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Original Poetry. THE LAND OF OUR PILGRIM FATHERS. All around were the wildwoods That spread far and near.

COMMUNICATION. The Voice of Columbia. Amid impending dangers that have already prostrated many of the most reliable branches of industry, and that threaten to end in anarchy and blood shed, it may be well to ask what is the sentiment of Columbia.

grand ship of State. Her motto now, in peril is the same that it ever has been "don't give up the ship." And though the waves of an undue contention may break harshly against her yet ever with the known martyrs of "the right" we are proud to find the avowed advocates of her cause.

Neither the aggressor nor the aggrieved look to them unless it be to find relief.— But we hasten to men and principles of a different cast. The motives that influence men's actions will sometimes leak out through their deeds.

Nothing could afford a stronger illustration of this conscious integrity possessed by the Democratic party, in common with all conservative citizens who opposed the destructive spirit of sectionalism, which culminated in the election of Lincoln, than the simple fact that less than four months after the decision of "unity and union" the largest and ablest convention of the Democratic party, containing many of the best and most patriotic citizens of the State, assembled at the capital to re-affirm their devotion to those National principles which, while triumphant, preserved us as one people—when defeated, have brought us to the verge of National dissolution and devastating civil strife.

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The Democratic State Convention, which assembled in Harrisburg on the 21st and 22d ult., was not like the remnant of a conquered and subdued party. Never in the history of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania, not even in the days of its power, did a convention contain more able men inspired with a more earnest, devoted and unselfish patriotism.

The resolutions, adopted without a single dissenting voice, express the prevailing sentiment, not only of the Democratic organization, but of the great mass of Union-loving citizens of Pennsylvania. They declare in favor of the Crittenden resolutions or something similar as a satisfactory basis of adjustment. They announce the determination of the Democratic party to oppose, discountenance and prevent, by all proper and legitimate means, any attempt on the part of the Republicans in power to make armed aggressions upon the Southern States—thus giving the dominant party to understand that they can receive no assistance from the Democracy in the diabolical work of plunging the country into the horrors of civil war—especially so long as unconstitutional enactments remain unrepented upon the statute books of Northern States.

The following are the resolutions adopted by the Convention:

Resolved, That the States of this Union are sovereign and independent over every subject not surrendered to the control of the Federal Government, and they have no right to interfere with each other's domestic institutions, but are bound by the Constitution of the United States to protect and defend them against domestic insurrection as well as foreign invasion.

Resolved, That the people of the Southern States contributed their exertions and treasure in the acquisition of the territories equally with those of the other States, and that the principle which recognizes the equal rights of all the States to the same, largest and ablest convention of the Democratic party, containing many of the best and most patriotic citizens of the State, assembled at the capital to re-affirm their devotion to those National principles which, while triumphant, preserved us as one people—when defeated, have brought us to the verge of National dissolution and devastating civil strife.

THE WILLIAMSPORT TRAGEDY.—

DEATH OF THE MURDERER.—On Monday we published an account of the murder, at Williamsport, of an Irish woman, by her husband, Barney Helan. The deed was committed two weeks ago, and on Sunday last the remains of the murdered woman were found in an out-house connected with Helan's shanty, where they had been buried. When the news was communicated to Helan that the body of his wife had been found, he attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat, but the wound was promptly sewed up, and the physician thought he would recover.

POWER OF ENDURANCE AND DIET.—Even the experienced trainers of the prize-ring cannot decide what is the best food for training men up to their greatest powers of endurance. They have a prejudice in favor of mutton chops and understate that this is the best. The Roman soldiers who conquered the world, and built roads from Lisbon to Constantinople, and who were all trained athletes, marching under a weight of armor and luggage that few men in our day could carry, lived on coarse, brown wheat or barley bread, which they dipped in sour wine.

EXTRAORDINARY PHENOMENA IN BORING FOR OIL IN CANADA.—

A number of residents of Michigan went over to Sombra, Canada West, in the early part of October, and commenced boring some fifteen or twenty feet from a creek, under the belief that oil would be found; and on the seventeenth of the month, when they had got down about fifty-seven feet, they struck a vein of gas.

TOO SHARP FOR HIM.—The Agriculturalist relates the following anecdote of Prof. Johnson of Middletown University. "He was one day lecturing before the students on Mineralogy, and had before him quite a number of specimens of various sorts of minerals, when he slipped a piece of brick among the stones. The professor was taking up the stones one after another, and naming them. 'This,' said he, 'is a piece of granite; this is a piece of felspar, etc.;' presently he came to the brickbat. Without betraying any surprise, or even changing his tone of voice, 'This,' said he, holding it up, 'is a piece of impudence! There was a shout of laughter, and the student concluded he had made little by that trick.'

VALUE OF AN EXPLANATION.—

A certain king, it is said, sent to another king, saying: "Send me a blue pig with a black tail, or else—"

A DOCTILE HUSBAND.—In Portland, Oregon, there is a man who lived with his wife several years, and they had several children. At last she got tired of him, and proposed that they should get a divorce. He said he had no objection if she would support him. She agreed to do so, and they were divorced. She is now married to another man, and supports her former husband by retaining him in the family as a servant.

CRINOLINE IN PERIL.—Crinoline has, at last, met with an enemy that threatens its overthrow. A new skirt has been invented which sustains the dress without any assistance of whalebone, simply by a harmonious and skilful disposition of the muslin fold of which it is composed. The "Multiple Skirt" is formed of a series of overlapping flounces, arranged in a fan shape, readily expanded by means of metallic eyelets. One or two flounces are at most required for a morning dress, and nothing can be more simple. The skirt is put on or off in a minute; and when on a journey, divided in pieces. It may be smoothly folded, and scarcely occupies any space whatever.