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To the Patrons of the CLEARFIELD REPUBLICAN.

Once more, kind friends, the gentle CARRIER comes,
To leave your papers and receive the crumbs
That a benevolent public always give
To help the "Printer's Devil" boy to live.

The year just closed has been hard and trying—
The last night passed away in '63,
Like some soft girl in her lover's arms—
As a boy "New Year's gift" adds to his charms.

The year—but thinking of the girls and boys
I see as the time to grow a little bolder;
The boys have changed some since we last were round,
But the dear girls are scarcely one day older.

The year—Ah! girded an awful length of time
To stir, and sigh, and wait for some small shaver;
But living in hopes, we'll be in by and by—
With this address we're bound to buy a *Razor*.

Speaking of razors, brings us to *cold steel*—
A soldier who had a costly illustration—
Soul hearts, steel arms, steel souls and heads;
In fact, and *rapiers*, have nearly robbed the nation!

Brutal men as ever wrestled strong with death,
Have been allowed to freeze, or die of hunger;
While those who hold the country's public purse,
Have fattened and grown rich on bloody plunder.

And fathers, when they have read of these great wrongs,
They sometimes stepped aside to ask the reason,
When some official memial would growl out:
"Bring on the shackles, quick! here, here is Treason!"

Treason, indeed, to mourn the loss of friends!
Treason, indeed, to say there's something wrong!
Treason, to wish this fruitless war to end!
No, no such treason is an empty song.

Gh, curse the traitor where and when he's found!
His crime deserves no sympathy from me!
Fill up the Forts; and when completely filled,
For Heaven's sake, don't let the soundrels free!

What! set free men charged with the darkest crimes?
That justified arrests without a warrant?
That even laid old *Habeas Corpus* low?
That blew him up, to keep the traitors quiet?

There is something very wrong, by gosh, boys;
I guess the old machine is running queer;
It's *loyalty* to cage men so.
The cause belongs to him that lets them go!

And here, a "devil" standing by my side,
Purposely—O murder! horrible suggestion!—
The key that opened old Fort Warren wide.
I found in *adjt. Major's* big election!

Then frenzied, everywhere, ex *maze*, spoke loud—
Not through the canon, but by peaceful ballot—
And Tyrants, in their blindness, heard the shout,
"No *harm* is this day! FREE! FREE! AGAIN WALK OUT!"

Well, let her rip—she is ripping pretty well—
At least the patton thinks so, and no error,
For what! this awful loss of men!
The Union must in heaven? The hero dies!

And so we go, battering and blundering on;
With Law and Liberty both running riot;
And he who says that *this*, or *that*, is so,
Is gagged at once—to keep the matter quiet.

And now, my friends, these national disasters
Are sought to be assuaged by small *Skimpasters*;
God grant, that War and Treason be no more,
When I come 'round again in '64.

THE CARRIER.

January 1st, 1863.

BEAUTIFUL ALLEGORY.—The following beautiful allegory is attributable to Hon. John J. Crittenden, conceived and uttered by him in one of his masterly pleadings in defense of a criminal on trial for his life, before a Kentucky court:

"When God, in his eternal counsel, conceived the thought of man's creation, he called to him three Ministers who wait constantly upon the throne—Justice, Truth, and Mercy—and thus addressed them: 'Shall we make man?' Then said Justice, 'O God, judge him not; for he will trample upon thy law.' Truth made answer also, 'O God, make him not, for he will pollute thy sanctuary.' But Mercy, dropping upon her knees, and looking up through her tears, exclaimed, 'O God, make him; and I will watch over him with my care, through all the dark paths through which he may have to tread!' Then God made man and said to him, 'O man, thou art the child of Mercy; go and deal mercifully with thy brother.'

The Albany Knickerbocker man 'don't like to see a young lady pounding upon an old piano in the parlor, when her mother is down stairs, and her brothers and sisters are running about with dirty faces and torn clothes.'

HORRIBLE DISCLOSURES IN RELATION TO A POLITICAL PRISON.

From the *Chesapeake* (O.) Crisis.

We speak wholly of the political prison, the prison of State, as we know nothing whatever of what occurs in the prison where "rebels taken in arms" are kept—that is, "the prisoners of war."

It must not be forgotten that there have been from six to seven hundred political prisoners at Camp Chase at a time, and although several hundred have been lately discharged without trial, there are yet there some four hundred—one or two hundred of these have arrived there, while others have been sent to Kentucky and Western Virginia. These men are taken from their homes, some from their beds at night, some from their houses in daytime, and a great many of them are picked up in their fields at work, and never suffered to see their families, few being spitzed off to time and incarcerated (with *olls*) at Castle Rock, which will soon be as famous as Quantico.

Our Ohioans are put into the same prison with those men from other States, and from them we have learned some facts which the people of Ohio ought to know. Many of these men have been kept in this prison for over one year, a great many for five, six, seven and eight months, without even seeing outside, or being allowed to communicate personally with any one, not even wife, child, father, mother or stranger.

They are furnished with nothing but a single blanket, even these cold nights unless they are able to purchase additional comforts with money they may be able to command. Many are poor men, and unable to purchase; they were not permitted to bring along a change of clothing, and many had on when selected nothing but summer wear, and that has become filthy, worn out, and scarcely hangs upon their backs.

They have no bedding, and are therefore compelled to sleep on the bare boards. They have not enough wood furnished to keep fires up all night, and hence the suffering is intensified by the cold weather. If they attempt after night to walk out in the yard to take off the chills of the dreary night, they are instantly threatened to be shot by the guards, as ordered by those in command.

Dr. Allen, of Columbiana county, Ohio, said he laid on a bare board until his hips were black and blue. The wood furnished them is four feet long, and they are compelled, each man, to chop it up for themselves, and the provisions being furnished raw, they have to cook for themselves. Recollect, always that these are political prisoners, against whom no one appears as user, and no trial is permitted.

The prison has become filthy—awfully so—and the rats are in droves. If the prisoners attempt to kill one of these rats, they are forbidden, and threatened with being shot instantly. It is collect always, as we said above, these are political prisoners against whom some malicious negro-worshipper has created a suspicion of disloyalty, but whose name is kept a secret and hence there can be tried.

The prison is perfectly alive with lice, and no chance is given to escape the living vermin. A dead man, one of the prisoners, was the other day carried out to the dead yard, and laid there over night, and when visited in the morning by other prisoners, who heard there was a dead man there, they found the hair on his head still with lice and nits—the lice creeping into his eyes in great numbers, and as he lay with his mouth open, the lice were thick crawling in and out of his open mouth.

Not long since two of the prisoners got into a scuffle in trying their strength, and finally into a fight, as was supposed, and several other persons rushed to part them when the guards from the lookout above fired on them, killing an old man by the name of Jones, from Western Virginia, and a ball grazing the skull of another, he fell, and it was supposed at first he was killed by another of the balls passed through a board at the head of a sick man in the hospital, and only escaped him by a few inches. The two men in the scuffle were not hurt.

We might go further, but God knows this is enough for any to answer. I have receipt of evidence fully establishing the truth of the fact that the said William L. Mumford, a member of the Senate of the Confederacy, was actually and publicly executed in cold blood, by firing after the capture of the city of New Orleans by the forces under General Benjamin F. Butler, when said Mumford was an unresisting and unarmed captive, and for an offence never alleged to have been committed by him, subsequent to the capture of the said city.

And whereas, the silence of the government of the United States, and its equanimity in the conduct of the said Butler, and its entire absence of sympathy with the conduct of the said Butler, and its determination to cover up his conduct, is a gross violation of the principles of justice, and a violation of the laws of God.

SEVEN MEN KILLED BY ONE BALL.—The Philadelphia Inquirer says that when Col. Heenan, of the 110th Pennsylvania, was wounded at Fredericksburg, he was leading his men by flank. The same ball which struck him killed seven of another regiment immediately in front. At that time he was standing in advance of his own regiment, alongside of a pontoon bridge, which spanned the river that supplied Fredericksburg with water. A halt was ordered at this place, and there the greatest loss occurred in the brigade and regiment. The cross fire was terrible and thick that the dead and wounded lay in piles and heaps for hundreds of yards, many of them being piled in the road. The regiment took to the field about three hundred and thirty-five men. At the conclusion of the fight Saturday evening, on the calling of the roll, only *one* man answered to their name.

The color-bearer of the 110th regiment was killed. She had entered his body at one time. He had previously planted the colors firmly in the ground, and dropped a corpse, leaving them standing.

Those people who send money to newspaper offices, with request "send the paper as long as the money lasts," are specifically informed that, generally speaking, the money doesn't last long.

A little girl—an only child—one day looked up in her mother's face with "mother, what do you make me wear this old frock for? I should think you might afford to dress me better, as how there's only *one* of us."

It is an old proverb that "boys will be boys." What a pity isn't equally true that men will be men!

JEFF DAVIS PROCLAMATION

Whereas a communication was addressed on the 21st day of July last, 1862, to me, by General Robert E. Lee, commanding under the authority of the Secretary of War of the United States, in her of which the following may be cited:

General H. W. Halleck, U.S.A., commanding the Department of the West, Arizona, writing:

"I am sorry to learn that a report has reached this government that Gen. R. M. McDowell, a general of the United States Army, serving

in the field, has been captured by the rebels."

These have been submitted to the commanding general of the Department of the West, Arizona, for his consideration.

He has directed that the same be referred to the commanding general of the Department of the West, Arizona, for his consideration.

Now, therefore, I, Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America, and acting by authority of the Congress of the Confederate States, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Confederate States, do hereby

order and direct that the same be referred to the commanding general of the Department of the West, Arizona, for his consideration.

It is deemed necessary to make known to the commanding general of the Department of the West, Arizona, that the same has been referred to the commanding general of the Department of the West, Arizona, for his consideration.

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