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Select Poetry.

[From the Home Journal.]

BLIND.

[Suggested by a visit to the Institution for the Blind, Philadelphia.]

'Tis Spring! I hear the robin's note, The blue-bird's cheerful warble; Soft tropic airs about me float, Melting the Winter's marble. The floods have come, the brimming streams, Hoar in tumultuous thunder, And the swift steeds harshly scream, Darting the billows under. Surely the gentle Spring has come, I hear its merry noises; With myriad tongues that late were dumb, The ground earth rejoices. Not shapes of beauty bright and fair, In nature's pageant splendid, Nor azure heavens, nor sunny glare, Could have my winter ended; Nor freshening grass, nor budding tree, Nor vermeil bloom of flowers, Nor sheeny sky, nor placid sea, Could tell of vernal hours.

Oh! the birds, they bring me news The spring-time glad concerning; Of velvet lawns and gentle dews, And summer days returning; While rushing streams confirm the tale, Till heaven's rolling thunder Calls forth the echoes from the vale, To scatter doubt and wonder. I thank the Maker for the sense Which so reveals his glory; O sightless eyes! 'Tis recompense To hear glad Nature's story! Bedford, Pennsylvania, April 8, 1865.

An Excellent Burlesque.

The Pottsville Standard takes off the Philadelphia Inquirer's flashy sensation lies about riots and war in Schuylkill county in the following good style:

STARTLING NEWS.

RIOTS IN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

Capture of Despatches for the Philadelphia Inquirer.

By the capture of despatches intended for the Philadelphia Inquirer, we are enabled to give the news from Schuylkill county in advance even of that reliable paper. These despatches were taken from a "reliable gentleman," who took them from a "rebel deserter who had always been a Union man," who stated that he had been sent to Philadelphia with them by "an intelligent contraband" who was "the first nigger wounded in the war." The despatches were addressed, "To the Philadelphia Inquirer, care of Jeff Davis' coachman." From the fact of all these well-known contributors to the "Inquirer" being concerned in their transmission, there can be no doubt of their genuineness. We copy them entire:

WAR IN SCHUYLKILL CO.

GREAT BATTLE AMONG THE MINERS. BANNAN, OF THE JOURNAL, FORTIFIED HIS MAN-FRIDAY UP A TREE.

MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL LEADING CHARGES! 10,000 IRISH INFANTRY IN ARMS!

THE MINES PUMPED FULL OF WATER. Heavy Firing Heard at Pottsville. A division in line of battle.

GREAT CONSTERNATION!!! 400 REGIMENTS SENT TO SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

GREAT BATTLE EXPECTED. ALL THE MECHANICS STRIKING FOR WAGES.

HORRIBLE ATROCITIES!!!

POTTSVILLE, May 31st, 1865.—War has broken out in Schuylkill County.—There has been a bloody battle among the miners. Several thousand have been killed. The Irish are murdering everybody.

The County in general, and the streets of Pottsville in particular, are crowded with blood-thirsty miners, who kill all but Irishmen.

Bannan, of the Miners' Journal, has retired to his castle, pulled up the drawbridge, nailed up the doors of the henroost and dog-pen, and mounted a joint of stove-pipe in each window. His man Friday has not been heard of, but he is reported to have been seen up a tree on Guinea Hill, fairly white with fear.

Ministers command the rioters, and even lead charges, playing on harps and lyres.—Many women have been arrested and fined.

Ten thousand Irish infantry are known to be in arms. They are drilling constantly in fine weather.

Last week the miners rose and pumped all the mines full of water in three hours.

Heavy firing was heard at Pottsville on the 27th, and a division, in line of battle, was seen in the mountains.

Everybody is killing everybody else, and the best are fleeing in terror.

Men with both legs off are running for life, and women who have lost both arms are clasp-

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ing their children to their breasts in despair. 400 regiments of troops have been sent to the rebellious district. They will be followed by all the troops under command of Gen. Grant, with as many as can be hired from England, Germany and Mexico.—The Philadelphia Grey Reserves refuse to go, and the Pottsville Militia cannot be depended upon.

Two special ambassadors have been sent to the king of Dahomey, in Africa, with a cargo of cracked fiddles, red ribbons, yellow flannel, and mince-pie whiskey, to buy up recruits. They will be commanded by Ben Butler and Bannan's man Friday.

A gentleman was heard to say in a saloon last night, that we would have a few glorious battles soon.

All the mechanics are striking for wages. An Irishman toasted a Scotchman on a spear. An Irish woman burned a negro in a wood-pile, and said she gloried in such horrid acts.

LATER.

Another despatch has been taken from one of the Inquirer's contributors, "a lady recently from the seat of war." We copy it, as follows.

THE WAR IN SCHUYLKILL CO.

LATER NEWS!

A CORRECT ACCOUNT.

POTTSVILLE, May 30th, 1865.—We are in possession of later advices from the rebellious county of Schuylkill. The war still continues. We are able, however, to make the following corrections.

The battle reported to have taken place at Mt. Dallas at 9.30 p. m. A line of coaches from Bedford, connects the trains at Mt. Dallas, leaving Bedford at 10 and 11 p. m.

Bedford Markets.

Ministers did not lead charges, playing on harps and lyres. Two of them "chattered" each other with "lyres."

The firing of females was to punish some girls for listening—a revenge on female curiosity to pay the expenses of the war.

The 10,000 Infantry in arms appear to have been ten Irish infants, who were being out in the arms of their mothers for an airing. They "were drilling" in water wheels.

Instead of the miners raising and pumping the mines full of water, Norwegian creek rose and filled some cellars.

The heavy firing heard on the 27th was James Cox and John Green shooting pigeons on Lawton's Hill, and the line of battle wasteful crowd who witnessed the proceedings.

400 men, not 400 regiments, were sent to Schuylkill county.

The crowds of miners in the streets were children going home from school.

It seems that a gentleman at a saloon expected a few more glorious "battles," not "battles," as reported.

The only mechanics strike constantly when at work.

An Irishman did not toast a Scotchman on a spear. The two drank a toast, "to the Old Drat." The Irish woman only said it was hot enough at her wood pile to burn a nigger, using "that horrid axe."

THE VERY LATEST.

Special Despatch to the Inquirer. POTTSVILLE, May 31st, 1865.—There has been no rioting in Schuylkill county.

The Soldiers Against the Radicals.

It is now evident that a radical conspiracy has been entered into to embarrass the administration of President Johnson. The point of attack selected is his position upon the reconstruction and negro-suffrage question. Chief Justice Chase has abandoned his duties and is addressing mixed audiences of whites and blacks in the Southern States, upon this theme. Senator Sumner is contributing, as his share of the work, orations and letters. Wendell Phillips is openly declaring that strife and repudiation are preferable to such a settlement of the difficulties as is presented in the President's North Carolina proclamation. The organs of the Radical party, from the Anti-Slavery Standard down to the smallest hand that runs in the pack, are open, fierce and bitter in their denunciation of the President on this point, and are exhibiting the pride and extent of the conspiracy in such colors as to leave no room for doubt or misapprehension.

One of the agencies by which this class of men hope to effect their purpose of capturing the President, and holding him while they dictate terms upon the reconstruction and negro-suffrage question, is the next Congress. That is at present supposed to be largely ultra. Two thirds of the members of both branches of the National Legislature were swept into place by the same stream which is now sought to be turned against the administration of President Johnson.

Chase and Sumner, and their brother conspirators against the peace and harmony of the nation at this critical period, hope to manipulate the national representatives of their party by means of home influences, and thus control their votes and menace the President by threats of opposition to his administration.—But it is not so certain that this can be accomplished even if the Anti-Slavery League of Boston heads the movement. The war is over, contracts and offices connected with the army and navy are no longer potent means of reaching the venal and the unprincipled, provost marshals and bastilles no longer close men's mouths by bullets or manacles. Free speech is in the process of restoration. Congressmen have a home feeling to consult now. Public opinion is recovering its force. The whole country is no longer at Washington. Each State and county and township has again sprung into life; and hence the representative of each

locality will note carefully the feelings of his constituency before entering into a conspiracy against such a policy as that enunciated by the President. They will probably care more to represent the wishes and sentiments of their constituents, than to gratify the ambition or heat the wounded pride of such ultra conspirators as those led by Chase, Sumner, Phillips, and their followers.

It is certain that the voice and influence of the soldiers who have faced the dangers, and endured the sufferings of the recent struggle, will be in favor of the reconstruction programme of President Johnson, and in opposition to the conspiracy of the radicals. This was demonstrated at a meeting recently held in New York, called for the ostensible purpose of endorsing the administration of President Johnson. Just before the meeting commenced, a person distributed a circular among the audience addressed to "Friends of Humanity and Justice." It contained an elaborate attack on President Johnson, and in favor of suffrage for negroes. It was evidently of the extreme radical stripe. It also seemed evident that some of the prime movers of the meeting intended that the meeting should really take the form of an assemblage in favor of negroes voting, the guise of approval of President Johnson's administration only being the apparent motive in order to get the people together. The opportune arrival of Generals Grant, Logan and Blair, however, fortunately shut off nearly all the political rhodomontade that had been prepared for the occasion, and the audience throughout refused to listen to any political speakers while there was a general on the stage. Some of the speeches also of the soldiers, are worth noticing as showing that the conspirators can hope nothing from them in their scheme for operating upon members of Congress in opposition to the policy of President Johnson on reconstruction and negro suffrage. In the course of a few remarks made by Major General Frank P. Blair, he distinctly endorsed the position of the President, and thus repudiated the conspirators. He said: "The only notable thing that has fallen under my observation since Andrew Johnson assumed the reins of power in this country has been his several proclamations in regard to the reconstruction of the Union, as it is called, and, perhaps, that portion of his proclamation which is devoted to suffrage in the rebellious States. Well, I have not heard much exception taken to that, nor to any part of his programme.—Indeed, my friends, the principles upon which his proclamation is founded were the principles upon which he was elected; and in all that has been announced in those proclamations I most heartily concur." It is thus evident that the conspiracy has not much to hope for from General Blair. He is for the Johnson programme.

The second speech was made by Major General Logan, who still more emphatically announced his condemnation of the conspiracy, and his approval of the reconstruction policy of the President as set forth in the North Carolina proclamation.

General Logan, when speaking of reconstruction, said:

I understood when the rebellion was organized against the government, and when the Executive called into requisition the power of the Federal Government, it was to suppress insurrection and rebellion against the laws and the Constitution of the land—not for the purpose of wiping out or obliterating States. [Cheers.] Then it was understood that the States could not secede. Secession was unlawful and unwarranted. Secession did not submit to be by the people of the United States. We then fought those battles upon the theory that a State could not secede—that the States were in the Union and could not get out of the Union. [Cries of "Good" and applause.] Hence we said, when Jeff Davis assumed to be President of a portion of this country, that he had no right to do so, because they were then States—as they ever had been—of the Union of these States. [Cheers.] We have maintained that proposition. Secession has been defeated, and the question forever settled here in the Union. [Applause.] Now, I do not want to admit that Jeff Davis ever had a government—and I do not want to admit that Jeff Davis and the leaders of this rebellion may not be convicted of treason and punished as traitors. Hence, if we desire to punish traitors, we have got to keep our own record straight; and, as we want to maintain the law and the Constitution, we have got to have the law and the Constitution, upon our side to do it.

Upon the negro-suffrage question he declared himself also on the State-Rights. Johnson platform, and in opposition to that of the Chase-Sumner conspirators. He remarked:

The next proposition that I understand is decided before the people is this. The State have been reduced to a territorial condition, then it was the duty of the President of the United States to declare that certain men should be permitted to organize this territorial government, and others should be excluded; that is, that he should declare that certain men have a right to vote who never had by law a right to vote. I maintain this as being the correct distinction. President Johnson has a right to exercise such power as is necessary to assist in putting the machinery of these States in motion. He has a right, for the time being, to appoint a man as Governor. They are under military authority now. He has a right to appoint persons to govern them, that they may have a head for the purpose of reorganizing their civil department. [Applause.] When he has done that and they organize, the State is then in existence, not only as it has been before, but it can exercise the same functions that it had before in the Government of the United States. The Constitution declares that each State shall regulate the qualifications of its own voters. If President Johnson has a right, by proclamation, to declare that all the negroes in the South are voters, he has a right, upon the same principle, to declare

that the white men are not. If the States that have been subdued or the people of them, are not in a territorial condition, but States, as we maintain they were, in rebellion, then President Johnson has no right to make any such declaration. If he does it he does it in the teeth of the Constitution of the country that we have attempted to support and maintain here. So far as the discussion in reference to the question of suffrage is concerned it is of no concern to me. I have nothing to do with it. I do not care whether the people of Virginia, or North Carolina, or Kentucky, or of any other State allow negroes to vote. It is not my business, but theirs. [Cheers.] In Illinois, where I live, whenever they decide that the negroes shall vote, it is their decision. The Constitution says they have a right to decide, and when they do so, I say amen to it. [Three cheers for Illinois.] But until they do make such a decision, in their sovereign capacity as a State, no President has a right to decide for them.

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CROCKET IN A QUANDARY.

"I never, but once," said the Colonel, "was in what I call a real genuine quandary. It was during my electioneering for Congress, at which time I strolled about in the woods so particularly pestered with politics that I forgot my rifle. Any man may forget his rifle, you know; but it isn't every man then that can make amends for his forgetfulness by his faculties. I guess,

It chanced that I was strolling along, considering deep in congressional matters the first thing that took my fancy was the snoring of some young bears, which proceeded from a hollow tree; but I soon found I could not reach the cubs with my hands, so I went feet foremost, to see if I could draw them up by the toes. I hung on at the top of the hole, straining with all my might to reach them, until at last my hands slipped, and down I went, more than twenty feet, to the bottom of that hole, and there I found myself almost hip deep in a family of young bears.

I soon found that I might as well undertake to climb the greatest part of a rainbow as to get back, the hole in the tree being so large, and its sides so smooth and slippery from the rain.

Now, this was a real, genuine quandary. If I was to shout, it would be doubtful whether they would hear me at the settlement, and if they did it would ruin my election; for they were a quality too out to vote for a man that ventured into a place that he didn't understand how to get himself out of.

Well, now, while I was calculating whether it was best to shout for help or to wait in the hole until after the election, I heard a kind of grumbling and growling overhead, and looking I saw the old bear coming down stern foremost upon me.

My motto was always "go ahead," and as soon as the lowered himself within my reach, I got a little grip on his tail in my hand, and with my little one-handled pen-knife in the other, I commenced cutting her forward. I'll be shot if a member of Congress rose quicker in the world than I did! She took me