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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

CITY OF MEXICO, January, 1875.

POLITICAL CONDITION.

It is impossible for a stranger to appreciate the political condition of a country from what he may read in a press always more partisan, and it is especially so where the language and institutions may be so different from his own as to render credence unsafe and criticism unjust. Such impressions as may be derived under such a candid avowal of the difficulties may be taken for what they are worth. It is historical and not a mere speculation that the property in Mexico constitutes a large proportion of the values vested in real estate. It has been in effect confiscated to the use of the State and distributed by sale among the people. Right or wrong this act has placed in the hands of more active proprietors property which was in mortmain, and we may suppose that this will have the same effect upon industry as a similar act in England at an early period. But this act, accompanied with an anti-monopolist policy, has dissolved some religious corporations for which society has much respect. It is then obvious here that there is a moderate or conservative ecclesiastical party, which approved the established institutions, and a liberal party which prefers the equalization of properties, the development of the physical and intelligent resources of the country, and is indeed the party of a separate State and Church, schools, railroads, immigration and importation of ministers and enterprises. The reception given by the representatives of this interest to any American or other foreigners, who promise to promote the policy indicated, is an evidence of the distinctness of their doctrine as of the sincerity of their faith. It may be added, without trespassing upon the limits of propriety, that it is of importance that the Liberals should know that their policy is justified by results. That this is a reasonable expectation is obvious to an American mind, but the proof should come promptly to be contrasted with the immediate effects. The pressures caused by such an immense revolution in property tenure.

We have had the analogy of this condition in the act emancipating the slaves of the Southern States. Ultimately the effect of this act must be to open a mine of free labor, to which every one may have access, and the effect of this combination of enterprise and labor must have, and indeed already has had, an effect on the production of the country. In the meantime, however, the act has so confused the immense interests invested under the old system as to counteract the immediate effects of liberalization. The conservative interests of Mexico have perhaps more power to meet the issue and to impute all stagnation of industry to the amortization of church property than the former proprietors of American slaves can have. Besides the Mexican conservatives have the advantage of a religious sentiment complicated with the proprieties of the act.

From this reasoning it would seem that the Liberal administration is deeply interested in the introduction of capital and industry to so animate the business of the country, that a stagnation of commerce, perhaps inseparable from the physical and social condition of the country, shall not be charged as the exclusive consequences of the liberal policy referred to.

The physical character of Mexico occupies fully its commercial condition. We may discount all that poetry and romance have spoken, and Mexico remains a country of incomparable resources. All that man desires for use or luxury is here. So there are undoubtedly great riches at the bottom of the ocean, but in either case this wealth is only available with agencies of development in one use and of salvage in the other. Imagine a valley producing all the tropical fruits, surrounded it with a wall of porphyritic stone 6000 or 8000 feet high, and the value of these products are limited to the simple wants of its isolated inmates; suppose the precious metals in a state of almost unqualified purity in a mountain where there is neither fuel, water nor access, and this wealth is unavailable; a whole country without a river of adequate navigation; fertile tracts separated by sterile districts. A people so simple in their wants that a stranger could not be content with one of their garments nor eat an article of their food, can not be profitable customers with whom to deal. These people—they are three fourths of the population—wear clothes, a suit of which is not worth \$2.50. Their food is almost entirely of Indian corn, with pulse, and hopper of some sort. Commerce can not be predicated of such a people. The means of transportation is equally primitive, and as inadequate to development. The exports and imports, domestic transportation of the country is, with the exception of one main railroad, effected on the backs of men and women, and on mules or asses. At such a cost of freight—with such incapacity to move large tonnage, no country can be developed in a mineral, commercial, or agricultural sense. The people are content. With a climate which clothes, and a soil which feeds them, almost without labor, separated from other nations by a coast and distance of transportation which leaves them little inducement to produce beyond their own wants, what prospect is there that a more liberal policy should succeed to that which physical incidents have established for so many centuries. The demonstrations of the Liberal administration are in the right direction, both for the development and defense of the country. When the iron river shall run through the interior of Mexico, when its tributaries shall draw and drain to an ocean outlet all the precious products now locked in inaccessible locations—enterprise, industry, capital and conviction will penetrate this interior, the wealth of the mines and fields will be brought into market, the results will permeate every order of society, and each will enlarge the schedule of its wants with the added ability to satisfy them. It is then the climate, the sentiment, the pleasures of Mexico will be realized by her own citizens as by those of other countries, and the principles of that party which has advocated such progress will be vindicated and established. The invitation of foreign capital and immigration will come, it is to be hoped, quick enough to vindicate the administration, which is the forerunner of an inevitable prosperity. If, however, it has happened that those first to perceive the value of a policy are sometimes frustrated in the

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HOME NEWS FROM ABOARD.

The Associated Press is bad enough, but when it comes to translating and re-translating the intelligence furnished by that great American dis-seminating institution, as is done when it is re published in the Two Republics of Mexico, it is a great deal worse. We find in that journal of January thirteenth the following remarkable account of occurrences in this city on the fourth of that month. It is credited to the Diario Oficial, which is published in the Spanish language, and so the "news" must necessarily have passed through two translations:

WASHINGTON, February 9.—Mr. Boy, of Missouri, presented a memorial of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce in favor of opening the Southwest Pass of the Mississippi river, and remonstrating against the opening of the South Pass thereof. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Johnston, of Virginia, the vote by which the bill referring to the Court of Claims of G. W. Curtis, against the Arlington estate, in Louisiana, was indefinitely postponed, yesterday was reconsidered and the bill was placed on the calendar with the adverse report. Mr. Curtis gave notice that he would address the Senate in regard to the bill at an early day.

Mr. West, of Louisiana, introduced a bill for the relief of James Madison Wells, of Louisiana. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Davis, of West Virginia, presented the joint resolutions of the Legislature of that State protesting against federal interference in the civil affairs of Louisiana, and asked permission to submit some remarks thereon. He said he would not occupy more than five minutes of the Senate.

Mr. Clayton, of Arkansas, objected, and said he desired to call up for reference the message of the President of yesterday in regard to the bill for the relief of James Madison Wells, of Louisiana.

Mr. Bayard, of Delaware, said that motion would certainly lead to a debate. The Vice President decided the Senator from Virginia (Davis) was entitled to the floor. The resolutions of the West Virginia Legislature were then read at the clerk's desk, and Mr. Davis said he believed that the sentiments expressed in them were endorsed by three fourths of the people of West Virginia as well as the country at large. He argued that the Louisiana Legislature had been lawfully organized in the month of January, and that such interference was by authority of the President, as two cabinet officers, Secretary of the Treasury and Attorney General, had signed the acts of Governor Kellogg and others; he also said he could not imagine a more disgraceful proceeding than that which had been sought and accepted office at the hands of communities of the South trading and selling the people they assumed to represent in conformity with the resolutions which he had introduced and asked that they be placed in record, which was so ordered.

Mr. Alcorn, of Mississippi, presented a memorial of the members of the Military and Naval Reserve of Louisiana, and of the Northern Mississippi, favoring the passage of the House bill providing for a district court at Aberdeen, Mississippi. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Clayton, of Arkansas, moved that the message of the President on Arkansas be taken up and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Bayard, of Delaware, said: Yesterday an order was made to print the message and accompanying documents, which had not yet been complied with. True, he remarked, the message and accompanying documents had not yet been presented. He had been informed that it was the intention of the Senate to adjourn to-day, and that the message would be presented to-morrow, as a mark of respect to the late Senator Buckingham, of Connecticut, whose funeral took place to-day.

Mr. Clayton, of Arkansas, said: It would not be considered now, as it would lead to a debate, and there were