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Select Poetry.

THE LONG AGO.

On the deep railing eery,
Frequent pearls of beauty lie,
Where the passion-waves of yore
Fiercely beat and mounted high.
Sorrows that are sorrows still,
Lose the bitter taste of woe;
Nothing altogether ill,
In the griefs of long ago.

K. G. C.

THE ORGANIZATION UNMASKED.

From the Hollidaysburg Register of July 13.

What the Democrats are doing.

It has been known for some time that the Democrats have a secret organization in this State, established for the purpose of breaking down the Government, and handing over into the clutches of our neck "Southern Brethren."

Mr. William Riddles of the Philadelphia, Centre Co., seems to be the Grand Mogul of the concern in this part of the State. His business seems to be that of establishing the subordinate societies, and keeping them in working order. A well known Democrat of a neighboring county, thinking from some hints thrown out, that there was an organization of Democrats for the purpose of sustaining the Government in the prosecution of the war, and finding out that William Riddles was the man to whom he should apply for information, &c., wrote to William concerning the matter. William in reply sent him the following letter, and enclosed a copy of the Constitution, &c. The Democrat referred to discovering from William's letter, the Interrogatories and Constitution, that the whole thing was in fact, a treasonable organization, designed to thwart the Government, and aid the rebels, has handed the documents to us for publication, and we, therefore, give them in full. It will be noticed that, first, William is "happy" to receive the correspondence of Democrats, and that Democrats want "mutual protection." William also states that the Democratic Brethren can, like Free Masons know each other at sight, which, by the way, we do not consider of much account. Many persons not in the secret can now tell a Democrat at sight. Of course they may be sometimes mistaken, but the signs are generally unmistakable. Whenever you see a man who has just heard of the defeat of Grant, or Sherman, who is never aware that a Union victory has been achieved, who damns the currency, and hurals for George B. Fremont and John C. McClellan that man claims to be a Democrat, and may be so set down. William thinks some things must stop, or revolution will take place. All we have to say to this is, "Go in William." We are pained to ascertain from William that the Democrats might have carried the State last fall, if fifteen thousand of them had not stayed away from the election, which is equivalent to saying that Woodward would have been elected if he had had votes enough! How William! William takes care to suggest that when a brother comes a distance to set the machine in motion, his expenses should be paid, which is nothing more than right. William has no notion of putting the thing through at his own expense. We agree with William that the "time has come." The time certainly has come, as it should have come long ago, when those traitors who claim to be Democrats must either own down like dogs before a loyal people, or go over openly to the side of the traitors who are in arms against the Government, and thereby acknowledge themselves Copperheads and traitors. But read William's fraternal letter and the Constitution and Interrogatories:

PHILADELPHIA, PA. June 16 '64.

DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 25th of May is at hand, in reply I would say that I am happy at all times to receive the correspondence of a Democrat. Now with regard to this organization I am at liberty to say that the intention is mutual protection union and to ascertain our strength. I mail to you at the same time with this a copy of the constitution by which you can judge of the creed of this organization the Democratic Brethren can like freemasons know each other at sight they can know the house shop hotel or place of business of a brother before seeing the proprietor in addition to that we will be enabled to know our number and likewise the opposition a brother by means of the signs of the organization can know the house hotel or business place of any prominent abolitionist disunionist we mean no violation of law or order nor no malice or revenge, but this tearing down democratic presses and mobbing Democratic houses and stop or revolution will take place you will see by the constitution that the intention is to have a sub-division in each election district then by delegates from the sub-division each county will form a division and then by delegates from the Division a State meeting will be formed called a castle we the duties of the Secretary of the Sub-Division will be to procure a copy of the assignment list and therefrom make a list placing on one side all those who will be starting to vote the Democratic ticket on the other side all those who will vote the abolition disunionist money ticket, thus when the brethren meet in council they will know to a certainty what their strength will be, a committee will be appointed in each sub-division to see that each and every man who votes right comes to the election, now with regard to the necessity of this measure, we have ascertained by means of our organization where it is under way that in other parts of the State being equal at the last election fifteen thousand Democrats neglected to go to the election, by means of whom the election might be carried in favor of the Democratic party. There is no initiation fee, but after organization some voluntary subscriptions will be needed for

printing and to distribute Democratic documents, it is however customary when a brother comes a distance to organize a new sub-division to defray his necessary expenses I hope that the Democrats will organize as speedily as possible it is really provoking to think how disunionist work, when the federal party became weak they work up the antinasonic excitement until they carry the State when the hollowness of antinasonry became apparent they work the whole thing over get up a "whig" party when that is about to die they by means of secret meetings revive dead whigery into live know-nothingism and now by loyal or Union leagues they compel their members to follow the teachings of those solons H. W. Beecher, Fred Douglas Wendell Phillips &c &c who Democrats whose party is founded on immutable principles of truth, will sit and whim and mourn over a dissolved union murdered sons and brothers or unconstitutional and oppressive debt fraudulent elections and all the hundred violations of constitutional laws the time has come when democrats must either own down like dogs and acknowledge themselves "copperheads and traitors" or arouse up and assert their rights, and more than that see that they get them. Yours fraternally
WILLIAM RIDDLES.

Interrogatories.

TO BE PROPOUNDED TO EACH CANDIDATE FOR ADMISSION TO THIS SUB-DIVISION.

1st. Do you believe the Bible to be the words of inspiration?

2d. Do you believe that Liberty is the soul of the Nation, and are you willing to make every honorable sacrifice, even your life, if necessary, for the sake of perpetuating, unimpaired, the free institutions for which our fathers staked their all of blood and treasure in the Revolution?

3d. Do you believe that the teachings of the brightest intellects which have existed since the dawn of civilization, who have labored to throw guarantees around the rights of the people and prescribe limits to their rulers should be received in preference to those who refuse to be guided by the lamp of experience?

4th. Do you believe that the government which burdens labor the least with taxes, is the best?

5th. Do you believe that all laws should be made with the intention of conveying the greatest good to the greatest number?

6th. Do you believe that all wars, unless waged purely in self-defence, are contrary to Christian principles?

7th. Do you believe that the very existence of our free institutions depends upon the success of Democratic principles, and upon the union of the Democratic party, and that, as lovers of freedom, it is essential for us to unite in one common "Castle," in order that by our uniform counsel and action we may always place the Democratic party in the right?

8th. Do you believe that those who now control our Government have proved themselves unworthy of the trust confided in them, and that at the ballot-box the seal of condemnation should be placed upon them?

9th. Do you believe that the "Democratic Castle" has justice for its foundation?

10th. Do you believe that by a violation of your pledge of honor you will forfeit all claim to the respect and confidence of your fellow men? And do you believe that the pledge you now give will be intelligibly written on the record that will appear at the final Judgment, by the impartial Judge?

11th. Do you now, before the Searcher of all hearts, pledge yourself—your sacred honor—word—and truth—that you will not, in any manner, reveal the signs, grips or passwords of the "Democratic Castle," to any person not authorized to receive them?

Do you also pledge yourself that you will hereafter vote for a Democrat at all times, or else not vote at all?

Do you also pledge yourself to use all honorable means in your power to extend the "Democratic Castle" over all the State in which you reside?

Do you also pledge yourself that you will be governed by the Creed, Constitution and By-Laws of the "Democratic Castle," unless you honorably withdraw therefrom?

And should the enemies of the "Castle" demand its secrets from you, do you promise to yield your life before you divulge the same?

Constitution of the "Castle."

WHEREAS, We sincerely and truly believe that the Supreme Creator and Governor of the Universe, holds each of us, individually, responsible for our actions, therefore, we hold that all persons should worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. We believe the Bible to be the words of Divine inspiration and the fountain of Wisdom; and without obedience to its teachings no people or nation can be happy or prosperous.

And Whereas, the Founder of our Religion proclaimed that His Kingdom was not of this world, and enjoined on us to render unto God the things that are God's and unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; We, therefore, hold that Church and State should always remain separate. We, therefore, will make all honorable efforts to have the Gospel preached in the Pulpit and Politics proclaimed from the Stump. And believe the Constitution of the United States to be the best form of government ever devised by human intellect, we hold it sacred, second only to the Bible.

And Whereas, Ours is a mission of love, peace and good will toward all men, we desire equal and exact justice to all men of whatever state or persuasion, religious or political. We will, therefore, support the State Governments in all their rights, as the most competent administration for our domestic concerns and the surest bulwark against anti-republican tendencies. We also pledge ourselves, earnestly and truly, to aid, to the extent of our ability, in preserving

the General Government in all its constitutional vigor, and do all in our power to hand it down, unimpaired, to posterity.

THE FOUR CORNER STONES on which we build the "Democratic Castle" are as follows, viz:

1st. A jealous care of a fair election by the people, and an absolute abstinence in the decision of the majority.

2d. The supremacy of the civil over the military power.

3d. Freedom of Religion, Freedom of the Press and Speech, and Freedom of Person under the protection of the Habeas Corpus.

4th. Trial by jury, impartially selected.

Constitution of the Sub-Divisions.

Article 1st. This shall be Sub-division of Division of the "Democratic Castle."

Article 2d.—Sec. 1st.—The officers of this sub-division shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and Executive Committee, consisting of three persons, all of whom shall be elected for the term of one year, at the first meeting of the sub-division in the month of May in each year.

Sec. 2d. The President shall preside at all meetings of the sub-division—shall give the casting vote whenever there is a tie. When taking his seat at each meeting, he shall make such suggestions as he may deem advisable to promote the interest of the sub-division, but shall not enter into any discussion while presiding. He shall call special meetings of the sub-division, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed in the By-Laws. In the absence of the President, the members present shall appoint one of their number Chairman pro tem, who shall perform, during that meeting, all the duties of the President.

Sec. 3d. The Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor shall perform such duties as may be prescribed in the By-Laws.

Sec. 4th. The Executive Committee shall initiate all members presented and accepted by the sub-division. The officers shall be tried before them for impeachment, and they shall impartially hear all charges against members laid before them, but shall suspend their opinion in all cases until adjudged in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws. They shall select referees to try charges against members and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed in the By-Laws.

Article 3d.—All members shall be deemed innocent until proven guilty, nor shall any member be expelled unless by the judgment of referees impartially chosen by the Executive Committee.

Article 4th.—No noble or regal title shall ever be introduced into this sub-division.

Article 5th.—No member shall be allowed to discuss any subject of a religious sectarian nature in this sub-division, nor shall any member be allowed to speak more than twice, or more than five minutes each time on the same subject, without leave first obtained of the sub-division.

Article 6th.—No more than a majority of members shall be required to admit persons as members of this sub-division.

Article 7th.—No person shall be admitted as a member of this sub-division unless first subscribing to the creed and constitution of this sub-division, and answering in the affirmative the interrogatories propounded to candidates for admission.

Article 8th.—The finances of this sub-division and the manner of holding the election thereof, shall be governed by the By-Laws.

Article 9th.—No amendment to this Constitution, nor By-Law, nor Regulation, shall ever be made in this sub-division which shall conflict with the Constitution of the United States or any law thereof; or with the Constitution of the State of Pennsylvania or any law thereof.

Article 10th.—In order to preserve uniformity, no alteration or amendment shall be made to this Constitution, unless passed by the votes of two thirds of the members present at a subsequent meeting from the one at which they shall have been presented, and ratified by the votes of two thirds of the delegates at the Division of which this sub-division is a part, and when so ratified, shall be an amendment for all and each of sub-divisions of the Division of which this sub-division is a part.

In looking over a speech of Voorhees of Indiana, one of Jeff Davis's northern niggers, we see he asserts that the administration has never by word, sign, or look offered a peaceful solution of this conflict. Now he must be an ignorant man indeed who does not know that President Lincoln repeatedly called on the rebels to lay down their arms and return to the Union with all their rights unimpaired; but it is by such wily lies northern Tories hope to deceive the people and thus elect some one as President who will make peace by yielding to the rebels all they claim, even if it be Washington City and Maryland.

Gen. Rosseau has levied within two or three weeks past and collected over \$40,000 from rebel citizens for the murder of four soldiers within his department, and he has announced that for every soldier murdered the rebel citizens in the vicinity, must hereafter pay \$10,000 to the widow or relative of the murdered man.

A fellow up town threatened to blow his brains out. He can't do it. It's a thing that fools are incapable of. Where there's nothing to blow, what's the use of blowing?

Our exchanges speaks of a man who was killed by a cork, which struck him in the eye as he drew it. It is no uncommon thing for men to get killed by drawing corks.

A man boasting of the smartness of his children, said theyoungest was so smart it would take its hand off a hot stove without being told.

SCHEDULE OF STAMP DUTIES,

After August 1st, 1864.

Below will be found a Schedule of the Stamp Duties, under the amended law of Congress. Having been compiled by the Treasury Department it is no doubt correct, and of much importance to the business community at large.

Acknowledgment of deeds, exempt

Affidavits, 5 cts

in suits or legal proceedings, exempt

Agreement or appraisal, for each sheet, or piece of paper on which the same is written, 5 cts

Assignment or transfer of mortgage, lease, or policy of insurance, the same duty as the original instrument

Assignment of patent right, 5 cts

Bank checks, drafts or orders, &c., at sight or on demand, 2 cts

Bills of exchange (Foreign) drawn in, but payable out of, the United States, each bill of set of three or more, must be stamped.

For every bill of set, where the sum made payable does not exceed one hundred dollars, or the equivalent thereof in any foreign currency in which such bills may be expressed, according to the standard of value fixed by the U. States, 2 cts

For every additional hundred dollars, or fractional part thereof in excess of one hundred dollars, 2 cts

(Foreign) drawn in, but payable out of the U. States, (if drawn singly or in duplicate) pay the same duty as Inland Bills of Exchange.

[The acceptor or acceptors of any Bill of Exchange, or order for the payment of any sum of money drawn, or purporting to be drawn, in any foreign country, but payable in the United States, must, before paying or accepting the same, place thereupon a stamp indicating the duty.]

Bills of exchange, (Inland) draft or order, payable otherwise than at sight or on demand, and promissory notes, whether payable on demand or at a time designated, (except bank notes issued for circulation, and checks made and intended to be, and which shall be forthwith presented for payment,) for a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, 5 cts

For every additional one hundred dollars or fractional part thereof 5 cts

[The warrant of attorney to confess judgment on a note or bond is exempt from stamp duty, if the note or bond is properly stamped.]

Bills of Lading, of vessels for ports of the United States or British North America, exempt

Bills of Lading, or receipt for goods, to any foreign port, 10 cts

Bill of sale of any vessel or part thereof, when the consideration does not exceed five hundred dollars, 50 cts

Bill of sale exceeding \$500, and not exceeding \$1,000, 50 cts

Bill of sale exceeding \$1,000, for each \$500, or fractional part thereof 50 cts

Bill of sale of personal property (other than ship or vessel) 5 cts

Bond, personal, for the payment of money, [See mortgage.] 5 cts

Bond, official, 10 cts

Bond for indemnifying any person for the payment of any sum of money, where the money ultimately recoverable thereupon is \$1,000 or less, 50 cts

Bond, where the money recoverable exceeds \$1,000, for every additional \$1,000, or fractional part thereof 50 cts

Bonds—county, city, and town bonds, railroad and other corporation bonds, and scrip, are subject to stamp duty. [See mortgage.]

Bonds of any description, other than such as are required in legal proceedings, and such as are not otherwise charged in this schedule 25 cts

Certificates of deposit in bank—sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, 2 cts

Certificates of deposit in bank, sum exceeding one hundred dollars, 5 cts

Certificates of stock in an incorporated company, 25 cts

Certificates—general, 5 cts

Certificates of record upon the instrument recorded, exempt

Certificates of record upon the book exempt

Certificates of weight and measurement of animals, coal, wood, or other articles, except weighers' and measurers' returns, exempt

Certificate of a qualification of a Justice of the Peace, Commissioner of Deeds, or Notary Public, 5 cts

Certificates of search of records, 5 cts

Certificate that certain papers are on file, 5 cts

Certificate that certain papers cannot be found, 5 cts

Certificate of redemption of land sold for taxes, 5 cts

Certificate of birth, marriage or death, 5 cts

Certificates of qualification of school teachers, 5 cts

Certificates of profits in an incorporated company for a sum not less than \$10 and not exceeding \$50, 10 cts

Certificate exceeding \$50 and not exceeding \$1,000, 25 cts

Certificates exceeding \$1,000, for every additional \$1,000, or fractional part thereof 25 cts

Certificates of damage, or otherwise, and all other certificates or documents issued by any port warden, marine surveyor, or any other person acting as such, 25 cts

Certified transcripts of judgments, satisfaction of judgments, and of all papers recorded or on file, 5 cts

[N. B.—As a general rule, every certificate which has, or may have, a

legal value in any court of law or equity, will require a stamp duty of 5 cts]

Charter party, or letter, memorandum or other writing between the captain, owner, or agent of any ship, vessel, or steamer, and any other person, relating to the charter of the same, if the registered tonnage of said ship, vessel, or steamer does not exceed 150 tons, \$1 00

Charter party, exceeding one hundred and fifty tons, and not exceeding three hundred tons, \$3 00

Charter party, exceeding three hundred tons, and not exceeding 600 tons, \$5 00

Charter party, exceeding 600 tons, \$10 00

Check, draft, or order for the payment of any sum of money exceeding \$10, drawn upon any person other than a bank, banker, or trust company, at sight or on demand, 2 cts

Contract, [See agreement.] 10 cts

Conveyance, deed, instrument, or writing, whereby lands, tenements, or other realty sold, shall be conveyed, the actual value of which does not exceed \$500, 50 cts

Conveyance exceeding \$500, and not exceeding \$1,000, \$1 00

Conveyance, for every additional \$500 or fractional part thereof in excess of \$1,000, 50 cts

Endorsement of any negotiable instrument, exempt

Entry of any goods, wares, or merchandise at any custom house, either for consumption or warehousing, not exceeding \$100 in value, 25 cts

Entry exceeding one hundred dollars and not exceeding 500 dollars, 50 cts

Entry exceeding 500 dollars, \$1 00

Entry for the withdrawal of any goods or merchandise from bonded warehouse, 50 cts

Gaugers' returns, if for quantity not exceeding 500 gallons, gross, 10 cts

Gaugers, exceeding 500 gallons, 25 cts

Insurance, (Marine, Inland, and Fire) where the consideration paid for the insurance, in cash, premium notes, or both, does not exceed \$10, 10 cts

Insurance (Marine, Inland, and Fire) exceeding \$10 and not over \$50, 25 cts

Insurance (Marine, Inland, and Fire) exceeding \$50, 50 cts

Insurance (Life) when the amount insured does not exceed \$1,000, 25 cts

Insurance, (Life,) exceeding \$1,000 and not exceeding \$5,000, 50 cts

Insurance (Life) exceeding \$5,000 \$1 00

Insurance (Life) limited to injury to persons while traveling, exempt

Lease of lands or tenements, where rent does not exceed \$300 a year, 50 cts

Lease exceeding \$300, for each additional \$200, or fractional part thereof in excess of \$300, 50 cts

Lease perpetual, subject to stamp duty as a conveyance, the stamp duty to be measured by resolving the annual rental into a capital sum.

Lease clause of guaranty of payment of rent, incorporated or endorsed, five cents additional.

Manifest for custom-house entry or clearance of the cargo of any ship, vessel, or steamer for a foreign port, if the registered tonnage of such ship, vessel or steamer does not exceed 300 tons, \$1 00

Manifest exceeding 300 tons, and not exceeding 500 tons, \$3 00

Manifest exceeding 500 tons, \$5 00

Measurers' Returns, if for quantity not exceeding one thousand bushels, 25 cts

Measurers' Returns, exceeding one thousand bushels, 50 cts

Mortgage, trust deed, bill of sale, or personal bond for the payment of money exceeding \$100 and not exceeding \$500, 50 cts

Pawners' Checks, 5 cts

Pension papers—Powers of attorney, and other papers relating to applications for bounties, arrangements of pay or pensions, or to receipt thereof, exempt

Passage Ticket from the United States to a foreign port, costing not more than \$25, 50 cts

Passage Ticket from the United States to a foreign port, costing more than \$25, and not exceeding \$50, \$1 00

Passage Ticket—for every additional \$50 or fractional part thereof in excess of \$50, \$1 00

Power of Attorney to sell or transfer stock, or collect dividends thereon, 25 cts

Power of Attorney to vote at election of incorporated company, 10 cts

Power of Attorney to receive or collect rents, 25 cts

Power of Attorney to sell, or convey, or rent or lease real estate, \$1 00

Power of Attorney for any other purpose, 50 cts

Probate of Will, or letters of administration, whereof both real and personal estate does not exceed \$2,000, \$1 00

Probate of Will, for every additional \$1,000, or fractional part thereof in excess of \$2,000, 50 cts

Probate of Will, bonds of executors, administrators, guardians, and trustees, are each subject to a stamp duty of \$1 00

Probate of Will—certificate of app't, 5 cts

Protest upon bill, note, check, or draft, 25 cts

Promissory Note—(See bills of Exchange, Inland), exempt

Promissory Note—deposit note to mutual insurance companies, when policy is subject to duty, exempt

Promissory Note—renewal of subject to same duty as an original note.

Quit Claim deed, to be stamped as a conveyance, except when given as release of a mortgage by the mortgagee to the mortgagor, in which case it is exempt

Receipt for the payment of any sum of money or debt due exceeding \$20, or for the delivery of any property, 2 cts

Receipt for satisfaction of any mortgage or judgment or decree of any court, exempt

Sheriff's return on writ, or other process, exempt

Trust Deed, made to secure a debt, to be stamped as a mortgage.

Trust Deed, conveying estate to uses, to be stamped as a conveyance.

Warehouse Receipt for any goods, wares, or merchandise, not otherwise provided for, deposited or stored in any public or private warehouse, not exceeding \$500 in value, 10 cts

Warehouse Receipts exceeding \$500 and not exceeding \$1,000, 20 cts

Warehouse Receipts exceeding \$1,000 for additional \$1,000, or fractional part thereof in excess of \$1,000, 10 cts

Warehouse Receipts for any goods, &c., not otherwise provided for, stored or deposited in any public or private warehouse or yard, 25 cts

Writs and Legal Documents:

Writ or other original process by which any suit is commenced in any court of record, either by law or equity, 50 cts

Writ or other original process issued by a court not of record, where the amount claimed is \$100 or over, 50 cts

Upon every confession of judgment or cognovit for \$100, or over, except in cases where the tax for a writ has been paid, 50 cts

Writs, or other process on appeals from justice courts, or other courts of inferior jurisdictions, to a court of record, 50 cts

Warrant of distress, when the amount of rent claimed does not exceed \$100, 25 cts

Warrant of distress, when the amount exceeds \$100, 50 cts

Writs, summons, and other processes issued by a justice of the peace, police or municipal court, of no greater jurisdiction than a justice of the peace in the same State, exempt