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Why Horatio Seymour Refuses The Democratic Nomination. The Ohio State Journal makes the following statement as to the refusal of Horatio Seymour to be a candidate for President:

"We happen to know that there is on file in the State Department sworn evidence of Horatio Seymour's complicity with the rebellion, for the reason that it became our duty while serving in an official capacity, to prepare and transmit to the government the evidence to which we refer Mr. Seymour is probably aware that should he ever become a candidate for the Presidency, the sworn statements of reliable witnesses, will convict him of having been, in the fall of 1864, in confidential correspondence with Clement C. Clay and James P. Holcombe, then acting as Commissioners of the Southern States in Canada. It is a somewhat singular, but at the same time significant fact that the direct proof of Seymour's treasonable correspondence with the enemy has never been made known to the public."

This positive statement seems to demand attention. If there is any such evidence on file in the State Department it ought to be published at once. A call from Congress would probably bring it forth.

AN INGENUOUS NOVELTY.—An ingenious Philadelphia has invented and constructed an ingenious device, by which persons sitting inside their own houses can see anything that is passing on the street not only in front of their doors, but for many squares in both directions, and on both sides of the street. It is a simple arrangement of two mirrors, placed at right angles to each other, and set in a top or other case of frame. It is designed to be set in one of the second story windows, and can be used while the shutters are down. Placed in the proper position, it gives a view of the street as if from a standing position at the front door, a matter of no small convenience in these days of troublesome peddlers, importunate beggars and intruders generally. But its most interesting employment is for the use of invalids, who cannot look out of the window, and who would still like the monotony of the sick room to be relieved by a sign of what is going on in the street. For this use it is admirable. It is called the "window reflector," and is both simple in construction and inexpensive in cost.

INTERESTING FACTS.—A legal stone is fourteen pounds in England, and sixteen in Holland. A fathom, six feet, is derived from the height of a full grown man. A hand, in horse measure, is four inches. An Irish mile is 2,240 yards; a Scotch mile is 1,954; a German, 1,806; a Turkish, 1,626. An acre is 1,540 square yards, a foot three and one-half inches each way. A square mile, 1,760 yards each way, contains 640 acres. The human body consists of 240 bones, nine kinds of articulations or joints, 100 cartilages or ligaments, 400 muscles or tendons, and 100 nerves, beside blood, arteries, veins, etc. Potatoes planted below three feet do not vegetate; at one foot they grow thickest, and at two they are retarded two or three months.—There are no solid rocks in the Arctic regions, owing to the severe frosts.—The surface of the sea is estimated at 150,000,000 square miles, taking the whole surface of the globe at 190,000,000 square miles. Its greatest depth is supposed to be equal to the highest mountain, or four miles.

The Davenport (Iowa) Gazette says: "James Thompson, Esq. of this city, intends putting in this season three thousand acres of wheat, fifteen hundred acres of barley, and one thousand acres of corn and oats; altogether he will have five thousand five hundred acres under cultivation."

A Democratic leader in Marshall, Mich., made a speech the other day which, if brevity is the soul of wit, was witty to a fault. At all events, brief as it is, it expresses the soul of Democracy, and we copy it for the benefit of shallow copperhead orators, who will save themselves and their hearers much trouble by adopting it. He said: "Gentlemen, I am no speech maker; but D—the niggers! D—the Republicans!"

The Jasper (Ind.) Courier says the wheat crop in Dubois county is coming out finely, and promises a great deal better than was anticipated.

A Queer Lawsuit. The Danville, New York, Express is responsible for the following: One day last week a lawsuit took place before Justice McCartney, the case in point being Charles Ackley against Michel O'Heara. The action was brought for use of room, lights, fuel, meals, &c., while defendant was "sparking" his Lucinda at plaintiff's house. The prosecution showed that defendant was at his house from three to five nights in a week and usually stayed until 4 o'clock in the morning, and sometimes till after breakfast—that he burned his lights and wood and used his room, and naturally concluded we take it, that as he had all the fun to be derived from "sparking" such late hours, he ought to pay for the privilege. The case was exceedingly amusing, and of course attracted a large crowd of the "sparking" fraternity, who were interested peculiarly in the result of the action brought, as it might set a precedent whereby they might be called upon to "fork over" a liberal allowance for lights and fuel if for nothing else, and they felt materially relieved, no doubt, when the Justice rendered his verdict of "no cause for action."

A KENTUCKY DEMOCRAT SEES THE ERROR OF HIS WAYS. Mr. John A. Brooks, member of the Kentucky Legislature from Webster, having become satisfied that the Democratic party, as now organized is hostile to the true welfare of the country, has resigned his seat in the Legislature, and announces that he will henceforth support the Republican party. The following is his letter of resignation. To the Honorable, the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I was elected to represent the county of Webster in the Lower House of the Kentucky Legislature, as the nominee of the Democratic party. Since I have been in the Legislature of Kentucky, and recently attended upon the proceedings of the Democratic State Convention I have become convinced that the course observed and the principles now advocated by the Democratic party are at variance with the true system of republican government and tend to the disorganization of our social and political fabric. I have the best of the country at heart, and cannot longer consent to participate in producing continued disorder, disquiet, and lack of obedience to law in the conduct of public affairs. Our country must either be at peace, or continually disturbed and agitated, our institutions and laws, duly enacted, must be maintained, or we must degenerate into anarchy. I, sir, am for peace, for giving to all men that equal and exact justice to which they are entitled under our form of government, and by the decrees of the God of nature.

I have solemnly and seriously considered my duty under the circumstances surrounding me, and have come to the deliberate conclusion to give my support in the future to that organization which presents the nearest approach to the principles of our Government. The Republican party of Kentucky seems to me to be this, and I to it shall henceforth give my support.

It were improper, and perhaps indelicate, that I should longer maintain my seat in the House of Representatives, having been elected to that body as the nominee of the Democratic party. I therefore, while expressing my profound gratitude for the uniform courtesy and kindness with which my relations with that body have been distinguished, hereby tender my resignation as a member of the House of Representatives.

Very respectfully, JOHN A. BROOKS.

THE TRUE REASON.—The newspapers are giving all sorts of reasons to account for the fact that Jerry Black is not retained as one of the President's counsel in the impeachment trial. The Republican pointed out the true reason nearly a month ago, by quoting Black's own language, in an official opinion given to President Buchanan in 1860. We reproduce a portion of that opinion:

"To the Chief Executive Magistrate of the Union is confided the solemn duty of seeing the laws faithfully executed. * * * But his power is to be used only in the manner prescribed by the Legislative Department. He cannot accomplish a legal purpose by an illegal means, or break the laws himself to prevent them from being violated by others.

"The acts of Congress sometimes give the President broad discretion in the use of the means by which they are to be executed, and sometimes limit his power so that he can exercise it only in a certain prescribed manner.—Where the law directs a thing to be done without saying how, that implies the power to use such means as may be necessary and proper to accomplish the end of the Legislature. But where the mode of performing a duty is pointed out by statute, that is the exclusive mode, and no other can be followed. * * * The agency which the law turns over to its own execution must be used for the exclusion of all others."

How could Jerry stand up in the face of that opinion, and defend Andrew Johnson for doing just what he unqualifiedly condemned in the language quoted above?

WHAT MAKES A CITY GROW.—We commend the following to our readers. "The Philadelphia Bulletin has a suggestive article on the causes which make a city grow. There are many causes that are beyond the control of the city, such as natural increase, advantages of situation, communication or production, but it is contended that the character which its inhabitants give to a city has vastly more to do with its growth than all the other causes put together. In other words, the public spirit of the citizens determine the growth of a city. A city attracts population when from its many opportunities for instruction, rational amusements and healthy recreation, it becomes a desirable place to live in.

There is a constant tendency among those who have acquired a competency in this country to drift toward the cities, and especially the cities which furnish the most facilities for living a cultivated and pleasant life. In this view it is seen that the public spirit which invests a city with fine churches, parks, rational and refined amusements, concert halls, public libraries, etc., is in reality a common-sense business spirit. The more public improvements of this kind we have, the more certainly will we draw to our city an increase of permanent residents. Money invested in these enterprises will soon be amply repaid in the growth of the city, and the growth of the city means the prosperity of the inhabitants.

Notwithstanding all Mr. Thad Stevens' brusqueness and contempt of the little men around him, many stories are told of his benevolence and sympathy with the suffering. Not long since on his way to the Capitol, he met a poor woman in great distress. She told him that she had lost seventy-five cents, her market money, and that she had nothing to buy food for her children.

"What a lucky woman you are," said Mr. Stevens; "I have just found what you have lost!" putting his hand in his pocket and giving her a five dollar bill. A few days ago he was appealed to, by a hardworking man who said he could not get work anywhere. "Well," said Mr. Stevens, "I have none to give you, but you may consider yourself engaged whenever I have," and with this he placed a liberal sum in his hands. These acts are spontaneous, and have brightened a long and tumultuous life.

A Washington correspondent says that Andrew Johnson was strongly urged to take Charles O'Connor and William B. Reed for counsel, but he would have neither of them. He has always hated Jeff. Davis, for whom both these lawyers were counsel, and will not permit himself to be defended by the same duality. He selected Evans because he was the prosecutor of Jeff Davis. Mr. Johnson would hang Jeff. Davis the minute he had a chance. The Mississippi fire-eater and himself were always deadly enemies.

Sumner's letter to Stanton expands into prolixity when compared with the letter from a coal merchant to his agent, which read ";" (see my coal on), and the answer thereto which stood ";" and signified "coal on." Similarly concise was the letter of another merchant to his factor in the metropolis, which consisted of a "?" and received for a reply "0."

An exchange, describing the location of three prominent institutions of their city, says: "The medical college is on the road to the cemetery; the divinity college on the road to the poor house; and the law school on the road to the jail."

The hostility of Democrats to colored suffrage will not be abated by the way the negroes acted at Memphis recently. It seems the Memphis rebels were not only beaten in the municipal election of the 17th ult., but they were outwitted by the colored voters. The latter were told by their secessionist employers that they must vote the "conservative" ticket or lose their places. They professed great zeal, and were much puffed by the men who expected to get their ballots. When election day came only one hundred negroes out of about five thousand, supported the anti Republican candidates, and the one hundred, as the *Atlanta* scornfully admits, cost the "Conservatives" \$5,000.

We have heard a great deal from Democratic orators and newspapers in regard to the incompetency of the Republican Senators to sit as jurors on the trial of Andrew Johnson. How is it with the Democratic members? have they not been as loud-mouthed in declaring his innocence as the Republicans his guilt? Yes, verily!—And does any one have any doubt how they will all vote when the final question is submitted? The only question in the case is, can the House convince the Republican Senators that Andrew Johnson has been guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors, for which he ought to be impeached? The mind of democratic members of the Senate is already made up, and would clear him, though his sins were shown to be "as scarlet yet would they say they were white as wool."

The St. Louis Democrat advertises as follows: "Wanted by the Democrat party, a reaction that will run for six months. This party purchased one last season, warranted to run one year, and paid a tremendous price for it, would it up and set it going. And now the very first thing it is wanted, the confounded thing is run down, and cannot be made to go at all. Apply to Mr. Marble, World office, New York, Democrat party, politician whose calculations of the duration and force of the aforesaid reaction, were so instructive and useful."

Henry Ward Beecher writes a long article to show that mothers will know their children in heaven. The question now arises, do you know? And if you do not, about the old man's memory.

When Andy Johnson was speaking from the steps, he was being jeered and sneered at, but he dignified their demonstrations as a tribute not to himself as an individual, but to the high position he occupied, as the Chief Magistrate of thirty-six sovereign States. Since he has been brought to an account for utterances made on that expedition, he claims that, in making the speeches, he was exercising his privilege as an American citizen, and not as President.

The Detroit Free Press, a Copperhead sheet, says that when the radical members of Congress come home they will pretend to be intensely plain and Democratic. "A little further on it explains how they will act when they pretend to be Democratic. It says they 'will drink the meanest whiskey with the lowest drunkard.' We shall not attempt to dispute a definition given by such high Democratic authority.

The New York Herald thus reads the lesson of New Hampshire: "That while the Copperheads have crippled the Democracy, the name of General Grant as the Presidential candidate of the Republicans has been a tower of strength to their State ticket; that the impeachment of Andrew Johnson has not hurt them, and has perplexed the opposition, and that the best thing that Mr. Johnson can now do to save himself is to resign his office."

Two very gallant sons of Erin being just discharged from service were rejoicing over the event with "wee droop of the cratur," when one who felt all the glory of his noble race, suddenly raised his pot above his head, and said, "arrah, Mike, here's to the gallant old 240th—the last in the field and the first to leave it." "Tut, tut, man," said Mike, "ye don't mean that. You mane; and raised his glass high, and looked lovingly at it, "here's to the gallant 240th, equal to none!"

In the Senate the other day, in the course of a discussion, Senator Conness, of California, spoke of General Thomas as Secretary of War ad interim. Senator Howe immediately corrected him by exclaiming: "ad interim!"

The Democratic candidate for City Attorney, at the recent election in Uca, New York, served in the rebel army. His Republican competitor fought with Grant from the Wilderness to Appomattox Court House. The Democrats voted for and elected their representative of secession. What next?