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MY OWN FIRESTINE.

"It is a mystic circle, that surrounds Comforts and virtues never known beyond Its hallow'd limit." Souther

Let others seek for empty joys
At ball or concert, rout or play;
Whilst far from Fashion's idle noise,
Her gilded domes and trappings gay,
I will the wintry eve away,
"Twixt book and lute the hours divide;
And marvel how I e'er could stray
From thee—my own fireside!

My own fireside! Those simple words

My own freside! Those simple words
Can bid the sweetest dreams ariso,
Awaken feeling's fenderest cliords,
And fill with tears of joy mine eyes.
What is there my wild heart can prize,
That doth not in thy sphere abide;
Haunt of my home-bred sympathies,
My own—my own fireside! A gentle form is near me now;
A small white hand is clasped in mine;

I gaze upon her placid brow,
And ask, what joys can equal thine?
A babe, whose beauties half divine,
In sleep his mother's eyes doth hide;
Where may Love seek a fitter shrine
Than thou, my own fireside!

My refuge ever from the storm Of this world's passion, strife, and care; Though thunder-clouds the skies deform, Their fury cannot roson me there:
There all is cheerful, calm, and fair:
Wrath, Envy, Malice, Strife, or Pride
Hath never made its hated lair
By thee—my own fireside!

Shrine of my household deities!
Bright scene of home's unsullied joys;
To thee my burden'd spirit files
When Fortune frowns, or Care annoys!
Thine is the bliss that never cloys;
The smile whose truth has oft been tried:
What, then, are this world's tinsel joys
To thee—my own fireside!

Oh, may the yearnings, fond and sweet,
That bids my thought be all of thee,
Thus ever guide my wandering feet
To thy heart-soothing sanctuary!
Whate'er thy future years may be,
Let j.-y or grief my fate betide,
Be still an Eden bright to me,
My own—my own fireside!

-Alaric Watts.

THE ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

Revelations Concerning a Plot to Overthrow the Government--The Knights of the Gold-en Circle Transformed Into the Order of American Knights--Their Forms of Initia-tion, Oaths and Purposes.

From the St. Louis Democrat, July 28. In April May and June, a number of promi-rent citizens of St. Lonis, and other parts of Mis-souri, were arrested by order of Provost-Marshal Sanderson, but upon what charge did not trans-pire. The matter excited considerable comment and inquiry, which abated as some were released with assurances that the suspicions against them proved groundless, while others were set free on bond or retained in custody for future examination. bond or retained in custody for future examination. Latterly rumors have been rife that there was much more in the occasion of these arrests than had been invarined; that, in fact, a cunningly conceiled but danger its conspiracy had at heigh been found to exist, the full nature and extent of which the authorities had many difficulties in determining. The matter weeks ago became a topic of conversation in the better informed circles in St. Louis, but evident reasons forbade public reference to the subject. Within the last week the previously indefinite reports have taken shape, and though no authentic disclosures have been and though no authentic disclosures have been made it is now no secret as to what substantially,

has since engaged his laborious and careful attention, producing an investigation in which voluming

has since engaged his laborious and careful attention, producing an investigation in which volumnious testimony, has been taken, and numerous additional arrests have been made, both in this city and elsewhere.

Of the citizens arrested, a number were refused parole and bound, and continued imprisoned—It now leaks out that those men have been found to be influential officers of an extensive association co-operating with a similar one in Rebeldom looking to the establishment of a North-Western Confederacy (!) and including as a part of the programme the foreible ejection of Mr. Lincoln from the executive office! The details of this matter might relieve the statement of any improbability, arising from the apparent hopelessness for good reasons they are not at presque permitted to be published. Col. Sanderson has, we under stand, unraveled the plot, not without the expenditure of funch time and patience, as well as laber to find the conneils of the suspected parties. The testimony collected, embodying the reports of his agents and proceedings of the suspected parties. The testimony collected, embodying the reports of his agents and proceedings of the suspected parties. The testimony collected, embodying the reports of his agents and proceedings of the suspected parties. The testimony collected, embodying the reports of his agents and proceedings of the suspected parties. The testimony collected, embodying the reports of his agents and proceedings of the secret. "Lodges" or "Temples" cover, it is said, a fell ream of foolscap paper, has been transmitted, in a report to Gen. Rosecrans, to the authorities at Washington.

The projects of these conspirators in this Department have of course been "headed off," and it is to be hoped that they will be disposed of in like summary manner elsewhere.

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The gathered facts warrant the belief that the following may be relied upon as a tolerable cor-rect exposition of a conspiracy whose numbers, treasonable purposes and effective organization, are certainly calculated to startle the loyal people of this country, and to excite gave apprel

rass and thwart the administration of the General Government in the conduct of the war, and over-

their right, but their duty, to drive him out of the White House. It is claimed by them and so explained in the oath or obligation itself which they take, that such resistance to the existing functionaries of the Government is not revolution, but only the assertion of right. To make this point more clear, the following extracts from the oath is given: oath is given:

"In accordance with the principles upon which is founded the American theory, Government can exercise only delegated powers; hence if those who shall have been chosen to administer the Government shall assume to exercise powers not delegated, they should be regarded and treated as

"The meaning of this, to leave no doubt, is explained in the same obligation still further by these

words:
"The reference to inherit power, as also to existing necessity, on the part of the functionary for the sanction of any arbitrary exercise of power by him, we will not accept in palliatign or excuse."

The origin of the order is traced to the Southern Confederacy, and it has been erected upon the ruins of the Knights of the Golden Circle," which at one time was extensive among officers of the Rebel army, and their sympathizing secession friends in the loyal States. That Order having been thoroughly exposed—its rituals signs gring. beenthoroughly exposed—its rituals, signs, grips; &c., made known to the public—it became necessary to organize something in its stead.

STERLING PRICE THE CHIEF.

The result of the effort, it would seem, was the Order of American knights, of which Maj-Gen. Sterling Price, of the Robel army, became the chief, known by the title of Supreme Commander, while a distinguished demagogue and agitator from Ohio, sojourned at the city of Richmond, in exile. He, it would seem, was fully enlightened in the mysteries, objects, and purposes of this sublime Rebel Order, and submitted to all its rights and privileges as a member.

VALLANDIGHAM IN TE.

The next step was a gigantic conspiracy between himself and the Rebel authorities, to inaugurate another Rebellion in the Loyal States, to seperate the Southern Rebellion. To do this, he was made Supreme Commander of the Northern Section of the Order, embracing the Loyal States, and was assisted to make his escape through the and was assisted to make his escape through the blockading fleet to Canada, whither he fled to es-tablish his headquarters, and commence the or-ganization of the Northern section of the Order of traitors.

MIS WORK IN CANADA.

Soon after the arrival of this infamous traitor in Canada, he had a conference with the master spirit of those in affinity of feeling and sentiment with him from the various loyal States, especially those of the West. The names of those visiting him at the Clifton House are all known and preserved, to be furnished to the public whenever occasion may require that it should be known who the conspirators are that early met in concleve, upon foreign soil to confer with him and aid him in the organization of this secret league of sworn traitors. It is not necessary now to enumerate, but prominent among those visitors may be given the names of such men as William B. Reed of Philadelphia, George H. Pendleton and George F. Pugh of Ohio, Christian Kribben of St. Louis, Wilbur F. Storey and Merrick of Chicago.—
Tracts and evidence are at hand throwing a flood of light on the object of the visits there, and the results following from the conference, which in Soon after the arrival of this infamous traitor or light on the object of the visits there, and the results following from the conference, which in due time, no doubt, will reach the public eye.

On the approach of Fall, and after having had all the interviews and conference at the Offton House, and concluded his arrangements for the organization of the order in the different loyal States the superproportions. States, the supreme commander of the northern section charged his headquarters to Windson Canada West where he could have made free and unembarrassed intercourse with its members in the Western States.

VALLANDIGHAM'S SECRET ADDRESS.

About the first of January last he issued an About the first of January last he issued an address to the lodges or temples througout the loyal States, of which a published copy has been sive secret organization contemplating a distinct and effective movement to co-operate with the armed Rebels in the overthrow of the Government. The clue was gained by Provost-Marshal-General Sanderson, as early as last March, and has since engaged his laborious and careful atten-

Brothers, again renew your solemn vows!-

These extracts are in themselves sufficient, but another is added:

"Such a picture, gloomy, dark and blood-marked, the contemplation of which maintles with the rush of shame the cheek of manhood, is exhibited upon every spot of our once bright and beautiful land which has been pressed by the vandal feet of the Federal army. Brothers! You of a fresh peril:

THE ORDER.

The order is a secret one. It is called by different hames in different localities of Sates, and is known among its members by these initials, written thus, O. A. K. Its real object is to embar-your your yows, this picture shall not be reproduced on the state of the Carlette of Sates, and is secret one. It is called by different hames in different localities of Sates, and is sketched, and say, while you so invoke the God for the first the Carlette of the Carlette of the Carlette of the Carlette of Sates.

heard or have seen herein."

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"I do solemnly promise that I willnever reveal or make known to any one, any or either of the signs, hails, passwords, watchwords, initials, ciphers, emblems, insignia, nor signs mandal, of the M. E. D.—O. A. K.—Except to prove a man claiming to be a member of that degree."

"I do further solemnly, provides that I will at

"I do further solemnly promise that I will at all times, and in all places, yield and observe a prompt obedience, without remonstrance or ques-tion, to every mandate, command, order, or request, of any immediate Grand Commander, in all things touching or relating to the purposes of the O. A. K., if in my power to do so.'

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"I do solemnly, promise and swear sacredly to to observe, perform, and keep, with a full knowledge and understanding, and with my full assent that the penalty which will follow a violation of any or either of these my solemn vows will be a fear-

THE SIGNS, ECT.

The signs, passwords, &c., being of a changeble character, it is not worth while to describe at length. As originly organized, the pass-word of the first degree was "Nuoh-lac." being the word "Calhoun" spelt backwards. That of the second degree was "Webster." The signal of distress is "Ochone," "Ochone," "Ochone." The street sign of recognition is given by placing the hand of the left arm on the right breast, and raising the right to angle of forty-five degrees, with the shoulder on a right line with them.

e are different accounts of the strength of this organization among the members themselves. At a meeting not long since, held by the Wayne Lodge or Temple in this city, the Grand Worthy, in his lecture to the newly initiated, gave an account of the condition of the order, and its rapid count of the condition of the cruer, and its rapid progress in numbers and strength, in which he stated its membership to be as follows: Between 20,000 and 30,000 in Missouri; nearly 150,000 in Illinois, of whom 80,000 are well armed and oranized; 100,000 in Indianna; nearly 100,000 in ganized; 100,000 in Indiana, nearly 100,000 in Ohio, of whom one-half were well armed and or-ganized; in Kentucky, from 60,000 to 70,000; in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, already very strong, and rapidly on the increase. In Mich-igan, Iowa and other Western States, not yet very

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its strength to that state to be over 200,000.

strong, yet nevertheless making rapid progress.— A principal officer ln New York State, where it is known as the McClellan Minute Men, has stated

Supreme Commanders, at Windor, in the beginning of April inst. Among those in attendance we the eighthrid Albe Meanter of New Advanced to the Control of Indiana, and a multiple of of Indiana, and a

Under the auspices of these secret organizations, regular lines of smugglers and mail carriers have been established, and are now being carried on between the rebel and loyal States. In way instances rebel women—some of them of character and standing in society; and not a few of them outwardly professing to be loyal—are engaged in this treasonacle business; some of them have been ferreted out, arrested and punished in this Department, and others are now in prison awaiting their trial.

THE GRAND COMMANDER IN MISSOURI. the O. A. K., if in my power to do so."

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"Ido further solemnly promise that whenever the principles which our order inculcates shall be assailed in my own State or county, I will defend those principles with my sword and my life, in whatsoever capacity may be assigned me by the competent authority of our order; * "that I will never pronounce the name of this order in the hearing of any man, woman, or shill, except to a member of this order whom I know to be such; that I will ever have in most hely keeping each and every secret ef this order which may be confided to me by a member, within or without the temple, and rather than reveal which I will consent to any torture, even unto death by torture."

"I do further promise that I will at all times if needs be, take arms in the cause of the oppressed in my country first of all, against any monarch, prince, potentate, power, or Government usurper, which may be found in arms and waging war against a people or peoples who are endeaving to establish, or have inaugurated a Government for themselves, of their own free choice, in accordance with and founded upon the eternal accordance with and founded upon the eter The Grand Commander of the order in this

ship and participation in the Order beyond all question. One main feature of the Order is thus verified in the conduct of its own members, namely, that it is a deliberate system of falsehood and deception, striking at the very root of society and government, taking away all props of safety and protection.

LIST OF MEMBERS. A large list of members of the order in the difent States is in the possession of the Provost-Marshal-General of this department and also of the Government at Washington, giving the names of the master spirits and the active members not only in this department, but in all the States. publications of that list and of the addition which are still daily being made, cannot fail to create consternation among the traitorous conspir-

ATROCIOUS CONCLAVE IN ST. LOUIS. No attempt is made in the official report to give particulars, the details being given in documents acompaning it which make about a ream of legal This fact taken from one of the accompa nying documents, is, however, specially referred to in the report as coming from a member of the line with them.

The grip is a full grasp of the hand, with the index finger so extended as to rest upon the wrist of the person addressed. The toe of the person desiring to be recognized is also placed at the hollow of the foot of the other. This order has also badges by which members recognize each other. which are worn in various ways and manners—in morderous proposition to establish a secret police to patrol the streets of the city every night and slao been obtained, and the house that imports them in this city ascertained.

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morderous proposition to establish a secret police to patrol the streets of the city every night and kill every soldier they should encounter. This fiendish proposition was realy and boildly made in the lodge, attended by over a hundred members, and was deliberately recieved, considered, and discussed, without a single voice being raised in con-

demnation to its atrocious character. Several approved it, and it was finally passed over, not because of its atrociousness, but because the general sentiment of those present seemed to be that such a slaughter would be premature, and that the or-der was not yet sufficiently strong successfully to carry out the measure. This, in itself, is referred to as proof conclusive of the bloody character and to as proof conclusive designs of the order. ASSASSINATIONSS IN MISOURL It is further stated that numerous cold-blooded assassinations of military officers and radical Un-ion men in the Military District of North Missouri,

especially along the western border, have taken place, and been undoubtedly perpetrated at the instigation of the Order and by members of it.

The same distance of the state Another fact is referred to to show the workings

SAFE COMMUNICATION.

Another means of immense power for rebel operations which this order affords, is the perfectly safe communications of important information between the two sections. On this point Colonel Sanderson says he has repeatedly had information, which he obtained from his agent belonging to the order, days before those not belonging to it, or the public, has any knowlege of it.

He instances the retrograde movements of Steele's army from Camden to Little Rock, which was known to him in this way three days before the intelligence reached the loyal States, or was made known to the public. So again, the information of the contemplated raid of John Morgan into Kentucky became known to him ten days before he made his public appearance in that State.

M'CLELLAN MINUTE MEN.

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In New York this order is known as the "Mc-Clellan Minute Men." In its general object and purpose it is the same as the O. A. K. A member of the latter can gain admission into the former. It is, in fact, the same thing with another name, and only adapted to the locality in which it cyiefs having for its professed chieft in which it exists, having for its professed object a support of the war policy; which profession is meant only to catch votes, and, having secured them and obtained power to be thrown aside and exhibit its real

object and purpose. CONSERVATIVE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

It is a singular fact that the recent call for a "Conservative National Convention," at Chicago, at the same time fixed for the Democratic Convention was signed by B. F. Stevens who is the chief secretary of the McClellan minute men.

THE OATH OF SECRECY.

Charles L. Hunt, Grand Commander in Missouri, having been arrested and imprisoned, was afforded the opportunity of making a statement under oath. Being a man of character and standing it was believed by ing, it was believed his case would afford a test as to the binding obligation of the order not to dis-close anything in regard to it. Having proof conclusive not only of his membership, but as to his being chieftsin of it in the State, his denial of its existence, or being a member thereof is regarded existence, or being a member thereof is regarded as strong proof of the weight attached to the ob-

ligation taken by the members thereof. WHAT HUNT ADMITTED.

The result of the examination was all that was anticipated. He acknowledged having been at Windsor in Canada, in April, at the very time of the meeting of the Supreme Commanders; going there in company with another whose name he declined to give, but who it is known was Lafayette Devlin, of Indiana, Grand Commander of that State; that while there he was in consultation with Mr. Vallandigham and others whose names he also declined giving; that while there Mr. Vallandigham made known to himself and to a lady, whom it will be seen that the character which she gives to the order, of which she admits she is a member, is expressly, and in the minuest details, The result of the examination was all that was member, is expressly, and in the minuest details, just such as was obtained from the other sources

and those belonging to the national section. ORIGIN OF THE ORDER IN MISSOURL

The cripic of the order in Missouri is as follows: A man named William Douglas, was sent by Gen. Price to this department, who in conjunction with Charles L. Hunt; the Belgian Consultintroduced it under the plausible disguise of aland association. It was first called the Corps de Belgique. Hunt himself in his sworn examination before the Provost General after his arrest, admitted his Douglas's connection with him as a before the Provost General after his arrest, admitted his Douglas's connection with him as a land agent; that Douglas was on a land locating tour through the State during the Fall of 1863 and the Winter of 1864, and that he received no pay or compensation for it. The same Bouglas was early in the Spring traced by the Provost Marshal-General to one of Jackman's camps of guerillas in the interior of the State, from whence he came to this city, where he was in constant comillas in the interior of the State, from whence he came to this city, where he was in constant communication with Mr. Huut, and, after having obtained money, he purchased forty-six shooting revolvers, which he designed carrying back to camp. He accordingly started off on the railroad train west one night and was arrested on the train by two detectives, who were sent for that purpose by the Provost-Marshal-General, when they found the forty revolvers snugly packed in a barrel in the express car. Hunt employed, counsel to defend him. Douglas has since broken out of prison, and is again at large. on, and is again at large.

VARIOUS NAMES. The organizations of this order are known by different names in different localities, but the members belonging to them are enabled, by signs and grips, to know and recognize each other in all

FEDERAL OFFICERS WHO ARE MEMBERS.

Proof has been obtained that there are officers in the Federal Army who belong to this order, and that these officers when captured by the Reh-el army are unceremoniously turned bose again, because they are believed by the Rebels to be of more service to them in their own lines than they ould be as prisoners.

MEMBERS AT WASHINGTON.

Proof has also been obtained that persons be-longing to this order, and Rebeis, in fact, are holding positions in all the departments at Wash-ington, who act as spies and are aiders and abet-

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