

THE REPUBLICAN.

My Late Senatorial Secretaryship. BY MARK TWAIN.

I am not a private secretary to a Senator any more now. I held the berth two months in security and in great cheerfulness of spirit, but my bread began to return from over the waters, then—that is to say, my works came back and revealed themselves. I judged it best to resign. The way of it was this: My employer sent for me one morning tolerably early, and, as soon as I had finished inserting some communications clandestinely into his list great speech upon finance, I entered his presence. There was something portentous in his appearance. His cravat was untied, his hair was in a state of disorder, and his countenance bore about it the signs of a suppressed storm. He held a package of letters in his tense grasp, and I knew that the dreaded Pacific mail was in his hand.

"I thought you were worthy of confidence." I said: "Yes, sir." He said: "I gave you a letter from certain of my constituents in the State of Nevada, asking the establishment of a post office at Baldwin's Ranch, and told you to answer it, as I thought you could, with appropriate authority. About possible from that there was no real necessity for an office at that place."

I felt easier. "Oh, if that is all, I did do that." "Yes, you did. I will read your answer, for your own humiliation."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14, 1867. Messrs. SMITH, JONES, and others—Gentlemen: What the mischief do you suppose you want with a post office at Baldwin's Ranch? It would not do any good. If any letters came there, you could not read them; and besides, such a post office would cost money in the way of salaries, and would not be likely to get through, you must perceive at once; and that would make trouble for us all. No, do not bother us about a post office in your camp. I have your best interests at heart, and I think it would only be an ornamental folly. What if you had a free school? You know a fine, substantial school and a free school. This will make you really contented and happy. I will write in the matter at once.

Very truly, yours, MARK TWAIN. For JAMES W. NIXE, U. S. Senator.

"That is the way you answered that letter. These people say that they will help me if I ever get that district again; and I am perfectly satisfied they will, too."

"Well, sir, I did not know I was doing any harm. I only wanted to convince them."

"Ah, Well, you did convince them. I make no matter of doubt. Now, here is another specimen. I gave you a petition from certain gentlemen of Nevada, praying that I would get a bill through Congress incorporating the Methodist Episcopal Church of the State of Nevada. I told you to say, in reply, that the creation of such a law came more properly within the province of the State Legislature; and to endeavor to show them that, in the present feebleness of the religious element in that new commonwealth, the expediency of incorporating the church was questionable. What did you write?"

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24, 1867. Rev. JOHN HALPAX and others—Gentlemen: You will have to go to the State Legislature about this little question of yours—Congress does not know anything about religion. But don't you hurry to go there either; because this thing you propose to do in that new country isn't expedient—first, it is simply ridiculous. Your religious people there are too feeble in intellect, in morality, in piety, in everything, pretty much. You had better drop this—you can't make it work. You can't make it work on a corporation like that. If you could, it would keep you in trouble all the time. The other denomination would abuse it, and "hear" it, and "sell" it short, and break it down. They would do with it just as they would with one of your silver mines. They would try to make all the world believe it was "wildcat." You ought to be ashamed of yourselves—that is what I think about it. You show your petition with the words "and we will ever pray." I think you had better—no need to do it. Very truly, yours, MARK TWAIN. For JAMES W. NIXE, U. S. Senator.

That luminous epistle finishes me with the religious element among my constituents. But that my political murder might be made sure, some evil instinct prompted me to hand you this memorial from the grave company of oldsters composing the Board of Aldermen of the city of San Francisco, to try your hand upon—a memorial praying that the city's right to the water lot upon the city front might be established by law of Congress. I told you this was a dangerous matter to move in. I told you to write a non-committal letter to the Aldermen—an ambiguous letter—a letter that should avoid, as far as possible, all real considerations and discussion of the water lot question. If there is any feeling left in you—any shame—surely this letter you wrote, in obedience to that order, ought to evoke it, when its words fall upon your ears.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27, 1867. THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN—Gentlemen: George Washington, the revered Father of his Country, is dead. His long and brilliant career is closed, alas! forever. He was greatly respected in this nation of the country, and his untimely death is a great calamity to our country. He died on the 14th day of December, 1799. He passed peacefully away from the scene of his labors and his great achievements, and he left behind him the best beloved of our earth. At such a time as this, you speak of water lots—what a lot was his! What is fame? Fame is a bubble. It is like Newton discovered an apple falling to the ground—a trivial discovery, truly, and one which a million men had made before him—let his parents were honored, and so they turned that little circumstance into something wonderful, and, in the simple world took up the shout, and in almost the twinkling of an eye, that man was famous. Treasure these thoughts, and shall estimate what the world owes to a little!

And everywhere that Mary went, the lamb was sure to go. Jack and Jill went up the hill To draw a pail of water. Jack fell down and broke his crown, And Jill came tumbling after. For simplicity, elegance of diction, and freedom from immemorial tautology, I regard these two poems as the gems in the light of genius. They are suited to all grades of intelligence, to every sphere of life—from the nursery, to the college. Especially should the Board of Aldermen be without them. Venerable fathers! write again. Nothing impresses one so much as friendly correspondence. Write again—and if there is anything in this memorial of yours that refers to anything in particular, do not be backward about explaining it. We shall always be happy to hear from you. Very truly, yours, MARK TWAIN. For JAMES W. NIXE, U. S. Senator.

"That is an atrocious, ruinous epistle! Distraction!" "Well, sir, I am really sorry if there is anything wrong about it—but—but it appears to me to dodge the water lot question."

"Dodge the mischief! Oh—but never mind. As long as destruction must come now let it be complete."

Let it be complete—let this last of your performances, which I am about to read, make a finality of it. I am a ruined man. I had my misgivings when I gave you the letter from Humboldt, asking that the post route from Indian Gulch to Shuck's Gap and intermediate points, be changed partly to the old Mormon trail. But I told you it was a delicate question, and warned you to deal with it deftly—to answer it diplomatically, and leave them a little in the dark. And your fatal imbecility impelled you to make this disastrous reply. I should think you would stop your ears, if you are not dead to all shame!"

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20, 1867. Messrs. PERKINS, WALKER, and others—Gentlemen: It is a delicate question about the Indian trail, but handled with proper deftness and adroitness, I doubt not we shall succeed. In some measure or other, because the route where the route leaves the Lutesan Meadows, over beyond where those two Shamese chiefs, Dilapidated Vengeance and Dilapidated Gloom, were scalped last winter, is the most good ground in the country, and other preferring something else in consequence of things, the Mormon trail leaving Musby's at three in the morning, and passing through Jawbone Hill to Mosby, and then down by Jug Handle, the road passing to the right of it, and naturally leaving it on the right, too, and Dawson's on the left of the trail where it passes to the left of said Dawson's, and onward thence to Tombs, that making the route cleaner, easier of access to all who can get at it, and compassing all the desirable objects so mentioned by others, and, therefore, conferring the most good upon the greatest number, and, consequently, I am encouraged to hope, we shall, however, I still be ready and happy to afford you still further information upon the subject, from time to time, as you may desire it, and the Postoffice Department be enabled to furnish it.

Very truly, yours, MARK TWAIN. For JAMES W. NIXE, U. S. Senator.

"There—now, what do you think of that?" "Well, I don't know, sir. It—well it appears to me—to be dubious enough."

"No—leave the house! I am a ruined man. Those Humboldt savages never will forgive me for tangling their brains with this infernal letter. I have lost the respect of the Methodist Church of the Board of Aldermen."

"Well, I haven't anything to say about that, because I may have missed it a little in their cases, but I was too many for the Baldwin's Ranch people, General!"

"Leave the house! Leave it forever and forever, too!" I regarded that as a sort of covert intimation that my services could be dispensed with, and so I resigned. I never will be a private secretary to a Senator again. You can't please that kind of people. They don't know anything. They can't appreciate a party's efforts. MARK TWAIN.

Miscellaneous. SOMETHING NEW! FLOUR AND FEED STORE SECOND STREET.

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We have Everything that is Needed and consumed in this market, and at prices that astonish both old and young. JOSEPH SHAW & SON, Curwensville, Pa.

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Consisting in part of Dress Goods, Muslins, Prints of all shades, together with a full assortment of NOTIONS, CLOTHING, HATS & CAPS, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware.

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In short, we keep a full supply of everything used in this market.

We want all our old customers and as many new ones as can make it convenient, to give us a call before we close elsewhere. DANIEL HARTSOCK, EDWIN GOODWIN, Curwensville, February 3, 1868.

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STOVES, OF ALL SORTS AND SIZES, for sale by MERRELL & BIGLER.

IRON! IRON! IRON! IRON! For sale by MERRELL & BIGLER.

HORSE SHOES & HORSE SHOE NAILS, for sale by MERRELL & BIGLER.

PULLEY BLOCKS, ALL SIZES, And best Manufacture, for sale by MERRELL & BIGLER.

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Consisting of Parlor, Dining-room, Chamber, and other Chairs, Which I promise to warrant and sell at less than can be purchased elsewhere. JOHN TROUTMAN, Clearfield, Feb. 27, 1867.

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