



Original Poetry.

A Sabbath-even Poem. The trailing shadows of the western woods...

COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT.

Saturday Morning, Mar. 5, 1864.

A Plea for Peace.

Every one knows that the Springfield Mass. Republican is one of the oldest and most influential supporters of the Administration in New England.

Since winter suspends operations, why can not this time be employed to make peace? Virtually it is an armistice, though not having been so declared, the Government and the people made no use of it.

A BIG DIVIDEND.—The Pennsylvania railroad company on Monday last week declared a stock dividend of thirty per cent. on the shares of the road as they stood on the Stock Ledger of the company.

COLONIZING AGAIN.—The Harrisburg Telegraph speaking of the New Hampshire election which will be held on the 8th of March, says the leaguers are making a great effort, and among other things are "GETTING HOME THE ABSENT VOTERS."

GOOD APPOINTMENT.—We are much pleased to learn that our esteemed young friend WALLACE DEWITT, Esq. of the venerable Rev. DeWitt, of Harrisburg, has been appointed Prothonotary of the Supreme Court of the Middle District of this State, in place of Robert E. Ferguson, deceased.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.—The seaport town of Gloucester, Mass., was nearly destroyed by fire on Thursday. Fifty stores, The Advertiser office, town Clerk's office, Freemason's lodge, and fifteen dwellings were burned.

A French View of our Civil War.

The various demonstrations made by the Democrats and friends of peace in the North have induced those who do not study American affairs with the attention to believe that the great revolution which is devouring the republic of Washington will work its own solution, and that both North and South, agitated at the ruins and headed up every way around them, at the sea of blood which their arms will either become conscious of the fact that war is not an element of the union, and casting aside their arms will either become reconciled by mutual concessions or settled down in peace, side by side, as Free and Independent States.

The recent elections have destroyed this illusion. For the first time, we might say in a whole year, public sentiment in the United States has assumed such a form as to enable us to understand its purport. We can now see clearly into the plans of the Government, and ascertain how they are viewed by the people.

The idea has been hitherto entertained that the Democratic party desired peace. This error has been strengthened by the attacks which its organs and orators made and are still making every day upon the Federal Administration, and by the general tone of hostility which pervades the language of its leaders.

Not one of the leaders of the Democratic party, even of those who have been most energetic in their attacks upon the policy of the Administration, not even Vallandigham or Governor Seymour, has ever declared that he was in favor of peace with the South at the price of separation.

Union, Union, tear and sword or Union by prayer and peace, is the cry of the hour. Union, even at the price of an ocean of blood, at the price of public credit, Union, in fact, at any price even that of liberty, such is the open or secret thought of every American of the North, be he Radical, Peace Democrat, War Democrat, Copperhead Old Line Whig.

NATIONAL VANITY has taken such hold upon the people of the North that it has destroyed their moral sense. They sacrifice every thing to the pride of being able to say that their power extends over half a continent, and that they are equal to any nation in the world.

There is then, in fact, little difference between the Democrats of the North and the most extreme Radicals; they are all agreed upon this capital point, that the independence of the South can not be recognized. All want the Union, and if they differ as to their plans for obtaining it, it is because their interests are not identical.

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Hence the watchword of the Democratic party is: "The Union as it was, and the Constitution as it is." The Radicals take a perfectly clear view of the situation. They know that the day on which the twenty-six Senators of the South shall take their seats in the Capitol, will be the day on which they will cease to govern the Union, and they are determined that that day shall never come.

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SWEETHEARTS.

BY A WIDOW OF THREE HUSBANDS.

People talk of making love. There is no such thing—it grows. The seed is sown with one pair of eyes, though another pair of eyes, in the soil of the heart, and there it vegetates. And a wonderful plant it is, this love. The magic flower in the fairy tale that caused doors to open and walls to sink into the earth at a touch, was a fool to it. The changes produced by its necromantic influence beat all the old enchantments hollow.

A CALL TO THE DEMOCRATS OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Dear friends, is it not time that we should arise and take hold of the ancient landmarks of our church, ere the church suffers the fate of our country? The majority of our ministers have forsaken the cause of their Lord and Master, and have come down to help and partake in all the abominations now practiced by the present Administration.

A FAMILY POISONED BY EATING UNCOOKED HAM.

A family named Flaig, residing at No. 45 Elizabeth street, in New York, has recently been poisoned by eating uncooked ham. One of the children having died, Coroner Nauman held an inquest when the testimony of Mrs. Weisner, grandmother of the child, and of several physicians was taken.

A MONSTER CANNON, probably the largest in the world, was cast at the Fort Pitt Foundry, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Thursday last.

It was a 20 inch Columbiad, and the weight of the metal used in casting it was 172,000 pounds. It is calculated that the lathe will reduce the gun to a weight of 115,000 pounds when finished. It will throw a solid shot of 1,000 pounds, or a shell of 700 pounds. The charge of powder will vary from 65 to 80 pounds.

ed, or even if you hope to be engaged, don't flirt.

A systematic man succeed in showing her power by rendering her lover jealous unhappy for a time, but she sure to end by disgusting and alienating him. The best way to fix and rivet the affections of a true man—and anything below that mark is not worthy any woman's winning and wearing—is to be natural. Some young ladies, whom I see daily, and have at this moment in my mind's eye, are singularly unfortunate in their attempts to attract admiration. There are just such girls everywhere, and I dare say, every female reader of this article knows at least one or two of them. They never attempt to put on a grace or a virtue, without running into the parallel faults. Thus, when they would seem cheerful, they giggle, and when they propose to themselves to be bashful and retiring, they play the prude.

So, my pretty dears, all you who desire good husbands—follow that you can anchor your hearts on, and so feel safe and happy in the hardest typhoon that misfortune ever blows—be as the Lord made you, and put on airs or affections.

You don't want popinjays for partners. Neither do men, that are men, want popinjay wives. Diplomazize a little, if you like courtship—maneuver for substantial and honorable victory, for the sake of its fruits, if you will but beware or practicing any device, or resorting to any stratagem that, discovered in future, might render the nuptial couch a bed of thorns. Be sure to your selves. Govern your hearts with your heads, and choose wisely and deliberately. Marriage is not a lottery to the prudent and discreet.

Spiritual Advice by a Physician.

Old Doctor C. was known as a skillful physician, blunt and downright, but not addicted to church going. Mr. S., the sick trader sent for him. The pulse was examined, the pills desist out and the directions given. But as the doctor was taking up his saddle-bags, Mr. S. turned to him with a pious look: "I have a solemn request to make for you Doctor C."

"What! of me? a solemn request of me?"

"Yes sir; it concerns my salvation, and I hope you won't refuse it."

"Why, bless you, Mr. S., that don't come in my line; send for the minister."

"But hear me; I feel that I am a very sick man, and if at any time you see I am going to die, wont you let me know at least three days beforehand?"

"But what in the world do you want to know that for?"

"Oh, I don't know that I am prepared to die, and I shall want at least two or three days to prepare."

"Oh, well, make your preparations, make your preparations, Mr. S., and if you don't die, it will not be lost to your customers."

FOUR YOUNG LADIES DROWNED WHILE SKATING.

The Reading Times of the 17th inst., has the following: "From a letter received by a citizen of this place, from Tamaqua, dated February 15th, we learn the melancholy particulars of the drowning of four young girls of Tamaqua, while skating on a pond. It appears that the ice was weakened at a place where a spring emptied into the pond, and unfortunately one of Mr. George Brown's daughters fell into the opening. Her sister, and two of Mrs. Reifers' daughters promptly went to her rescue, but the ice gave way under them, and the whole four drowned."

A practical joke was once attempted on Mr. Erskine, as he went to Westminster Hall, with his ample green bag crammed full of briefs. Some waggish barrister hired a Jew boy to go and ask him if he had any old clothes to sell. "No, you little Hebrew imp!" exclaimed the indignant counsellor, "they are all new suits."

A boy of children were telling their father what they got at school, the eldest got reading spelling and definition, and what did you get? said the father to a rosy checked little fellow who at the time, was slyly driving a tenpenny nail into the door panel. "Me! oh I got readin', spellin', and spankin'."

THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

At a meeting of the Republican National Committee, held at Washington, on Monday last, it was resolved to hold the next Republican National Convention at Baltimore, on the 7th of June next.