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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1869.

THE FULL MEASURE OF JUSTICE. The good people of Philadelphia can congratulate themselves that the enemies of law and life in their midst have at last sustained an overwhelming defeat. We publish elsewhere the decision of the Court of Quarter Sessions which consigns to the Penitentiary the hired assassins of the Whisky Ring, Dougherty and Marrow, and twenty-three days, in addition to a fine of one thousand dollars. This result was almost too good to be anticipated. The counsel of these shameless and cowardly villains resorted to every trick and device known to a perverted mode of criminal procedure to secure their escape from the clutches of the offended law. Hitherto the pettifoggers of the Quarter Sessions have been so successful in defeating the ends of justice that a similar result was to be feared in this case. But happily such was not to be the case, the motion for a new trial was overruled, and the would-be assassins of Detective Brooks are now partaking of the bitter fruits of their infamous crime. The only cause we have for regret is in the fact that the Court, for some mysterious reason, permitted the sentence of imprisonment to fall one week short of the full limit allowed by the law.

JEFFERSON DAVIS IN RETIREMENT.

There is no more significant evidence of the rapid obliteration of the bitter feelings engendered by the Rebellion than the obscurity into which Jefferson Davis has fallen. At the close of the war all the indignation and wrath of the loyal portion of the nation was concentrated upon him as the head and front of the Rebellion. His trial, condemnation, and punishment were eagerly demanded, as a warning to possible future traitors, and his release on bail and the practical abandonment of proceedings against him were viewed with no little discontent by those who remembered the enormity of his crimes, and who thought that at least one who was chief among the offenders should be made an example of. The soundness of the policy pursued towards the leader of the Rebellion has been fully demonstrated by the results. The conviction and punishment of Mr. Davis would only have served to increase the bad feeling between the two sections of the country, at a time when it was of the greatest importance that the work of reconstruction should be advanced as rapidly as possible, and it would have answered no good end. Like most punishments meted out to political offenders, it would have secured for the victim a sympathy in other countries to which he was not entitled, and instead of making treason odious it would rather have glorified it, in certain quarters, at least. By letting Jefferson Davis severely alone, the nation has sustained its own dignity, and it has banished him to an obscurity in which he has but little sympathy or respect from any one. Instead of being a martyr he is now almost forgotten, and the nation has ceased to think or care about him. This is the best fate that Mr. Davis could wish for, and it is creditable to his good sense that he has rather sought his present obscurity, instead of endeavoring to keep himself before the public. For some time he was in England, where a few Rebel sympathizers endeavored to do him honor; but it was painfully apparent that the general interest in him had ceased, and that the treason of which he was the exponent had lost its popularity. A short time ago he returned to the United States, but, beyond the mere announcement of the fact, no notice was taken of him, and it is doubtful whether the majority of the people of the country know whether he is here or in Europe, alive or dead. Some of the unreconstructed Rebels of Memphis, Tennessee, a day or two ago, endeavored to make an exhibition of their disloyalty by giving him a serenade, but Mr. Davis very wisely declined to make a speech; and the probabilities are that when his former admirers find that he is not disposed to make a fool of himself, they will take the hint and endeavor to imitate his example. That Jefferson Davis should have passed off from the scene so completely and become practically forgotten is a proof that the humane policy of the Government towards him and the other Rebel leaders was the only proper one to pursue consistent with the honor and dignity of the nation.

THE CUBAN CONSTITUTION.

The Cuban Junta at New York have issued a document which they certify to be a correct and faithful translation of the constitution adopted by their co-revolutionists in April last at Guimaro, the provisional capital of the proposed Cuban Republic. It has at least the merit of brevity, as it would scarcely fill half a column of THE TELEGRAPH. It practically vests nearly all the powers of government in a House of Representatives, for to that body, which is to remain in perpetual session until the termination of the war with Spain, is left the election of the President and General-in-Chief and other leading executive officers, as well as the "power to dismiss from office any functionary they have appointed." The government thus contemplated rather resembles that established by the Continental Congress in this country during the Revolution than the present Government of the United States; and although it may possibly serve temporary purposes, it is not well calculated to secure tranquility and order in time of peace. It has the fault of all the republican constitutions of France—a single Assembly—and by its jealous theoretical restrictions of executive power, it helps to pave the way for a usurper.

Contradictory statements have been circulated from time to time in regard to the action of the patriots about slavery and religion. It now appears by the publication of the Junta that the following article relating to the first-named subject has been adopted:—"XXV. All the inhabitants of the Republic of Cuba are absolutely free. This, though satisfactory as far as it goes, is exceedingly brief. Practically only a small percentage of the Cuban slaves have been emancipated, and the constitutional clause, although direct and emphatic, descends to no details. Its chief value consists in the fact that the insurrectionary leaders proclaim themselves abolitionists. The clause in regard to religion is as follows:—"XXVIII. The House of Representatives shall not abridge the freedom of religion, nor of the press, nor of public meetings, nor of education, nor of petition, nor any inalienable right of the people." Here, too, an advance step has also been apparently made, but in the present state of Cuba it will require much positive legislation, as well as a mere negation of powers, to secure to Protestants the same freedom of worship which Catholics enjoy in Protestant countries.

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power and court still further prosecution at its hands. The Emperor, however, has at last adopted a policy of dealing with this man which shows some traits of wisdom. As long as Rochefort was hounded down by the emissaries of the Government, he was formidable; but as soon as he was given permission to return to Paris, and was furnished with a safe conduct by express command of Napoleon, he ceased in a measure to be the political martyr that he had been theretofore, and was deprived, in a corresponding degree, of his capacity for mischief. The district which M. Rochefort desires to represent in the Corps Legislatif is the First Circumcription, and his only formidable opponent, so far as we have noticed, is M. Terme, the editor of the *Peuple Francais*, and a brother of the Government deputy of the same name. Ever since Rochefort's return to the capital he has been made the recipient of almost daily ovations, the Government quietly looking on, but not interfering in the least either with him or his admirers. That he will be elected there can be but little doubt, and his entrance into the Corps Legislatif will be the signal for a malicious assault upon the Imperial regime. It depends altogether upon the policy adopted by the Government as to whether or not he will prove as formidable an antagonist upon the floor of the chamber as he was in his sanctuary during the early publication of *La Lanterne*. If a policy of repression is adopted, Rochefort will again become a political martyr, and a thorn in the side of the Emperor; but if full vent is given to his discontent, and the curb applied only when he passes entirely beyond the limits of forbearance, his antagonism will avail nothing more than that of any of the decided opposition members.

In addition to the excitement attending the approaching opening of the session and the uproar caused by the elections, the rumors of contemplated Cabinet changes have tended to stir up the excitable Parisians to an unusual degree. For some time past it has been thought that the Emperor was about to make a show of sincerity in his professions of reform by calling into his Cabinet M. Emile Ollivier, and a cable despatch dated yesterday gives currency to the rumor that two prominent and unequivocal members of the Third party would enter the Cabinet with him. But immediately on top of this rumor comes the authoritative announcement in the *Journal Officiel* that there is no foundation in these rumors of contemplated Cabinet changes, an announcement that must be regarded as settling the question, until the session of the Legislative Body is fairly under way, at least. Napoleon is still too firmly wedded to his passion for personal government to yield, until he is pressed to the wall.

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A CAPITAL INVESTMENT, with GOOD SECURITY AGAINST MISHADES, May now be made in WINTER SUITS, Or Melton Silk Mixtures of Cheviots, WINTER SUITS, Or Field, Stripe, and Diagonal Cassimeres, WINTER SUITS, With Double-Breasted Walking Jacket, For Evening Dress, ready for immediate use. AT JOHN WANAMAKER'S, CHESTNUT STREET, CLOTHING ESTABLISHMENT, 11954, Nos. 518 AND 520 CHESTNUT STREET.

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THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING RE-liquished the Heating of Buildings by Steam or Hot Water, it will be continued by WILLIAM H. WISTAR, lately superintending that department of their business, whom they recommend to their friends. MORRIS, TASKER & CO. Nov. 19, 1869. 11 29 24

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WISTAR & BOULTON, No. 227 S. FIFTH STREET, HEATING BY STEAM OR HOT WATER. Plans Pipe cut to order. Laundries and Culinary Apparatus fitted up. 11 29 24

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THE FIRM OF LEVERING, DAVIS & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business of the late firm will be carried on by J. LEVERING, Jr., JOHN LEVERING, Jr., WILLIAM DAVIS, HENRY LINCOLN. 11 29 24

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ALUMNI GIRARD COLLEGE.—THE ceremony of unveiling the statue erected to the memory of graduates killed in the war, will take place WEDNESDAY, November 24, 1869, at 2 1/2 P. M. The Board of Directors cordially invite all Graduates to be present. Badges to be worn. A. S. PRITCHARD, Secretary Alumni. 11 29 24

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PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS against THE REPUBLICAN INVINCIBLES, of Philadelphia, are requested to present them for settlement to EGRA LUCKENS, Treasurer Republican Invincibles, Treasury Building (second story), LIBRARY STREET, above Fourth. 11 29 24

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Where Shall We Buy our Clothes? Where do all the people go When November breezes blow? Breezes make them shiver so; Go to ROCKHILL & WILSON! Where do all good people swarm Seeking clothes to keep them warm 'Gainst the cold November storm? Swarm to ROCKHILL & WILSON! Where do all good people crowd, Buying clothes of which they're proud, 'Bargains! Bargains!' crying loud? Crowd to ROCKHILL & WILSON! Cold winter is upon us! UPON US! UPON US! We will put upon our backs The elegant Beaver Overcoats, The substantial Chinchilla Overcoats, The Astrachan Cloth Overcoats, The Arctic Hunter's Overcoats, All made out of the best materials, at the lowest prices at which it is possible for clothes to be made. Don't be afraid, but join the crowd of good people hurrying to the

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THE NEW DRY GOODS STORE. TRASK & WHITING HAVE REFITTED STORE, Nos. 39 and 41 North EIGHTH Street, Between Market and Arch streets, (Formerly Lang's.) And are now offering to the ladies of Philadelphia a large and entirely new stock of DRY GOODS. We enumerate a few of the Special Bargains:—

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500 dozen Ladies' All-linen Hemstitch Handkerchiefs, wide hems, 25 cents, worth 50 cents. 7-8 All-linen Loom Table Damask, at 46 cents. 8-4 Half Bleached do., at 75 cents. 8-4 All-linen extra heavy Double Satin Damask, at \$1.12. 36-inch Dice Huckaback Towels, extra heavy, at 25 cents. Extra Heavy Quality Towels, at 12 1/2 c. Extra All-linen Table Napkins, at \$1.37 1/2 per dozen. Heavy Canton Flannels, at 12 1/2 cents. Yard-wide Extra Heavy Shaker Flannels, at 50 cents. 2000 Yards New Style Delaines, at 15 cents, same as sold at 25 cents in other stores.

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HOSIERY. Ladies', Misses', and Gents', in all Varieties. 50 dozen Bleached and Brown Balbriggan Hose, extra long top, at 62 1/2 c. 100 dozen Merino Hose, at 12 1/2 cents. 200 dozen Bleached and Brown Fleece do., at 31 cents. Rochdale Super Extra Blankets, All-wool, at \$4-50 per pair.

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GLOVES OF ALL KINDS. We sell the EMPRESS KID GLOVES at 87 1/2 cents per pair, which is a better Glove than is sold in other stores at \$1.00. All sizes and colors. Also, the best 82-00 Kid Glove at \$1.62 1/2, in black, colors, and all sizes, every pair warranted. A full line of DRESS GOODS, in all the new and desirable fabrics. A full line of MOURNING GOODS, in the popular varieties, at less than the usual prices.

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