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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 have cheerfully opened our columns to the gentleman for his own

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 triend, 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 denunciation, and useless appeals to his own conscience. What we appeal to is the enlightened intelligence of the citizens of his native State and the opipions of everythonorable man, we care not what may be his politics, and not to a moral monitor whose perceptions have been perverted by treachery and ingratitude.

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. STOCK-TON, 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. What had Mr. SCOVEL in February, 1866, to do with the original election of a gentleman whom the United States Senate had declared not entitled to a seat on its floor? Who authorized JAMES M. SCOVEL to sit as judge and referee on the action of the highest deliberative body in the land and yet this State Senate; or, inflated with conceit and intoxicated with vanity, presumes to say that Mr. STOCKTON was wrongly ousted by a majority of the upper house of our national Legislature!

The audacious assurance thus evinced would do honor to BALZAC. But passing by the impropriety, the irrevelance of the quotation, let us see what the writer says of the Convention which elected STOCKTON. He says, "It (the plurality rule) was passed by Republican votes in joint meeting, against my protest."

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. If the Republican votes, without the aid of the omnipotent Scover, was able to pass the plurality law, then why was it that they were utterly unable to elect their candidate? No, Mr. Scovel, the Democrats, who were friends of Mr. STOCKTON, used their influence to secure the plurality rule, and on them, and not on the Republicans, rests the responsibility.

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. So much for the first part of the letter.

"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. The next applied with the article and received the coveted post. The agent shrewdly explained his: "If a man has a watch and all the paraphernalia of a gentleman, then he will be satisfied with his salary; but it he lacks these ornaments, then the Company will be robbed in order that he may secure them."

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. It is evident that Mr. Scover. has inverted the order of his premises. But enough of this foolish saw invented by the Senator from Camden.

"I require that the caucus should name the man before I agreed to go into joint Convention." A DANIEL come 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. Suppose he sees fit to veto their nomination, they are to go back and select another, and so on until they choose one of the four men named by him. And who constituted him the judge, the ruler, the king of the Union caucus? This man was sent as a Senatorone of a dozen. As a constituent part of the caucus he has his due share of power, and it is only the necessities, the accidental and un-

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, VAN-DYKE, 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 gentleman named, well and good-if not, whoever may be the candidate. That is all we have to say on that point. If Mr. Scover made any limitation he behaved with unwarranted insolence, and deserves the worst epithets that even those who hunt mountain (?) partridges could heap upon him. By-the-by, who does "hunt partridges in the mountains?"

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

The letter fails utterly to set Mr. Scover. right in the eyes of honest men. But now to

something else. 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 Scover 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 herea ter 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? When the day comes that the Republican party is willing to send as Senator such a man as JAMES M. SCOVEL, may that day be the signal for its destruction. Within three days he has forfeited the respect of every honest man. He has turned his popularity into contumely; 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. If he retracts, if he apologizes, and gives an explanation, the party may receive it as an excuse. If he changes his vote and casts it in favor of going into joint convention, he may regain a place in the political ranks. If he does not, then good-night to Scovel. The scorn and contempt of every honorable man will follow him into the walks of private life, from which he will never more emerge. Of all foul political beings, may we be protected from contact with a renegade!

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