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NASBY.

Mr. Nasby and his Friends, in Humble Immitation of Rosecrans and Lee, Write a Letter to the People of the North, Giving their Idea of what the South ought to have.

POST OFFIS, CONFEDRIT X ROADS, (Wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky,) September 1, 1868.

Yesterday afternoon at precisely 5 P. M., a stranger of prepossessin appearance hove in sight uv the Post offis. Wat I mean by "prepossessin appearance" is, he hed on a paper collar wich hed only bin turned wunst.

"Is Mr. Nasby in?" sed he. "But why do I ask so stoopid a question? Havin I a sufficient knowledge uv human nacher to read humanity ez its set forth in the human face divine, and don't I know that there ain't but one Nasby? Kin I mistake it? Doth any other man carry that Websterian front? Hath any other man that eagle nose? That eagle lips? He—"

"That I do," remarked I, in alarm, for he was a persimmon above me. "Draw it mild, my gushin friend, for I can't lend you a dollar ef it wuz to save you."

"Yoor mistaken," he did reply, "I don't want to borrer. I ain't on that lay at present. I want informashen. I come to you sir, ez the Perfesser of Biblikle Literatoor in the Southern Military and Classikle Institoot—ez one who seeks, in classic groves, that peece not to be found in the bustlin world outside—informashen ez to the condishun uv the South, her wants and expectashens, which I perpose to spred afore my fellow citizen uv Injeany. I com, sir, uv my own accord. My mishen is a privit one and undertaken solely for the public good. I was a Commissary in the Federal servis, and hev a brother who wuz not altogether unconnected with the sutlerin department. That brother is runnin for sheriff on the Dimocratic ticket, the Ablishen candidate for the same offis bein the Kurnel of the regiment who prokeered our dismissal for certin irregularities in accounts and also for what he was pleased to term swindlin the soljers. Wat I want is sich a statement uv the feelins uv the people uv the South ez will set at rest the slanders the Ablishnists is circulatin regardin you, wich I will publish on my return. I am actuated, ez yoo see, by no personal motive. Speek."

"My dear sir," returned I, "I approve uv your mishen, and permit me to say, yoo hev come to the rite shop. But I will put my answer in ritin and hev it signed by the leading citizens here, that its authenticity may not be doubted."

I, therefore, sot down and wrote, and when I hed finished, I sent out and got signatoors to the follerin document:

LETTER.—We purpose in this to give you a candid statement uv what we believe to be a prevailin sentiment uv the Southern people on various subjects. Watever opinions may have prevailed in the past on the matter uv Afrikin slavery or the rite uv a State to secede from the Yoonyun, we believe we express the judgment uv the Dimocracy when we declare that we consider them settled by the war, and we intend to abide by that decision. When we hed been licked out uv our boots and our arms was twisted out uv our hands, and when you hed knocked us down, we cheerfully give over our efforts at secession, and sought to resume our former position in the Government. In the interest uv magnanimity we permitted the abolishen uv slavery in Legislachers in the elecshen uv which we hed no partisipation, several other games in that line, not worth while to enumerate. Hed we not taken them, we'd be a sight more uncertain, all we'd hev to do hereafter. The people uv the South entertain no feelin uv hostility toward the Government, but they complain that their rites under the Constitooshen, which they allus loved excepting during the time they was tryin to bust it, hev bin withheld from 'em.

The idea that the Southern people are hostile to the nigger and would oppress him ef they hed the power, is altogether groundless, on the contrary, [redacted]

In conclusion, we wish you to inform the people uv Injeany, that all we want is peace, offis, and a general restoration uv things, and that we aint at all particular ez to terms. ... We want self-government, not only uv ourselves, but others—we want peace, and we want our old seats in Congress. Do this and all will be well.

Respectfully,

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M. (Wich is Postmaster.)

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Eex for secession, we have given that up also. We can't be expected to relinquish our grate principle uv State rites, ... The organizations in the South, which is interspersed with muskets and such, is simply for self protection agin niggers and Northern whites.

"Understood!" We don't want to deprive the nigger uv the ballot because we hate him, but solely because we do not believe he has the intelligence necessary to make him a safe depository uv political power. He would inevitably become the victim uv demagogues, the very thot uv wich makes me shudder. Wood John Morrisey or Fernando Wood accept a seat in Congress uv sich constituency? Good, thou intelligent supporters, was they think about it? It is for them we plead. The very idea uv bringin them to the level uv the nigger is abhorrent.

"Tell Issaker, sonny, that I haven't time jist now. Run up toward the Ablishen Mishen skool and get any nigger girl wich may be standin there and she will read it for him." TENNESSEE.

THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS IN GREENBACKS A REAL ISSUE IN LIGHT.

We have nowhere seen a more complete exposure of the fraud involved in the proposition to pay off United States bonds in greenbacks than in the following conversation which took place in the counting room of one of our friends a few days since. A prominent Democrat, and unfortunately in his private life, had just put the following question, some discussion having preceded it:

"Well, Mr. A., let us drop all political antagonism and argue this question on its merits. I hold that the government can pay off the bonds in greenbacks..."

1860—1864—1868.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)

In 1860 the Democratic party of the country divided itself into two parties. One faction, which afterwards combined Breckinridge and Lane, demanded the dissolution of the Union even by force, unless the Southern States, comprising a minority of the whole people, were continued in their anomalous political supremacy and dictatorship. The other faction, led by Douglas, insisted upon the preservation of the Union, and denied the possibility of secession except through rebellion and civil war. ...

AN IRISHMAN'S VIEW OF THE BOND QUESTION.

The Lancaster (Illinois) Gazette reports the following conversation that occurred between a prominent Democrat and an Irishman of that city recently. For convenience we designate the persons as Jack and Pat:

Jack.—How do you like the Democratic platform?

Pat.—I can't understand it; would you be after explaining it to me—all about the bond question?

Jack.—Oh, yes, with pleasure. You see the rich man owns all the bonds, and the poor men have to pay for the bonds.

Pat.—The divil ye say, is that the way.

Jack.—Yes, and now the Democratic party propose to pay off the bonds with greenbacks, and thus everybody will be treated equally.

Pat.—Is that our platform?

Jack.—Not in so many words—but that is what it means; and now, Pat, I want you to do all you can for our party—bring the boys out to all the meetings, and—

Pat.—Hold on now, will the paying the bonds off in greenbacks make the poor man as rich as the bondholder?

Jack.—Not exactly; the bondholder will have his greenbacks same as any other man.

Pat.—Then there will be all greenbacks, and money will be plenty, and we'll get gold for our greenbacks, is it, when we want?

Jack.—Not exactly; there is not gold enough in the country.

Pat.—Then we are not to have gold at all. How the divil are we going to pay off the greenbacks?

Jack.—A part of it will be paid for by taxation, the money to be levied the people for revenue and stamps, will redeem the greenbacks gradually, cost the country, and we will pass the bonds.

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Poetry.

CAMPAIGN SONGS.

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GRANT FOR PRESIDENT.

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Miscellaneous.

GETTING ON IN THE WORLD.

There are many different ways of getting on in the world. It is not always making a great deal of money, or being a great man for the people to look up to with wonder. ...

RELIGIOUS LIFE.—The religion of Christ develops men as distinct characters, and every man who is inclined to receive the spirit of truth is to test, direct and use His talent, his time, and his opportunities in doing good. ...

RATES OF ADVERTISING.

Hall, Tammany Hall, and the Democratic Party.

... The ordinary expenditures of the Government for the present fiscal year are only $109,814,432, whereas ten years ago, ... The Republican party is reducing the debt at the annual rate of $100,000,000. Restore the Democracy to power, and it will increase the debt, with a ten per cent. interest, as was done under the Buchanan administration.

DON'T TREAT.—Nothing annoys a man more than to be eagerly questioned when he comes home tired. Give him a neatly served dinner, or a pair of easy slippers and a cup of tea, and let him eat and drink in peace, and in time he will tell you of his own accord all you wish to know. ...

COURAGE FOR THE HOUSE.—Make up your "bed" early in the morning; sew the buttons on your husband's shirts; do not rake up any grievances; protect the young and tender branches of your family; "plant" a smile of good temper in your face, and carefully "root" out all angry feelings, and expect a good "crop" of happiness.

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A YOUNG AMERICAN of hilarious tendencies says there is one convenient thing about an ocean voyage: "You can get as drunk as you please every day and everybody thinks you are only sea sick."

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A MECHANIC made a "prodigy" of a "twine" at the Springs ...

It is not what we eat, but what we digest, that makes us fat; it is not what we make, but what we save, that makes us rich; it is not what we read, but what we remember, that makes us wise.