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Oh, the man at the counter thought he had sold
A diamond ring for the figure it bore.
A thousand dollars, and nothing more.
I knew the notes, foul with the stamp
Of the sutler's toils in tent and camp;
I knew the notes foul with the stain
Of the sutler's toils on field and plain—
The Treasury notes, with the curse of the slain,
That the lack and need of a soldier's life
Paid for the ring of the sutler's wife.

Oh, the man at the counter held the gem,
Would grace the costliest diadem
That ever diasped its pearls of light
On some fair brow, as proudly bright—
A royal diamond, pure and white;
I saw the ring on the woman's hand,
The costly ring, the jewelled band,
That flashed the shame of my native land,
And it seemed as a breath, like a poisonous air,
Passed over the gem once bright and fair,
And left a flaw forever there—
A fatal flaw, ingrant and rife
With pelf and profit, sin and strife,
In the diamond ring of the sutler's wife.

ARBITRARY ARRESTS.

SPEECH OF DR. EDSON B. OLDS.

In the Ohio House of Representatives, Friday, January 23, after quoting the plain terms of the Constitution, Daniel Webster, and Attorney General Wolcott, the decisions of Judge Carmichael and Chief Justice Dixon, and numerous other authorities, in proof of the unwarrantable nature of the arbitrary arrests in Ohio and elsewhere, Dr. Olds said:

I repeat, sir, what I have said before, that in opposition to all this array of authorities, gentlemen have not been able to point us to one single judicial decision, either British or American, sustaining the constitutional right of the President to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus*.

True, sir, in opposition to all these legal decisions, we have the opinion of the very astute and learned gentleman from Montgomery. The learned gentleman, after calling our attention to the extraordinary oath taken by the President before entering upon the discharge of his official duties—an oath, he says, which binds him to "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States," claims that in that peculiar oath the President finds his constitutional power to suspend the *habeas corpus*.

Sir, I wish the gentleman to understand that these arguments are for the country as well as this House. The people of Ohio are terribly excited upon these despotic assumptions of power by the President. They demand to know by what authority they are to be subjected to arbitrary arrests—to transportation and imprisonment. Permit me to apply this wonderful discovery to the plain reading of the Constitution—but first I admit that the President takes a most extraordinary oath—one taken only once in 4 years in this country. This oath is imposed upon him in the presence of thousands upon thousands of his countrymen; before high heaven, and with his hands upon the Holy Bible; he swears "to faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and to the best of his ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States."

This is something more than simply an oath to support the Constitution. It goes far beyond that—it is an oath to defend the Constitution—to protect the Constitution—to preserve the Constitution. It is to defend it against all false constructions—to preserve it against any ruthless hand that should be lifted to strike down any of its sacred provisions, even though that ruthless hand should be the hand of the President himself. The President swears to defend the Constitution. The Constitution maintains the freedom of speech; and yet according to the gentleman's argument, under that oath the President may strike down the freedom of speech. The Constitution maintains the freedom of the press—the President swears to preserve the Constitution, yet, under this oath, according to this wonderful discovery, the President may strike down the freedom of the press. The Constitution says, "the right of trial by an impartial jury shall be held inviolate." The President swears to protect the Constitution, and yet, according to the gentleman's argument, under the most solemn and imposing oath, he may, by his own arbitrary will, set aside the right of trial by jury. Why, sir, under such a damnable heresy as this, the President, one by one, may strike down all those sacred barriers thrown around the citizen in the Constitution to protect him in his inalienable rights, and he may deliver him over, bound hand and foot, to the worst despotism and tyranny ever known in the history of the world. Sir, if such is the Constitution, then, indeed, has it become a rope of sand, and our boasted liberty a hissing and a byword. Will gentlemen pause in their mad and reckless career and contemplate the awful despotism which they are establishing, and which when dying, they will leave as a lasting inheritance to their children? No sovereign upon the British throne, for more than two hundred years, has attempted to exercise such despotic power as has been used by the President of the United States and the Governor of Ohio, in the arrest and imprisonment of the eleven citizens referred to by the Governor in his message. Nay, more, sir, no crowned head of Europe dare exercise such power to-day. It would cost the Autocrat of all the Russias the loss of his empire.

And yet strange as it may seem, a great party in this country are ready to shout hosannas to Abraham Lincoln and David Tod, for thus striking down the priceless liberties of American citizens; and the leaders of that party upon this floor are using every subterfuge in order to stifle investigation, and screen the despots from that fearful doom which sooner or later must overtake them. Why, sir, could some person well acquainted with the past history of the world, some person uncontaminated with the trammels of party, and unbiased by the fanaticism of this age, have been dropped down upon this floor, and have heard the speeches which have been made in defence of the President of the United States, and the Governor of Ohio, he would have imagined himself listening to the arguments of the apologists of the "Star Chamber," under the reign of the Tudors and Stuarts, in England, or of the Bastile under Louis XVI, in France. Indeed it has been openly said that under the despotic reign of Elizabeth, England flourished the most, and that while the Bastile stood in France they had quietness and peace in that country. Driven as gentlemen are, by all the decisions of the Courts—by the opinions of the most eminent legal commentators, to abandon all pretence of authority under the Constitution for the President to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus*, or to declare martial law in States where no war exists, or to declare martial law in States where no war exists, or to make arbitrary arrests without due process of law, they return to the tyrant's plea—the plea of necessity—"military necessity." Here they find their last resting place. The friends of the administration are driven at last to claim for the President the exercise of a power which, in the language of Wolcott, "strikes one almost dumb with its audacity." Will the gentlemen tell us what they mean by the war power? For I take it, the terms "war power" and "military necessity" are one and the same.— Will they give it metes and bounds? Will they tell us where it begins and where it ends? If, because the President thinks it is a military necessity, he can take our liberty in defiance of all laws, and in defiance of all constitutional safeguards, can he not, on the same plea, take also your life without trial, judge or jury? If the President thinks it a military necessity, can he not, on the same plea, take every dollars worth of property in the whole country? Under this deed he could annul your title deeds to your houses and lands—under this plea he can enter all your bank vaults and take your gold and silver—in short, under this plea, he can do just what he pleases, and no man will have the right to say "why do ye so?"

Mr. Speaker, could there be a military necessity that at a time when no armed foe stood upon the soil of Pennsylvania, the President should send his minions into that State and steal Dennis Hickey, a poor, laboring Irishman, out of his potato patch, and carry him, in his torn, dirty clothes and crownless old straw hat, that had grown black with the sun of many summers, to Fort Lafayette, and keep him for weeks away from his suffering family?

Was it a military necessity because the children of a man in Michigan had raised upon a pole a rag through which they had been straining blackberries, and because some malicious neighbor had said the rag was a secesh flag, that the man should be seized by the minions of the President and carried to Fort Lafayette and kept for six months a prisoner?

Was it a military necessity that Kennedy and Baker should arrest the young, beautiful and accomplished Mrs. Brinsmade, and keep her for more than a month in solitary confinement, and deprive her of all communication with her friends and relatives; with none to attend to her wants and necessities, except the male pimps and spies of her captors? Was it a military necessity, that when Baker, the libertine, with all his appliances of despotism, had failed in her seduction, he and Kennedy, in order to screen themselves from the deep damnation their conduct demanded, should be permitted by innuendoes and insinuations to blacken her character?

Was it a military necessity that near the hour of midnight my house should be broken into by armed ruffians; and that with revolvers pressed into my ears, I should be dragged from a sick bed and hurried out of the State and placed in solitary confinement in a damp and loathsome cell in Fort Lafayette? Was it a military necessity that I should be taken into a room where around me lay in heaps handcuffs, chains, manacles, and there stripped, and searched, and robbed of my money, my watch, my spectacles, and even the medicine which I was using? Was it a military necessity that I should be deprived of such nourishment and drink as my sickness required? Was it a military necessity that a sentry should be placed at my cell door, and for twenty-two days and nights I should be annoyed in my weak and nervous condition by his continued tramp, tramp, tramp? Was it a military necessity that I should be denied the use of a Bible?

Was it a military necessity that John W. Kees, who had become partially insane by brooding over the troubles that had settled down upon our country, asked "if there was no patriot hand in New Orleans to assassinate Gen. Butler, the acknowledged Haynau of the war," should be arrested and carried out of the State and confined in the military bastile in Washington city? Was it a military necessity that his paper should be suppressed and his office ordered to be closed? Alas! Alas! I envy not the Governor and President the satisfaction it will afford them to learn that their persecutions of this man have forever put out the light of his mind, and made him the hopeless inmate of a lunatic asylum, leaving his wife in destitution and want, dependent upon the cold charity of the world for the remainder of his earthly existence.

Could there be a military necessity for keeping a poor, laboring man, a Mr. Barney, from Baltimore, in Fort Lafayette until he became incurably insane? and then, without notice to his friends, send him across the river and turn him loose, without a cent of money or mind enough to make his way home? Sir, when the history of Mr. Lincoln's bastiles shall be written, as written it will be—when all the secrets of his prison house shall be made known to an astonished world—gentlemen will hang their heads in very shame that they were ever the advocates of such despotism, and that in this House they attempted to justify it upon the plea of "military necessity."

THE RESULT OF ARMY CONTRACTS.—A ... sighted New York correspondent of the P... Courier, discoursing of the wonderful p... of army contracts now-a-days, tells the following anecdote:

A wealthy ship broker, who but a year ago was not worth a dollar, went into Ball & Black's store and asked to look at some shawls. Two kinds were shown him. The price of one was seven hundred, and the other five hundred dollars. "Well, I'll take a five hundred dollar one," said he. "Yes, sir," said the clerk, "that's a very pretty shawl; Mr. ——," mentioning another ship broker, "bought one of them for his wife the other day." "The devil he did," said the purchaser, "then I'll take a seven hundred dollar one!" And so the world rolls over, and the people have their turns of going under and of coming up.

— The chartering of transports for war is better than gold speculation. One ... but the other, according to Mr. ... port, yields about 420 per cent., while ... ... in Salisbury.

Swearing in a Contraband.

We meet with the following amusing description in one of our exchanges, of the manner in which a fugitive slave was introduced to freedom. His master appeared in Camp Benton to recover him, when he was ordered off by a corporal of the Iowa cavalry. So soon as he had gone the negro appeared from under a bundle of sacks in one corner of the corporal's quarters. The rest is thus told by the writer:

Innumerable questions were propounded to him, when the corporal advanced, observing:

"See here, Dixie, before you enter the service of the United States, you must be sworn."

"Yes, massa, I do dat," he replied, when the corporal continued:

"Well, then, take hold of the Bible," (holding out a letter envelope upon which was delineated the goddess of liberty standing upon a Suffolk pig, weaning the emblem of our country.) The negro grasped the envelope cautiously with his thumb and finger, when the corporal proceeded to administer the oath by saying, "you do solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States, and see that there are no grounds floating upon the coffee at all times?"

"Yes, massa, I do dat," he replied, "I allers settles him in the coffee pot."

Here he let go of the envelope to gesticulate by a downward thrust of his forefinger the direction that would be given the coffee grounds for the future.

"Never mind how you do it," shouted the corporal, "but hold on to the Bible."

"Lordy, Massy, I forgot," said the negro, as he darted forward and grasped the envelope with a firmer clutch, when the corporal continued:

"And do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the loyal States, and not spit upon the plates when cleaning them with your shirt sleeves."

Here a frown lowered upon the brow of the negro, his eyes expanded to their largest dimensions, while his lips protruded with a rounded form as he exclaimed:

"Lordy, massa, I never do dat. I allers wash them nice. Ole missus mighty 'ticlar 'bout dat."

"Never mind ole missus," shouted the corporal as he resumed, "and do you solemnly swear that you will put milk in the coffee every morning, and see that the ham and eggs are not cooked too much or too little?"

"Yes, I do dat; "I'se a good cook.""

"And lastly," continued the corporal, "you do solemnly swear that when this war is over, you'll make tracks for Africa almighty fast."

"Yes, massa, I do dat. I allers wanted to go to Cheerunge."

Here the regimental drum beat up for dress parade, when Tom Benton (that being his name) was declared duly sworn in and commissioned as chief cook in Company K, of the 1st Iowa cavalry.

POLITICAL ITEMS.

— It is the charcoal *party* Greeley is afraid will be destroyed, not the government.

— A Baltimore contractor is discovered to have made $947 a day for some months by chartering unseaworthy vessels for the Banks expedition. Government is after him—but he is some distance ahead, and his wind is good.

IS THIS TREASON?—The New York *Tribune* lately said "if three months more of earnest fighting shall not serve to make a serious impression on the rebels, let us bow to our destiny and make the best attainable peace."

— An inspired declaration applicable to our country as it has been and as it is now, viz.: "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;—but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn."—*Proverbs* 29, ii.

— The charcoals in the U. S. Senate, it is affirmed, have drawn up a threatening paper to be used on the President and against the Weed-Seward influence. How brave old Jackson would have served all such meddling officials!

NICE BUSINESS FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. — Vice-President Hamlin's visit northward, it is said, is for the sole purpose of obtaining officers for a negro brigade which is being raised in Louisiana, the officers of which are to be commissioned by the Governor of Maine.

— It is said that the new conscription act makes no distinction between negroes and whites. Wm. D. Kelly, in the House, last week, declared that this was the first bill that recognized the manhood of the negro. Kelly, of course, considers himself quite as good as a negro; but in other people's opinion, he hardly reaches that standard.

— A Washington letter says the President omits no opportunity to taunt those of his party who believe in the negroes, for not showing their faith by their works. "Where are the swarms," he often asks the faithful, "promised by Gov. Andrew when the Proclamation should be issued?" "Where are the thrice three hundred thousand also promised by Greeley?"

— The fifty-fourth regiment of Massachusetts, which is Governor Andrew's pet regiment of colored volunteers, is filling up very slowly. One full company has not yet been raised in Boston. In New Bedford forty men have enlisted, and in Pittsfield, under the drumming of a veritable contraband, fourteen recruits have been obtained. Great inducements are offered the colored men to enlist; but they "don't see it."

THE PROMOTION OF GEN. PHELPS.—Among the recent army promotions is the following: "Gen. John W. Phelps, of Vermont, to be Major General, to date from Dec. 4, 1861."

The Rochester *Union* calls attention to the fact that the promotion of this fanatic is to date from the very day upon which he issued the fanatical proclamation at Ship Island. At the time this pioneer "bull" was issued, it was repudiated by the President and even by Gen. Butler.

— The last news that we have from the national negro quarters in this city is that the poor creatures are dying with the small pox at the rate of fifteen a day. The other day the papers told us that "contrabands" were suffering and dying at Cairo by hundreds; and similar stories of ... have reached us from parts of Virginia. Of those who were suddenly ... by this Proclamation ... deprived ... of ... self-dependence for ... have begged their way back to the protection of their old masters; and the greatest number, who had not the sense to take this step, are leading miserable ... vagabond lives. In all ... we see exemplified the beauty of negro legislation.—*Washington Cor. Journal of Commerce.*

CLIPPINGS OF ALL SORTS.

— The cost of a Major General, including his staff, is computed at $24,000 a year, and that of a Brigadier at $16,000.

— A poor carpenter named Cyrus Holmes, living at Plattsburg, Ohio, has fallen heir to a property in Westchester County, New York, valued at $214,000.

☞ Says an interior paper: The lady who sent a mince pie, with a request to "please insert," is assured that such articles are never crowded out by a press of other matter.

☞ The Steuben *Courier* says that one man walked forty miles to claim exemption from draft on the ground of inability to endure long marches and the hardships of camp life.

☞ A Dublin paper observes that a handbill announcing a public meeting in that city, states, with boundless liberality, that "the ladies without distinction of sex, are invited to attend."

— The property of the late Nicholas Longworth, of Cincinnati, is valued at fifteen million of dollars, mostly landed estate. Mr. Longworth never held office, and would never consent to be a candidate for any political station.

☞ "Pompey, why is a journey round dis world like a cat's tail?" "Well, Cuff, I doesn't 'zactly see a semblance 'twixt the two cases." "Well, den, nigger, I spec I'll have to tell you. Becase it am fur to de end ob it."

☞ A school-boy, of about six years of age approaching the master with a bold look and self-confident air, the following dialogue ensued: "May I be dismissed, sir?" "What reason have you for making the request?" "I want to take my woman out sleighing, sir."

☞ The price of the Memphis (Grenada) *Appeal*, now published at Jackson, Miss., is thirty dollars a year in advance. Let those who are disposed to complain at the slight rise in the price in Northern papers, think of that, and consider how well off they are in comparison.

— The editor of the Cincinnati *Commercial* thinks our cut of a butternut, published in the *Enquirer* of Friday, resembles a louse. The idea very naturally occurred to our cotemporary, for it has been well said that "a man always thinks of that which runs in his head."—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

— One of the Texans who boarded the Harriet Lane, immediately, on jumping aboard, grasped a Federal officer by the collar, exclaiming, "Surrender, or I'll blow your brains out!" The other replied, "You had better look at me first!" Recognition was instantaneous; they were brothers.

☞ A Mr. Stokes, of Trenton, lately sued Judge Narr, of the *True American*, for damages, for having put his marriage among the deaths. Although the editor offered to make it all right by putting Stokes' death among the marriages, the indignant Benedict would not accept the amende honorable. Damages six cents.

☞ A POLITE MAN.—"My deceased uncle," says a humorous writer, "was the most polite gentleman in the world. He was making a voyage on the Danube, and the boat sunk. My uncle was just on the point of drowning. He got his head above the water for once, took off his hat, and said: 'Ladies and gentlemen, will you please excuse me?' and down he went."

☞ There is a very pretty story of the young woman in Brandon, Vt., the wife of a volunteer, who went to the district school, and, side by side with the little children, persevered until she learned to read and write, in order that her correspondence with her fondly loved husband might not pass under the eye of some stranger, in consequence of her ignorance.

— The Pennsylvania Legislature has granted a divorce to a Mr. Nallins, on the ground that he was intoxicated when he was married. It is also alleged that he has never lived with the woman claiming to be his wife. It is further stated that when the marriage ceremony was being performed, the petitioner stuck out his tongue, thus showing that he was incapable of appreciating the important step he was taking.

— Gen. McClellan pays particular attention to the soldiers of the Army of the Potomac whenever he meets them. When he passed through Springfield, Mass., recently, he was invited to dinner at the Massachusetts House, and it was arranged that he should sit beside the mayor of the city; but as he entered the dining room he espied one of his old soldiers and sat beside him during the meal, greatly to the disappointment of Mayor Alexander.

AN AMUSING DOG LAWSUIT.—Our young readers have probably all heard of the famous lawsuit about the cracked kettle, in which the defendant's lawyer claimed: 1. That his client never had the kettle. 2. That it was cracked when he borrowed it; and 3. That it was whole when he returned it. The Ladies' Repository gives a still stronger case: A fat old gentleman was bitten in the calf of his leg by a dog. He rushed to a Justice of the Peace, and sued a man whom he supposed to be the owner of the offending cur. The defendant, who was somewhat of a wag, offered the following defence: 1. By testimony in favor of the general good character of my dog, I shall prove that nothing could make him so forgetful of his canine dignity as to bite a *calf*. 2. He is blind, and cannot see to bite. 3. Even if he could see to bite, it would be utterly impossible for him to go out of his way to do so, on account of his severe lameness. 4. Granting his eyes to be good, he has no teeth. 5. My dog died six weeks ago. 6. I never had a dog.

TOO MANY IRONS IN THE FIRE.—Whenever you see a gal with a whole lot of sweethearts, says a humorous writer, it's an even chance if she gets married to any of 'em. One cools off, and before she brings any of 'em to the right welden heat, the coal is gone and the fire is out. Then she may blow, and blow till she's tired; she may blow up a dust, but the deuse of a flame she can blow up again. I never see a clever looking gal in danger of that but don't I long to whisper in her ear—"You dear little critter, you take care; you have too many irons in the fire; some of 'em will get stone cold, and t'other ones will get burnt so that they will be no more good in natur."

WAR POWER CURRENCY.—A good joke was practiced on the wooties in Havana, Schuyler County, N. Y., recently. An old chap, not worth a red, issued a batch of shinplasters which he made payable at the Havana Bank. One of the bigwigs of the place, a Senator and stockholder, met the joker one day and commenced lecturing him on the impropriety and illegality of his conduct, winding up with, "You have no legal or moral right to issue them—how, then, can you do it?" "Do it, Senator," replied the cheap currency man, "do it—why I do it under the war power."— There was no more said.

☞ A correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette says: "I believe I commit no indiscretion when I give it as my opinion that all intention of taking Vicksburg by assault has been abandoned, if such intentions were ever entertained. Our generals have, for the most part, more faith in the efficacy of the spade than in shot and shell. That the former mode of attack may have full extent and be glorified, a thousand contrabands are busily engaged day and night in widening the canal, and to-day I learn that four thousand soldiers are detailed for the same interesting duty. Such a force, under intelligent supervision, will work wonders."