that the political evils which now afflict his State result from the ignorance of those who hold the balance of power, and he advocates that South Carolina should imitate Massachusetts and establish an educational qualification which would limit right of suffrage to those citizens, white or lack, who can at least read and write. There is doubtless much truth in Mr. Memminger's statement, but he is apparently forgetful of the fact that he and the class of men he represents are directly responsible for the deplorable state of affairs now existing in the South. In the old slaveholding days it was a criminal offense to instruct a negro in even the rudiments of education, and no interest was taken in the education of the poor whites. In fact, the wealthy slaveholders felt that their hold upon power depended upon the ignorance of those over whom they ruled, and since the abolition of slavery the education of the freedmen has been especially opposed in many sections of the South. The burning of school-houses is one of the favorite amusements of the Ku-klux, and such men as Mr. Memminger have no right to complain of the evil effects of ignorance, so long as they either openly encourage the performances of those who still consider that it is a crime for black children to learn to read and write, or consent to them by their silence. If Mr. Memminger and the class he represents were to take a hearty interest in the education of the Southern youth, and were to exert all their influence to put a stop to the Ku-klux outrages, there would speedily be an improvement, and Congress would cease to discuss such measures as those now before it for the preservation of life and property in the Southern States by military force and extraordinary legal measures.

AMERICA IN EUROPE.

Movements of Distinguished Citizens of the United States Abroad.

The American Register (Paris) has the following items of interest:-

Mr. and Mrs. Paran Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. August Belmont, Mr. and Mrs. John Jasper Mills, Count and Countess Kutter, Mr. and Mrs. Viele, Mr. and Mrs. Appleton, Senator and Mrs. Sprague, and Chief Justice Chase, are among those announced to sail for Europe during the

Letters from Milan, Italy, record great success for Miss Edith Abell, of Boston. Her voice is constantly improving, and is regarded as most promising. Her teacher, one of the first in Italy, is enthusiastic in her behalf, and very decided in the opinion that when she decides to appear in public she will meet with gratifying success. She has had liberal offers to appear in opera, but prefers to bide her time, which will probably be at the conclusion of Lent. Her voice is pronounced by Italian authorities a pure soprano. She easily sustains the high B, soft and clear, for nearly a minute. By earnest request of the British Consul, who is an established clergyman, together with others in lufluential positions, she has been induced to sing regularly at the Episcopal chapel in Milan. The British Consul and Mr. Clarke, and their families, together with others of note, attend service

and are exceedingly friendly to Miss Ex-Minister John Lothrop Motley and family are at the Hague, and settled into the residence which the Queen of Holland has placed at their disposal. It is called the "Kleine Loo," and is a charming old-fashioned villa, with beautiful gardens, and communicating with the Royal

Mr. William Schaus, the well-known proprietor of the fine-art galleries bearing his name, bas arrived in Europe. He will be absent several months, and intends visiting Paris and other chief art-centres of the Continent. The result of his visit will undoubtedly be some important

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tor-in-chief of the American Ambulance in Paris, and of his untiring devotion to the sick and suffering generally during the siege, that gentleman was made a Chevaller of the Legion of Honor by the French Government at the same time that the chief surgeons of the American Ambulance were similarly distinguished.

The American sculptor, Hiram Powers, has, it is said, bought a beautiful villa in Rome, on a little bill beyond the Porta Romana, and his son and daughter live near him. He is one of the most industrious of the American artists at Rome, and has now almost ready to give to the public his statue of "Eve after the Fall," one of the best of his many good works.

DEATH IN THE PULPIT.

Singular and Affecting Scene-A Minister Stricken with Death Whilst Addressing His Congregation.

The Rev. Benjamin Eaton, first and only rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Galveston, was stricken with death while standing in his pulpit last Sunday. The Galveston News thus

describes the affecting scene:-He ascended the pulpit. Announcing his 'There is yet room," all trembling beneath the weight of his last message, he referred to one after another of the friends of his youth and the communicants of his church that had gone before. He painted Death entering the church door, passing up the broad aisle, laying his bony hand to the right and to the left; breathing his cold, clammy breath on the cheek of beauty, and wafting the silver hairs of age. Now touching the father, then the son; here the mother, there the daughter, as the spectre so plain to his entranced vision advanced to the chancelrail, and as he saw that his time had come his words struggled for utterance. He faltered. His weakening limbs staggered. A gentleman who advanced to his assistance was waved back. For ten minutes more he spoke, his words only audible to those near him. The excitement of the audience was fearful. Three times he struggled to continue saying:—"I am very sick but I must say." Again he staggered. He feil into the arms of Mr. C. R. Hughes, as he raised his hands to pronounce the benediction. Like Moses, that other servant of God, he was too weak to hold up his hands, which was done by Mr. Hughes, as he said his last pulpit words, "To God the Father." His tongue refused to speak further; his hands dropped. He was car-ried to his rectory, where he died.

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