

# The Watchman.

Interview between a Contraband and a Tribune Correspondent.

You belong to the army, Marsr? asked the intelligent contraband unhesitatingly.

Yes, That is—I am—yes; I am with the army, sir, replied the Tribune correspondent; and I would like, sir, to ask you a few questions. Where is Beauregard, at Corinth or at Richmond?

Int.—Yes, Marsr? Trib.—Where, at Richmond? Int.—Yes, Marsr? Trib.—And how many men has he?

Int.—Niggers, Marsr? Trib.—No, Soldiers. Int.—Bout Sixty thousand, I specs. Trib.—What? Are you sure? Aren't you mistaken?

Int.—Yes, Marsr? Trib.—Well, when did he arrive here.

Int.—O, two, three, four months ago. Trib.—You mean weeks, dont you.

Int.—Yes, Marsr Trib.—Do you think the rebels will evacuate Richmond?

Int.—O, Yes Mars; dey'll fight like de debil!

Trib.—You dont understand me, sir. I mean will they run away?

Int.—Yes Marsr, they ollers run away. Trib.—But if McClellan had attacked the city three weeks ago, he could have killed them all, couldnt he?

Int.—Yes, Marsr; he killed em all, I specs—I got under a fence and he didnt see me.

What slave were you? asked the correspondent after a pause.

Int. Con.—Marsr Davis's Trib. Con.—What, Jeff Davis? Int. Con.—Yes, Marsr's. Trib. Con.—And he treated you with great brutality no doubt.

Int. Con.—Yes Marsr's treat me fast rat. Trib. Con.—But you want your freedom dont you.

Int. Con.—O, Yes Marsr. Trib.—How would you like to go north?

Int.—Putty cold norf, aint it? Trib.—O no, Ever been North?

Int.—Yes Marsr's. Trib.—To what place?

Int.—To Florida Marsr. Trib.—Florida!

Int.—Yes, Marsr's. De gemman lib dar.

Trib.—What, your master? Int.—Yes Marsr's. Trib.—Why, did Jeff Davis ever live in Florida?

Int.—O, yes, Marsr's; he lib dar some forty or fifty years I specs.

The evidently untrustworthy nature of the replies of this man and brother began to strike the correspondent at about this juncture, and he shut up his note book and retired. The man and brother gazed after his retreating form with interest, and murmured gently:

Dat's a mighty sassy feller.—Specs he is a fool! with which he sneedaddled, leaving our special in much doubt whether the Tribune was not after all worse sold than the intelligent contraband would be if he endeavored to find perfect freedom by following the North Star.

The Chickahomny History.—The Chickahomny river, all known from the reports of Gen. McClellan's operations, to be a small stream in the vicinity of Richmond, which broadens and deepens gradually in its course.—Some time before it reaches the James river, into which it empties thirty-seven miles above Fortress Monroe, it is affected by the tides, and at the mouth is, as it appears from the James between two and three miles wide. The Chickahomny is the stream which Capt. John Smith was exploring when he was captured by the warriors of Powhattan.—It is believed he was captured somewhere near the scene of battle. It will be remembered that its banks were in the days of John Smith, as now, noted for marshes. Smith was mired in the swamps when the savages pounced upon him.

## A description of Congress.

The Syracuse [N. Y.] Courier in noticing the adjournment of Congress, draws the following admirable picture of the proceedings in that body. It says:

"With violations of the Constitution innumerable; with plunderings and stealings beyond measure; with unexampled devotion to the black, and unequal neglect of the interests of the white man; with unsurpassed subserviency to the lash of Abolition fanaticism; with a relentless hate, unrivaled in the annals of history, of the white citizens of the South; with treason to the Constitution in their hearts; with a fell spirit of disunionism in all their acts; with a noisy profession of devotion to liberty on their lips; but in fact a real support of every act of tyranny, they have sullied the freeman's right of habeas corpus to be denied him; they have encouraged unreasonable searches and seizures; they have submitted without protest to the ruthless violation of the sanctity of the freeman's home; they have trampled upon opinion, free speech and a free press; they have encouraged the seizure and imprisonment of free white citizens accused of no offense and guilty of no crime; they have suffered free born white citizens to languish weeks and months in Northern bastiles without investigation; they have clamored about the confinement of black men sanctioned by law and custom—in the District of Columbia; they have created inquisitorial courts unknown to the laws, called commissions to hold or discharge persons without trial by their peers; they have expelled, and sought to expel, the qualified representatives of Northern Sovereign States under various pretenses, but really because of their Constitutional democracy; they have maligned our soldiers and denounced our Generals; they have divided up military departments only to make room for partisan favorites, they have, in order to insure the success of their abolition schemes, embarrassed and produced the defeat of our Generals in the field; they have sanctioned every outrage, submitted to every usurpation, and are responsible for every disaster. By their partisan tariff they well nigh have ruined the commercial interests of the country, and by their wild and crude schemes of finance and currency, they have inaugurated the triumph of shipplasters."

THE NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.—The design for the postage stamps to be used as a currency have been adopted, and are now in the hands of the engraver. They are to be of four denominations, viz: five, ten, twenty-five and fifty cents. All will be printed on bank note paper, and the five and ten will be two and five-fifths inches, and he twenty-fives and fifties three inches in length; and all are one and three-quarter inches wide. The fives and twenty-fives will be brown, the tens and fifties green.

On the upper corners of the faces will be the denomination in white figures on a dark ground. The fives will have in the center the five cent postage stamps, with a "5" in geometrical lattice-work on each side. The ten will have a ten cent stamp, with "10" on each side. The twenty-fives will have five cent stamps, partly overlapping from left to right; and the fifties five ten-cent stamps, similarly disposed.

Over the designs as above described will be the words, "Postage stamps furnished by the Assistant Treasurers and designated depositaries of the United States," and under them, "Receiptable for postage stamps at any post-office." In the middle of the lower part of the notes will be "U. S." in large letters.

Large figures in lath-work denoting the denomination will be in the centre of the back of each "stamp" or "note" surrounded by the words "Exchangeable for United States notes by any Assistant Treasury, or designated United States Depository, in sums not less than five dollars.—Receiptable in payment of all dues to the United States less than five dollars." Act approved July 17, 1862.

AN ENGLISH VIEW.—In a long article on The Possession of the Negro in America, the London Times arrives at the following conclusion:

Notwithstanding all that is said on behalf of the negro, his real position is very simple. He is the denizen of a country 8,000,000 of the inhabitants of which are willing to allow him to exist there in the capacity of a slave and 18,000,000 are unwilling to allow him to exist there at all.

The South forces him to labor, but gives him food, clothing, and a home. The North insists that he shall no longer be forced to labor, but refuses him a home in the land of his birth, and while emancipating him from slavery, denies him all the privileges of freedom. The opinion of Russia has decided that emancipation of the serfs carries with it the necessity of granting them a portion of the land for their subsistence. No such idea is maintained in America. The black must either be a slave or an outcast. He has no choice, no intermediate step between forced labor and expulsion. The opinion that would protect him against the first is silent, and could it speak, is powerless to protect him against the second. For him no middle state between the two is possible. The desperate precipitation of the South, and the lust for dominion of the North, have hurled on matters to a point which leaves no possibility of dealing gradually and temperately with this terrible question. Popular passions have been evoked and excited, and it may yet turn out that the only point on which the two Confederacies who are pouring forth each others blood like water, may be able to agree, will be the destruction or expulsion of that unhappy race which has served as the pretext for their quarrel.

## Vallandigham.

Two weeks ago we had the proud satisfaction of publishing the great speech of this sterling Democrat, delivered recently before the Ohio State Convention, through the columns of the Columbia Democrat. We were in hopes that some of the Union Saviors and Abolitionists, would detect treason in Mr. Vallandigham's speech, or at least find some tangible objection to it, but in this we were disappointed, excepting a faint squeak from a few of the rottenest of the rotten negro worshipping lawdefying and Constitution breaking small fry papers of the country. And not one of these, so far as we have seen, has ventured to call Mr. V. a "Breckinridge." Hurry up boys. Don't tell your readers, that he said in that Speech, that on the day of the election he traveled several hundred miles to vote for Stephen A. Douglas.

N. B.—What has become of the late rumor, that papers had been found upon a traitor preaching implicating Mr. Vallandigham. Hunt up your "rumor," boys, swear to it, and keep running the "rumor" through your machines and possibly you may raise an excitement against the friend of his country and the foe of disunion. We will cheerfully publish if you establish, by any means, the truth of the statement or infidelity to the Constitution.

AN INFAMOUS AVOWAL. The Toledo Blade admits the passage of the Crittenden compromise by the last Congress would have preserved the peace of the country and maintained the Union intact; but now that the Republicans do not support that compromise because it would have been "buying off the South with new concessions," to have done which, says the Blade, would have been degrading to the Republicans, &c. This is a precious confession, truly! The Republican leaders refuse to pass the Crittenden compromise, not because its terms were unfair or unjust to either section of the Union; not because it conceded to the South more than she was entitled to under the constitution—but simply because it conflicted with the doctrines of the Chicago Platform, and to yield one jot or tittle of that platform would have degraded the Republican party. Had

the Crittenden compromise been adopted, we would not to-day have a dissevered Union and a civil war. But the Republican and the Republican leaders could not afford the sacrifice. They said, let the dissolution come;—the country may go to the devil—but the Chicago platform, that holy of holies, must be preserved.—North West.

IS FREMONT A PATRIOT. It will be remembered that when Johnston reinforced Beauregard at Manassas, thus contributed to our Bull Run defeat, great indignation was expressed at the blunder. A similar, but more aggravating case has lately occurred. When Stonewall Jackson made his raid in the Shenandoah Valley, the President ordered Fremont to cross the mountain at a certain pass so as to cut off Jackson's retreat. But Fremont, vain in his own conceit, disobeyed orders, took a different route, so as to get behind the enemy and let him escape to help attack and perhaps destroy McClellan at Richmond. And when the President collects the yarons straggling forces, and orders them on to McClellan, Fremont refuses to fight, throws down his sword, and with his staff, comes North to dabble in politics, and foment strife.—yet still drawing his large pay. Meantime, the rebels can beat us for all he cares. And for these things Abolitionists worship him. Is this patriotism.

## GEN. NELSON MADE TO MARK TIME.

A correspondent of the London (Ohio) Register relates the following as having occurred at Camp Joe Holt:

The camp guards after night are instructed to allow none to pass in or out without giving a countersign, and to retain as prisoners those who come from the outside to the line without it. Gen. Nelson came to one of the guards one evening, just after the countersign had been given out, and held something like the following conversation:

Guard—Halt! Who comes there?

General—I am Gen. Nelson, commanding this army.

Guard—I don't care a d—n; mark time, march. Corporal of the guard, No. 1 (looking his piece)

General—(Commencing to mark time slowly)—You d—n fool, I'll have you punished like hell.

Guard—I don't care a d—n; if McClellan was here without the countersign, he should mark time till the corporal comes. Quick time, march.

General—(Swearing and sweating)—Let me rest.

Guard—No sir; mark time!

By this time the general had spread like wildfire through the camp that one of the guards had Gen. Nelson out at post No. 1, marking time, and half of the regiment was collected on that side enjoying the joke immensely. The corporal was very slow in coming, and every time Nelson would slacken speed the guard would cock his gun and command—mark time.

By the time of the arrival of the Corporal, the General's rage had so far subsided that he began to see the humorous side of the joke.

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