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WHAT THE BIRDS SAID.

By JOHN G. WHITIER. The birds, against the April wind, Flew northward, singing as they flew:

"Oh, wild birds, flying from the South, What saw and heard ye, passing down?" "We saw the mortar's splintered mouth,

From the U. S. Service Magazine. A BATTLE-HYMN. God defend thee, land of nations! Mother of the brave and free;

WIT AND WISDOM. "CONSTANCY is the only excusable indiscretion." "WOMEN give to friendship only what they borrow from love."

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

INTERESTING SPEECHES.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7. Shortly before the hour of noon the splendid Band from Fort McHenry struck up a National air,

Hon. Edwin D. Morgan, of New York, the Chairman of the National Executive Committee, called the Convention to order and spoke as follows: Members of the Convention—It is a little more than eight years since it was resolved to form a national party to be conducted upon the principles and policy which had been established and maintained by those illustrious statesmen George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

On motion, the following gentlemen were appointed temporary Secretaries: S. A. Shaw, of Massachusetts; S. H. Duer, of New York; E. N. Briggs, of Kentucky.

Speech of Dr. Breckinridge. Gentlemen of the Convention—the year which I have to perform here to-day is merely a matter of formal record, the principles of our party are as old as the hills.

As a Union party I will follow you to the ends of the earth and to the gates of death. But as a Republican party—as a Whig party—as a party that is an American party, I will not follow you one foot. But it is true of the mass of the American people, however you may divide and scatter while this war lasts, while this country is in peril, while you call yourselves as you do in the call of the Convention, the Union party are for the preservation of the Union and the disunion of the South is precisely as they are.

Now, among these principles, if you will allow me to say it, the first and most distinct is, that we do not intend to permit this nation to be destroyed. (Applause.) We are a nation—no doubt a peculiar one—a nation formed of States, and no nation except as these States form it.

Speech of Parson Brownlow. The President then introduced Parson Brownlow to the Convention, who was most enthusiastically received from all parts of the house.

Gentlemen of the Convention—I assure you you have to-night waked up the wrong passenger. I am a very sick man, and ought to be in my bed and not here. I have journeyed on, however through great tribulation, to meet you.

one of the old apostles. [Laughter.] I knew when I came to town that you had a great deal in your minds about the propriety of admitting a delegation from Tennessee—a State in rebellion. I hope you will please gentlemen before you commit so rash an act as that, and thereby recognize Secession. We do not recognize it in Tennessee.

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struck you that those tall poles and wires are destined to be an end of both your trade and mine, and that within a very few years neither of our occupations will have a representative left?

CONCERNING SOME WHIST PLAYERS. I cannot believe a great public man to have attained a full development of his power if he has not been a whist player; and as to a leader of the House, it is an absolute necessity.

Take a glance for a moment at what goes on in Parliament in this non-whist age, and mark the consequences.—Look in at an ordinary sitting of the House, and see how damaging to his party that whist player is, who will ask a question to-day which that day week would be unanswerable.

Take Cavour. Not one of his biographers has recorded his passion for whist, and yet he was a first-rate player; two venturous "poo-bashers"—but splendid with a good hand? During all the sittings of the Paris Congress he played every night at the Jockey Club, and won very largely—some say above twenty thousand pounds.

On the whole, Frenchmen are better players than we are. Their game is less easily divided, and all their intonations (winces) more subtle and more refined. The Emperor plays well. In England he played a great deal at the London Exchange, though he was never the equal of that accomplished earl, whose mastery of all games, whether of skill or address, was perfection.

His Opinions of Men and Things. Cornelius O'Dowd is becoming a feature of Blackwood, where he has appeared regularly for some months back.

A STORY OF GARIBALDI. That, to effect his purpose, he would lay hands on what he needed, not recklessly or indifferently, but thoughtfully and doubtless reverently, we all know. I can remember an instance of this kind, related to me by a British naval officer, who himself was an actor in the scene.

A DIPLOMATIST'S NOTION OF DIPLOMACY. "I say, O'Dowd," cried he, after a pause of some time in our conversation, "has it never all your own combinations?" "I think differently, Count," said I. "I maintain that is good play, and I abide by it."

"In what way?" "Thus: We shall leave the question to the gallery. You shall allege what you deem to be the reasons for your play, and they shall decide if they acquit them as valid or not."