

HORACE GREELEY.

There is a story to the effect that Mr. Seward described Horace Greeley as a great man, full of genius and power that if he had common sense he would be dangerous. The errand of Mr. Greeley's mind have been so remarkably illustrated during the past five or six years, that Mr. Seward's epigram has become a great man and a great fool, combined in one person, certainly presents an incongruous picture, which has the effect of caricature; and perhaps it is proper, in describing Mr. Greeley, to adopt the mild euphemism of "a great child."

and told her tale of distress. He threw her five dollars—a gift liberal enough, truly, to rid the room at once of the applicant. But the negro was so astounded, and so grateful that she fell upon her knees, and began to call down blessings innumerable on the giver's head. This pleased Mr. Greeley even more than her story, and he hastily silenced her: "Now, don't," said he, in his whining tone; "don't do that. Get up, and go 'way!"

Whenever they have appealed to his feelings. In 1833, he wrote, in behalf of a friend, an article in defense of lotteries, which were then imperilled in his State, by the excitement upon the suicide of a young man who had lost his all in them. "This," said Mr. Greeley, "only proved that the young man was a person of weak character, and had nothing to do with the question whether the State ought to license lotteries."

was unjust and pernicious, and their reply was an attempt to persuade me off a dock into thirty-foot water, which I was barely able with help to prevent. Long after that I tried to persuade another slaveholder (son of a life-long negro-trader, and now himself a Rebel General) that he had made an unfair proposition in Congress, and he replied by attempting to persuade a hole into the top of my skull, and my brains out through that hole.

Twenty votes. As the result proved, his calculation was accurate, for the subsequent election of delegates only confirmed his statements. And he did not hesitate to say, if beaten by anybody, he thought Grant ought to do it. To be beaten by McClellan he never considered in the range of possibilities. Our self-sufficient critic thinks Horace Greeley, according to Seward, "a great man, so full of genius and power that if he had common sense he would be dangerous."

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not offend the Southern people by discussing slavery. "As they are not better satisfied," he wrote, "with my letting Abolition alone, than when I struggled obstinately to make myself known as their defender? Enlighten me." Mr. Greeley's whole course, indeed, then and since, indicates that passive yielding, on the side of his sentiments and feelings, which may be expected from a childish character. He does not illustrate, in any instance, that intuition of truth and right which marks the man of strong conscience, and which is so essential in a leader of public opinion. Both men and circumstances have warped his judgment