

EUROPE.

Premier Gladstone's Democratic Platform for Great Britain.

Agricultural Reports from the North of Ireland—Landlordism and Emigration.

Napoleon's Cabinet and the French Press.

SPANISH DISUNION AND PARTY FACTION.—ENGLAND.

Mr. Bright's Speech at Birmingham—The Gladstone Democratic Platform—Liberal Intentions of the Government—Parliamentary Combinations—How the Workings Take the Address of the Minister.

London, Jan. 15, 1870. If Mr. Bright's Birmingham speeches failed to satisfy those who were foolish enough to believe that the inevitable sobering effects of office would fall to make the Manchester reformer, recent and cautious, and who anticipated from him a blunt exposure of many important cabinet secrets, they have afforded ample ammunition both for his friends and enemies, and the daily papers are still commenting upon them according to their several proclivities.

The conservative organs would of course have found occasion to assail the opportunity afforded, no matter what he said. If he should have told his constituents that the cabinet had been seriously divided on the details of the Irish Land bill and the mode of dealing with the present lawlessness in that troubled country, when they met in council last month, and should have gone on to state the points on which he insisted in the great measure of next session, the whole Tory pack would have opened upon him and denominated him as usual, for all, had he refrained from mentioning Ireland at all, or simply alluded to Irish affairs as a subject occupying the serious attention of the government, and hence not a desirable theme for discussion at this time, he would have been assailed from the same quarter as a coward and a traitor to his life-long constituents. Had he said any more or any less than he did say, his condemnation would have been as certain and as severe as it now is. It is not surprising, therefore, that Tory objection should be taken to Mr. Bright's observations, that the present government "had given to the Irish a free Church and a free school" and would soon, he hoped, give them a free vote and free trade.

To be sure he took the precaution to avow that he was an enemy to confiscation, and that the view of a handful of landowners and a nation of starving dependents was one that could only be removed by time and by careful legislation; but this goes for nothing in the eyes of the conservative organs, and on the strength of the promise of a "free land" Mr. Bright is denounced as a red republican and a socialist.

So in his interview with an amiable deputation, although he told his visitors that the stories of the sufferings of the Fenian prisoners were mischievous fabrications, circulated for the purpose of stirring up sectarian and religious passions, the government would be justified in setting those convicted rebels who avowed their determination to repeat the offence in which they were imprisoned, and who were, as he is assured by a London sympathizer, bent on drawing a distinction between rebellion against a free government and rebellion against a tyrant, and because he expressed his sympathy for the latter, give when the cells of all political prisoners could be opened.

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The independent movement in the Red River settlements is a matter of less than a year, and is now being themselves into gross extravagance. The movement in favor of annexation to the United States, and all the English journals can do is to refer the unwarranted

assumption that it is not a genuine expression of the people of the province; that it is a Yankee trick, and that the petition presented to General Grant was a mere device to draw attention to the cause. The movements are entirely devoid of foundation, and not a pretence of authority can be cited in support of them. The only argument with any show of plausibility is that if the people of Columbia desired separation from England they would apply to the British government for a free trade treaty. But this objection is met by the fact that England has long avowed that her colonies are free to sever themselves from the mother country, and that they may feel disposed, and that in this respect the will of the colonists must be the law. The Columbia may have supposed that the British government means what it says, and that it will not consider it superfluous to ask a consent that has already been given in advance.

IRELAND.

Topography and Scenery of the County Donegal—Condition and Habits of the People—Illit Disaffection—The Peasantry and Landlords—Evictions—The Town of Letterkenny.

Donegal is the most western of the three northern counties of Ulster. It is bounded on the north by Londonderry and Tyrone, on the east by Fermanagh and Down, on the south by Londonderry and Londonderry, and on the west and north by the Atlantic Ocean. It is by far the largest county in Ulster, being eighty-five miles in length by forty-one in breadth, and having an area of 1,193,443 acres. It contains 233,191 acres of arable land, and there are no less than 769,587 acres still uncultivated. The proportion, therefore, of uncultivated waste to arable or cultivated land is as seven to three.

The coasts of Donegal are wild, rugged and beautiful; they are deeply indented by numerous bays and lochs; as for example, Lough Swilly, Mayoo, Sheehyhaven, the Bay of Gweedagh, Inver Bay, and several others, all of which stretch far into the county. So fine a piece of coast scenery is not, probably, to be found in the British Isles. They are very stormy, and at all seasons of the year the Atlantic beats against them with irresistible fury. So stormy and dangerous are they indeed that, although they afford the means of an abundant fishing, men are loth to venture their lives upon the waves, particularly so as they are, for the most part, but ill provided with proper boats and other fishing accommodations. Almost every sort of fish—cod, haddock, turbot, &c.—are taken on the shores of the county, and considerable quantities of fish were recently sold at Londonderry for 15,000 for its lakes in the fishing of the river Erne, and which is paid for by the Landed Estates Court in respect of the rights of the Crown.

The surface of the county, particularly in the western and western districts, is extremely varied, and is marked by many attractions for the eye. In the western part of the county, the mountains are high and rugged, and are covered with heath and moss. In the eastern part, the land is more fertile and is cultivated in corn and other crops. The mountains are high and rugged, and are covered with heath and moss. In the eastern part, the land is more fertile and is cultivated in corn and other crops.

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Cabinet Question—Prin's Position—Political Dissension and Party Misrule—Attempt on the Life of the Regent—Ming a Cabinet Minister—Telegraphic News.

Madrid, Jan. 20, P. M. In a council of Ministers Prin most energetically opposed the idea of a conciliation with the union liberal party. It appears that the general is informed of some scheme of that party and is resolved to keep them at arm's length. Prin will also oppose the unionists forming part of the new Ministry unless they declare to abandon the candidature of Montenegro. This afternoon another council of Ministers will be held, and it is expected that Prin does not want any change to take place in the cabinet. Prin does not want any change to take place in the cabinet.

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farming societies which were in existence some ten or twenty years ago. The efforts practiced by these societies were very great, particularly in the eastern counties. The lands in the vicinity of this town are so rich and are so well cultivated that, last year, they were the envy of the people of the country. The inhabitants are an industrious, intelligent and hospitable people; they dress neatly, and are well educated. The Roman Catholic Bishop of Raphoe resides in Letterkenny, and I found that persons of all religious denominations in the county were well represented. It is the result of his early removal from among them consequent upon his promotion to the higher dignity in the Irish hierarchy. It is the result of his early removal from among them consequent upon his promotion to the higher dignity in the Irish hierarchy.

SPAIN.

Retrospect on New Year—The Condition Since the Fall of Bourbonism—Decay of Patriotism and Love of Public Plunder—The Crown of Charles the Fifth and a Begging—Looking to Napoleon—The Message from Italy.

Another year has rolled into eternity and Time has turned over another leaf, upon which are to be written the events of 1870. We have glanced over the pages of the year, and have seen with sadness and regret the country, from 1860 to the close of 1869, to break under the shackles of slavery and free itself from the power of despotism. Here the famous motto, "Dixit fit in force," is not known, or rather is not put into practice. A guerilla warfare may be carried on to advantage in the field, but it will not answer in politics. If radical changes and reforms are required, the people must be taught to demand them with one common voice which would strike terror into the despots and crush the power of those whose chief study is, not how to make the country happy and prosperous, but how to make themselves powerful and wealthy.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.

The Men of the Robin Hood Discharged—Arrival of the Japanese Embassy—Another American Calculation—The Elections—Action of Missions.

Honolulu, Jan. 4, 1870. The men belonging to the buried ship Robin Hood, arrested on suspicion of firing her, have had an examination and have been discharged by the Consul. The only fact elicited of any importance was that the second mate's chest was saved, and, strange to say, it was already laid ready for an emergency. The question naturally arises as to why his chest and contents should have been prepared for sudden removal, while every thing else was taken care of and most properly so. It is not probable that the mate had any secret papers, or that he was carrying any arms. However, it is not unlikely that he was carrying some valuable articles, and that he was carrying some valuable articles, and that he was carrying some valuable articles.

The Japanese Embassy arrived here on the 27th of December and were placed in the premises occupied by the Duke of Edinburgh during his stay here. One of the commissioners comes to inquire into the condition of the Japanese coolies, and I am informed, I feel to believe that their condition is all that could be asked. The fact that the coolies have been sold and exchanged like so many cattle has, probably, been kept from him, if, indeed, he cared to know it. Harris, the new Minister of Foreign Relations, has the embassy in charge, and, doubtless, tells him that it is all right. Harris is charged recently with several little matters, among which was the suspicion of having acquired a large fortune in the Hawaiian Islands, and his family, he took the Foreign Office for the purpose of enhancing its value; how it is not stated. The *Gazette* handles all the charges but the one he named, upon which it maintains a studied silence. Who knows but what Harris fell in love with republican institutions while in Washington and that he is now aiming for annexation? He will be very popular if he succeeds. How to reconcile this with his Majesty's known dislike for republican institutions and his own personal ambition, I do not know. Harris has based his calculations upon the decease of the King, whom he will throw off his mask and compel the republicans to give up their claims. Harris and many others now in power would vacate, it must be pleasant to feel that one's friends are waiting for one's decease.

Some of our friends do not much talked of yet, though near at hand. The cooie question has divided the ranks of the opposition and they may be come out before many days. Some of the missionaries who have in years past stood manfully for the rights of the natives have been driven out of the islands. Some of the missionaries who have in years past stood manfully for the rights of the natives have been driven out of the islands.

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On the 27th of January we were not sparing in our encouragement, sympathy and praise. In like manner, when necessary, we will not be sparing in the harshest terms. It is the result of his early removal from among them consequent upon his promotion to the higher dignity in the Irish hierarchy.

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AN ELEVATED RAILROAD. A bill was presented to-day by Mr. O'Keefe, of Kings, with the unpretending title of "An act for the construction of an elevated railroad in New York city." A careful revision of the bill, however, assures me that it is likely to prove the most important and most perplexing question of how shall we obtain access to one end of Manhattan island to the other—a question which must be decided very soon or we shall all have to emigrate to some distant and foreign shore—say Jersey. The plan proposed is to run an elevated track from the City Hall entirely—pillars, rails and all—of corrugated iron, more properly laminated beam iron, with a span from pillar to pillar of light iron rods or girders, and supported by several tests made of this material by experts and scientific men that its strength is greater in comparison with its weight than any other material of the same weight. It is proposed to run a track from Harten River to the City Hall, comprising two way tracks, with stopping places at short intervals, and an express train running on a short independent track clear through from Harten, with only two stoppages, which will be accomplished in fifteen minutes. The cars are to be run by means of a cable, and will be supported by a central bar about the level of the body of the car, with friction wheels running on it. The cars will be supported by a central bar about the level of the body of the car, with friction wheels running on it. The cars will be supported by a central bar about the level of the body of the car, with friction wheels running on it.

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AN ELEVATED RAILROAD. A bill was presented to-day by Mr. O'Keefe, of Kings, with the unpretending title of "An act for the construction of an elevated railroad in New York city." A careful revision of the bill, however, assures me that it is likely to prove the most important and most perplexing question of how shall we obtain access to one end of Manhattan island to the other—a question which must be decided very soon or we shall all have to emigrate to some distant and foreign shore—say Jersey. The plan proposed is to run an elevated track from the City Hall entirely—pillars, rails and all—of corrugated iron, more properly laminated beam iron, with a span from pillar to pillar of light iron rods or girders, and supported by several tests made of this material by experts and scientific men that its strength is greater in comparison with its weight than any other material of the same weight. It is proposed to run a track from Harten River to the City Hall, comprising two way tracks, with stopping places at short intervals, and an express train running on a short independent track clear through from Harten, with only two stoppages, which will be accomplished in fifteen minutes. The cars are to be run by means of a cable, and will be supported by a central bar about the level of the body of the car, with friction wheels running on it. The cars will be supported by a central bar about the level of the body of the car, with friction wheels running on it.

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