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The glorious victories which have given all Union-loving citizens new life, have also in this city and elsewhere awakened much discussion as to whom the glory and just honor of getting the national ball rolling belongs. I am inspired in what I say on this subject by a strong desire that "honor shall be rendered to whom honor is due." I wish it to be understood, moreover, that anything which I may state as a fact I *know* to be such, so far as one can know a thing from reliable testimony.

In the first place, I have reason to believe that Gen. M'Clellan is excessively chagrined at the apparent conspiracy of a lot of doubtful men and newspapers to puff him up by most unwholesome laudation. Is it not dangerous for the pure fame of a man in times like these, when the *Journal of Commerce*, the New York *Herald*, and such organs, persistently thrust their fulsome flatteries upon a man in the position of Gen. M'Clellan? He, of course, dislikes, in fact is intensely mortified at it, but it is the misfortune of a man in his high office that he cannot hush these lickspittles nor can he come out and deny their falsehoods. The fact that the General is a democrat of the ultra pro-slavery school, and a suppresser of freedom's songs in the dreary Potomac camps, has so won upon the admiration of the *Herald* and its co-laborers, that they cannot do even simple justice to the *real* merit of the subject of their praise. There is a studied effort in this city on the part of a little sheet edited by a most vituperative pro-slavery apostle, to echo the *Herald*, and though I have no hesitation in saying that the editor of the *Star* has been urged by the General to desist in heaping its ill-timed flatteries upon him, he still persists in saying that the victories in the West are M'Clellan's; that he planned the whole thing etc., thus taking from the brave men who really planned and fought those battles, their meed of praise.

The fact is, that Gen. McClellan had nothing to do with those deeds that have rescued the national fame. I speak this in justice to him. In the first place, as Mr. Stanton says in his glorious letter, which every body has read—"to the Lord be the chief praise." Next, to our worthy President—*Abraham Lincoln*. When Gen. McClellan was so sick that he could not even be seen by visitors, the word went forth from the *real* Commander-in-Chief—Mr. Lincoln—which set our armies and fleets in motion. Gen. McClellan neither assented nor objected, because he simply knew nothing about it. The plan had been matured when Mr. Stanton went into the Cabinet, and to him is the credit due of giving that almost superhuman energy to every department of the Government which has perfected what was thus planned. Give the credit to Gen. Halleck and Mr. Lincoln. The little sheet—the *Star*—in its issue of this evening, gives a pretended report of a speech of Mr. Stanton, before a railroad convention which met here by his invitation to-day, in which he is represented as saying, in substance, that the victories in the West are due to the strategy of the commander on the Potomac. Mr. Stanton said no such thing, *nothing of the sort*. This comes to me from a gentleman who was present and heard the speech. It was short, pithy and pointed, as is everything of the sort from Edwin M. Stanton. He *could* not have said it, because he *knows* the contrary. Perhaps it is not necessary that I should thus dwell upon this matter. It is only my desire that Mr. Lincoln and the Secretary of War should have their meed of praise, and Gen. McClellan his. The latter has the reputation of being a just man, and of course he is above the smallness of wearing laurels won and justly to be worn by others. He has in fact been in a condition of health which has prevented much activity for a long time. For the first time in two months he rode among the troops over the river yesterday, and doubtless it was owing to his physical inability to direct and oversee everything, that the blockade of the Potomac was effected before our eyes.

Gen. Cameron is here. He is looking as well as I ever saw him; has gained ten pounds of flesh since he resigned. He will soon leave for his mission. His voice is strong for emancipation. This he believes to be our only security against a recurrence of the present evils of our land.

The picture of distress to all was poor Vallandigham when Mr. Hickman roasted him on Wednesday. His excitement was really frightful. When he first began speaking it was thought he would faint. He shook like an aspen leaf, and in five minutes after he opened, he became so hoarse that you could hardly hear him. The spectacle was frightful. You can have no idea how quick—

"His coward lips did from their color fly."

Mr. Hickman tormented him on his attempted speech with brother Breckinridge at Baltimore; his votes with brother Burnett in Congress, and the dinner to which he was invited by sundry traitors at Owensboro, Kentucky. Also remarked upon the secesh camp named for him in Alabama, and the puff upon "this pure patriot" in a recent number of De Bow's *Review*. Vallandigham has also, I am informed, become the victim of the fine arts in Richmond, where his "picture in little" beholds you from all the doggery windows and other places of amusement. When Hickman had sufficiently used him he let him go for a little while, but I don't think he is done with him.

VISITOR.

General Scott as Commissioner to Mexico.

The New York *Tribune*, of Monday, makes the following important announcement:

On Saturday, Gen. Scott was nominated to the Senate as Minister Extraordinary to Mexico, with functions such as he exercised in the pacification of the North-Western Boundary question. A project of a treaty, substantially assuming the Mexican debt due to England, France and Spain, the interest on which amounts to three millions a year, was also sent to the Senate. The treaty guarantees our payment of it for five years. As there is no law for the appointment of an Assistant Minister, it is thought the nomination will not be confirmed. As Commissioner he would be confirmed, if his functions were limited to the pacification of the armed conspiracy against Mexico. The scheme of buying off the Allies, now that we are not able to enforce the Monroe Doctrine, is not likely to meet with favor.

The Poor Pope.

A Turin correspondent of the Paris *Presse*, writing on the 1st inst., says:

I have seen a letter from Rome of the 28th January, containing minute details respecting the health of the Pope. It states that Pius IX, has of late been subject to frequent attacks of fever caused by chronic indigestion. His physician recommended exercise in the open air on foot, or at least in a carriage; unfortunately the Pope's legs are greatly swollen, and he cannot go abroad. He has to be rolled in a chair to pass from one room to another. It is not true that he has been bled, as reported; such a thing was never proposed. It has been remarked, not without uneasiness, that for several days he has been affected by disposition to somnolency, and cannot by any means be diverted from yielding to it. This, I am told, is the most serious symptom of the Holy Father's malady.

Bancroft on Roger B. Taney.

At the civic celebration in New York, on the 22d, the historian BANCROFT was the orator of the day. The following extract from his eloquent speech, in which he holds up the "Dred Scott" decision to the scorn of mankind, strong and just as it is, but faintly symbolizes the infamy with which that detestible decision will be viewed by the future historian:

But at last "we have fallen on evil days." "The propitious smiles of Heaven"—such are the words of Washington—"can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right." During eleven years of perverse government those rules were disregarded, and it came to pass that men who should firmly avow the sentiments of Washington and Jefferson and Franklin and Chancellor Livingston were disfranchised for the public service; that the spotless Chief-Justice whom Washington placed at the head of our Supreme Court could by no possibility have been nominated for that office, or confirmed. Nay, the corrupt influence invaded even the very home of justice. The final decree of the Supreme Court, in its decision on a particular case, must be respected, and the present Chief-Justice has on one memorable appeal accompanied his decision with an impassioned declamation, wherein with profound immorality which no one has as yet fully laid bare, treating the people of the United States as a shrew to be tamed by an open scorn of the facts of history, with a dreary industry collecting evidences of cases where justice may have slumbered or weakness been oppressed, compensating for want of evidence by confidence of assertion, with a partiality that would have disgraced an advocate neglecting humane decisions of Colonial Courts and the enduring memorials of colonial statute-books, in his party zeal to prove that the Fathers of our Country held the negro to have "no rights which the white man was bound to respect," he has not only denied the rights of man and the liberties of mankind, but he has left a foothold for the liberty of the white man to rest upon. That ill-starred disquisition of Taney, who, I trust, did not intend to hang out the flag of Disunion, is the fountain-head of this rebellion; that offense to the conscious memory of the millions convulsed our country with the excitement which swept over those of us who vainly hoped to preserve a strong and sufficient though narrow isthmus that might stand between the conflicting floods. No nation can adopt that judgment as its rule and live; the judgment has in it no element of political vitality. I will not say it is an invention of the dead past; there never was a past that accepted such opinions. If we want the opinions received in the days when our Constitution was framed, we will not take them second-hand from our Chief-Justice; we will let the men of that day speak for themselves. How will our American magistrate sink when arraigned, as he will be, before the tribunal of humanity; how terrible will be the verdict against him, when he is put in comparison with Washington's political teacher, the great Montesquieu, the enlightened magistrate of France, in what are esteemed the worst days of her monarchy. The argument from the difference of race which Taney thrusts forward with passionate confidence, as a proof of complete disqualification, is brought forward by Montesquieu as a scathing satire on all the brood of despots who were supposed to uphold Slavery as tolerable in itself. The rights of mankind, that precious word which had no equivalent in the language of Hindostan, or Judea, or Greece, or Rome, or any anti-Christian tongue, found its supporter in Washington, and Hamilton; in Franklin and Livingston; in Otis, George Mason, and Gadsden; in all the greatest men of our early history. The one rule from which the makers of our first confederacy and then of our national Constitution never swerved, is this: to fix new constitutional disability on any one; whatever might stand in the way of any man from opinion, ancestry, weakness of mind, inferiority, or inconvenience of any kind, was itself not formed into a permanent disfranchisement. The Constitution of the United States was made under the recognized influence of "the eternal rule of order and right," so that as far as its jurisdiction extended, it raised at once the numerous class who had been chattels into the condition of persons; it neither originates nor perpetuates inequality.

Bridges Between Bowling Green and Nashville Destroyed---The Rebel Evacuation of Bowling Green in Hot Haste---Destruction and Pollution of Springs.

BOWLING GREEN, Feb. 18, 1862.

A man reported here this evening who left Nashville last Friday morning. He has been engaged in the railroad business in the South, but being loyal in all his sentiments, desired to come to the North when the rebellion commenced, but could never succeed in doing so before. He says he twice succeeded in making his way as far North as Bowling Green, after its occupation by the arch traitor Buckner, but was refused by him permission to continue his journey.

He says the rebels have destroyed all the wooden structures in the way of bridges and trestle-work on the railway road between Bowling Green and Nashville. He saw the destruction on that part of the road between Franklin and Bowling Green, and was informed that it had been committed on the remainder of the road. He says the rebels evacuated Bowling Green in the most unceremonious and hasty manner on the approach of General Mitchel's division. The rebel General Hardee was in the town when Gen. Mitchel commenced shelling it, and left in such "hot haste" as to leave his battle charger behind him, which was taken off by the Texan Rangers, who were the last to leave. In his haste to leave the town, Hardee absolutely ran across the public square. My informant told me he had received the statement in relation to Hardee from a rebel officer. He says the rebels had collected large quantities of grain, chiefly wheat, at various points on the railroad, which, not having the means of removing in their precipitate flight, they burned. He also informs me that General Hindman, in his retreat from Cave City to Bowling Green, had the horses and cattle of Union men driven into the large ponds which occur at frequent intervals along the road, and shot, with a threat of hanging the owners if they removed the carcasses. I presume his object was to prevent the use of the water in the ponds by the troops of the United States; but by this atrocious and infamous act he inflicted very great injury and inconvenience on the citizens of the country. From the fact that there is not a running stream on the road between Green and Barren rivers, the sole dependence of all passengers and citizens for stock water, at least, is on the pond or surface water. Truly a refined method of making war, worthy of this enlightened age! What would the London *Times*, *Morning Post*, *Herald*, and other English journals and the *Moniteur*, whose sensitive nerves have been so terribly shocked by our use of the "stone blockade," say of this method of conducting hostilities?

I am also informed by most respectable gentlemen, resident of the southern part of the State, who have come to this place since the abandonment by the rebels of the country south of Green river, that no adequate conception can be formed of the destruction and desolation committed on that region.—*Correspondent Louisville Democrat.*

Re-Opening Trade.

It is regarded probable that as soon as the rebel armies are beaten out of Tennessee, the order of Mr. Chase, preventing the exportation of provisions, medicines and the like into the South, will be rescinded, so far as Tennessee is concerned, and that that whole country will again be opened to commercial transactions. As it is possible to draw supplies of cotton and tobacco from at least one-half of the South by way of Tennessee, the opening of trade in this quarter would soon produce a marked effect upon the general industry of the country. A million of bales of cotton could easily be gathered by inland commerce from the South, and this amount furnished to our factories would again set them going, with a portion to spare for the English market. With a blockade on the coast and an active internal commerce, the North will be benefited in every way; first, by the carriage of cotton, tobacco, hemp, and other southern products through the country, and their transportation to Europe; and second, by the sale of goods to such of the Southern States as are thus re-opened, which are now in great need of them.

The False Dispatch.

The agent of the Associated Press makes the following apology for the erroneous statement telegraphed in relation to Mr. STANTON's remarks concerning Gen. MCCLELLAN, at the Railroad meeting:

The following paragraph was, as heretofore stated, added to the official report of the first day's proceedings of the late Railroad Convention:

"Secretary Stanton paid a high compliment to the young and gallant friend at his side, Maj. Gen. McClellan, in whom he had the utmost confidence, and the result of whose military schemes, gigantic and well matured, were now exhibited to a rejoicing country."

The officers of the Convention, having been applied to in various quarters to say whether this language was used by Secretary Stanton, feel bound to state that such was not the case, and these words above quoted were added after the report had been furnished to the agent of the Associated Press. This is signed by Erastus Corning, President, and Thos. Kimber, Secretary.

As the article in question occasions much comment, especially among those unacquainted with the few and plain facts in the case, the Agent of the Associated Press repeats a former assertion, that the paragraph was added by himself to the official notice of the proceedings. It was based upon a statement of recollection of what was said on that occasion, without pretending to verbal accuracy, and further, that the information was not offered, but furnished on application. It now appears, from the only authentic denial obtainable, viz., of the President and one of the Secretaries, that the impression made on the mind of the informant was erroneous.

The Pittsburgh *Post* complains of us for correcting this false statement, and wants to know what good such a correction can do. It is sufficient to say that we prefer the truth to a falsehood; but there is a further reason. No sooner was this telegraphic statement received than the whole pack of papers sympathising with the South, of the stamp of the New York *Express*, *Herald*, *Journal of Commerce*, etc., opened out on those papers which had asserted that the President, acting through the Secretary-of-War, had substantially taken upon himself the conduct of the war. It was also taken as evidence that Mr. STANTON was entirely satisfied with the inactivity of the army on the Potomac, while there is the best evidence to believe that he is not satisfied. Justice to Mr. STANTON, as well as to Gen. MCCLELLAN, required that this false statement should be corrected.

Important from Cairo.

CAIRO, Feb. 23, 1862.

On Saturday orders were issued for the gun boats and troops to be in readiness at 6 o'clock on Sunday morning for instant departure. Promptly at the hour the transports Illinois, Continental and Chancellor, were steamed up and in readiness.

The 27th Illinois, Col. Buford, and the 9th Wisconsin, Col. Murphy, quickly departed. About 8 o'clock the flag ship Cincinnati signalled the Fleet, and steamed down the river followed by the Carondolet, Conestoga and St. Louis; two mortar-boats and the transports.

Shortly before reaching Columbus the line of battle was formed. When within a mile and a half of Columbus the transports were put in readiness for disembarkation, when a shot was fired from the enemy's works, after which a flag of truce put out, and the rebel officers went aboard the flag ship.

The conference lasted an hour and a half; but the results attained are not yet known. It is sufficient that at the expiration of the time the flag ship signalled the fleet to return. The transports arrived at Cairo about eight o'clock. The gun boats have not yet arrived.

It is currently reported and believed that Gen. Buell occupied Nashville to-day. Generals Cullum and Paine accompanied the expedition. The former with Commodore Foote.

Gov. Kirkwood, of Iowa, arrived to-day. Commodore Foote arrived from the Cumberland yesterday, on the Conestoga, and left to-day down the river on the Conestoga.

The 42d regiment, or the 1st regiment of Douglas' brigade, has arrived from Smithton, Mo., and are quartered in Fort Holt. The regiment numbers about six hundred men.

The Conestoga, a day or two ago, picked up some torpedoes floating. They were about three feet long, with a rod ending in a trident attached to the side. Striking the trident would force it upon a cap, causing an explosion.

On Saturday night, 1,100 cavalry left Paducah to attempt the capture of the notorious Clay King and his band of ruffians, who are committing depredations upon Union men in that vicinity.

There were 10,000 troops at Paducah this morning.

The loss of the 41st Illinois, at the battle of Donelson, is in killed 100; wounded and missing 200.

WE HEAR a report from Washington, which, being illustrative of the character of Secretary Stanton, is worthy of a place in the pages of current history. The Secretary dislikes very much the close proximity of the rebel army to the National capital. The thing is a stench to him, and it is a disgrace to the country. In this spirit he was urging General McClellan one day to overcome this "military necessity." He suggested that the General might get behind the rebels, and cut off their railroad communication. The conversation from this point progressed as follows:

McClellan—"It is impossible to move the artillery, owing to the condition of the roads."

Stanton—"Then go without artillery."

McClellan—"We could not move our transportation wagons."

Stanton—"Well, leave them behind, too. Let the men carry their tents on their backs, and provisions in their haversacks; or do without tents, as Gen. Grant did when he marched ten miles over bad roads, fought three days, and won a glorious victory. He had no transportation. As for the artillery, you could get behind the enemy, keeping off ten or fifteen miles; and if you cannot move your field pieces, *neither can the rebels*; and if the latter come out to fight you, they will have no advantage. It would be infantry against infantry, on a fair field."

The effect of this inspiring appeal we have not learned.—*Cincinnati Gazette.*

From Washington.

[Special Dispatch to the Evening Post.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—All the departments are closed to-day, in respect to the family of the President. The funeral of Willie Lincoln took place at two o'clock this afternoon, and was largely attended. The remains were interred in Georgetown Cemetery.

The President's youngest son continues quite ill.

The wife of General Fremont is also quite ill.

A tremendous gale has prevailed here during the day. Much damage has occurred, and the roof of the Congressional Library was blown off.

It is considered doubtful whether the nomination of Gen. Scott as special envoy to Mexico will be confirmed by the Senate.

Mr. Odell has just received a dispatch from Gen. Dix announcing the arrival of Colonel Wood, of the Brooklyn Fourteenth, at Baltimore. The Colonel will be here to-night.

From Hayti---Clemency of President Geffrard.

By an arrival from Port au Prince at New York on Monday, we have received Hayti papers to the 8th inst.

The court martial appointed to try the Gonaives conspirators, had condemned to death twelve out of the twenty-eight arrested conspirators, while three were sentenced to three years' imprisonment, and eight were acquitted. But President Geffrard, by a special proclamation, has commuted the sentence to imprisonment, because, he says, the Haytian government, secure in the sympathy and devotion of the people, can afford to exhibit clemency. The proclamation is worded in a simple and dignified style.

According to this commutation of sentence, those condemned to death will be imprisoned for five years, and General Legus, the chief of the conspiracy, to ten years.

The election for Senators had taken place in Hayti.

There were 1,495 births and 756 deaths in Port-au-Prince during 1861.

Western Virginia Joined to Her Idols.

[Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

CAMP PIATT, KANAWHA RIVER, VA., February 18, 1862.

This camp is in the region where Governor Wise proved that he was a very poor general. I have seen several of the battle fields along the Kanawha, and heard many amusing details, but will not cumber your columns with them. The 44th Regiment of Ohio Volunteers has a fine encampment here, and the intelligent and careful Comandant (Col. Gilbert, of Zanesville, Ohio,) has provided excellent quarters for his men, made out of boards shipped from Ohio. Capt. West, of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, is also stationed in this vicinity with his Cavalry company. The Captain has a fine body of men, and it is said, that they have performed as much scouting service, if not more, than any other company in the service. The Captain is almost all the time scouring the mountains and valleys in quest of secesh game, and while I was at the camp he came in with a secesh Colonel, whom he had trapped in Boon county. The rebel Colonel had come home to see his family, and the Captain had information of the fact, and after a hard night's ride, he "bagged the game." I felt a good deal of interest in the Captain, probably more, because he hailed from the old Keystone, and is reported to be a very brave man, and takes the greatest interest in the welfare of his men, and has rendered the country good service in the eight or nine months that he has been in the army.

The people are, with some few exceptions, rebels at heart, or at least sympathize with the rebels. This is particularly true of the more wealthy; most of the sons of the wealthy are in the rebel armies. The poor whites are the most ignorant class of people that I have ever seen; indeed, I was surprised to see such a class of people inhabiting such a country. No wonder the Wheeling Convention is afraid to insert a gradual emancipation clause in the Constitution now being formed there. Ignorance and prejudice will prevent the people of Western Virginia from emancipating themselves from the iron rule of Eastern Virginia, which could now be done by adopting a free State Constitution. But the men having control of affairs cannot rise to the importance of so great an enterprise, and flatter themselves that Congress will admit the new State with a slaveholding constitution. How supremely stupid! What a remedy that would be for the evils which are upon us! Why not divide Georgia, North Carolina, Alabama, and Missouri? Western Virginia is rich in minerals, and has fine streams, and great facilities for becoming a great manufacturing State, and she has now a fine opportunity of cutting loose from slavery, and entering upon a career of prosperity, which she can never enjoy as long as she is connected with Eastern Virginia, or continues to be palsied by slavery. Let them invite free labor, and the enterprise of free men to enter and develop their rich resources. But it will not be done—her leading men are blinded by old customs and prejudices. Many of them believe that true prosperity and happiness consists in owning some few negroes, and they would rather the statistics of their counties would show two or three hundred negroes, than that they possessed a score of factories, and were mining millions of tons of coal, and were making thousands of tons of iron. "Ephraim is joined to his idols; let him alone."

Kanawha river is a much larger and deeper river than I expected to find, and the bottom land along the stream is wide and of surpassing richness, but the war has desolated many fine farms.

There is said to be but few real Union men in Charleston, and the rebels look and act as if they were almost in despair. The brilliant victories recently obtained by the Union forces in Kentucky and Tennessee, is driving the cold iron into their souls, and they show by every action that it is the gall and wormwood.

I presume that in Pennsylvania you are wild with rejoicing, and I trust that the news we have to-day is true, and that Fort Donelson is in the hands of the Union army. Long live the Union! Senator Douglas once said, that this Government had manifested its power in sustaining itself against the greatest power of Europe, and had triumphantly conducted a foreign war with Mexico, but it had never showed that it had sufficient power to hang a traitor. It will fail of its duty, if it does not manifest its power in this respect, within a very short time. The treason of the past, the perils of the present, the best interest of humanity and good government, demand that its power shall be thoroughly vindicated by hanging Jeff. Davis, Tombs, Cobb, Yancy, and four or five other arch traitors. These pestilent scoundrels must be hung. No compromise with them. KANAWHA.

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