

Laureate Intelligence.

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FOR THE WEEK OF SUPREMACY OF HON. GEORGE SHARWOOD, OF PHILA.

Last year, at this period, we offered to send the WEEKLY INTELLIGENCER, during the political campaign, to any address for the sum of FIFTY CENTS. The result was that we had about a thousand new names on our list within two weeks, many of whom became permanent subscribers.

We now make a similar offer. THE WEEKLY INTELLIGENCER will be sent gratis, to clubs, to any address, from Wednesday, July 30, until Wednesday, October 9th, including the merely nominal sum of FIFTY CENTS.

This puts within the reach of all one of the best and most widely known Democratic newspapers in the country. Each of our readers makes an acknowledgment of the paper. By so doing they will help forward the good cause. A little effort on the part of each will accomplish much in the aggregate.

To you who are just now reading the weekly personal columns of this paper, we might as well make up a club at once. You can give five, ten, or more subscribers in an hour or so. Can we rely upon you to do that much for us? We assure you that the monthly subscription, if it comes to you by obliging us by making an editorial note of the above.

"An Unhappy Failure."

"Among other pungent things which the New York Herald's correspondent reports Thaddeus Stevens as saying of some of his leading Republican brethren is this: 'John W. Geary, the present Governor of Pennsylvania, is an unhappy failure.' That old Thad has arrived at his estimate of Geary is undeniable. But our Government is the only 'unhappy failure' we are afflicted with. The Republican party of Mr. Stevens' remarks shows that he so regards it.

This party started out ten years ago as the champion of 'free speech,' and in less than five years, by more brute force, it closed up every mouth in the whole country that refused to proclaim the outrages it committed. It proclaimed its intention to 'bring the government back to what had been in the earlier and purer days of the Republic,' and it had not been a year in power before it began to uproot the foundation upon which the grand structure of the Federal Government had been laid by Washington and his patriots. It cried out with a loud voice against the extravagance of Democratic administration, and yet, according to the public account of one of its own leading members, Congress (Davies, of Massachusetts), it stole more money in the first year of its administration than the government that Buchanan had expended in his whole term. It avowed itself the party of the 'Union,' it failed to preserve the Union by peaceful means, and actually (according to its own interpretation of the result), split it in twain by force and arms.

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Old Thad's "Pronouncements."

The National Intelligence takes much the same view of Mr. Stevens' published 'conversations' with a correspondent of the New York Herald that we expressed it on Friday. It believes with us that the questions and answers were carefully prepared, that they were not the spontaneous utterances of the whole thing was designed by old Thad as a bid for the Radical nomination for the Presidency.

It can not have escaped the observation of intelligent readers of the 'conversations,' that Mr. Stevens made a direct hit at every man who has as yet been brought forward prominently for the Presidency. He straddled the Radical, the Republican, the Union, the New York Herald, in the article we published yesterday. We print this 'personal explanation' below. We think any person who will read it carefully must come to the conclusion that Mr. Stevens did express the opinions and indulge in the expressions upon the Radical, attributed to him by the Herald's correspondent.

In the supposed security of his private residence he spoke his mind candidly and freely about public affairs and certain public men of his own party. It is understood between him and his visitor that what he said was confidential, that the latter was guilty of gross misconduct in making it public. But the whole thing bears the appearance of having been got up for public use. Indeed it looks like the work of Mr. Stevens' own hand. Our belief is, that he dictated, if he did not actually write every line of it, both questions and answers, with the possible exception of a few introductory paragraphs which we did not reproduce.

But sitting in his own residence at Lancaster, writing or dictating sarcastic and contemptuous remarks about leading members of the Republican party, and enjoying them, to Old Thad that meeting some of them men on the floor of the House while they were still smarting under his strictures. Butler, we dare say, was as mad as any of the Philadelphia Butchers who assembled at Harrisburg during the memorable Buckshot War, and did not probably feel more inclined for a fight with a Republican in the North than Old Thad did in Philadelphia. Under these trying circumstances, and having grown too old and infirm to jump out of the back window and run away, old Thad was put to the necessity of wringing out of him what he had said as best he might. Did he not acknowledge, in all must admit what the following:

A PERSONAL EXPLANATION.

Mr. Stevens (Rep., Pa.) rising to a personal explanation, referred to a conversation published in the New York Herald, under the signature of 'John W. Geary,' which was, I suppose, an invention of the Philadelphia Press. He said that he had not been in Philadelphia since he came to the United States, and that he had never seen the Philadelphia Press. He said that he had never seen the Philadelphia Press. He said that he had never seen the Philadelphia Press.

Good Advice.

Corner Leonard, in a communication to the Express of yesterday, advises that paper to imitate the Intelligence. This is capital advice, and if acted on it would work a wonderful change in the Herald. The Herald, as it is now, is a mere collection of newspaper articles, and it is no wonder that it is so. It is no wonder that it is so. It is no wonder that it is so.

Legislative History.

The corruption of the political organization which delights to style itself 'the party of great moral ideas' is certainly unparalleled. The New York Times, itself a consistent supporter of the party to which a large majority of the New York Legislature belong, says that in 1895 the New York Journal-Bulletin wanted a bill passed allowing an increase of fare. It was referred to a committee of five. The chairman was not for sale, but the other four demanded \$5,000 a piece for reporting in favor.

Well-Informed Legislator.

Zach Candler, United States Senator from Michigan, was called to the Senate on Friday last, justifying and glorifying the shooting of Maximilian in Mexico. This is the same bloodthirsty individual who besought the Governor of Michigan to appoint anti-compromise legislators to the Peace Convention at Washington, and expressed the opinion that 'the Union would not be worth a rush without a little blood-letting.' He is just as blood-thirsty. He appears to be ignorant as he is insanguinary. The New York Tribune exposes his ignorance in the following drily caustic sentence: 'We reckon that Mr. Candler would be ashamed to tell the Senators that he was a Senator and that he was a Senator.'

Radicals in Trouble.

There is trouble among the Radicals in Ohio. The Hon. Samuel Gallowsay has declined the nomination of that party in a letter which cuts like a raw knife. He says that the circumstances are such that he is not qualified to accept the nomination, and that he is not qualified to accept the nomination, and that he is not qualified to accept the nomination.

Another Leap from the Back Window.

Thaddeus Stevens, like Ben Wade, has got himself in trouble by opening his mouth too wide in the hearing of newspaper correspondents. Old Ben Wade had to write several letters to explain away what he was reported to have said in favor of setting the property of the rich (North as well as South) and dividing it among the poor; and the worst of it was that the public put no faith in his explanations.

The Reconstruction Bill.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The following is the reconstruction bill as finally passed and reported to the Senate:

SECTION 1. That it be hereby declared to have been the true and sole meaning of the Reconstruction Act of March 2, 1867, that it was intended to provide for the more complete restoration of the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Texas to the Union as regular States, and that the military commanders of the respective districts, and to the paramount authority of the Reconstruction Act, and to the paramount authority of the Reconstruction Act, and to the paramount authority of the Reconstruction Act.

The Trial of John H. Burratt, for the Murder of Abraham Lincoln.

There was a large attendance at the trial to-day, the public curiosity being excited by the opening testimony of the witness, W. D. Williams, in relation to the clock in front of the residence of the late President, on the night of the assassination. On the night of the assassination, the witness testified that he saw a man in the box from the position Rhodes took at the time of the assassination. He testified that he saw a man in the box from the position Rhodes took at the time of the assassination. He testified that he saw a man in the box from the position Rhodes took at the time of the assassination.

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