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The Weekly Freeman.

Saturday, August 27th, 1881.

The Week.

The condition of President Garfield is at best very critical. It is stated now that for some days his stomach has retained liquid food so well that the necessity for enemas has ceased for the time, but it is not alleged that he has begun to gain strength, or even that he is "holding his own." He is, in fact, believing, growing weaker every day, and unless a decided change for the better take place very soon it is impossible that he can recover. The wound, said to be now fifteen inches in length, continues to discharge pus, and it is feared that further incisions will be necessary; the swelling of the parotid gland continues. It is admitted now that he has frequently been delirious, and that generally he is scarcely conscious of what goes on, and is always unable to sustain any sympathy, if, of course, of strength and vitality. The physicians say, is caused by blood poisoning. It is said that the Cabinet are now of opinion that the right and the duty of Mr. Arthur are to resign the Presidency, and perform the duties of Vice-President, the Constitution declaring that he shall do so should the President fall, through inability, to discharge them. There is, however, much difference of opinion on this point, and so far as Arthur is concerned, he does not desire to do more than his undoubted duty.

The French elections are over and it is still impossible to judge what the result will be. It is stated that the Bonapartists have lost ground everywhere in Corsica, that the reactionaries, including the Legitimists and Orléanists, have lost several elections, and that the newly elected Chamber. The gain of the Republicans is correspondingly large, but the republicans elect are divided into two main parties, the one of which is the body of deputies will be more or less hostile to religion than the old, more or less determined to extort French Dominion in Africa and to prepare for the recovery of Alsace-Lorraine. The violent infidelity is less numerous and the power of Gambetta, because some think is shattered, because in the great Socialist stronghold, Belleville, in which a few years ago he received nearly all the votes, he has now been elected by a bare majority, if, indeed, he has been elected at all. At a meeting held before the election there was such disturbance that he could not speak. He denounced those opposed to him as a handful of fanatics, as cowards, as traitors to the Republic, as, perhaps, increased the hostility to him. It is said that several candidates recommended by him have been defeated in other districts. It does not promise well that Gambetta has met with so much opposition, because he has not gone as far as he has in the extreme expected. So far as he will now be forced to take the leadership of the government, but it is by no means certain that he could get it now.

There is little news from Northern Africa, but the impression still prevails that the French government will make the whole country from Morocco to Egypt French as quickly as possible. Gambetta in his election speeches frequently spoke of the recovery of Alsace-Lorraine as an object for which the Republic would fight, and it is not surprising that if Gambetta obtained the election that the French government would precipitate another war with France. An alliance, offensive and defensive, between the Republic and Italy, and, if necessary, prepared, it is said, and negotiations are now actively in progress.

The elections in Spain have, it is said, given the Sagasta Government a considerable majority in the Cortes, and there, as in France, the party called Conservative has lost heavily. It is alleged that the Conservatives employed several thousand men to keep their votes at every polling place and that the plot was discovered in time by the Government. The plotting, it seems more probable, was on the side of the Government. The re-elected military element in the Cortes have had the effect of rendering the majority of the people indifferent to constitutional methods, and of enabling any government to secure an apparent majority at the polls. In the majority of the elections the Sagasta Government was the Government of the people, and the Government of the people is the Government of the people.

In Germany it is said that the Catholics will probably support the Conservatives, who are now the Government candidates, and that the Liberals will not receive the support of the Socialists who are disgusted with their unreasonableness to give effect to the principles they profess. The appointment of Archbishop Kohnen has given offence to the anti-Socialists, as in it they see evidence of a yielding on the part of the Government to the demands of the Pope, and of national honor is that Catholics should not be permitted to manage those spiritual affairs as they think proper, but that the Catholic Church should in all things be absolutely subject to the state and that no sacrament be administered without instruction be given, or mass said, or bishop consecrated, or priest ordained with faculties, but by authority of the State and in such manner as the State may prescribe. It gives cause for uneasiness and suspicion of military interference on the part of the Government, that although they have consented to the appointment of this Archbishop they have not yet come to a general understanding and agreement on the questions at issue, and even the Archbishop recently appointed may be a fugitive or a prisoner a few months hence.

By the way it may be well to correct an error into which some of our exchanges have been led in this matter. It was stated that the German Emperor would appoint the Archbishop. Only the Pope makes such appointments. The Emperor would nominate one who, if appointed, would be acceptable to him.

Portugal, about the politics of which the rest of the world cares so little, and thinks so little, has had its elections attended with more than ordinary excitement. The Catholics, who are the majority, have at length learned that if they would save the country from a continuance of anti-Christian legislation they must do more than murmur complaints and threaten, they must organize a political organization, with such effect, that they will be encouraged to greater efforts hereafter. The Government there also were sustained.

The English Parliament will shortly be prorogued. Except the Irish Land Bill it has done little in one of the largest sessions on record, although it worked assiduously. Mr. Gladstone introduced a great change in the mode of doing the business of Parliament has become necessary. It is said that changes are contemplated which will greatly restrict the liberties, the privileges, the immunities and of minorities. Something similar to the French *Closure* will, it is said, be introduced, and the right of moving the adjournment as a matter of prolonging a debate, a right often abused, will be taken away. It is said that changes are made the House of Commons will be no longer what it once was.

The excessive heat caused a premature ripening of grain crops in England and France, and consequently the yield is not so great as was anticipated. A succession of heavy rains prevented the proper sowing of the wheat in England, and caused much of what was sown to rot, thereby injuring its quality. These unlooked for changes have caused a considerable rise in the price of wheat, not so much, it is said, because the new wheat in the yield as because the new wheat can be put on the market as soon as was expected, and there is no stock of the old. Mr. Caird, the well known agriculturist, writes to the *London Times*:

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