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THE PROPOSED NEW PARTY.

In declaring our belief that the movement for a new party cannot succeed, we would not be understood to belittle the strength and wide diffusion of the sentiment which its projectors aim to organize. The Republican party is full of dissatisfaction. It is divided in opinion, broken by feuds, disappointed in General Grant, and feels that it cannot much longer subsist on the dry husks of controversies which, settled in politics, have passed into history. The dissatisfaction is more likely to grow than abate, but it does not furnish a promising basis for a new party.

report of the siege, in which he distinctly charges the Marshal with treachery, and this report has been published under the sanction of the Government. Of course a document of this kind, when it accords so closely with the wishes of those official superiors from whom come promotion and other good gifts, is always to be taken with reserve. Without fully condemning the Marshal, therefore, until we have heard his defense, we shall content ourselves for the present with stating the case as it stands, so that we may the better comprehend his story whenever he shall see fit to tell it.

impatience in regard to the exercise of power by great corporations. Valuable privileges are sought, and these are used disadvantageously to the people whose representatives have granted them. The local interests of a State are injured by business organizations which it has created; enterprises sanctioned under a belief that they are to operate beneficially, are so manipulated that they prejudice their promoters professed to help. The general tendency of railroad management is to produce this result. Through traffic is the precedence of local, and is carried on more advantageous terms, passengers pay less, relatively, for long routes than for short ones. Competing lines are bought up, and monopolies become masters of the situation.

and that General Grant in his appointments prefers his friends to his enemies. But what does all this amount to? It is but the ringing of the changes in the same old story which self-conceited, sordid and disappointed politicians have raised against every President from Washington down. We do not remember that Mr. Sumner had any better opinion of Lincoln in the White House than he has of Grant, and if we are not mistaken, he was completely taken in at first by Andy Johnson. The Senator's opinions, therefore, of General Grant are of little consequence, especially while "Motley is his only war." But he takes a very shallow view of St. Domingo treaty. What did it signify if a few speculators on the ground had staked out certain lots on Samana Bay, marking among them some for General Grant, if you please? What did that bagatelle of an objection amount to when the treaty for some two millions of money would give us a tropical island worth forty North Pole Alaskas? Yet we know that Mr. Sumner warmly supported the Russian treaty, although numerous lobby birds shared at least the two hundred thousand and above the seven millions in gold paid for Alaska.

Mr. Sumner, however, is not the only wise man of the East or of the West who has discovered that General Grant has no sense and is driving his administration and his party to the dogs. Senator Fenim, since the appointment of honest Tom Murphy as our Collector, is of the same mind as Sumner. We have seen, too, that according to our amiable poets of the Post-office has gone right with General Grant since the appointment of General Schless to Madrid. Nor have we forgotten the fearful rumpus raised among the Pennsylvania party wirepullers when the kind-hearted Mr. Borie was made Secretary of the Navy. They could not see that the President was in this position paying a neat compliment to the Presbyterian Church (Old School) and our American citizens of French descent—killing, you may say, two birds with one stone. As for Carl Schurz, of Missouri, he is of the go-ahead school of George Francis Train, and doubtless thinks that if he is not President he ought to be, and that General Grant is too presuming in acting in his Missouri appointment upon his own judgment. Schurz, after his late services to the Democrats in Missouri, called the other day, it appears, to report progress at the White House, but General Grant was engaged. We infer that Schurz is more concerned about Grant than Grant is about Schurz. Ever since that tremendous retreat of Schurz at Chancellorsville we have thought that in tactics and strategy he is hardly equal to Grant.

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THE MIDDLE AMONG THE REPUBLICAN POLITICIANS.

From the N. Y. Herald. When Napoleon set out in July for Berlin he little thought that he would "fetch up" in September at Sedan. So our self-conceited politicians, with their Napoleonic ideas, are always getting into trouble. Senator Sumner lectured out West he has been "interviewed" by an expert reporter, and has availed himself of the opportunity to define his position in reference to General Grant. The Senator "has no doubt that General Grant is an honest man and administers the government the best that he knows how."

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