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Democratic Spectacles—Past and Present Optical Delusions.

Senator Connell, in a speech delivered in the State Senate at Harrisburg, last Wednesday, thus effectively referred to the phenomena of oblique and perverted vision, as recently manifested in certain bad cases of so-called *Democracy:*

What strange perversions of vision are caused by looking through the Democratic spectacles! The late President of the United States, Mr. Buchanan, whom treason first marshalled armed hosts against the lawfully constituted authorities, and beleaguered the forts built by the common treasure of the nation; looked through those singular glasses, and, lo! to his vision all power to protect the integrity of the Union by force of arms vanished; he saw but "a rope of sand;" the sword dropped from the nerveless grasp of the Commander-in-Chief of the armies of the United States, the sworn successor of Washington and Jackson, and for a brief while

"Bloody treason flourished over us."

Our Democratic Senators look through these magic glasses at the Constitution of our good old Commonwealth, when, behold! that instrument, the boasted work of the sages of the era of the Revolution, revised and improved by the highest talent of the Decade ending in 1840, this beautiful handiwork of the best and brightest minds of Pennsylvania, this protecting mantle under which our State has grown to greatness, becomes at once a garment of shreds and patches, grievously disfigured by what the Senator from Clearfield denominated the "*excess ominous*," and so fearfully imperfect as not to be sufficient to save us from an interregnum in the Government, and possibly from civil strife.

Our political judges look through this wondrous lens when the Conscription Act to their sharp optics looms up a great violation of State rights, and inconsistent with the sovereignty of the State.

Fernando Wood and his sixty odd compeers on the floor of Congress, insisting nearly upon a Pennsylvania majority, see through that wonderful stereoptician—their knees sink under them at the alarming violation of the rights of the revolted States, in the President's proclamation of amnesty to rebels, and his invitation to reconstruct the chaotic communi ies of the South. Only one figure, strange to say, proves in beauty and graceful art when seen through this wonderful glass.

The dark figure of slavery, human slavery, changes at once its hue and posture and stands forth to the admiring eyes of George W. Woodward, so matchless and so heaven sent, indeed that "it is a sin to talk against it and a crime to abuse it." Its blessings must be spread through all our broad territories, where the white emigrant from the North and from the Old World must stand aside to give a fair chance and an open field to the "peculiar institution."

And you, Mr. Speaker, when seen by Senators through that fluted pane which has of late been denominated the "Southern side of the Chamber," as they raise their glasses dimmed with musty precedents and the cobwebs of ages, and look at you, it is singular to say, appear in the character of an usurper! I congratulate you, sir, upon your good fortune. In every State, from the days of Mithridates to the present hour, every statesman who has firmly resisted anarchy, and who has shut the door upon confusion, who has repressed the tendency of the fierce Democracy to unlicensed liberty, and who has prevented the excesses of revolution by a consent adherence to fixed principles and unswerving administration of office, every such statesman has been stigmatized as a tyrant or an usurper.

"The tyrant of the Cherssenes
Was freedom's best and bravest friend,"

and the "usurper" of the present hour will be gratefully remembered hereafter as the Speaker of the Senate of Pennsylvania, who fearlessly exploded a mischievous dogma, dangerous to the peace of the State, fraught with evil, and which, under less favorable circumstances, might carry the Commonwealth with all the miseries of civil war.

Rebel Confessions—The Rebel Armies Naked and Starving—A Bad Outlook.

The Mobile *Register*, of a late date, indulges in this plaintalk:

"In addition to two hundred thousand stragglers, it is demanded that nine-tenths of the producers be put in the field, and women, children and dotards be left alone to provide and defend an army. Another word, we grant everybody to go into an army *already naked, hungry and ill equipped*, and nobody to support them.

"Again, as to the size of armies. Is it the number of men or the handling of them that wins battles? Were Pemberton's men well fought at Baker's Creek? The same number, or nearly the same, won the battle of Chickasaw Bluffs. Were they driven from one of the strongest positions on the continent, of Lockport and Missionary Ridge. Minus Longstreet's corps, five whipped Hooker at Chancellorsville; *plus* that corps, with Jenkins, Jones and others added, he was repulsed at Gettysburg. Fifteen thousand fighting men won the first battle of Manassas, and less than forty thousand removed the victories of Shiloh and Murfreesboro.

"More than forty thousand men have never since the war began, been brought into action to advantage by either side. And now we are called upon to believe that *key nole of our recruits, half starved and poorly equipped*, are to do next spring what veterans have not been able to do after three years of hard and repeated trials. What we want is the genius to conceive and the courage to dare—not unwieldy hordes and awkward squads, with nobody at home to support them."

The Rebel Iron-Clads in Charleston Harbor.

A Washington letter says:

"The Government has been officially advised by General Gilmore of the fitting-out at what appears, at a distance, to be several very powerful iron-clads, in the dockyards of Charleston. The plates and engines for these vessels, it is said, were received just prior to the close of the port to the blockaders by Admiral Dahlgren, and the work upon the vessels has been proceeding ever since. It has been suggested that a good way to capture these vessels, and thus prevent a demonstration which might send our own fleet to the bottom and raise the blockade, would be to combine all the forces now on the several islands for a rear attack upon the city. If this could be successfully made, the vessels now said to be ready to be hurled against us would fall into our possession, while the capture of these and the city combined would be by far the most brilliant achievement of the war.

"There is a report that a movement of this kind is planned by General Gilmore, and that his charge of headquarters to Hilton Head was with a view of carrying it out."

General Burnside on Massachusetts Soldiers.

In his speech at Boston, a few days ago, General Burnside paid a handsome compliment to Massachusetts soldiers, of whom, he said, he had commanded a greater proportion than of those from any other State. "I always found them loyal and brave," he added, and he never saw a Massachusetts regiment turn its back on the enemy, nor a soldier or officer quail or shake under any trial brought to bear on him. The General continued:

"Had the soldiers of the North Carolina expedition been of a different stamp we never could have gone through the kying scenes of Hatteras Inlet. The patience and courage of Massachusetts men on that occasion deserve the admiration of the world."

The twenty-two political journals published in Madrid, taking offense at remaining dogs by the President of the Chamber of Deputies, agreed not to attend their sessions or report their proceedings. Whereupon the proprietors were immediately made to procure, by apologies, a satisfactory solution of the difficulty. This is a novel and no doubt effective mode of obtaining redress, when the corps of reporters is suppressed.

THE LAST CHARGE.

BY OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

Now, men of the North! will you join in the strife
For country, for freedom, for honor, for life?
The giant grows blind in his fury and spite—
One blow on his forehead will settle the fight!

Flash forth in his eyes the blue lightning of steel,
And strike him with cannon-balls, pearl upon pearl!
Mount, troopers, and follow your game to its lair,
As the hound tracks the wolf and the beagle the hare!

Blow, trumpets, your summons, till staggards awake!
Beat, drums, till the roofs of the faint-hearted shake!
Yet, yet, o'er the signal is stamped on the scroll,
Their names may be traced on the blood-sprinkled roll!

Trust not the false herald that painted your shield;
True honor to-day must be sought in the field!
Her scutcheon shows white with a bunch of red—
The life-drops of crimson for liberty shed!

The hour is at hand, and the moment draws nigh!
The day-star of treason grows dim in the sky!
Shine forth from the battle cloud, light of the morn,
Call back the bright hour when the Nation was born!

The rivers of peace through our valleys shall run,
As the glaciers of tyranny melt in the sun;
Smite, smite, the proud parricide down from his throne—
His exemplance broken, the world is our own!

—*Atlantic Monthly.*

Gettysburg Cemetery and the Regulars.

Mr. Joseph S. Townsend, the Superintendent of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, writes that a lot in which the soldiers of the Regular Army were to be interred, was not apart at the time the Cemetery was laid out, and that upon the day it was dedicated, quite a number had already been buried therein. The belief that the regulars had been forgotten, he says, must have originated in a sketch of the grounds, made before the design was completed, and published in a Philadelphia journal, as a correct representation. Mr. Townsend continues as follows:

"It is immaterial that there are so many unknown dead, (about one-fourth of the whole,) but that was owing to the fact that those who fell in the first day's fight, were stripped by the rebels. An authenticated map of the Cemetery will soon be published, which I hope will correct the misapprehensions in regard to the National Cemetery. Everything has been done, and every pains taken that could be, with the removal and re-interment of the fallen heroes on that battle-field. Having been there from the first, I know what I say."

Great Cost of Transportation—Chartered Vessels.

A Washington dispatch says:

An investigation is about being had of the prices for marine transportation in the Department of the Gulf, and for other purposes. It is known that certain steamers have been paid for as many as ten or fifteen times over, and are still being paid for at the same extravagant rates. The charters are mostly in the hands of New York copperheads, and the investigation will be surprising in its developments. There is a claim before the authorities for paying out for one of these steamers lost through the carelessness or design of her captain, and it can be proved in this case that while eleven thousand dollars would have been an ample price for the boat, over two hundred thousand have been actually paid for her.

This vessel was run ashore and lost, and the owners are now to receive $12,000, her alleged value.

A General Officer's Just and Generous Tribute to the Men who Fight.

In a recent speech, General Burnside said:

"In doing homage to the men such as I have described, I do not feel, we must, not lose sight of the fact that these victories are due to the conduct of the men who have exposed themselves to the bullets of the enemy. Twenty times where I have been exposed once. Yes, I may say, on some occasions, such as picket duty, one hundred times. There is a tendency to lose sight of the men, in doing homage to the officer who is so fortunate as to command them.

The Reclamation of Prisoners.—The Washington correspondent of the New York *Tribune* says:

Trustworthy information has been received by the Government that the feeling South is decidedly in favor of an exchange of prisoners, and it is confidently believed that the consummation of the exchange will soon be brought about. Gen. Butler has had several interviews with Secretary Stanton and Gen. Hitchcock in relation to this matter, and certain points prepared by him are now under consideration. Gen. Butler returned to-day.

A Rumored Movement against Mobile.—A letter from Washington to the Philadelphia *Ledger* says:

"There is a rumor that troops are rendezvousing at Pensacola, for an early attack, by land, upon Mobile, which will be made in conjunction with a fleet of gunboats now on its way to that vicinity. The movement, I hear, has been fully prepared for by the rebels, who have not been idle since General Banks threatened them with a call some months back."

The practice of giving gratuities to servants or gentlemen in the employment of visitors is still kept up. The *Cornhill Magazine* gives the following as the tariff:

A single man who takes his valet with him has no fees to give in the house; though if he rides, or if a carriage be ordered out solely for his use, he will be expected to give a fee in the stables. Housemaids look for a small gratuity from ladies only. A man visiting without his valet, gives the fee to the man who waits upon him; but the following very moderate scale of payment, will always be found to satisfy, except, perhaps, from a few great gentlemen indeed, namely, for one or two nights, half-a-crown; from three nights to a week, five shillings; from that to ten days, seven shillings and sixpence; and for a fortnight, half-a-sovereign. A sovereign will be ample even for six weeks.

HENRY CALDWELL, a recruiting agent of New Britain, Conn., was found brutally murdered, on Monday morning, about half a mile east of that village. His skull was knocked in, a large hole being made in the side of his head. It is supposed that he was murdered on Sunday night, as he had $600 in cash with him, of which he was robbed; but a gold watch and pin were left on his person. Prints in the snow showed that there had been a struggle, and that two men made the attack.

THERE are many signs of change in France. A government order recently admitted, in the chamber, that political parties were not defunct; that they were only hidden, and, like white ants, under ground, but their workings were not less dangerous." A professor lecturing in the School of Legislation said: "A certain man cannot possibly found a durable dynasty." The allusion was received with profound applause.

MR. COX, the engineer, as he is styled, of the Bank of England, invented a bank note for that institution with a filagree pattern which could not be counterfeited, but it costs too much to be introduced into use. The Bank of England are pressed on one side with what appear to be mere lines, but under the microscope they are found to be repetitions of the value and denomination.

LORD CARLTON, a brother of the Duke of Newcastle, has, on the petition of his forsaken wife, been compelled to allot her eighty pounds per annum, as alimony, out of an income of four hundred pounds a year allowed him by his brother, the Duke. "Its not from high life, as the past says, high characters are drawn, but often the lowest, as the conduct of Lord Clinton clearly shows.

A MEETING was recently held in Leicester, England, to hear a lecture in favor of the rebels by an emissary by the name of Smith. After his audience had listened to him for two hours, with much disgust, a resolution was carried by an overwhelming majority, denying his statements, followed by three cheers for Abraham Lincoln.

MR. LA BAUME (a dentist, we suppose,) recommends brushing the teeth with vinegar daily till the tartar disappears; after that to use a powder of charcoal and tincture of rhatany, which will prevent its recurrence.

A NEW railway brake has been invented, which, when applied to the wheels like a shoe or skate, lifts them up so that they cannot advance except as it were on an incline. This checks the train efficiently—so it is said.

SUGAR CANE DESTROYED.—Letters from New Orleans represent that the severe cold weather of the last three weeks has destroyed nearly all the sugar cane in Louisiana.

IN England there are 43 individuals to every 100 acres; in Ireland but 34. In British North America there is but one person to the square mile.

OUR slaves can spin more cotton yarn now than four hundred could before the invention of Arkwright.

EVENING GAZETTE TELEGRAMS.

OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

Early Return of Louisiana and North Carolina Probable.

INTERESTING NEWS FROM TEXAS.

DESTRUCTION OF A REBEL GUNBOAT.

AFFAIRS IN GEN. LEE'S ARMY.

STATEMENTS OF REBEL DESERTERS.

Courts Martials---Dismissals from the Service, &c.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 25, 1864.

The belief here is most general that Louisiana and North Carolina will return to the Union by July 4th. The opinion was freely expressed at the Corn Exchange this morning.

Dispatches were received this morning from the expedition to Matagorda Peninsula, Texas. The 14th Maine, Col. Hamilton, on the 2d inst. disembarked and drove in the rebel pickets, when a thousand rebel cavalry threatened their rear. The Maine boys fell back to sand Hills, along the beach, throw up hasty breastworks and repulsed every assault. Gunboat Granite City opened fire when night fell.

The enemy retreated during the darkness to Matagorda, and reported our situation. Just after the Granite City left, the rebel gunboat John F. Carr arrived, and commenced a vigorous fire on the abandoned work. The gale increased, and continuing to do so, the John F. Carr was driven ashore, high and dry. The Monongahela, Captain Strong, attracted by the firing, had arrived opposite, and the next morning a wreck was seen lying where the rebel gunboat had grounded, the Carr having been fired to prevent her falling into our hands. She was a light draught steamer, mounting two guns, eighteen pounders, and a three pound howitzer.

When our forces arrived at Brazos, Santiago, this vessel was lying in Saluria Bayou. She was engaged in the recapture of Galveston by the rebels a year ago. In addition, the rebels have four cotton-clads in Matagorda Bay, above the reef.

Gen. Magruder has promised the people of Texas to soon ree a second edition of the Galveston affair. His idea probably was to attempt to surprise us here some dark night, and destroy whatever vessels they should find outside. The Carr, owing to her light draught of water, was their principal gunboat. It is probable that the raid will not be attempted.

A special dispatch to the *Herald* says: On the 22nd a deserter from the 1st North Carolina cavalry, came into the picket lines near Burke's Station, with a white handkerchief as a flag of truce. He is a native of Maryland, and stated that five more with their horses and equipments were but little further off prepared to take the oath of allegience. An officer was sent out shortly after and returned with the balance of the squad of deserters, and six horses. They represent that many others are anxious to leave their regiment, which is stationed about ten miles from Fredericksburg. The attempts to desert are so numerous that a double line of pickets has been established to prevent that popular method of leaving the rebel service. They went down the Rappahannock, crossed the river below their pickets and kept outside of them.

The rebels' horses have no feed, but corn stalks. Clothing and implements are scarce there. Although the enemy had established a double line of pickets to prevent desertion men reach Gen. Meade's line in spite of all precautions.

The President's Amnesty Proclamation is said to be working wonderfully among the rebel soldiers, who have nothing to lose, either in property or caste by accepting the terms of the proclamation.

The paper, from the Bahamas to the 16th ult. say that blockade running and the cotton trade between Nassau and Wilmington, N. C., still continues brisk.

The blockade-breaking steamer Hansa was chased by a Union cruiser for four hours and a half, between Abaco and Nassau. A quantity of cotton thrown from her deck was immediately picked up by an English schooner.

The Nassau papers complain of the violation of British neutral waters by the United States cruisers.

Lowe Harris, sheriff of Randolph county, West Virginia, who was seriously wounded by Jackson's forces last fall, taken prisoner and paroled, is to be exchanged for A. C. Snyder, of Greenbrier Co., who was captured by Gen. Averill's forces in October last. This case was the cause of much vexation between the commissioners for the exchange of prisoners and Governors Boreman and Letcher.

Captain A. J. Lydd, of the 3d regiment Virginia mounted infantry, has been dismissed from the service, for writing an indecent communication to the Wheeling *Intelligencer*, and of indecently giving military information, as also encouragement to the enemy in relation to the numerical strength, actions and transaction of Gen. Averill's command.

Captain Colin Spigner, of the 14th Pennsylvania cavalry, who was tried on four charges, has been cashiered and to be kept in close confinement until he refunds certain amounts of money unlawfully obtained and due to the Government.

First Lieut. Amos G. Boyle, 54th Pennsylvania volunteers, 1st Lieut. Henry Shultz, 2d Virginia Mounted Infantry, 1st Lieut. John N. Fuson, 84th Ohio volunteers, and 1st Lieut. Jedediah G. Waldo, 10th Virginia volunteers