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SOMETHING ABOUT GAMBLING.

The Picayune has been seized with a sudden and severe attack of morality, and howls for the suppression of the gamblers and gambling saloons by the police.

The passion for gambling is deeply seated in our nature, and it can only be repressed or regulated by a healthy public opinion which severely condemns its excesses and punishes its licentious exhibitions.

We believe that the police should, as far as practicable, enforce the law against gambling; indeed, whenever they fail to do so they are unfaithful to their duty.

What the South will ask she does not yet know herself, but we are disposed to believe it will not be as much as the people of the North seem to apprehend; but one thing is certain, and that is that no man not fully committed to the protection and development of the interests of the great valley of the Mississippi, which affect the West not less than the South, can ever secure our support for anything.

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single eye has even penetrated some of the dens of iniquity, and it directs the police where to find them. Wonderful and startling display of virtue! But is this transport of righteousness, this extatic virtue sincere? Alas! we fear not. The old Pic is only blowing; it grinds its snaggy teeth; stams its flat down on the editorial table, and shrieks for the scalps of the gamblers, and when the old ladies and the nice pious young men are overcome with admiration the old fraud snickers in its sleeve and begins to cogitate as to what will be the next best dodge to catch a little popular favor.

We have no objection to the Picayune's war on the gamblers. We hope it will succeed; but if that journal is sincere, if its courage is not of the Falstaffian order, if it will dare provoke the ire of the Louisiana Lottery Company, let it join the Democrat in a vigorous effort to destroy the great preparatory school of the gambling hells, demanding of the Legislature an act to repeal the charter of the Lottery Company which was procured by bribery and corruption.

MR. RANDALL ON THE SUBSIDIES.

It seems to be a very difficult matter to arrive at the true position of Mr. Randall on the question of the subsidies asked for by the South. We see no complications or subtleties in this very plain proposition to justify the apparent nebulosity of Mr. Randall's convictions in regard to it; and in all this mystery, which he appears to have no intention of dispelling, there is a suspicious eagerness to secure the Speakership by indirect and disingenuous concealments which are not calculated to commend him to the Southern Democrats, without whose support he certainly cannot attain the eminence he has fixed his hopes on.

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The St. Louis Republican writes him down on "both sides" of the question, because the Richmond Dispatch supports him for favoring the "Pacific Railroad, Mississippi levees, and any other good thing desirable to the South-west," while the New York Sun supports him for being opposed to them.

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be Speaker. We are curious to see the revised edition.

To which the Sun replies with increased vehemence, as follows: "The Syracuse Courier renews its attack upon Mr. Randall. It now accuses him of favoring 'not only the Texas Pacific railroad scheme, but as well government aid for the leveeing of the Mississippi, and the reclamation of the waste lands on both sides of it.' This charge is made upon the faith of a letter, without signature, from Philadelphia to the Galveston News. The writer of this letter professes to have had a conversation with Mr. Randall, in which he says that gentleman expressed himself to this effect: 'Now, we desire to inform the Courier that there is no truth in the statement upon which it proceeds. Mr. Randall entertains no such sentiments and has indulged in no such expressions.'

It was upon these very antagonistic expressions of the press of the two sections that the Republican came to its conclusions, and we are sure that the suspicion of fence-straddling on the part of Mr. Randall is entirely justified by them. This thing will not begin to do, and we are astonished that it should be attempted by such an astute politician, that is if it has been in accordance with a preconceived policy, and there is but one way for Mr. Randall to avoid such a presumption, and that is by a very outspoken candor between now and the meeting of the extra session.

There is one provision of the Georgia constitution, that relating to the law of divorce, which must be commended for its pleasing contrast to statutes of this State and several others farther North, where the matrimonial noose is tied as loosely and undone as easily as a lady's shoe-string. There was a strong feeling in the convention against allowing divorces at all, except for infidelity, but this rigid sentiment finally yielded to the provision finally adopted, which permits divorces only after they have been granted by two decrees obtained from separate juries, at successive terms of court.

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