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State of the Country.

An Important Letter FROM EX-SENATOR BIGLER, ON THE Affairs of Our Country at this Crisis.

We publish below a highly important, patriotic and statesman like letter from Ex-Senator Bigler on the affairs of our country at this crisis.

My DEAR SIR.—In reply to your favor of the 30th ultimo I have to say that you have been rightly informed.

The sword is the only agency at work. But the sword cannot do all. It is an agent of destruction.

You will know that when the present calamities menaced the nation, I was for peaceful means to avert the blow.

I know how easy it is to talk about war and carnage, about stratagetic positions and brilliant victories.

It was a happy thought of President Lincoln, expressed in his inaugural, that if we went to war we could not fight always.

did begin, when it would be necessary to put the sword to rest, at least for a season, in order to resume the identical old question about intercourse and settlement.

I have heard a great deal about patching up a dishonorable peace; about the humiliation and disgrace to the North, involved in any and every proposition for settlement.

Meanwhile, the President and Congress should prepare the way for settlement; indeed, by consulting the people through the ballot-box, they might make a settlement, to be ratified by the States.

I know it may be said in reply to all this, then let the Southern people lay down their arms and come back into the Union.

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they should cultivate the same spirit toward the North. The absent element of a substantial Union is fraternity amongst the people, and that can never be furnished by the sword.

But, it may be asked, is this war for the Union? Are we sure those in authority intend nothing else?

Do not understand me that I would yield the sword or any other means to render the Union what it was.

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AN UNDESIRABLE DISQUALIFICATION.—"Ugh!—How d'ye make out that you are exempt—eh?"

Fundamental Principles and Constitutional Rights. A Guide for Jurymen—Free Press and Free Speech Indispensable and Inviolable Rights—None but Tyrants Dread Them—Neither Courts nor Juries have a Right to Sit in Judgement upon them—They are, in Law and Justice, above Trial and Inviolable.

[CONSTITUTIONAL EXTRACTS.] THE RIGHTS OF FREEMEN!—The constitution of New Hampshire says:

The constitution of Massachusetts says: "The liberty of the press is essential to the security of freedom, and ought to be inviolably preserved."

The constitution of Connecticut says: "No law shall ever be passed to curtail or restrain the liberty of speech or of the press."

The constitution of New Jersey says: "Every citizen may freely speak, write and publish his sentiments on all subjects, and no law shall be passed to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press."

The constitution of Pennsylvania says: "The printing press shall be free to any person who undertakes to examine the proceeding of any branch of the Government, and no law shall ever be made to restrain the liberty thereof."

The constitution of Ohio says: "Every citizen may freely speak and publish his sentiments, and no law shall be passed to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press."

The constitution of Indiana says: "No law shall be passed restraining or restricting the right to speak, write, or print freely on any subject whatever."

A Doubtful Character. A letter from Nashville, to the Press says: For the past two weeks the military authorities have been very strict, and, as no person is permitted to leave the city who is not loyal, necessarily a visit amount of questioning takes place at the Provost Marshal's office.

Where do you wish to go, sir? "I want to go home."

Where is your home? "In East Tennessee."

When did you arrive in this city? "Several years ago."

Where was you at the commencement of the rebellion, sir? "In this city."

Did you ever hear Andy Ewing make any of his speeches? "No, sir."

Have you ever been in the rebel army? "No, sir."

Do you ever intend to take up arms against the Government of the United States? "No, sir."

YOUTH RENewed.—There lives in the town of Parsonsfield, State of Maine, an aged Free-will Baptist Minister by the name of John Buzzell.

And so freely the constitution of every State in the Union, guarding only against libels, but in the fullest manner defending and securing to every citizen the freeman's right to the fullest liberty of speech or of the press.

The foregoing provisions in the State Constitutions were made in accordance with a provision of the same kind in the Constitutions of the United States.

THE PEOPLE have been called to sit in judgment upon the Republican party and they have pronounced it and its organs wanting—wanting in capacity—wanting in wisdom—wanting in integrity—wanting in loyalty—wanting in love for the Constitution as it is wanting in a proper appreciation of the blessings of peace—wanting in ability to carry on a war—wanting in fidelity to its pledges to the people—wanting in respect for Constitutional obligations.

BLACK AND WHITE.—We clip the following paragraph from the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Married.—On the 16th of October 1862 Mr. Henry Kendall, of Tawawa Springs, to Miss Maria Barnett, of New Orleans, Louisiana.—Xenia Torchlight.

The groom is a young white man of respectable parents, and the bride a young colored woman. Two days previously he voted the Abolition ticket, and crowned his devotion to the cause by taking Miss Maria to himself for life. De Guitibus.

IT LOOKS SO.—The redoubtable X, in payment for a cigar, pulled out a little swab of gummy, greasy, filthy postage stamp.

Choice Poetry.

LOVE IN AUTUMN.

All day with measured stroke I hear From throbbing floors the busy fall; And in the fields of stubble near, Incoherent pipe the speckled quail.

All golden ripe the apples glow, Among the orchard's sunset leaves; Southward the twittering swallows go, That sing all Summer "neath the eaves."

Across the far horizon line The splendor Autumn's colors are drawn; The grasses are purple on the vine, The sunflower shines upon the lawn.

And stretched athwart the burning sky, The spider's threads of silver white, Like netted vapors to the eye, Hang quivering in the moonlight.

A year ago to-day we stood Beneath the people's crimson glow, That like a watchfire in the wood, Gleamed toward the yellowing vale below.

Calm was the day, without a breath, And all pervading stillness deep; A cat that seemed the calm of death— A silence like that of sleep.

And only on the listening ear Through the wide wood that hollow sound Of stepping nuts and sweet, and other things that huddled from the ground.

The Printing Press.

Hail, mighty Lever! whose unwarred power, Seals rays of genius over each darkened land; Whose memory's record, changing every hour, Gives place to truth, stamped by thy giant hand.

What glorious thoughts flash! in electric waste For want of thee to register their birth; And words of genius, poetry and taste, Are kindled up, then sank again to earth!

But thou, my friend, hast borne along the store Of Knowledge, Science, Fancy's pleasing strain; Or the designs of Nature to explore, Where peace and harmony and order reign.

Leeches.

"'Tis strange indeed, in times like these, How many show their feeling And love of country in a kind Of 'gentle o'er me stealing.'"

Miscellaneous.

How to Get on in the World. Many indolent men find fault with their birth, or station, or employment, as hindering their advancement in society.

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