

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 18th. THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION. The Democracy of South Carolina, Missouri, Virginia, Indiana, Pennsylvania and New York have virtually endorsed Horace Greeley. There is no doubt of his nomination at Baltimore, J. A. Hendricks for Governor of Indiana is a strong nomination, and in my opinion he will poll a number of thousands more votes in October than Greeley will in November. Mr. Hendricks is a very respectable gentleman, and would make by a better President of the United States than Horace Greeley to whose support he has been compelled by the crack of the Blair whip.

THE CHAPPAQUA SAGE.

Glances at his Political Record. Sudden changes of opinion always excite distrust unless they are accompanied by causes as adequate and apparent as the metamorphosis of a caterpillar into a butterfly. The changes of opinion in the case of Horace Greeley are the same, and where no logical or sufficient reason can be perceived for a revolution in life-long action and sentiment, there naturally arises a suspicion of hidden motives, selfish or disinterested. Greeley, if the conversion, besides being sudden and logically inexplicable, was calculated to subvert ambitions ends and aspirations, while a continuance in the former sentiment would not, the doubt of honest conviction and high-mindedness, on the premises would almost, or quite, amount to certainty.

and popularity of the Tribune never could give him a respectable currency as a candidate. The frequent disappointments he suffered in his aspirations for office led him to disavow the firm of Sewart, Weed and Greeley, and since then, like Barks, he has always been willing, and always unsuccessful, except in serving out a month or two of somebody else's term in Congress, where in that short period he made himself thoroughly odious and obnoxious to men of all parties without exception or distinction. He has repeatedly shown himself a marplot, and notwithstanding his Chinese physiognomy, such "chickadee and chow-chow" has exhibited stupid obstinacy fully equal to that of Andrew Johnson, or any other Jackass.

During Lincoln's celebrated canvass with Douglas, and during the legislative contest which followed it, Greeley's quiet but forcible support of the latter as the former. He elected one of Lincoln's opponents as he did for the Republicans in Connecticut last spring. Afterward, at the Convention in Chicago, where Lincoln was first nominated, and where the competition was between Lincoln and Fremont, Greeley and Chase, was our Chinese sage, running over with apparent simplicity, and he, too, had his candidate. He pressed his candidate with "ways that were dark and tricks that were vain." He publicly swore to "stand month filling oaths," and manifested his great knowledge of men, his exquisite discrimination of character, and his profound conception of statesmanship, by repudiating Lincoln and Seward, and men of that caliber, and advocating Fremont as the best man for the Presidency—Edward Bates. Mr. Lincoln was perpetually annoyed and worried by this same Chinese politician, during all his administration. At one time it would have been well for the "Chappaqua Sage" to have been content with his monthly filling oaths, and manifested his great knowledge of men, his exquisite discrimination of character, and his profound conception of statesmanship, by repudiating Lincoln and Seward, and men of that caliber, and advocating Fremont as the best man for the Presidency—Edward Bates.

Not only has he deserted the great and noble party to which he was attached, but his hatred towards it will hereafter be greater than that of any person who never belonged to it. During the old wars between the Mahometans and Christians, the latter were accustomed to say that "one renegade was worse than ten Turks." There is a natural abhorrence in the human mind against treachery and selfish desertion. The renegade feels and knows it. He is conscious of the need he deserves from faithful and honorable minds, and he hates those who award it to him. As the North-ern long have expected the "Chappaqua Sage" to be a man of integrity and devotion to the system of slavery, so Greeley and the Tribune will now expect Marble and the World in the selfishness, malignancy, and venom with which they will pursue the Republicans.

Well, he is so. Let him do his worst, and that worst will not be found very portentous or dreadful. As individuals of the same family are chary in public criticism of each other, the members of a political party are reluctant to quarrel with an associate whose heart is right and yet much if whose conduct is mischievous. This forbearance has long been exercised towards Greeley; but now his desertion renders it legitimate to examine the man as he is, and as he has been. He is now an enemy to the Republican party. He will either be the Presidential candidate of the so-called "Liberals," or that of the Democratic party, or an Ishmael-like bushwhacker marauding on the outskirts of the Democratic camp. But he need not be feared in either position. If the Democrats do not take him up, he cannot get a single electoral vote. If he do, it will cause the stampe of hundreds of thousands of Democrats.

On the 17th of December, 1860, the Chappaqua jurist, patriot and philanthropist, in a letter to the Cincinnati Herald, published the Declaration of Independence. He says: "We have repeatedly asked you this matter to tell us frankly whether you do not assent to Mr. Jefferson's statement in the Declaration of Independence, 'derive their just powers from the consent of the governed'; and that whenever any form of government, becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new Government, laying its basis on such other principles as they shall see fit to adopt." We do heartily accept this doctrine, believing it intrinsically sound, beneficial, and one that, universally accepted, is calculated to prevent the shedding of seas of human blood.

Further along in the same article we may see him invoking the incoming Administration, to precipitate it, self against "fugitive slaves," and now it is expected by some that he will receive the "negro vote," with grateful acclamation. He says: "We fully realize that the dilemma of the incoming Administration will be a critical one. It endeavors to uphold and enforce the laws, as well as against rebellious slaveholders as fugitive slaves. The President must fulfill the obligations assumed in the inauguration oath, but if ever, 'seven or eight States' send agents to Washington to say, 'We want to go out of the Union,' we shall feel constrained by our devotion to human liberty to say, 'Let them go!' And we do not see how we could take the other side without coming in direct conflict with those rights of man which we hold paramount to all political arrangements, however convenient and advantageous.

On the 12th of December, 1860, Mr. Greeley poured out his soul with a philippic at which Jeff Davis and his yet unrepentant followers may clap their hands and hail a healthier secession. He says: "Most certainly, we believe that Government exists for the benefit of the people; for Governments—that the latter 'deprive their just power from the consent of the governed,' and whenever a portion of this Union, self-substituting nation, shall see fit to say, 'We want to go away from you,' we shall say—and we trust self-respect, if not regard for the principles of self-government, will constrain the residue of the American people to say—'Go!'"

What becomes of all the old leather, we know that the straps and trimmings that fall from the shoemaker's bench are collected and sold, and that these finally reach manufacturers of leather board, which, in cheap shoes, is used to give thickness to a sole which has little real leather in it. But what becomes of worn out boots and shoes, and all other articles made out of leather which have been cast aside as no further use? It was in pursuit of this inquiry that we learned that the makers of boots and shoes were to be made to make the "uppers" for smaller feet than they covered before. Thousands of such "uppers" are marketed annually, and it is not safe for those who buy their boots without regard to the standing of the dealers to assume that their understandings are new through out.

Chicago has been suffering recently from a visitation of the fire demon. Several destructive conflagrations have taken place in this city within a few days.

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