The Morning Star.

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SUNDAY MORNING, February 6, 1876.

DEAK AND BLAINE.

Last week died in Hungary Francis Deak, the chief statesman of the Magyar people and one of the most illustrious patriots who ever lived. What Jefferson was in America Deak was in Hungary. He was a greater man than Kossuth, whom by the way he resembles in no wise. Kossuth, sentimentalist and hero, was so devoted in his attachment to the absorbing idea of his life—Hungarian autonomy under democratic institutions—that when the great disaster befell his country, when the surly Russian and the rival Austrian had put their feet on the necks of his countrymen, he sorrowfully tore himself away and made his enemies in '48 his enemies forever. Kossuth was a chivalrous warrior, an impressive historic figure, and as pure, strong, clear-cut a character as one ever meets with in stormy times. In the battle's front he rode fearless amid changing fortunes, always true, always great. But Kossuth was no statesman. His thrilling tongue could incite to action, but his was not the genius for state craft. That was left for a man no better, perhaps no wiser, yet certainly more of a politician. Kossuth gave way to Deak whose judicial intellect soon comprehended the wants of his country and her possibilities. Step by step he regained in cabinet and parliament what had been untowardly lost on the field. In various ways and by gradations the ancient sovereignty of Hungary was restored until finally the old Kingdom was set up in the midst of great pomp and the acclaim of the multitude. The guiding brain of these movements, the Stein, yea more, the Bismarck of the culminating triumph, was the learned lawyer, the philosophic politician, Francis Deak. By his prudence in counsel, his truth at all times, by his ardent, yet thoroughly sober patriotism; by his large patience and broad intellectuality he held his people back to the right season, he matured them for the liberties he secured for them eventually. His was a task more difficult than the soldier's. It required great resources mental and moral, resources of temper and physique, spiritual resources, too, we may well predicate. These this illustrious man had in overflowing measure—that silent, vast, far-going greatness which steals into long futurity and extorts praise and wonder. Great intellectually and morally, Deak was simple as a child in his private life and public carriage. It is said of him that he would receive no present or perquisite or pension, and that he lived on $1,000 a year in a small apartment at the head of two flights of stairs. He wore no decorations and bore no titles, though honors were thrust thickly upon him. When he visited the Emperor-King of his country he went simply attired as he did to his daily work in parliament. He made no excursions at government cost; he was not bibulous and "on hand" fete days occupying a high seat and courting the smiles of the people. Serving Hungary faithfully, ably and effectively, living a pure, high life, he won that love which nothing on earth could take away, against which no foul demagogue ever dared lift his voice in street or forum.

Such was Francis Deak, the parliamentary leader of Hungary. We will not insult the dead by instituting a comparison between him and the head of the Republican house in the American Congress. The positions of the two men were the same; in nothing else were they similar. The one was a statesman; the other is a cunning, demagogue, conniving with the meretricious and fortuitous circumstances of a day. Deak is a historic creation; Blaine, the mere accident upon a blurred page of a low political era.

NEWSPAPER OPINION.

Richmond Dispatch: "The great Democratic host is in the National forest, and the Democratic Presidential Convention will be subordinate to this will."

Wilson *Advance*: "The amendments, which were adopted by the late convention, are entitled to the support of every good citizen. They promise relief in many particulars, and if ratified will save the State annually thousands of dollars."

New York *Tribune*: "The failure of the bill in the House for an amendment to the Constitution which shall limit the President's office to a single term, is not likely to be the end of the movement. A large majority was developed in favor of the resolution, though the requisite two-thirds vote was not obtained."

— The Indiana railways are the arteries of much counterfeit money.

STAR-DUST.

— Grace Greenwood is "doing" the Alps in winter.

— A Fiji Islander on getting married eats his mother-in-law.

— "Does kissing toughen the cheeks?" Louisiana debating theme.

— Harriet Hosmer, the sculptor, is forty-four and unmarried.

— Joaquin Miller has commenced a novel in *Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly*.

— Leap year belles out West give up their car seats to the gentlemen.

— The magnificent residence of the late Mr. Ralston on San Francisco is now occupied by Budd Doble, the noted horse trainer.

— The dullness of trade leads the New Bedford (Mass.) *Mercury* to remark: "Ten mills make a cent, but not any ten mills in this section."

— Mr. Ralph Waldo Emerson has accepted an invitation to address the literary societies of the University of Virginia on the 29th of June.

— The Albany, N. Y., *Argus* says: "Four positions remain at the disposal of the comptroller in his office. For these positions there are between six and seven hundred applicants."

— Lightning strikes again; in New Orleans this time. People closely connected with brother-in-law Casey have been indicted. The look of the thing warrants the fear that brother-in-law Casey himself may not be entirely out of danger.

— The citizens of Florence and vicinity are respectfully invited to meet in Layton's Hall on Saturday, the 12th February, instant, at 4 o'clock, p. m., to initiate steps to the building of an Agricultural and Mechanical Fair Ground and race course at Florence, for Eastern South Carolina.

How Beverly Johnson Lost an Eye.

[Correspondence Pittsburg Leader.]

This venerable old lawyer is in Washington, having returned from his European tour. Beverly is so familiarly known as a jurist that somehow or other his name is associated with all that is legal in our country. He is the queerest looking old gentleman one is apt to meet in a voyage around the world in eighty days. He is somewhere over eighty, short, pudgy, white-haired, and homelier than a two year old doll baby. His nose is hooked, his upper lip long, and his mouth's expression dotingly querulous.

His left eye is out, and the lid hangs down, disclosing the raw vacancy. This orb he lost many years ago, when, as a second to a friend in a duel, in the process of preparing his friend for the fight by target practice in his room, the ballet rebounded from the wall at one shot and struck the lawyer in his eye. It settled its business and did the same for the duel.

Sale of Newspaper Stock.

Mr. George Jones, publisher of the New York *Times*, has succeeded in purchasing ten shares of the *Times* stock, belonging to the Taylor estate. The price paid was $15,000 per share, and as there are one hundred shares of the *Times* stock, this places the value of the property at $1,500,000. The purchase makes Mr. Jones the owner of fifty-three shares of stock, being a controlling interest, whilst Mr. Jennings, the editor of the *Times*, owns seven shares, and Mr. Morgan forty shares. It is understood that Mr. Morgan desired to purchase these ten shares, and an additional one, in order that the paper could be published in the interest of Senator Conkling for the presidency, but Mr. Jones, who is pronounced against Conkling, as well as a third term for Grant, seems to have outgeneraled him.

Cheap Shoes.

The *Shoe and Leather Reporter* says that the tendency toward cheap shoes which has been observed for the past eighteen months seems now to be general. Manufacturers are turning out large quantities of goods to meet this demand, which so closely resemble the same grades of previous years as to defy the scrutiny of any but experts to detect their inferiority. Using quite as good leather as ever, they are saving in the quality of the trimmings. In some respects this cannot fail to injure trade and to benefit the small shoemakers. The excellence of factory work has very largely driven the shoemakers out of their shops. But deterioration in the quality of factory work will set many a hammer to ringing on the lapstone.

A Constitutional Convention in Georgia.

The Georgia House of Representatives has passed the Constitutional Convention bill by a vote of 117 yeas to 27 nays. It provides for 194 delegates, to be chosen in January, 1877. A strong effort was made to have the convention meet at an earlier day, but the majority deemed it politic to defer the convention to a later period, in view of the exciting events of the year just entered upon. The question of holding the convention is not to be submitted to the people.

Swinburne Converted.

It is stated absolutely that Mr. Algernon Charles Swinburne, the poet, upon whom the religious world has hitherto looked aghast, has become a Christian, and joined the Church of England. Prof. Jowett, of Balliol College, Oxford, is credited with being the means of working this change in the poet's intellectual attitude. A brother poet, Robert Browning, is also understood to have had a share in the controversy.

— The telegraph brings tidings of a "sad outgrowth" from the Landis trial in the death of Mr. Gaston, of Newark, who fell a victim to heart-break from having "his word doubted." It happened thus: Mr. Gaston testified that Landis "glared" and looked "murderous" on the shooting of Carruth; hence he was insane. Mr. Sanderson swore that he did not "glare and wasn't murderous." Mr. Gaston thus impugned, went home and died.

DAVIS TO LEE.

The Reply to the Remarkable Letter of Resignation.

Our readers have doubtless looked for some evidences of the authenticity of that noble letter of Gen. R. E. Lee, written after the disaster at Gettysburg, in which he proposed to surrender his command. They have probably likewise desired to see President Davis' reply. We will not reproduce the General's letter, but will copy from a Mobile paper the answer of Mr. Davis. The Alabama paper prefaces this letter as follows:

"It so happens that we have in possession the reply of President Davis to the above letter. Although its publication at this time was not contemplated, yet, since General Lee's letter has been made public, there is no reason for withholding the answer. We append it with the omission of only one sentence, which does not affect its general significance. The correspondence will illustrate the relations which prevailed between the two distinguished patriots, and is alike honorable to both:

PRESIDENT DAVIS'S ANSWER.

"RICHMOND, VA.,
"Aug. 11, 1863.

"*General R. E. Lee, commanding Army of Northern Virginia:*

"Yours of the 8th instant has just been received. I am glad that you concur so entirely with me as to the wants of our country in this trying hour, and am happy to add that after the first depression consequent upon our disasters in the West indications have appeared that our people will exhibit that fortitude, which we agree in believing is alone needful to secure ultimate success.

"It well became Sydney Johnston, when overwhelmed by a senseless clamor, to admit the rule that success is the test of merit; and yet there has been nothing which I have found to require a greater effort of patience than to bear the criticisms of the ignorant, who pronounce everything a failure which does not equal their expectations or desires, and can see no good reason why it falls in the line of their own imaginings. I admit the propriety of your conclusion that an officer who loses the confidence of his troops should have his position changed, whatever may be his ability, but when I read the sentence I was not at all prepared for the application you were about to make. Expressions of discontent in the public journals furnish but little evidence of the sentiment of the army. I wish it were otherwise, even though all the abuse of myself should be accepted as the results of honest observation.

"Were you capable of stooping to it, you could easily surround yourself with those who would fill the press with your laudations, and seek to exalt you for what you had not done, rather than detract from the achievements which will make you and your army the subject of history and object of the world's admiration for generations to come.

"I am truly sorry to know that you still feel the effects of the illness you suffered last spring, and can readily understand the embarrassments you experience in using the eyes of others, having been so much accustomed to make your own reconnoissances. Practice will, however, do much to relieve that embarrassment, and the minute knowledge of the country which you had acquired will render you less dependent for topographical information.

"But suppose, my dear friend, that I were to admit with all their implications, the points which you present, where am I to find that new commander, who is to possess the greater ability which you believe to be required? I do not doubt the readiness with which you would give way to one who could accomplish all that you have wished, and you will do me the justice to believe that if Providence should kindly offer such a person for our need, I would not hesitate to avail [myself] of his services.

"My sight did not sufficiently penetrate to discover such hidden merit, if it exists, and I have but used to you the language of sober earnestness, when I have impressed upon you the propriety of avoiding all unnecessary exposure to danger, because I felt our country could not bear to lose you. To ask me to substitute you by some one in my judgment more able to command, or who would possess more of the confidence of the army, or of the reflecting men of the country, is to demand an impossibility.

"It only remains for me to hope that you will take all possible care of yourself, that your health and strength may be entirely restored, and that the Lord will preserve you for the important duties devolved upon you in the struggle for our suffering country for her independence which we have entered in war to maintain.

"I am very respectfully and truly, yours,
"JEFFERSON DAVIS."

Slander.

Senator Sharon, of Nevada, has written that he will be in Washington early in the next session of Congress. Mr. Sharon would resign at once, because he does not think it worth while to pay him to spend his time there, but for the fact that the Governor of Nevada is a Democrat, and would of course appoint a Democrat in his place. It is generally conceded that there has been a personal unfriendliness between Mr. Blaine and Mr. Conkling, which mutual friends have been endeavoring to pacilicate. It does seem as if they would have been successful. We have no objection to the making up, but it can hardly be said to be very important.

THE ALABAMA RADICALS.

Spencer's Crowd Repudiated and Put Down.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Feb. 3.

A movement which was begun two months ago by Governor Smith and other anti-Spencer Republicans, to free the party from Spencer's domination, has culminated in the complete overthrow of the latter's power in Alabama. The State Executive Committee which he controls, and of which Mayer was once chairman, but never a member, originally consisted of twelve members. On the 29th of December it was increased to twenty-four, in compliance with the demands of the party, and then a new chairman, McAfee, was elected. Mayer and McAfee each claimed to be chairman, and both issued calls for the committee to meet in this city on the 2d instant. Mayer and his brother, Sheets, late sixth auditor, Heyman, late deputy revenue collector, Clark, postmaster, and L. Turner, not enough to make a quorum, met at one place in this city yesterday. They called a State convention for the 24th to select a State ticket and delegates to the National Convention. McAfee had more than two-thirds of the number elected as State committee in December, and had the most prominent Republicans in the State, such as ex-Governor Smith, ex-Congressman Buckley, Gen. Burke, and several State Senators and Representatives. This committee called a convention for May 16, and treat Spencer and his followers as disorganizers, and will officially expose them at Washington by a committee appointed for that purpose.

The Texas and Pacific Railway Scheme.

The Hon. R. M. T. Hunter, of Virginia, has addressed a letter to Representative Lamar, of Mississippi, in earnest advocacy of government aid to the Texas and Pacific railway scheme. He refers to his former opposition while in the Congress of the United States to the adoption of such schemes as federal measures, but states that his old States' rights doctrines, upon which he predicted his objection, have been modified, and that in no one subject have they been modified more than in regard to a trans-continental route through the Southern territory of the Union.

The National Democratic Committee.

[Special Dispatch to the Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.

The announcement of Senators Whyte, Wallace and Gordon on the Resident Democratic Committee was unauthorized, because no such committee has been appointed by Democratic Senators in caucus. The committee when appointed will consist of five, and not three, one of whom will be Senator Stevenson, of Kentucky. It is doubtful whether Senator Whyte will care to serve. The names of the Senate committee will be made known next Tuesday in the House caucus.

Third-Class Mail Matter.

The Senate committee on postoffices has addressed a letter to the Postmaster General, for an exhibit of the receipts and expenses from third-class mail matter, and whether it is to the interest of the government to transport the third-class matter at the rates charged before the act of last March. The committee has before it the bill of the House restoring the rates on third-class mail matter, and its report will be prompted by the response of the Postmaster General to the inquiries which have been addressed to him.

In the Matter of Max Schlesberg, Bankrupt.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 18, 1876.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE THAT ON THE 17th day of January, 1876, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued out of the District Court of the United States for the Cape Fear District of North Carolina, against the estate of Max Schlesberg, of Fayetteville, in the county of Cumberland, in said District, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt upon his own petition; that the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to said Bankrupt to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law. That a meeting of the creditors of said Bankrupt, to prove their debts, and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden on the 11th of February, A. D., 1876, at 10 o'clock A. M., at Fayetteville, N. C., before William A. Guthrie, Esq., Register in Bankruptcy of said District.

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