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SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1866.

"The Scovel Defection." We publish elsewhere a letter which has been handed us by Mr. JAMES M. SCOVEL, in which he endeavors to justify his "eccentric behavior" a few days since, or rather, we should say, he utters a wild philippic against such persons as have been engaging in the field sport of hunting him "like a partridge to the mountains."

We know of no one who is supposed to be more able to make an excuse than SCOVEL, and we therefore give room to his own argument to the detriment of that of his new friend, the New York World. That the writer has utterly and entirely failed to justify his conduct is evident to any disinterested observer. His letter is a tissue of misrepresentations, wild denunciations, and useless appeals to his own conscience.

Let us look, however, at what the honorable Senator says in extenuation of his desertion of party and violation of promises. He goes back to the election of Hon. JOHN P. STOCKTON, and examines the record in regard to the election by a plurality rule in the joint convention. What may be his object in so doing is hidden from us.

He thus endeavors to throw the blame of the illegal election of Mr. STOCKTON on the Republican party, totally ignoring the fact that in a joint convention which could elect by a large majority a Democratic Senator, the Democratic party, having the power, must be responsible for any law adopted.

But while taking the trouble to set Mr. SCOVEL right, we cannot see that the question of the legality of the election last year has anything to do with the present case. The Senate has unseated a member from New Jersey. It, and it alone, is judge of its actions, and all that the Legislature of our neighbor has to do is to quietly proceed to fill the vacancy.

"A man," says this modern SOLON, "with an empty pocket, can defy the world, the flesh, and the devil." This is curious. Such a statement reminds me of a little story we heard attributed to the agent of the Camden and Amboy. A man applied for the position of a conductor. He was refused because he did not possess a watch.

Go to the agent, Mr. SCOVEL; consider his ways and be wise! A man with an empty pocket is the one who desires to have it filled. "Put money in thy purse" is a motto for hungry legislators. We would rather trust a rich man than a poor one in the possession of political trust.

"I require that the caucus should name the man before I agreed to go into joint Convention." A DANIEL comes to judgment. This dictator, this arbitrator of the fate of the Union party, is to sit quietly in his chair, to which he was elevated by his colleagues, and wait until the choice is made and submitted to him for ratification.

fortunate difficulties to which the party is subjected, that has enabled him to dare to ask such regal privileges. "I am right within the doors of my conscience, and who dares to say that I will not go into joint convention for FELIX VANDYKE, or GREGORY?" That is not the question. It is your business to go for any one whom the caucus may select, and if the choice fall on any of the gentlemen named, well and good—if not, whoever may be the candidate.

Long residence in Jersey has made Mr. SCOVEL form vague ideas of mountains. Probably he regards the mountains of his native State, for any of greater altitude, strange to say, do not abound in that particular hill. The Senator's knowledge of political truth and hunting are about equal.

Did not Mr. JAMES M. SCOVEL produce this morning, on the boat in which he crossed the Delaware river, a letter direct from ANDREW JOHNSON, signed by the President, in which he (the President) promised to give SCOVEL any position under the Government, provided he could secure the election of a conservative from Jersey, or prevent the choice of a radical? Did not SCOVEL show the letter to a gentleman from Atlantic City?

Does not this form an explanation of the strange conduct, or the "eccentric behavior," of that honorable gentleman? We say emphatically that it does. That such a letter was exhibited, and that the solution of Mr. SCOVEL's conduct, appears probable in this light. We can prove what we assert. But we must now leave the gentleman to his conscience and his constituents.

The unanimity with which the Republican press of both New Jersey and our own city have condemned his conduct must have shown by this time to him that his hopes of success in his ambitious scheme are ill-founded. Having broken his most solemn pledges to gratify his personal vanity, who will trust hereafter a perjured man? Having by his conduct, at once infamous and dastardly, sought to compel his own election, what party will hereafter receive this forswearer of promises into its ranks?

He has turned his popularity into contempt; he has excited a storm of indignation which will sweep before it this juvenile compound of treachery and vanity. He has performed an action within the last three days which has placed him almost beyond the pale of reconciliation. On Monday will be the crisis of his fate.

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WEST PHILADELPHIA INSTITUTE, Lecture by Professor HERBERT MORTON, on TUESDAY EVENING, April 3, at 8 o'clock. Subject—GALILEISM. To be illustrated with Experiments. Tickets for the Course, Single tickets, 25 cents. For sale at the LIBRARY at MARK'S DRUG STORE, COUMBE'S DRUG STORE, and by any of the Board of Managers. 221 N.

REV. J. C. FLETCHER, RECENTLY returned from South America, will address the Sabbath School of the Second Presbyterian Church, SEVENTH street, below ARCH (near Dr. Beards'), Sabbath morning, 10 o'clock. Subject—"The Progress of the Gospel in Brazil." A cordial invitation is extended to all of the Sabbath Schools in the city.

THE REVIVAL IN FRANCE—ON the labors of RICHARD RAGLIF, Pastor of the Church of England, will be given in the CHURCH of the Holy Trinity, Spring Garden, on TUESDAY EVENING, April 3, at 8 o'clock. Subject—GALILEISM. To be illustrated with Experiments. Service to commence at 7:30.

REV. P. S. HENSON WILL DELIVER his lecture on the "Secret of Success," in aid of the Sunday School, at the BROAD STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, corner of BIRD and BROOKLYN STREETS, on TUESDAY EVENING, April 3, doors open at 7. Lecture to commence at 8 o'clock.

FIFTH BAPTIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (REV. MR. HANNA), TWENTH and BUTTOW WOOD streets—Preaching to-morrow, at 10 o'clock; Communion Services at 10:30, afternoon, Preaching by Rev. Mr. HANNA, of Chambersburg, Pa., at 7:30, evening.

CHOCKSLINK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Preaching to-morrow (Sabbath) at 10 o'clock, by Rev. Mr. MILLER, of the same denomination, at 7 o'clock. In the evening, at 7:30 o'clock, he will deliver the first of a Course of Lectures on Young Men.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE Sunday School of the Second Presbyterian Church, Garden Street, Church, THIRTEENTH street, above Wallace, will take place to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, by Rev. G. A. FILLIZ, Pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church.

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT, PILBET Street, above seventeenth, EASTER SUNDAY—Communion service at 10 o'clock A. M. Evening service at 7 o'clock P. M. Sermons, morning and evening, by Rev. W. T. SABINE.

SCOTT M. E. CHURCH, EIGHTH, above Tasker, Preaching, 10:30; Easter Sermon, 7:30, Sabbath morning, by Rev. T. B. MILLER, at 10 o'clock. Revival still in progress.

WESTMINSTER CHURCH, BROAD and FITZWATER streets—Preaching by Rev. JOHN S. HANNA, at 10:30 A. M., and 7:30 P. M.

CHURCH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, ELEVENTH and WOOD streets, T. H. STOCKTON, Pastor, Sabbath, 10 P. M.

KENSINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Communion (to-morrow) at 10:30 A. M. Preaching at 7:30 evening.

REV. B. H. NADAL, D. D., WILL preach in TRINITY M. E. CHURCH, to-morrow at 10:30 and 7:30 o'clock.

SPECIAL NOTICES. (See the Second Page for additional Special Notices.) OFFICE OF THE VAN DUSEN OIL COMPANY, No. 425 WALNUT STREET. A meeting of the stockholders of the VAN DUSEN OIL COMPANY will be held at the Office of the Company on MONDAY, the 10th of April, 1866, at 10 o'clock P. M., to act on the proposition to assess upon each share of Capital stock of said company the sum of FIVE CENTS. Order of the Board of Directors. J. B. McDOWELL, Secretary, 315 Walnut.

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