CURRENT TOPICS.

Douglas in the South—The Union Meetings and the Conservative Men of the North—The Cri-sis—Fierce Talk in the Abolitionists—The Republicans Intimate President's Democracy—Mr. Fillmore Taking the Back Track—Gov. Johnson's Speech.

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A convention of professional gentlemen, totally unconnected with politics, recently met at Memphis. This convention was composed of forty-two members, representing nearly every State in the South. Their regular business over, they took the vote among themselves, and it was found that of the forty-two, *forty-one* were in favor of the nomination and election of the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas to the next Presidency.

For one, I profess to be truly grateful to the national, Constitution-loving men of the North who have recently met in large numbers in the cities of Boston, New York and Philadelphia, and given expression to their sentiments in reference to Black-Republican treason generally and the John Brown "invasion" particularly. The New York resolutions are especially worthy of note; they are of the very essence of truth and patriotism, and, it is to be hoped, will have a wide and lasting effect. I think these northern patriots for their "sympathy" and applaud their manifestations of indignation, from the bottom of my heart. I thank Mr. Everett, Mr. Cushing, Mr. Ingersoll, General Scott, and others, for their noble words in behalf of southern rights, their indignant philippics against the traitors in their midst. I am willing to believe then, too, when they tell us that the quiet, conservative men of the North, who rarely go to the polls, are of their way of thinking, and that when "the worst comes to the worst" these men will rally in a body to a national platform and overwhelm the Black, and Red, and "Blue-Light" Republicans, who have only gained power through their quiescence, and their repugnance to going down into the "muddy pool of politics." But it is time to tell these national, these really conservative men of the North, that the crisis has most certainly come! The South cannot stand every thing—the South cannot stand any more! Blood has been shed upon southern soil by Black-Republicans and Abolitionists—the latter being but the tools, the paid fighting men of the former. And Harper's Ferry, instead of teaching the disorganizers of the North a lesson, has only given them a hero, a martyr, a false god to worship, and burn daily incense to upon altars of hell's own fire! Their representative men, which the laws will go forth that will govern the world during the millennium.

"How can this be?" says the objector, seeing Jerusalem is no part? I reply, it is not a part now, but will be one; living waters will go forth from Jerusalem to the former and the latter sea, in summer and in winter, they shall never fail, westward to the Mediterranean and eastward to the Persian Gulf. And I incline to think the latter river will be supplied also by a division of the Euphrates (in the physical convulsions spoken of) from its present bed, which will be dried up, and the waters from its springs, which are north of Judea, will be turned into a course favorable to a junction with the waters flowing southward from Jerusalem to the Persian Gulf; and that in this way the Euphrates will make a way for the kings of the East to come or send annually to Jerusalem. Winchester has partly this view, but others confound the two rivers from the Temple to the Dead sea with others prophesied; and I do not remember any that carry waters to the eastward to the Persian Gulf.

I think the interpretation I offer of the latter rivers clears up a difficulty hitherto felt but not explained, so as to harmonize with the letter of Scripture. Among other physical changes, may we not expect whole deserts of sand to be blown into the sea, and the rivers dried up, which are now parching beneath the heat? The temperature, and perhaps the rotation of the earth on its axis, to be altered to what it was before the flood. The whole globe was doubtless habitable when our first parents fell, and probably remained so till the flood; and some writers think this inclination of the earth's axis was produced by the flood, and that by another alteration, or restoration to what it was, a more uniform temperature all over its surface will be the result. Certain it is that at the period mentioned, great physical changes will take place; then the earth shall yield her increase, and God, even our God, shall bless us—God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

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The iniquities of England and America are more devoute from, or weaken, President Edwards views and hopes that the Pope, or Man of the High Priest who condemned Christ to death, invalidate the fact that he nevertheless unprophesied and prefigured Christ. He prophesied that "it is expedient that one die for the people," and this proved his official descent from Aaron. I concede to President Edwards the validity of the claim set up by him for America as more likely than any other to be the herald of Christ's second coming on earth. May not the captivity of the children of Israel in Egypt, their emancipation from Egyptian bondage, and their subsequent prosperity, grandeur and glory in the land of Palestine, prefigure the United States of America, and point the magnificence of this country? Mr. Baldwin presents some ideas about this, peculiar to himself, but too far fetch. I for one, I do not go with him in his peculiar views. It is alone under the wings of the great eagle that the church has found rest in true religious toleration which is as free as the air, and general as the universal law of God to the land. See 12th chapter of Revelations, which I believe for the most part points to the United States of America, indicating the prosperity of the church and the protection it receives.

Here the form of government which is to exist throughout the reign of the millenium, is already begun, and can only be perfected when the wicked shall cease to do wickedly, and General principles wholly influence the conduct of men; and all governments must ultimately be conformed to these principles, for such is the "higher law." May not the manner of the escaping of the children of Israel about to be typical of the progress of the nations of the earth in the Christian march of civilization, and in their respective political pre-eminence, glory and renown? And may not Africa always be in a state of bondage, and Shem, and God, even our God, shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth fear Him.

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