GREELEY.

Some Remembrances of the Departed Editorial Philosopher.

steep wooden stairway on Spruce street the composing room.
side that the great American tragedian During the best days of the Trib-Edwin Forrest, marshaled his way one | une Mr. Greeley never employed a priafternoon to "say a piece" to Horace vate secretary. That was a luxury he Greeley. A certain critic had discovered that Forrest was not according an unusual amount of work outside of a thing in print. He supposed that Mr. | wrote a bold, round hand, to copy his Greeley could be commanded by his lectures in large characters. When he Forrest moving backward until he felt | Institute, and occasionally at another steep stair, and emptying out into was dictated by Mr. Greeley to the sten-Spruce street. To be brief, Forrest was ographer. afraid of Greeley, and "made tracks" down that stair as speedily as if he had traveled the road as often as Greeley. All Greeley said in the conversation was: "My name is Greeley, what do you want?" Forrest said all the rest, much respect for the little courtesies and did not articulate very well, either. William H. Fry, who witnessed the The writer does not remember ever to performance, asked Mr. Greeley, in a have heard him unite "Mr." with anycynical way, why he did not treat Mr. body's name. In the office he addressed his associates familiarly as, Dana, replied, "Is that Forrest, the play-ac- Ott (for Otterson), Cleve (for Clevetor?" Fry said, "Yes, that is the great land) Snow, Pike, Fry, Tom (Rooker), tragedian." After a few moments Sam (Wilkeson), Solon (Robinson) Don

didn't scare anything up here." all quartered in one little room. That gan, (ex-Governor), etc. The reporters room contained the library; every editor and reporter had access to it. There was very little passed in the way of conversation in the Tribune office at that time which was not within the hearing of everybody in either of the rooms. The outer room was not much larger than the inner one but it as sociable creature. His tendencies in larger than the inner one, but it accommodated Mr. Ripley, the book reviewer; Mr. Snow, the money editor; Don Henderson, the man of figures, and a host of reporters. It was rather close quarters, and when Greeley entered the office some time during the day he was any to blight and the workers as morely some control of the desired the control of the best columns of the Tribune to their purposes. He appeared to regard his editorial and news gathering co-Mr. Cleveland, the exchange editor; day, he was sure to blart out some re- workers as merely so many persons unmark such as, "Well, a pretty good pa- der him to build up, and to preserve, per this morning," or probably "Ott, and to glorify the Tribune. He could smeaning Otterson) what fool wrote part with the hardest working, most that paragraph in the city column?" efficient, most earnest and ablest mem-He seemed to think that the only paragraph to which he took exception respectful approach of a subordinate must be recognized by everybody else, did not seem to be appreciated by him. just as it appeared to him. It was after such a question one forenoon that he would be overbearing or boorish. It Mr. Otterson addressed his chief, saying, "Greeley, you stumble over very small thin and the drunken "bummer" from the "Pewter Mug" small things. I suppose if the Tribune | could command dollars from Greeley, was full of small-pox you would never see it." It took half an hour for the reply. Meantime Mr. Greeley had attended to some business, and the opening collumn of the large the front its start," approaching him meeking collumn of the large the first tender collisions. ing colloquy of the day was forgotten first tender exhibition of sympathy. by every person but himself. But the Here is an instance of how a drunken reply had to come, and it was this: "I | printer manipulated Greeley: suppose if I did see it I would know what it was. He! he! he!"

GREELEY DECIDING ELECTION BETS. It was customary for the habitues of wouldn't now, I suppose, if I diln't Tammany Hall (the present Sun build- want a lift. ing), and of the "Pewter Mug," a bar- Greeley-Why don't you lift yourroom kept by a politician named Brown, | self? in Frankfort street, in making bets upon election results, to stipulate that In fact, you know as well as I do, it's "Horace Greeley should decide." Mr. nonsense. Did you ever know any-Greeley might repel an unwary strang- thing to lift itself? er who approached him to speak of any the way; but let the visitor approach | me a dollar him with, "Mr. Greeley, what was Gen.
Jackson's majority?" and he was unusby the pound in New Jersey, are you? ually civil-so much so that the visitor might be mistaken for an old friend er there. whom Mr. Greeley was delighted to welcome. Election figures constituted Mr. Greeley's tender spot. On this point Mr. Fry, in a little speech made during the war at a New England Social party at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, by the cord. said he didn't think there was any ulticonfederates did gain a battle or two, because 1 am in this temporary dis-for Mr. Greeley had asserted in his tress. hearing that if anything ever happen- Greeley-Here, take that (a \$2 bill), ed to this republic it would be because but it'll go for gin I know. something was wrong in the "Tribune Mr. Fry, "that is an impossibility."

Mr. Greeley was often intercepted in the publication office of the Tribune by persons desirous to obtain his opinby persons desirous to obtain his opinion on a variety of subjects, or pecuniary assistance. It was on one of these occasions, during the long period of agritation on the long period of serve the converse will observe the converse. agitation on the Kausas-Nebraska bill, that a gentleman called his attention to some offensive remarks made by a Congressman. Mr. Greeley replied, "I den't seem a congressman of the co don't care, I suppose I can stand it as long as he can. He reminds me of a fellow with a bundle of tin pots tied to his tail." "How is the Year of the care of the to his tail." "How is that Mr. Greeley?" said a bystander. "Because," said Mr. Greeley, "he thinks he can make more are waking up on this point, we have noise than anybody else, and he does, wanted your help a long time in this in his way. It keeps him cheerful, matter. Go on with the work and the while others are somewhat amused."

Greeley's signature carried power with nal forever: it kept a continuous train of applicants | Nothing shows better the rettenness for official appointments coming and go-ing at the Tribune office. Some want-laws that the democratic committee of ed to be policemen, some to be custom- Ways and Means in the House are prehouse officers, some to be clerks at posing than the outrageous prohibitory Washington, and Mr. Greeley's name tax they want to impose upon type. appended to their petition was a source of unfailing comfort. It was to such news and book types at fifteen cents a persons that he manifested a streak of pound, equal to from forty to sixty per candor and honorable caution. He cent ad valorem. If there is anything would say to one "I'll sign my name that might be added to the free list on your paper, but it will do no good," without danger to American industries and to another, "You are wasting your it is type. There are only twelve type time; you had better look for steady manufactories in the United States, and employment," and to another, "You'll they form a ring of the most odious have your experience for your trouble, character, never competing with each and that may keep you." The fact was other. They employ not to exceed 700 Mr. Greelev knew very well that with- workman in all, but for their benefit out his personal interposition in behalf | 20,000, printing and publishing houses, of applicants his mere signature including 8,00 newspaper offices, in the amounted to nothing.

his candidates for positions, on the po- worth of type they purchase, not a lice, especially, for nine-tenths of all dollar of which will go to the United the appointments made at his solicitation were of persons who could hardly be prohibitory. This tax is levied directkeep sober long enough to be initiated by on every newspaper and book, and into the uniform and service.

and inexperienced indeed. Hence all the congressmen who shall vote to sussorts of pretexts were made to that tain such a barefaced theft-will be long end. It was nothing unusual for coun- remembered by the press of the countrymen to haunt the editorial rooms, try. The present tariff on type is opwhich were open to everybody, to get pressive enough. It yields barely 820;a sight of the philosopher, and proba- 600 a year to the government treasury bly a word with him. To see Mr. Gree- at a cost of a million or so annually to ley come out of his room and put some the printers. The proposed tariff in wonderful sounds. If he shouted ers .- Journal.

THE HERALD, "Proof!" they would gaze at each other, and if he, in a moment or two more, shouted, "Copy!" they would exchange glances again. They had the foundation for singular and interesting details for home consumption in the country, and they left the Tribune of-fice contented and happy.

Some of the pertinacions kind would call with an immense cabbage or an What the present New York Trib- overgrown turnip, or a box of grapes for his inspection, "Where did it grow?" une edifice is modeled after one may | "Did you raise that on your land?" or well hesitate to say, and it can do no some other general question, and then harm not to say, but the old Tribune Mr. G. would say, "You'd better see Sooffice was not modeled by anybody, nor after any known pattern, ancient or tends to the vegetable department;" modern. It grew, Topsy like, from one or if he was in a particularly happy shape and dimension to another, but in humor he would get rid of his visitor whatever shape or size, it was always by referring him to Mr. Dana, and oca free institution. It was up the old casionally to "Tom Rook, up stairs," in

to Shakespeare's ideal in a portion of his performances. Forrest wanted to copy his letters, and he employed a know the man who dared to reveal such young man in the proof room, who imperious tones to make a clean breast | commenced the preparation of his of the offender's name. Greeley stood "American Conflict" he had the excluface to face with the gruff tragedian, sive use of a stenographer, who sat and kept moving toward the doorway, with him at the rooms of the American himself in danger of toppling down the resort "up town." The whole work

> GREELEY'S INTERCOURSE WITH HIS AS-SOCIATES.

Mr. Greeley never acted as if he had which make up the unity or intercourse. pause, Greeley said, "Well, I reckon he (Donald Henderson), England, etc; and to visitors, Taylor (James B.), Colfax Messrs. Greeley, Dana and Fry were (of Indiana), Wilson (of Mass.), Morin the society of individuals who, having axes to grind, clung close to the ed-

TYPE SETTING BY THE POUND.

Typo-Horace, it's a long time since you and I spoke together, and we

nonsense. Did you ever know any-

Greeley-Well, I shan't lift you. ordinary topic, or if followed up might say, "See Dana," "Ask Ott," "Ripley will tell you," "You'd better see Fry," cents a pound, but I lack the stuff to anything to shove the inquirer out of carry me over there; now lend or give

Typo-Horace, I am, if I can get ov-Greeley-You know you're lying.

Typo-Horace, that much has cost many a man his life. Greeley-Type-setting at 20 cents a

pound! I guess you mean sawing wood Typo-Horace, I didn't come here to mate danger of the country, even if the insult you, and you needn't insult me,

Typo-Herace, you're busy, and any Almanac," "and you all know," added further argument would be lost upon

you-good night.

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country, employing 200,000 hands, are He was frequently unfortunate in to be taxed 50 cents in ever dollar's every leaf of printed matter, merely Countrymen visiting the city on busi- for filling the coffers of a dozen manuness were bound to call at the Tribune factories. It is a steal of the most gioffice and see Mr. Greeley, for to have gantic proportions from the pockets of been in New York without seeing him, 20,000 business houses, for the benefit or speaking to him, was to be ignorant of these twelve. It is to be hoped that

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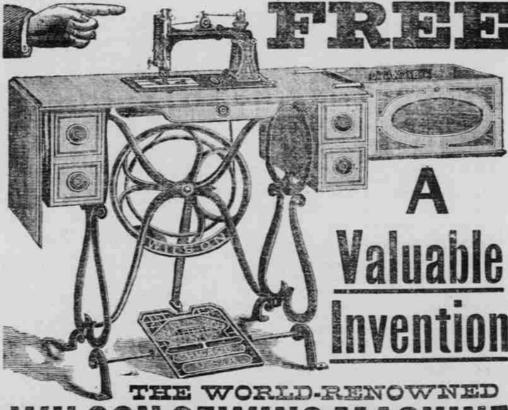
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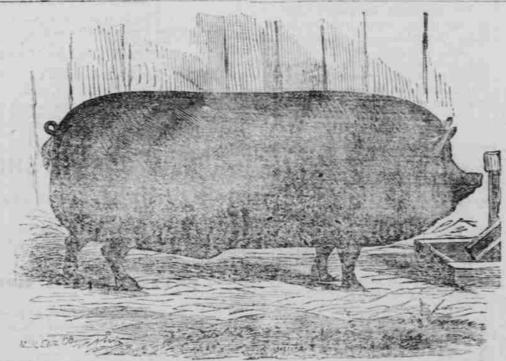
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