

National Republican.

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THURLOW WEED.

Among the veteran journalists and politicians of the day THURLOW WEED holds a very prominent position in public confidence and esteem. Although he has long since retired from active life he has been a faithful and very discriminating student of public affairs, and his convictions and conclusions are at this period of his life so divested of all selfishness and ambition, and are reached with so much deliberation that they are valuable for study and often for adoption. In company with the entire Republican party of New York Mr. W. became deeply interested in the campaign that resulted in the election of President HAYES, and though in retirement from public life he threw upon the canvass all the inspiration that a warm heart laden with a strong desire for victory could give forth. Wise in counsel and skilled in the arts of political warfare, his quiet influence was felt and appreciated while the battle raged before the ballot-box.

Since the election of Gen. HAYES became a "fixed fact" through the Electoral Commission, Mr. WEED, acting in concert with a large class of Republicans in the State of New York, has desired and aimed to yield a hearty support to his administration. Such aim and desire, however, have not been indulged without difficulty and embarrassment. The President's Southern policy, in the view of a great majority of the Republicans of that State, was clouded with serious apprehension that the life of the Republican party in the South was to be forfeit of its adoption. The Republicans were honest and sincere in the indulgence of these fears, and they regarded the prospect more in grief than in anger. In all this the venerable THURLOW WEED was an active and earnest sympathizer. The Southern policy, however, became a fixed fact, and the people must either acquiesce or rebel. They were not fully prepared for either; and on this point they assumed an attitude of "masterly inactivity," and have been watching and waiting ever since, to see if their fears are to be realized, or the wisdom and justice of the policy is to be vindicated. During the six months that have intervened since the President entered upon his duties, there has been no opportunity to test the temper of the Southern people and their good faith to the principles of the amendments to the Constitution, which guarantee to all citizens in all the States the rights of thought, opinion, free speech and suffrage. In view of this, the people seem to have suspended judgment, and like Micawber, are waiting for something to turn up.

But we are drifting from the original intent of this article, and will return to the position occupied by Mr. WEED at this juncture of public affairs, as defined by himself in a recent letter to the New York Tribune. He says: "In the nomination and election of Gen. HAYES, the President's policy is restored. I believed that with the aid and support of Republicans throughout the Union he would render good service to the country. I still believe he is earnestly endeavoring to do so, and while I am not sure that his methods are such as will realize his expectations, I am willing to wait until they are fairly tested. I saw in the Presidential Southern policy an engaged, patriotic and confiding desire to believe that property and fraternity could be restored, that belief, so far as the property of the South is concerned, seems to have been well founded. How far 'fraternity' will be restored remains to be seen. I am fully convinced that all the concessions will be made and made from the other side. If, however, material progress should be accomplished, we can afford to see political differences work out their solutions as naturally."

In referring to the civil service rules of President HAYES, Mr. WEED speaks with more decision than upon the Southern question. He complains of certain abuses which have existed in New York city, where, as he insists, the Federal officers here have for several years exercised supreme control in primary meetings. This evil he imputes to a virtual surrender of the appointing power to Senators and Representatives in Congress. Inasmuch, he says, "reforms" were imperatively demanded, and, he adds, "such reforms could have been effectually accomplished by the President and his Cabinet in a manner so quiet that, in the language of the late President LINCOLN, 'nobody would have been hurt.'"

Mr. WEED goes further than this in characterizing the civil service policy of President HAYES. He says objections to it are as "plenty as blackberries." They related to it when attacked by Gen. GRANT, and he predicted a failure, which was soon realized. Now he says he has "a single objection to this policy, and that is that the President's 'practicable' will confound his 'principle.' President HAYES, like President GRANT, will disregard the 'Civil Service' rule. Indeed, he has already done so in two most important appointments."

"Again," he says, "the Cabinet announced its determination, three weeks ago, to remove Colonel ARTHUR, Surveyor SHARPE and Naval Officer CORNELL. And here the 'Civil Service Reform' policy comes to the front. This offers the most favorable opportunity to signalize that policy. The experienced and capable deputies of Messrs. ARTHUR, SHARPE and CORNELL, who have served so long, so usefully and creditably to the Government and to themselves, will, upon the 'Civil Service Reform' principles, be promoted."

We have quoted somewhat liberally from the views of Mr. WEED on the two prominent questions relating to the present Administration, which are vexing the popular mind, for the reason that they are presented in a frank, candid and manly way that must command confidence and respect. We have seen nothing relating to the two special policies of the present Administration that, in our judgment, affords a more faithful reflex of public sentiment on the points in question, than is presented in his views.

CLOSE UP THE COLUMN.

The pending political contest in the State of New York is of much more consequence to the country in its results than it is to individual ambition. The election of a Republican majority in the Senate is of the highest importance, as that body is to take part in the election of a successor to Mr. CORKLEIGH. To give the Senate over to the

Democracy from any consideration now is equivalent to placing a United States Senator in their hands at the end of Senator CORKLEIGH's term. In view of this, nothing of a disturbing character should be injected into the campaign to lessen the unity of the party and its chances of success. We care not what mistakes may have been made in the State convention, or what personal grievances may have been ventilated or wounds inflicted, they are nothing as compared with the loss of the State Senate. They should have all passed out of mind when the convention dissolved. It is worse than a mistake to keep them alive, and throw their shadow upon the canvass now.

If the convention had proved faulty in the enunciation of its principles, if it had betrayed public confidence in that respect, by putting forth false and pernicious political doctrines as its creed, then the case would be different; but instead of falling into such an error it has presented the world with a platform of principles which includes all that has been contended for in national questions, and are now regarded as wise issues, since the formation of the Republican party. Thus accented, that party entered the canvass to make fight with the Democracy and secure a victory. Under the existing divisions of the Democracy in the city of New York, with which the rural districts always sympathize in a greater or less degree, the Republicans have a fair show for carrying the State, which cannot be impaired except by intestine difficulties in their own organization.

It is for the interest of the country that the State of New York should be Republican in the result of this election. It is important to a Republican Administration that the Empire State should declare with decided voice in favor of Republican principles by the election of the State ticket and a majority of both branches of the Legislature. Such a consequence of the late Republican State convention is to be desired by every true Republican, whether he be in or out of the State of New York, or located at the National Capital.

THE DAWN OF GOOD NEWS.

It is very gratifying to be informed, as we are by the New York Tribune, that the Republican press of the State of New York is a unit in favor of dropping the convention disagreements and working with might and main for the election of the ticket. Nobody has been able to find any fault with the nominees, and even the Democrats are not able to discover anything to abuse them for. This is good enough foundation for an earnest canvass. With all its unhappiness, the Republican party is more harmonious than its opponent, since neither of its factions is desirous for the election of any except honest men to office. We congratulate the Tribune on this indication, and hope it will ultimate in a good round Republican majority. Republican unity now is all that is necessary to secure that end.

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IN THE WAY OF POLITICAL INVENTIONS.

IN THE way of political inventions New Jersey will certainly bear off the palm. It took great ingenuity for the Democrats to invent McCLELLAN as a candidate for Governor, but at one of the Democratic ratification meetings recently held in Jersey City a stretch of inventive power was entirely eclipsed by a new feature which was introduced. McCLELLAN was to have been present, but killed, as usual, to connect. His absence was properly regretted, and then there was brought from the rear of the platform and placed in front of the chairman a small statue, which is a capital likeness of the General, in full uniform, bearing a miniature flag of the Stars and Stripes on each shoulder. If this mannikin was of wood there was great appropriateness in the representation.

FROM DAY TO DAY THE ROUTE AGENTS AND CONVEYERS OF THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN.

FROM DAY TO DAY the route agents and conveyers of the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN will be calling upon the residents of Washington and Georgetown to ascertain how many of them really think that they can afford to do without this journal, under its present management, as a fire-side companion for the coming winter. The attention of the people is invited to the fact that everything of a debasing and demoralizing nature will be carefully excluded from these columns, so that the paper will be a welcome visitor in the most fastidious families, while its record of current events from all parts of the world will be perfect. It is scarcely necessary to add that no family can be expected to grow up with that degree of intelligence necessary to success in the world that is debared access to the columns of a daily journal. School children find here practical illustration of their daily studies. They read our cablegrams with the map of Turkey or Russia spread out before them, and rise with a better practical knowledge of the geography of those countries than it is possible to learn from mere books. The latter speak only of the past, while the paper deals with the present. The young students also follow Gen. GRANT in his European travels with the utmost interest, and as they read of his cordial reception at the various towns and cities abroad, and as their breasts dilate with grateful pride they search out the locality of each of our troops, and thus portray in their minds the route of the familiar form of the ex-President, and pleasantly and profitably fix in their memories everything connected with his trip. Children are people in miniature. They are rapidly leaping to maturity, and in a few short years will be called upon to count the scenes in which we are now participants. They cannot do this intelligently and effectively without they are allowed to post themselves in regard to daily occurrences by reading the newspapers. Reading of papers forms a most important part in the education of our youth, and that is never finished while life lasts. No family pretending to ordinary intelligence can afford to be without their beneficent influence when they can be had at the moderate price of fifty cents a month.

IN A SMALL TOWN ON THE BANKS OF THE OHIO.

IN A SMALL TOWN on the banks of the Ohio the five elephants belonging to How's show were taken to the river, and there laid to the mercy of a bath. Of course the entire population collected about the river bank, and watched the proceedings of the heaviest men

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FORREST J. PRITNEY, of Montgomery county, Md., has been awarded a grant scholarship in St. John's college, at Annapolis.

MR. HENRY JAMES, Jr., will pass the winter in Italy, and is expected to be in Europe and back in a few days.

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PROF. BOYD'S new serial story is called "A Knight of Fortune," and is said to "show light on some of the general problems of the day."

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THE SPECTATOR OF N.Y. leaves this evening for New York to attend a meeting of the trustees of the Peabody Educational Fund. He will return to Washington in a few days.

MR. REVIEWS E. SPRINGER, who gave the city of Cincinnati a splendid music hall and an immense organ, has given \$500 in gold, divided into three parts, for the best designs in carving for the case of the instrument. The competition is open to all American workmen.

QUESTIONS OF THE labyrinthine complexity of the bill for the relief of the Southern States, there will support the workingmen's ticket, and there is likely to defeat the Democrats.

THE Hon. Alexander H. Stephens has laid upon the real reason of the strength of the President's position on the Southern question. He says the policy cannot fail, because it is based upon the fundamental principles of the Republic itself.

MR. TILLEN has been visiting Paris, but it is hardly fair to credit the story that MacMahon asked him to resign and fix some of the doubtful districts for him at the coming elections. It is said that Tilden at once telegraphed for Cronin and Polton.

EX-GOVERNOR PALMER, of Illinois, produced a column in a Greenback meeting at Springfield, and was so happy to see the Democrats, that he called upon for a speech. He declined at first, but finally yielded to repeated demands, and calmly proceeded to deliver an address, which was well received, and that the speaker they were recalled the better it would be for everybody.

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A SPECIAL DISPATCH from Columbus, Ohio, says the Republicans had a monster meeting in this city to-night. The Opera House was packed, and the meeting was addressed by Judge Briggs, the Republican candidate for Governor, who appeared in his beautiful robes of office, and received heroic recognition. His speech was listened to with the highest interest, and he was warmly applauded. He referred to the financial affairs and spoke of the Republican party going around the country ten years ago denouncing the workingmen's ticket, and the Republican party going around the country ten years ago denouncing the workingmen's ticket.

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