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relating to those who think of making purchases in
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The Letters.

BY ALFRED WYAND.
Still on the tower stood the name,
A black veil gleaming at the stargate;
I looked at the clock and saw the
"And saw the clock and saw the
A clog of lead was round my feet,
A band of pain across my brow;
"Cold sit, Heaven and earth shall melt
Before you have my marriage vow."
I turned and hummed a bitter song
That melted the wondrous human heart;
And then we met in wrath and wrong,
We met, but only meant to part.
Full cold my greeting was, and dry;
She faintly smiled, she hardly moved;
I saw with faintly gleaming eye
She wore the color I approved.
She took the little ivory chest—
"With both eyes she eyed the key,
Then gazed me head with I've omitted,
And gave my letters back to me.
And gave the trinket and the ring,
My eyes were full of misty blue tears;
As she faded the better hours,
"Of his dead soul, I looked on these:
She told me all her friends had said;
I raged against the public liar,
She talked as if her love was dead;
But in my words were seeds of life,
"No more of love,—your sex is known;
I never will be twice deceived.
Then with a look she turned away,
The words cannot be believed!
"Through slender, memoral spurs of hell,
And woman's slander to the world,
And you whom once I loved so well,
Through yonder life must be a curse!"
I spoke with heart, and heat, and force,
I shook her breast with vague alarms,
Like torments from a mountain's cavern,
We parted, I to each other's arms.
We parted, sweetly gleamed the stars,
And sweet the vapor-brained blue;
I never again faced the better hours,
As homeward by the church I drew.
The very graves appeared to smile,
"Dark porch," I said, "and slight ale,
There comes a sound of marriage bells."

The Supreme Court.

Philadelphia and West Chester Railroad Co.,
vs. Mary E. Miles, Eastern District, Error
to Common Pleas of Philadelphia Co.
AGNEW J. It is admitted that no one can
be excluded from carriage by a public carrier
on account of color, religious belief, political
relations, or prejudice. But the defendant
asked the Court to say that if the jury find that
the seat which the plaintiff was directed to take,
was in all respects comfortable, safe, and con-
venient, and not inferior in any of these respects
to the one she was directed to leave, she could not
recover. The case, therefore, involves no asser-
tion of the inferiority of the negro to the
white passenger; but conceding his right to be
carried precisely on the same footing with a
white man it assumes it to be not unreasonable
to assign places in the cars to passengers of
each color. The simple question is, whether a
public carrier may, in the exercise of his
private right of property, and in the due
performance of his public duty, separate passen-
gers by any other well defined characteristic
than that of sex. The ladies' car is known upon
every well regulated railroad, implies no loss
of equal right on the part of the excluded sex,
and its propriety is doubted by none.
This question must be decided upon reason-
able grounds. If there be no clear and reason-
able difference to base it upon, separation
cannot be justified by mere prejudice. Nor is
merit a test. The negro may be proud of his
service in the field as a defender of his coun-
try. But it was not thought indelible to
separate even white soldiers from other pas-
sengers. There is a clear and well founded dif-
ference between the civil and military charac-
ter, and the separation of soldiers from citi-
zens implied no want of equality, but a sound
regulation of the right of transit.
The right of the carrier to separate his pas-
sengers is founded upon two grounds—his
right of private property in the means of com-
munication and the public interest. The private
means he uses belongs wholly to himself, and
implies the right of control for the protection
of his own interest, as well as the performance
of his public duty. He may use his property
therefore in a reasonable manner. It is not
an unreasonable regulation to seat passengers
so as to preserve order and decorum, and to
prevent contacts and collisions, arising from
natural or well known customary repugnances,
which are likely to breed disturbances,
by a promiscuous sitting. This is a proper
use of the right of private property, because
it tends to protect the interests of those he car-
ries. If the ground of regulation be reasonable,
courts of justice cannot interfere with his
right of property. The right of the passen-
ger is only that of being carried safely, and
with a due regard to his personal comfort and
convenience, which are promoted by a sound
and well regulated separation of passengers.
An analogy and an illustration are found in
the case of a inn-keeper, who, if he have room,
is bound to entertain proper guests; and so a
carrier is bound to receive passengers. But a
guest in an inn cannot select his room or his
bed as he pleases; nor can a traveler, who pos-
sesses of a cabin for a berth, or refuse to
obey the reasonable orders of the captain of
the vessel. But, on the other hand, who would
maintain that it is a reasonable regulation,
either of an inn or vessel, to compel the pas-
senger, black or white, to room or bed together?
If a right of private property confers no
right of control, who shall decide a contest be-
tween passengers for berths or berths? Courts
of justice may interfere to compel those who
perform a business concerning the public by
the use of private means, to fulfill their duty
to the public; but not a white boy.
The public also has an interest in the proper
regulation of the public conveyance. A railroad
company has the right and is bound to make
reasonable regulations to preserve order in
their cars; it is the duty of the conductor to
enforce them as far as he reasonably can,
and he may on extraordinary occasions, stop
his train and eject the unruly and tumultuous.
But he has not the authority of a peace officer
to arrest and detain offenders. He cannot in-
terfere in the quarrels of others; he will merely

OUR NATIONAL FINANCES.

Views of Hon. Thaddeus Stevens.
In reply to a note addressed to him by a
prominent banker of Lancaster, the Hon.
Thaddeus Stevens gives his views at length
on the finances of the country. We extract
the following from his letter:
"Money! What is money? If it be a fixed,
unalterable thing of intrinsic and known
value, why does the constitution put it into
the power of a legislative tribunal to create it
and to assess it anew? It is all fancy. Money
is just what the law makes it, and you must
take the chance that your Government
make it wisely, and when made you fix your
eyes upon it and make your contract accord-
ingly. I abhor regulation or clipping the coin;
and yet this action has twice, or I think,
three times, by its operation, reduced the
price of silver, and made it impossible for
creditors as well as debtors to get their
price.
"Who are these regulators, who with these
finances in view, talk so learnedly of the laws
of finance and the morality of human dealings?
Whose consciences are so raw, and stick out
so far from their excited covering that no
politician can castrate it sufficiently to take
from its lasting plague the malfactor
shall have lain himself down in the hope of
seeking rest in another world? Now let us
come to the Government loan, and for a single
moment consider it, which even without the
monstrous doctrine of Greely & Cooke,
is the most profitable investment ever made
by money lenders, and is a monstrous swindle
on Americans on the part of European
capitalists. In what I say I would not de-
press that loan by a single dollar, for all the
profit which it was possible for me to make
by it; for it has done its service, and more
than its service, to the American Govern-
ment, in the days of her need; and for such
service it has been terribly rewarded by the
nation. When I say this I do not begrudge
the poor speculator or the rich capitalist who
has entered the gold room a beggar and come
out with a princely fortune, his earnings,
that is not his folly, but the folly of the Government,
which, though a hundred times
warned, would never take heed. Would to
God that my intellectual vigors might in-
crease in proportion to my disease, that I
might properly depict this important subject
to the American people. But such a phenom-
enon will never again be found to exist this
side of Port Royal.
"In 1861, when the war broke out, it was
found that the then administration—for what
purpose I will not undertake to pronounce—
had left the country bare of all defensive
weapons, and not only with an empty treas-
ury but \$80,000,000 in debt. The first few
millions needed to equip our army and navy
were easily borrowed, for our government
had a very poor and shallow idea of the in-
tensity of feeling of the independent belliger-
ent with whom we had to deal. But it was
soon found that all the energies of the nation
were necessary to defend freedom from the
plunderers, the robbers, the revolutionary
cut-throats, or Southern brutes I think
they are called, whom we had to deal with.
The next loan of \$250,000,000 was readily tak-
en by the Philadelphia, New York and Bos-
ton banks, but when Congress assembled
the banks complained that the Treasury had
so placed their loans, by aggregating them
in the deposit banks, as to render them,
lenders, unable longer to pay coin for them—
They, however, went on and paid them in
currency as some discount, which cost the
government some millions of dollars. Still,
the Treasury was soon emptied, such was the
enormous draft upon it for war material. In-
quiry was then made of bankers and brokers
by the Committee of Ways and Means, of
which I happened to be chairman, as to the
probability of obtaining a loan, and at what
rate. The answer was discouraging, and did
not give us reason to hope that we would be
able to obtain sufficient money to carry on
the war at more than eighty-five per cent.
with interest at six per cent. on the loan.
The committee were unwilling to take eighty-
five per cent. principal and receive the loan
in a depreciated currency which would have
probably brought it to seventy-five per cent.
This was borrowing millions at so ruinous a

THE LOSS AND GAIN.

The question of negro suffrage has been
discussed and voted on in several States this
fall, and the decision has been against it.
What of that? Why, some say, the Republi-
can party is broken down, ruined, and un-
able for ever, and nobody must ever say negro
suffrage, or impartial suffrage, or intelligent
suffrage again. This is a little too fast. The
result does not support such a *coup de main*.
Let us see. This is the first time the subject
was ever submitted to a direct vote. The
number of votes cast for negro suffrage, in
the States where it was voted on at all, shows
a progress of public sentiment in the right
direction of conferring the right, which is
truly astonishing. Ten years ago, or five
years ago, the subject being introduced by
any party, it would not have received one
vote for every hundred given for it this year.
If we were in favor of indiscriminate and
universal suffrage we should feel greatly
encouraged by the late elections. No new
political question ever gained ground so fast.
But it must be further noticed that negro
suffrage has not been the avowed doctrine of
the Republican party. No national conven-
tion has introduced it into their platform.
A large proportion probably a large
majority of Republican journals have at
least forbore to advocate it, while many
have opposed it. That under these condi-
tions it should have been defeated is far less
surprising than that it should have received
so large a vote when it was brought into the
canvass. The elections, therefore, instead of
showing that this specific question has lost
ground, prove conclusively that it has gained
ground. All the hold it has on public
opinion has been gained, for until recently
nobody embraced it.
But this is not all. The negro suffrage
question is not the measure of the opinion and
strength of the Republican party, any more
than the defeat of a prohibitory law in Massa-
chusetts was the defeat of the Republican party
in that State. This party has not embark-
ed its destiny with that question; any more
than with the excise question, as shown with
reference to both, in Ohio and Massachusetts,
the party lines did not run parallel with either
of them, even when these subjects were for-
mally introduced into the canvass. Much
more than are the interests of the party and
of these subjects not identified in States where
these questions were not introduced into the
canvass. So that the defeat of negro suffrage
in Ohio, in Kansas, or elsewhere, is no evi-
dence of demoralization, or enfeeblement in
the Republican party—neither is those States
nor much less in the other States of the coun-
try.—*Phila. Com.*
[From the New York Tribune.]
How It Was Done.
The *Citizen*, edited by a Democrat, gives the
following glanced at the means whereby the
vote was so swelled in our City at the recent
election:
"It is notorious that the Tammany organi-
zation, utterly unscrupulous, and with un-
controlled access to the City Treasury, might
have spent an aggregate of not less than
\$300,000 of private and public money in the
recent contests. All the pay-rolls of the city
departments for the past two months have
been lengthened and strengthened by thou-
sands upon thousands of sinecure inspectors
and other place-holders—assigned to nomi-
nal duty, but really with no other charge
than to collection for the Tammany public
places—holding corruption, we have reason
to hope, beyond any question, that the friends
of one single Tammany candidate subscribed
and paid out in his behalf, and for his private
benefit, in the late contest, a sum more than
four times the aggregate of the entire sum in
the hands of the Democratic Union treasurer
for the conduct and organization of our entire
campaign.
"It is notorious, also, that with the enor-
mous money power thus placed under its
control, there was an enormous illegal or
"repeating" vote organized and registered in
the Tammany interest—say not less than from
17,000 to 20,000 fraudulent votes—of which
not less than from 10,000 to 12,000 reached
the ballot-box in favor of the Tammany can-
didate; the remainder being either scared off
by the actively and early arrests of the police,
or being unable, from sheer lack of time
between sunrise and sunset, to vote in as
many election districts as they were registered
in—one case having been trustworthy reported
to us of a man who was registered in no
less than 88 election districts! Holding these
facts in view, let us now consider and review
what was the fate of our candidates."
H. B. CLAPFIS & Co., of New York, during
1866 sold \$73,000,000 worth of dry goods—
the largest year's business of any wholesale
house in the world. The firm consists of
Mr. Clapham and E. E. James and E. W. Ban-
croft.
The Illinois Statesman, (Democratic) pub-
lished at Lacon, Ill., has placed at the head
of its columns "For President of 1868 Cle-
ment L. Vallandigham, of Ohio." He is our
favorite candidate—for the Democratic nomi-
nation.
JERRY SLACK is playing broker in pardons
at Washington. He procured the pardon of
those who were faithful to it from its incep-
tion to its temporary fall.
—Such humiliations have given *The Demo-
crat* a large circulation in this State, though
it is printed on the banks of the Mississippi,
and its patrons are steadily increasing.—*N. Y.
Tribune.*
Mrs. LINCOLN is actually preparing to pub-
lish a book. Miss Olive Logan, the actress
and writer, is assisting her in her literary labors.

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select his medium of payment! A man sells
his property for forty horses worth \$100 each,
amounting in cash to \$4,000; if the purchas-
er do not pay, and is sued for the debt, judg-
ment is given against him for \$4,000, not for
forty horses. How would you execute a judg-
ment given and an execution issued for
forty horses? Indeed there is no breach of
contract, either sounding in damages or in
contract which cannot be paid by tendering
the amount assessed in a legal tender note—
As to the equity and morality of these trans-
actions, I have never discussed them.
A colleague of mine in Congress, an excel-
lent man and such, asked me whether I sup-
ported the United States loan of \$1,000,000,
the passage of the act, would be paid in
coin or currency. I told him it might be
paid in either by the express terms of the law,
but that I did not know how the Secretary of
the Treasury would treat it. He told me the
next day that he had consulted the Secretary,
who said he would pay it in coin, being then
due. He had invested \$30,000 in legal tenders
at a cost of \$30,000, for which he received
\$20,000 in greenbacks or its equivalent in
coin. A constituent of mine, within two
months after the adjournment of the Con-
gress that passed this law, informed me that
he had guaranteed to a gentleman in Phila-
delphia, before the passage of the law, a
judgment of \$28,000 expressly payable in
gold. The creditor demanded the money—
It was then worth about two or three times
its nominal value. He went to him and ten-
dered the amount in greenbacks. He refused
to accept and issued execution, and the court
set it aside and compelled him to take the
lawful money of the United States which had
been offered to him. Whether the transaction
was moral or immoral, one, every gentle-
man must judge for himself, and will judge
according to his position. If a man be deal-
ing for himself, with his own money, I can
understand his right to bestow the half of the
whole of the sum upon his creditors, either
under the fancy of generosity or honor—
But when he is acting as trustee for others
and paying out the money of *cestui que trusts*
and waiting it seems to me that there may be
in morals, although not law, in a question
about the difference.
It is but just to Mr. McCulloch here to say
that he does not pretend that the principal of
the five-twenties (as his late letter shows)
is payable in coin, as the bonds are silent upon
that subject, and as that conclusion is excluded
by that very silence. It is just, also, to the
Democratic party to say that when the ques-
tion has been discussed in the House, no law-
yer among them has set up such a foolish
pretension; and when the bill was on its final
passage, the question was expressly asked of
the Chairman of the Committee of Ways
and Means and as expressly answered by him
that only the interest was payable in coin—
But every instrument speaks for itself, and
when it is silent upon the subject of the cur-
rency, it is always made payable in money,
which means the legal tender of the country.
I fear, however, I am elaborating this point
ad nauseam, unless a newspaper, editor or a
country broker can enact laws and afterward
enforce them. There is nothing short of the
shrewdest folly in this argument, and it will not
be persevered in by those who have sufficient
strength to carry them generally over the
"masses" bridge. Nay, more; I fear what I am
going to state may set New York editors and
brokers upon a dangerous rampage amid the
dewy fields and golden images of Chiriqui
and Gollonzo; and yet I shall venture to say
that if the United States chose to be faithless
enough she could tender and pay not only the
principal but the interest in legal tenders, al-
though the latter is expressly contracted to be
paid in coin. The law of legal tender
means this or it means nothing. Let not this
alarm any one, for a nation short of the
best Anaxias would ever think of such an
act, however capitalists might seek trustees,
guardians and administrators to violate the
law and their sworn oaths to double the revenue
which the public debtor is to pay them.
What would be the difference in effect be-
tween the two modes of paying the public
creditors—in greenbacks as the loans fall due,
or exclusively in coin—once had a calcula-
tion made, when I brought in a bill to borrow
greenbacks for that purpose. (Indeed, I
brought in three bills, hoping to save two or
three billions thereby.) But each session the
rate of the gold room was much lower than
what I was pleased to call the voice of reason
and what I still think deserved appellation.
The LACROSSE DEMOCRAT boasts that it
has next to *The Weekly Tribune*, the largest
subscription of any political newspaper in
the country. It has won this extensive pa-
tronage, by the most open, heavy, determined
championship of the Rebel cause. It pre-
dicted and virtually demanded President Lin-
coln's assassination; it craved, and still ex-
alts, over that fiendish crime; and it day
by day denounces the National Debt as a huge,
grotesque swindle, which is to be wiped out
so soon as the Democracy achieves power.
Here is one of its latest utterances:
"Rebellion a crime." Lie in your throat,
Phil Sheridan! Every hour justifies the
acts of those who, from Bull Run to Richmond,
through four years of battle and blood sacri-
fices and struggles labored, suffered, fought,
died for the cause of civil freedom. Every
passing day proves the soundness of their
judgment, the wisdom of those who strove
for independence. Every revolving year
makes the *Rebel* cause more sacred to the
hearts of those who were faithful to it from its incep-
tion to its temporary fall.
—Such humiliations have given *The Demo-
crat* a large circulation in this State, though
it is printed on the banks of the Mississippi,
and its patrons are steadily increasing.—*N. Y.
Tribune.*
Mrs. LINCOLN is actually preparing to pub-
lish a book. Miss Olive Logan, the actress
and writer, is assisting her in her literary labors.