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SEARCHING FOR AN IDEA.

We have struggled manfully for several days with the editorial published by our friends and neighbors of the Knoxville Tribune a few days ago, but we give it up.

The effort to extract an idea from the fearful obfuscation of that article is too much for us, and we want to rest.

We several times thought we had caught a glimpse of an idea dodging around amid the ruined and dislocated sentences and orphaned parts of speech that strew the editor's pathway through that leader, but the glimpse was always elusive and the fugitive idea refused to be captured.

For instance, what does this ruthless man mean by this sentence? "First, the choosing of the cabinet will have greater wisdom bestowed upon it as to the result it will produce beyond its present and ostensible purpose than for its immediate and specific capacity."

We have turned that sentence over and read it sideways and backward, and it seems to mean as much one way as the other—"wisdom bestowed upon it as to the results it will produce"—Isn't that a nice sentence to turn loose upon an unprotected community? Who is "it" anyhow?—is it the cabinet or the choosing of the cabinet that wisdom is to be bestowed upon "as to the results it will produce?"

And who or what is it that is going to produce results "beyond its present and ostensible purpose?" Then here he goes again:

"Garfield's original policy, though it would have given as good assurance of his election as the one he worked under later, was not considered enacting enough to the prospective third term in 1884, and was forced by the ruffians behind the curtain to drop it and to take up one that would more effectually array north and south against each other.

Whether this former regard may break out again—when Gen. Garfield remembers that the south was forced to her position by Conkling and Grant—or whether, if it does so break out, he will have the courage to act upon it, are questions which may hereafter concern us."

The editor seems to fear that Gen. Garfield's former "regard" may "break out" again. We would contemplate such a possibility with a shudder—let us hope that the general will keep it in by all

means. It would seem that it has broken out at some former time—it doubtless did untold mischief. We are not sure whether this much-to-be-deprecated possession of Gen. Garfield is some ferocious wild beast that he keeps chained up ready to be let loose upon the south and the democratic party, or whether it may be something cutaneous and catching, like small-pox for instance, which sometimes "breaks out" and ravages whole districts. But the editor is doubtful "whether if it does so break out he will have the courage to act upon it."

This expression confirms us in our first idea that Gen. Garfield's "regard," which is liable at any moment to break out in some ferocious beast kept in reserve for the democratic party. If it should "break out" it is doubtful whether the general would have the courage to "act upon it." Prompt action upon it with a big club, or possibly a howitzer, would doubtless be necessary, and considering the doubt as to the general's courage in such an emergency, we believe on the whole we would advise the Tribune editor to run if that "regard" "breaks out."

But this wild massacre of language goes on. Hear the whoop of the scalper as he wades in with this dizzy sentence: "We repeat, that after a defeat a party is always purged of the unclean, not to say,umbering element, that follows it more for pastorguage than from principle. In this very purgation, and in the warnings we have had in trying to strengthen ourselves in fusing with the splinters and debris of defunct issues, we place the strongest hopes of our party and the perpetuity of the editor."

The editor relies hopefully upon the purgation of the party from the "element" that "follows" it, and though we had not supposed that the elements of a thing "followed" it, or that a thing could be purged of something that merely followed it, we rejoice at our friend's cheerfulness. But what right has he to hurl at the community that fearful sentence about "fusing with the splinters and debris of defunct issues?" How the thunder is he going to fuse with such infusible articles as splinters and debris? If he had said "confuse with the splinters and debris of a wrecked language," we might have obtained some idea from it. We judge, however, that the editor's attempt to "fuse with the splinters" was unsuccessful, and we do not wonder at it. But what are the "splinters and debris of defunct issues?" "Defunct" means "dead." Do issues, when they die have splinters and debris? When this editor dies will there be splinters and debris lying around, and will they "fuse" in the heat to which they may possibly be subjected, or will they burn? All these conundrums it is much easier to ask than to answer.

In all this fierce "rattle" of gigantic intellect with tremendous ideas—this conflict of the Titan with the gods—our sympathies have been with the Titan; and if he could not be said to have come out the victor, we were glad at any rate to see him again and again come up smiling for another round. But, alas! our plucky giant gets "groggy" and "goes to grass" in the last round. Three or four mighty ideas come at him at once, and with arms swinging wildly, here is the way he goes in:

"This airy independent of ten day's growth will for a few months dance upon the wire of some intangible sophistry of the tariff, or the commercial conservatism of the best form of government, and a general scepticism of the integrity of any party."

There is a wild whirl of tropes and metaphors before our Titan's eyes, a momentary "dance upon the wire of some intangible sophistry," a sudden collapse of "commercial conservatism," and with "claret flowing" and eyes "in mourning," the giant of this noble fight goes down. Let his associates carefully gather the "splinters and debris" and be warned against such unequal conflict in the future.

GOING BEHIND THE RETURNS.

The Nashville American of Wednesday morning comes to us with what purports to be a list of the members of the Tennessee General Assembly. In the list we find the name of Stewart, of Polk and Bradley county. Our information has been that the vote in those two counties was a tie between M. T. Foute, republican, and Stewart, low-tax democrat. We did hear that some colored man had made affidavit that he voted for Foute,

when he was not a qualified voter, owing to the fact that he had not been a resident of the representative district the time required by law, and that this affidavit had been filed with the returns. But what right any returning officer had to take notice of such an affidavit, is more than we can tell. We are informed that it can be proven that a number of illegal votes were counted for Stewart. We state these facts upon what we regard as creditable information. We know that the democratic majority in the legislature is uncomfortably small, but not small enough to justify the seating of Stewart, unless he is legally elected. The facts will come out, we presume, and the people of Polk and Bradley county will demand justice. If the face of the returns show the election of Stewart, all right; but if they do not, we protest against doctoring them to force results.

LOOKING TOWARDS TENNESSEE. We publish below an extract from a letter as a specimen of many others that are being received, and as going to show that the attention of those desiring a change of homes is directed towards Tennessee. Rev. F. M. Naves, of Mason City, Illinois, writes: "A company of five families want to come to Tennessee to get homes and land. We have about \$10,000 to invest. Can get but little information about land, &c. Who can give us the information?"

We trust that some of our readers will furnish information, either through the columns of the CHRONICLE, or direct to Mr. Naves, or both. Such information is being sought by a great many people, and any one who can furnish it in a concise, reliable form, will be heard with pleasure through our columns. We have other letters of similar import from different sections of the country. Our climate is as desirable as any on the continent. We have room for thousands of immigrants and would be glad to see them come. They will do us good, and there is no reason why they should not be benefited themselves. The result of the recent election shows that we are not going to disgrace ourselves by the crime of repudiation, and we believe we are entering upon a new and unprecedented era of prosperity.

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The surrender of the old certificate or certificates representing the amount of stock to your credit on the books of the Company, on this date, and the payment of the said thirty per cent. and adjustment of fractional shares, as provided for by the Company, will entitle you to a new certificate for the entire stock, then to your credit on the books of the Company.

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