MR. O'CONOR'S LATEST.

[New York Herald.]

The anniversary of the battle of New Orleans was celebrated at Newark on the 8th of January. The managers thought they did a clever thing in inviting so renowned a lawyer and jurist as Mr. Charles O'Conor to their banquet. They of course did not expect that he would so far depart from his settled habit of shunning festive meetings as to attend, but they took their chances of receiving a neat letter of thanks and regret, expressing sympathy with the occasion, which they hoped to publish as a means of giving dignity to their dinner. They got more than they bargained for. Instead of replying in a brief note of courtesy Mr. O'Conor sent them an elaborate dessertation, in which, with the audacity of genius, he assailed the ideas to which Gen. Jackson was most devoted, and undertook to demonstrate that our political institutions are a failure on their present basis. So bold a genius seldom does things by halves. Besides declaring his opinion that our Government, as originally organized, has totally miscarried, Mr. O'Conor sketched his own plan of a redeeming substitute. It is the most radical proposition ever presented for the consideration of a political community.

Mr. O'Conor would have the State Governments abolished; would dispense with the Federal Senate and lodge all Legislative power in the House of Representatives; would have the President chosen by lot from the members of the House, and his term of office limited to a single month; would abolish the postal service; would abolish the army and navy and depend on the militia; would allow none but general laws to be passed; would forbid Congress to meet for purposes of legislation, except in some great exigency; would so simplify the Government and abridge its functions that official prizes would not be worth contending for, and thus annihilate political parties by withholding the "spoils."

Politicians will stop and take breath after reading such a catalogue of reforms proposed in apparently grave earnest by one of the most gifted intellects of the country. The light in which this extraordinary and startling series of proposals ought to be regarded is that of a vehement protest by a citizen of great moral elevation against the corrupt and chicaning methods of our party politics. The extraordinary proposals are a device for gaining attention, like that grim proposal of Swift to fatten babies in Ireland and make them a choice article of diet for those who could afford luxuries. There have been dolts and simpletons who regarded that singular pamphlet as a proof of Swift's revolting inhumanity. It was, in truth, not only one of the brightest efforts of his genius, but the most signal exhibition of his tortured sense of benevolence and vehement sympathy with Irish suffering. In the sense in which Swift intended it was a demonstration that the ragged, shivering, hungry Irish poor would be less wretched if they fattened their young children for the shambles than they were in their actual condition. That shocking and revolting pamphlet—shocking and revolting to dullards who did not penetrate its purpose—was the most strenuous shriek ever uttered in behalf of Irish misery. Mr. O'Conor's genius does not lie in the same direction as Swift's; for although he is not inferior to Swift in satiric vehemence he lacks the profusely inventive wit of that greatest of the masters of satire. But his design is not dissimilar to Swift's. He makes a proposal against which he knows that popular sentiment will revolt as a means of emphasizing abuses which he wishes to impress upon the attention of his countrymen. His air of downright seriousness is quite equal to that of his imperturbable model. As Swift drew a picture of a nicely roasted baby on the platter of the nobility (insinuating that their actual treatment of the Irish poor was quite as inhuman) and described the turns of the choicest and juiciest cuts, so Mr. O'Conor carves up our political institutions and exhibits the bare bones which would be left after the operation.

Of course, Mr. O'Conor's proposals are a tremendous Swiftean satire. A man of his consummate knowledge and experience knows well enough that his scheme is as impracticable as the fattening of babies to supply the tables of heartless epicures. He counts upon the revolt of public sentiment against proposals which he puts forth merely as a vigorous and peculiar protest against the scandalous abuses of our political system. Mr. O'Conor does not need to be told that a monthly President, chosen by lot, is a visionary idea. How could treaties ever be negotiated with a foreign Government if the director of the negotiations was changed every month? What continuity could there be in our foreign or domestic policy if subject to the caprices of jumping-jack Presidents, taken monthly by lot from the ordinary herd of Congressmen? How could a great war be conducted when the Commander-in-Chief of the national armies could scarcely begin to acquaint himself with the situation before giving place to a successor as raw as himself? Mr. O'Conor sees the objections to his scheme better than anybody can tell him, but it does not thence follow that he has not rendered a service in giving emphasis to the bad condition of our politics.

There is really much food for useful reflection in Mr. O'Conor's propositions. He has pierced the great vice of our political system to the pith. Our politics have been demoralized by our Presidential elections. It is important to abate the vehemence and corruption of our quadrennial Presidential struggles by diminishing the value of the great political prize. If the President, like the British Prime Minister, were dependent on the legislative body for his continuance in office; if he were taken from that body and compelled to retire whenever he was not supported by a majority, we should escape the most potent corrupting influence in our political system. The Executive would be always in harmony with Congress. He would generally be one of the ablest and most experienced statesmen in that body, and as his tenure would be uncertain and short the country would not be perpetually convulsed by struggles and intrigues for the office. Mr. O'Conor's devices to gain attention in inculcating this idea must not be confounded with the substantial merits of the idea itself.

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[New York Sun, Jan. 12.]

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Railroading Grant Through.

[Indiana (Pa.) Messenger, Rep.]

It looks as though Grant was to be railroaded through on quick time, lest something may turn up to change public sentiment. The Blaine men, however, are not idle, and will make a pretty strong fight for their man. Sherman appears to be left "out in the cold," which is no bad thing for the party and country.

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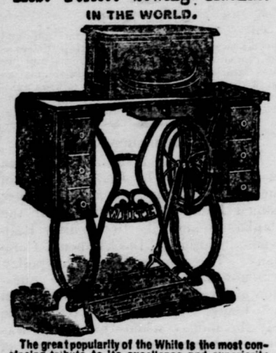

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