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MEETING OF CONGRESS.

...ongress will assemble in some three weeks ... present date. The time was, when ... session of the National Legislature ... looked to with keen solicitude, and ... great interest. In former years, when parties were more nearly divided, and when public affairs actuated the country from one extreme to the other, the meeting of the people's representatives was a theme of earnest speculation and ... anxious enquiry for weeks before the ... of the two Houses. But in these ... days of political pacification—when parties ... upon each other rather from ancient and ... hereditary than antagonistic principles—when party ties, erewhile so stringent ... unlimited, bind but loosely those who ... them, and are thrown aside as vexing ... burthens by others—when the Union ... disturbed by the clamors of treasonable ... when no paramount public questions ... the nation—when the mighty champions ... both parties are numbered with the dead—... small calibres and dwarfed proportions, but do not fill the places once graced ... statesmen, patriots and orators—when palpable ... grabbles between interested factions are ... excited for grand contests of fundamental ... principle—in such a time as this, the approach ... commencement of the Congressional session ... scarcely stirs the public pulse, or awakes ... anxiety and dormant curiosity of the public mind. For experience has shown that Congress did little else than prate—that its members ... utter pour forth wishy washy streams of ... verbiage, or assail one another in the ... of the beer house and the brothel. Clap-... speeches usurp the place of action, and ... weary hours are passed in avoiding ... unpleasantly, instead of transacting promptly the ... of the nation.

... public questions of import are likely to ... discussed by Congress at the coming session. ... nothing may be said of the administration's ... boa-bear—British designs on Cuba—but ... little hints before us, we hardly imagine ... democracy will manufacture much capital ... the rapid a theme. The Tariff will come ... discussion. Our Treasury is manned with ... officials, and the country is alarmed at the ... of the Government, saying all it owes ... having a surplus in its Exchequer. The ... is ripe for Free Trade theorists to cut ... the revenue, by withdrawing another ... of the articles taxed, laid upon foreign ... and leaving American enterprises to exhibit ... which, by the way, it is now nearly ... to do. The coal and iron men of Pennsylvania will have to stand a further reduction of ... on these articles, and they will grumble ... but stick uncompromisingly in Democratic ... administration. Happy would it be, if ... spirit of reform in this matter of the Tariff ... subdue, induce the majority so far to consult ... peace, as to do away with the pre... a to rascality—held out in the existing ... in the shape of *ad valorem* duties. If ... is, in all practicable cases, substituted ... for *ad valorem* rates, the Treasury ... may proceed to the work of curtailing ... foreign imports, without the fear of ... substantial opposition.

We presume the Pacific Railroad question ... demand some notice from Congress and ... will be necessary to note in this connection ... allusion of the Executive on the Locality ... agreement. A majority of the members ... are beyond a doubt in favor of ex... and to the completion of this ... The President, its equally certain, will refuse to any measure that proposes ... to retain from the Treasury for the ad... of the road. It is not the only ques... which the Cabinet is not a unit—and ... which will be apt to draw a line be... the strict constructionists of the South ... liberal and latitudinarian Republicans ... the North. If we were to hazard an ... on the result, it would be that the Prac... Triumph over the Hypothetical, and... will mature some plan by which ... be brought into use and either forever, the market closing to ... fellow nation—when the mighty champions ... both parties are numbered with the dead—... small calibres and dwarfed proportions, but do not fill the places once graced ... statesmen, patriots and orators—when palpable ... grabbles between interested factions are ... excited for grand contests of fundamental ... principle—in such a time as this, the approach ... commencement of the Congressional session ... scarcely stirs the public pulse, or awakes ... anxiety and dormant curiosity of the public mind.

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