

POETRY.

BLIND.

I was courting a beautiful girl, one night, Whom I worshipped as an almost divinity...

POLITICAL.

HON. THOMAS CHALFANT,

In the House of Representatives, Wednesday afternoon, January 30th, 1867, on Senate bill No. 3, entitled Joint resolution to ratify the fourteenth article of the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. CHALFANT. Mr. Speaker, the first and second sections of the amendment to the Constitution of the United States, now presented for our consideration...

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tants of said State, but by the Constitution and laws thereof denied the right of suffrage, are to be excluded from the count in ascertaining the basis of representation...

I have already said more than I intended on these two sections. By this section every person who has heretofore been a member of Congress or any officer of the United States...

Let us scrutinize this section a little more closely. First, then, who are they—what class of citizens, that by this section are rendered ineligible to office in the State or nation? You will observe it is not those who have been legally convicted of the crime of treason...

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before the present Congress, or so far as we can judge from present indications of what its character will be, the House which is to meet on the coming fifth of March? Every member of that body...

With some of them, to have voted for John C. Breckinridge in 1860, is conclusive evidence of the guilt of treason. With others, to have voted for General McClellan, was giving aid and comfort to the rebels...

But suppose that instead of a member of Congress, or a President, whose eligibility is questioned under this section, what court, what tribunal shall try the case? Shall the electoral college be constituted a criminal court to try one or twenty of its members...

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acting here as the representatives of the people of a great State, to place the rights, the interests, the character of our constituents in the hands of a "committee" to be appointed by Congress...

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But I come to the fourth section, which declares that the validity of the public debt of the United States, incurred by law, shall not be questioned...

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duce the patient (the public) to swallow the whole batch. Mr. Speaker, the latter clause of this same section, which prohibits the United States from incurring any new public debt...

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Abbaye, it was done without compunction or remorse on his part. And so with Wendell Phillips. Give him full sway and if he feels it, to be necessary to inaugurate andrew Johnson, he will not hesitate an instant...

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assert that ten States are out of the Union. Still you declare no policy. The people ask you for a speedy settlement of our national difficulties on the basis of peace and order...

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WITTCISMS.

A GENTLEMAN some time ago at table, when asked to have some catsup—pronounced ketchup—replied "No, thank you; I'm afraid of you now."

A WASHINGTON editor, in acknowledging the receipt of an exchange paper printed on the back of an envelope, wrote clean as a schoolman in a bathing-tub.

A PRINTER says he knows it pays to advertise. He advertised for a boy and in less than a week found at his domicile an applicant weighing five pounds. His articles must have a wide circulation.

The latest fashion of bonnets is said to be a tow string with a glass bead on the top of the head. In extremely cold weather it is allowable to attach two postage stamps to protect the ears. Our devil suggests that a small buckwheat cake would be better than a glass bead on the head.

ONE of the witnesses summoned to appear before the New Orleans riot investigating committee was asked by a prominent member of the committee "which side" he was going to testify on. He replied that there would be no "sides" to his testimony; he could only swear to facts within his knowledge.

WHAT IS COD LIVER OIL?—The Bridgewater Gazette, a New England journal, says that a physician in that place was recently called to prescribe for a somewhat illiterate old lady, and as cod liver oil, in his opinion, was the remedy for her complaint, he wrote a prescription for the apothecary to put up, with the Latin formula, "Rex Jecur. Aselli," or, in plain English, cod liver oil. The medicine was procured, taken, and in a few weeks the lady completely recovered her health.

PAYING LIKE A SINNER.—Several years ago, in North Carolina, where it is not customary for the tavern-keepers to charge the ministers anything for lodging and refreshments, a preacher presumably stopped at a tavern one evening, made himself comfortable during the night, and in the morning entered the stage without offering pay for his accommodations. The landlord soon came running up to the stage, and said: "There is some one who has not settled his bill."

What! you a minister of the gospel—a man of God? cried the innkeeper. "You came to my house last night; you sat down at the table without a blessing; I lit you up to your room, and you went to bed without praying to your Maker for grace; you were ungodly, you were vile; you rose and washed without prayer, ate your breakfast without saying grace; and as you came to my house like a sinner, and eat and drank like a sinner, you have got to pay like a sinner!"