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Governor Humphreys, of Mississippi, has been greatly exercised in mind about the presence of Federal troops on the sacred soil of his State. He considers them a nuisance and offence, and a most disturbing element. He is perfectly able to preserve the public peace, with the State Militia, and we believe his gubernatorial anxiety has already been soothed by a withdrawal of the dis-'agreeable blue coats. As an evidence of how well-founded this loyal Governor's confidence in his militia is. a Vicksburg correspondent supplies the following synopsis of the by-laws adopted by a company of Mississippi State Militia recently organized at the capital of that State:

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the United States army." These are pleasant people to whom to commit the fortunes of a State which is supposed to have returned to its allegiance to the Federal Government. This is a substantial encouragement for us to restore to them the civil rights and privileges of citizenship. This is the evidence of returning loyalty which we are told is the tendency of the masses of he south. These militia-men of Jackson are fair specimens of a very large portion of the Southern people, and we think that it would be very strange if it were otherwise. Poison taken into the human system lingers and lurks for years, despite the sharpest and most skilful treatment; and the virus of slavery and the heresy of secession, instilled into the body politicof the South, have been too thoroughly disseminated. to permit a reasonable hope of any such miraculously sudden cure as many good people have fondly hoped for. The case cited above is a specimen of the way these people glory in their shame, and cling to the empty symbols of their treason and rebellion, even now when they have become the symbols also of

defeat and subjugation. Of all the wrongs done by the Southern leaders to their own people, none is so bitter as this demoralization of the public mind in all its political relations. The losses which came from devastated fields, sacked cities, destroyed railroads,

burned bridges, emancipated slaves and ruined fortunes, can all be replaced by the industry and enterprise of the people; but only by slower processes and with the growth of another generation can the prejudices and sophistries, the bitterness and hate, implanted by unscrupulous demagogues and false teachers, be done away. We ought not to wonder at the state of feeling that we see manifested at the South. It is the most ordinary exhibition of human nature subjected to the influences which have been at work upon it for fifty years past. The training of two or three generations is not to be done away by the surrender of an army or the crushing of an armed rebellion. The roots lie deeper, and time, patience and a wise discipline are needed, before the deep-seated mischief can possibly be thoroughly extirpated, and a people, whose natural atmosphere has been so long one of Slavery with all the pestilent miasmas that are inseparable from it, can be taught to breathe and move and have their being comfortably and healthfully in the pure atmosphere of Freedom.

THE STATE WAR DEBTS. A report has been made in the House of Representatives, at Washington, recommending a partial re-imbursement to the several States of the expenditures for carrying on the war against the Southern rebels. These expenses, as far as can be ascertained, amount to about \$475,000,000, though we think the accounts of some the States might be reduced by a little overhauling and a demand for vouchers. New York, for instance, presents a bill of \$111,005,953; Massachusetts one of \$47,800,827, and Ohio one of \$64,867,813, while the bill of Pennsylvania is but \$53,527,395. The Committee, however, propose to re-imburse the States in proportion to the number of men furnished by each for the Government service, allowing \$55 per man, the whole number being reduced to a uniform standard of three years' service. The payment is to be made in registered 5 per cent. bonds, redeemable after twenty years from date.

The plan of the Committee seems to be a fair and reasonable one. We do not suppose that any of the States have ever thought of claiming full payment of all their war expenses. But some partial return was needed, and under the plan proposed, the burden of its payment will be shared by the disloyal States, whose wicked conduct brought on the war and compelled the loyal States to give to the Government hundreds of thousands of soldiers. The share of Pennsylvania will be \$14,715,-690. If we get this, or any other considerable sum, we presume the State Government will distribute it equitably among the various cities and counties, according to the bounties paid and the number of men furnished by each. In this way part of our heavy municipal debt, contracted during the war, may be extinguished, and our local taxation may be reduced. The bill as reported has been re-committed, and as each State represented in Congress is interested in its passage, we presume there will be no serious opposition to it.

AMATEUR OPERA.-Concert Hall was filled with a fashionable audience, last evening, for the third performance of Italian opera by amateurs, under the direction of Mr. Perelli. The opera was Lucrezia Borgia, with Mrs. Davis (nee Jarvis) as "Lucrezia," Miss Denègre as "Orsini," Mr. Waterman as "Gennaro," Mr. A. Taylor as the Duke, and Mr. Nathans as "Gubetta." Mrs. Davis has a lovely, delicate sympathetic voice, of great flexibility, and her method is excellent. She sang the whole of the music of her part like a true artist, acting, also, with intelligence. Miss Denègre was very good also, and received an encore in the drinking song. Mr. Waterman made an extremely good "Gennaro," his voice being a high tenor of good quality, and under excellent control. Mr. Taylor's personation of the Duke was really fine, both in singing and acting. Mr. Nathans performed his not very interesting part very satisfactorily and the subordinate parts were well filled. The applause throughout the performance was most enthusiastic and there were several calls before the curtain. The orchestra was very good and the chorus though small, was efficient and correct. Lucrezia Borgia will be repeated at the same place on Tuesday evening next.

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THE GERMAN OPERA.-Mr. Leonard Grover's advertisement of the German Opera season to begin on Monday, the 26th inst.. will attract attention. William Tell. Mireille, Fra Diavolo, The Huguenots, Faust. Martha, La Dame Blanche, Robert le Diable. The Magic Flute and Don Giovanni are in the repertoire, and as the utmost care will be taken to bring them out in the best style, a great success may be expected. William Tell has been rehearsed in Baltimore with

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