

A Ghost Story.
At a meeting of the Literary Club, at which Dr. Johnson, Mr. Burke, and several other eminent characters of the day were present, it was observed that an old gentleman, who had never missed one of the meetings of the society, was that day absent. His absence was considered as the more extraordinary because he happened to be present that day. While the company were expressing their surprise at this circumstance, they saw their friend enter the room, wrapped in a long white gown, his countenance wan and much fallen. He sat down in his place, and when his friends wondered at his dress, he waved his hand, nodded to each separately, and disappeared from the room without speaking. The gentlemen, surprised at this circumstance, and determined to investigate it, called for the waiter, and asked whether anybody had been seen upon the staircase which led to the room where they were sitting. They were answered that no person had been seen either to enter the house or to mount the stairs, and that both the staircase and the entrance had been constantly filled with comers and goers. Not satisfied with this, they sent to the house of the gentleman whom they had just seen, to inquire whether he had been seen. His residence happened to be very near the coffee-house where they were, and their messenger immediately returned with the following melancholy intelligence:
"Their friend had died about ten minutes before, of a violent fever, which had confined him entirely to his bed for several days. Some of the most eminent pains of the club gave themselves great pains to discover the imposture which some thought had been practised upon them; others firmly believed that their friend's ghost had actually appeared to them; and the latter opinion was confirmed by the total failure of all inquiries. All their efforts proved vain to remove the veil of mystery which hung over this transaction. At last they determined to remove the club to another part of the town, entering at the same time into an engagement never to reveal the circumstances which had occasioned this change. They wisely thought that such a story, supported by the evidence of such men as Johnson, Burke, &c., might do much mischief while the cause remained unexplained. Many years afterwards, as Mr. Burke was sitting at dinner with some friends at his own house, he was told that a poor old woman, who was dying in an obscure garret in the midst of the greatest wretchedness, had just said she could not die in peace unless she could reveal a most important secret to Mr. Burke. This summons appeared so like a fraudulent means of extorting money, that Mr. Burke refused to go. In a short time, he received a second message still more pressing, and at the same time such an account was given of the extreme poverty and misery of the poor expiring object, that his compassion was excited, and he determined to go, in spite of the earnest entreaties of his friends who still feared for his safety.
They accordingly watched in the little obscure alley, as his own account, the staircase which led to a garret in which he was told that the poor woman was lying, and reminded him that success was at hand. Mr. Burke soon returned. He told his friends that he had found everything as it had been represented; that the old woman had died after telling him a very extraordinary circumstance, which had given him great satisfaction; he then related all the facts of this story, and added that the dying woman had confessed that she had been guilty of a neglect which had cost an unfortunate man his life. She said that upon her death-bed she was determined to make all the atonement in her power, confess her error, and had therefore requested his presence, knowing him to be the most intimate friend of the deceased. She said that some years before she was nurse to a gentleman who was ill of a dangerous fever, and named Mr. Burke's friend.
She said that on a particular day—which she named—she was told by the physician that the crisis of the disease was that day to be expected; and that the ultimate issue of the case would very much depend upon the patient's being kept perfectly quiet at that moment; which could only be done by incessant watching, as the delirium would probably run very high just before. In that case the physician directed that the patient should be forcibly detained in his bed, as the least cold would prove fatal. He, therefore, ordered the nurse not to leave the room upon any account the whole of the day. The nurse added that in the afternoon of that day a neighbor had called upon her; that, seeing the gentleman perfectly quiet, she had ventured to leave the room for ten minutes; that when she returned, she found her patient gone. In a few minutes he returned and expired immediately. When she heard the inquiries made she was well aware what had given them birth, but was at that time prevented by shame from confessing the truth!

Commercial Advertiser.

OSWEGO, N. Y.

Wednesday Evening, Sept. 26, 1864.

National Union Nominations.

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FOR VICE-PRESIDENT: **ANDREW JOHNSON.**

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| 3rd | George H. Ward. | 4th | Alexander Davidson. |
| 5th | William H. McKim. | 6th | Thomas B. Axtell. |
| 7th | James A. May. | 8th | George D. Putnam. |
| 9th | Alexander Davidson. | 10th | James W. Taylor. |
| 11th | Charles C. Beale. | 12th | Charles C. Beale. |
| 13th | John T. Edin. | 14th | John T. Edin. |
| 15th | John T. Edin. | 16th | John T. Edin. |
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| 31st | John T. Edin. | 32nd | John T. Edin. |

UNION STATE NOMINATIONS.

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FOR LIKT.-GOVERNOR, **THOMAS G. ALVORD,** of Onondaga.

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER, **FRANKLIN A. ALBERGER,** of Erie.

FOR INSPECTOR OF STATE PRISONS, **DAVID P. FOREST,** of Schoharie.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, **SIDNEY T. HOLMES,** of Otsego.

UNION COUNTY NOMINATIONS.

For County Clerk—**BURNICE L. DOANE,** of Richford.

For Superintendent of the Poor—**GEORGE W. SMITH,** of Herkimer.

For Justice of Sessions—**ALVIN OSBORN,** of Otsego.

For Coroner—**JOHN R. PIERCE,** of Otsego.

ALPHEO O. BARNES, of Schoharie.

JOHN W. WATSON, of Richford.

For Members of Assembly—**ELIAS ROOT,** of Otsego.

RICHARD K. SANFORD, of Yates.

AVERY W. SEVENANCE, of New Haven.

For School Commissioners—**LEWIS E. FLETCHER,** of Yates.

Our Candidate for Assembly.

The result at the District Convention, we think, will give general satisfaction to the Union men of this Assembly District. There are few men better or more favorably known in the First Assembly District, than Hon. ELIAS ROOT. His patriotism and his honesty are unquestioned. Since the commencement of the War he has served as the Chairman of the War Committee of this County. In this capacity his labors have been enormous, but in every instance they have been discharged promptly, effectively, and in all respects most satisfactorily to the people of the County. His extensive acquaintance with the moneyed men of the State has been of the greatest service to the financial agents of the county, in negotiating the loans to raise the bounty money that has been voted from time to time. While it is acknowledged that to his exertions, in visiting Elmira, Albany and Washington, to adjust the matters of the quotas, has the County more than once owed its escape from the draft. As a member of the War Committee his exertions have been unremitting and, we are told, entirely gratifying, for which the people owe him a debt that they will not forget.

Mr. Root has also had the experience of one term in the legislature,—he is a sound business man, thoroughly acquainted with the peculiar interests of his district, and will make, in all respects, an efficient, able, and influential legislator. He will be elected by a large majority.

The "Gunboat Candidate."

The *Palladium* intimates that persons who repeat the charge that Gen. McClellan was on a gunboat in the James River safe out of harm's reach, during the battle of Malvern Hill, are making themselves "ridiculous." Perhaps the *Palladium* is better informed than the General himself, who testified before an investigating committee that he could not recollect exactly where he was during the fight. He remembered that he was on the battle-field during the morning, before the enemy appeared, but after that he was completely "oblivious" as to his whereabouts. He thinks, perhaps he might have been on the gunboat, but is uncertain about it. Does the *Palladium* see anything "ridiculous" in that testimony?

Again, the Prince DeJoinville, who was on the gunboat himself during that memorable occasion, published a statement soon after, showing that the commander of the army was on the boat while the fight was going on, and severely criticized him therefor. His opinion was that there never was so splendid an army got together before, in the history of the world, nor one so badly officered. Prince DeJoinville made himself "ridiculous," we suppose, by stating what came under his own observation.

And further, we have the statement of

an officer of the gunboat "Galena" to the effect that the Democratic Candidate was on that boat on the occasion referred to. This officer the *Tribune* endorses as entirely reliable, and his name can be produced if necessary.

Further, still, the *New York World*, McClellan's advocate *par excellence*, admits that he was on a gunboat three days during that exciting time, but in explanation insists that the general-in-chief should occupy a "commanding" position during an action of such moment. Can the *Palladium* see anything "ridiculous" in a General of an army, during a battle where a hundred thousand men on a side were engaged, occupying a commanding position on a gunboat behind a bluff?

Fortified by General McClellan's "oblivious" recollection, Prince DeJoinville's and the officer of the Galena's direct testimony on that point, and the *World's* theory of a "commanding position," we shall have to declare ourselves a convert to the "gunboat" story even at the risk of being thought "ridiculous" by our neighbor of the *Palladium*.

District Convention.

The Convention of the First Assembly District met in the City Hall on the 27th inst. GILBERT MOLLISON, Esq., was elected President, and F. B. LATHROP, Esq., Secretary.

The following gentlemen appeared and took their seats as members of the Convention:

First Ward—G. Mollison, L. B. Robe, N. M. Andrews, F. B. Lathrop, J. H. Crawford.

Second Ward—Moses Merrick, C. N. Osborn, F. E. Babboth, George Ames, J. Smith.

Third Ward—A. C. Mattoon, A. J. Murdock, L. O. Chappel, H. J. Burdick, E. Smith Hard.

Fourth Ward—E. C. Hart, S. R. Taylor, E. G. Jones, E. Hawks, J. B. Edwards.

Fifth Ward—M. Larlier, John Knowlton, J. B. Curtis, J. F. Peckham, N. F. Palmer.

In the absence of Mr. Peckham, G. G. Anderson was appointed in his stead.

Ossego—P. P. Wright, L. Worden, W. B. Fairbanks, E. Bradway, O. P. Green.

Schoharie—A. H. Barnes, H. E. Stone, H. Brown, C. E. Downs, Calvin But.

After several ballots, Gilbert Mollison, Esq., was nominated, but declined being a candidate.

On the final ballot Hon. ELIAS ROOT was nominated, receiving 16 votes, to 17 cast for Hon. A. C. Mattoon.

Mr. MATTOON took the floor, and in the course of a few remarks endorsed fully the integrity, the patriotism, and statesmanship of the Hon. ELIAS ROOT, and moved his unanimous nomination by the Convention, which was carried with acclamation.

On motion it was resolved that the District Committee remain the same as last year, except the Chairman, which by usage belongs to the Second Ward. We did not distinctly understand who is the Chairman thus designated.

The Convention then adjourned.

HARD TO PLEASE.

The *Palladium* publishes a long letter from some pretentious Fremont man, who signs himself "Republican," stating that since the withdrawal of Fremont he shall support McClellan. Will the *Palladium* give the public the benefit of the name of this rare bird. The letter is dated "Mexican," and it will be remembered that the Insane Asylum is located in that town. Now we will bet two to one (although we are not a betting man,) that he who thus has the effrontery to assume the name of "Republican" either never voted for Abraham Lincoln, never was acknowledged as a "Republican," or that he is an inmate of the County Institution above referred to.—Give us the name, neighbor. A man who writes so flippantly, if honest, will be but too proud to see his name in print.

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Miscellaneous Items.

—Firewood is becoming very scarce in Canada.

A man in Lowell, Massachusetts, cut out his horse's tongue the other day, in a fit of temper.

The New City Hall in Newark, N. J., was dedicated on Thursday last.

A little girl died in Philadelphia last week from a joistrous fit of laughter.

A cloud of winged ants passed over a district of France lately.

A deacon at Freetown, R. I., was faultily gored by a bull last Saturday.

A fight between a bull and an elephant recently took place in Spain. The elephant won.

During the ten years ending 1860 the increase of wealth in the United States was nine millions of dollars.

Upwards of one hundred millions of brick have been manufactured in Chicago the past season.

The breath of hogs is more pernicious to themselves and others than is that of other animals.

—The Catholic Cathedral, at Cleveland, Ohio, was entered by robbers last Monday, and \$1,000 worth of property abstracted.

Forty-five years ago this autumn, 1,000 bushels of potatoes were furnished to the New Hampshire State Prison for ten cents a bushel.

The statue of the late Father Mathew has been successfully cast in Ireland.

In the return of enrolled men in Boston there are 3,884 persons between the ages of eighteen and twenty-four liable to military duty.

Grace Stanton, formerly a Kentucky school-teacher, and afterwards a hospital nurse, is lecturing on the war in California.

A whisky distillery in Belle Vernon, Pa., that pays 2,400 per day tax, will close as soon as their grain on hand is worked up.

Reason: Tax too heavy.

The annual expense of running Harvard College and the museum of comparative zoology at Cambridge, is \$185,000. Amherst and Dartmouth expend only \$12,000 to \$18,000 apiece.

At the hospital in Portland, Me., are 367 soldiers who have lost either an arm or a leg.

The Lincoln boys of Chicago call the supporters of "Little Mac" the "Little Mackerels."

The trustees of Amherst College have presented the faculty with an extra \$100,000 on account of high prices, and made Prof. Montague a professor of modern languages.

A dispatch from Toronto states that the authorities there have issued orders for the arrest of several of the Lake Erie pirates, who have been seen in town since the raid.

There have been 156 applications for admission to the present freshman class at Yale College, and 143 of the 156 have been received.

Brigadier General W. W. Bullock was knocked down by three men near his residence in Boston, on Wednesday night, and robbed of his watch. Three men were subsequently arrested on suspicion of being the ones.

Heavy frosts are experienced in Canada now, and our neighbors fear they will lose their crops, which are unusually good this year.

At the government buildings at Harrisburg, Pa., there are two brass pieces that once belonged to Lafayette, and two that were captured in the Mexican war. They are kept as curiosities, and thousands of people have journeyed to see them.

At the trial of Horne Tooke, Lord Eldon (then Attorney-General), speaking of his own reputation, said:

"It is the little inheritance that I have left to my children, and I will leave it unimpaired."

Here he shed tears, and to the astonishment of those present, Mitford began to weep.

"Just look at Mitford," said a bystander to Horne Tooke; "what on earth is he crying for?"

Tooke replied: "He is crying to think what a little inheritance Eldon's children are likely to get."

The amount of grain afloat from the upper lakes from Oswego, up to the last date, as near as can be ascertained, is as follows: 122,000 bushels of wheat and 51,000 bushels of corn.

ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN.

—Somebody with nothing else to do, gets off the subjoined rules for very young men:

1. If you have soap for breakfast, don't undertake to eat with yure fingers, not if you can get a fork, and never wipe yure nose on the table cloth, as long as you have got a coat sleeve.

2. If you don't know how to chit terbacker, lounge no time, the best way is to go behind a long pen and practice before you chaw in public, but persevere in the only way yure pa learnt.

3. If you have got to be 12 years old, and can't swear good, the chances are you won't ever amount to anything. About as good a way as I no uv to larn iz to begin his sain' 'condemnt,' and then work up.

4. Learning how to drink is a slow process, but dreful sartin; cider is putty sartin to git the hang with, but rum-cherry is more sartin.

5. Bi awal means at an early age git into the habit of stayin out late nites.—Don't miss a cirkus, that is means uv grass. Kall avil vartue nonsense, and suspect avil feunties. Watch yure older brother, and brag on his der vose.

Follow these rules, and if that don't make a plun of yu, yu can satisfy kum klude that yu hav mistook the crook of yure yenus, and properly was desired for a decent man.

A soldier's wife, writing to one of the west end aldermen, of New York city, in regard to her State aid, says:

"I have not had any children since my husband went away. I have three, and if I had known of this war I might have had three more, as I should like to send a regiment of my own raising to the army, as I am patriotic and Union clean through, though I am styled a Massachusetts negro, here in New York State, because I am for the war until every man is as free as God created him."

Great deal of self-reliance about that woman.

LITERARY PROPENSITY.

—The Boston Watchman and Beacon, a religious journal, sharply reviews a portion of an article in the last Atlantic, and reads our literary men a lecture upon the irreverent man-

ner in which they use the scriptures. It says:

When we hear (or see in a popular magazine) the Fall of Man traversed in the statement that "all his miseries were let loose upon the human race by them grossly," tempting our mother to curious pomological speculations, and observe further that the same subject is drawn in for just a few pages distant, between the same pair of yellow covers, we are at a loss to understand what rational motive there can be for such talk or such writing. It requires no talent; intellects are on a level in that occupation. There is no wit in it above the dignity of punning or of Mrs. Partington's pleasantries. And it only swells a little the tide, already over-full of irreverence and contempt for God's holy word.

At the Chicago ratification meeting, Mahoney, editor of a Dubuque paper and a leader of the Iowa copperheads, said:

"We must elect our candidate, and then, holding out our hands to the South, invite them to come and sit in the Union circle." [A voice—"Suppose they won't come?"]

"If they will not come to us, I am in favor of going to them!" said the speaker. Loud cheers welcomed this undigested sentiment.

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