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The Nation's Hope.

Age grows mean and tame--
Corruption beareth sway;
Danger bright FREEDOM'S flame
Dim in the olden day.

ONE MAN power usurps the throne,
And dictates unto all;
The craven spirits bend the knee,
Prone in prostration fall.

Is this the land so famed of yore,
For which the Fathers bled?
Did these the men they thought would live
When they themselves were dead?

The Charter of our Freedom broke—
Truth's champions stricken down—
Stronger government invoked
Upon the land of frown?

War exhausting all our life;
New taxes raised for fight;
The War Leech crying more and more,
And Mercy's voice so light,—

All, all imperilled in an hour,
That Patriots held so dear;
No trusted pilot at the helm
To hush the nation's fear.

No hope alone remains to cheer—
Bring up, bring up the chart!
The lines are plain that point the course
Through which the ship must dart.

The CONSTITUTION is our guide,—
The lamp our fathers gave.
Light us through the thickening gloom
And our dear country save!

A Soldiers Opinion.

A soldier, writing from Camp Tyler, Baltimore, in speaking of things as they appear to him, says:

"It seems impossible for us to gain a right at Bull Run. But it is little difference, for our victories are of no use to us, and our defeats any advantage to the enemy. Lee drove us from Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, where we gained a victory; and we then drove him to Culpepper—held our ground on the Rapidan for three months, and are now again driven within the fortifications of Washington. McClellan drove the rebels through Yorktown and Williamsburg to Richmond; and they drove Banks and Pope into Maryland.—McClellan again drove them from South Mountain and Antietam to the Rappahannock, and in attempting to cross that imaginary river, the fame of Burnside was forever buried. So you see that victories and defeats are alike disadventageous to all sides, and so we must look for things to go until we get a change of policy and a new administration.

Oh! give us back our cause, the same
As when the war began,
And we'll drive the foe from ev'ry State
Possessed by Uncle Sam.

From Richmond, Charleston, and Mobile,
Will yield that motely band
Which led the Southern States astray
From their own fatherland.

Bragg, Lee, and Beauregard, will cease
To battle for the wrong,
And our land again will teem with peace,
And peace will be our song.

Each others' throats we'll then not cut,
Nor drown in Southern mud
Those freemen who disclaim to glut
Their hands in freemens' blood."

☞ A young girl generally looses her freshness by mingling with fashionable society as a bright stream does by mingling with the sea.

☞ The most stupendous canal in the world is in China, which passes over two thousand miles, and to forty one cities; it was commenced in the tenth century.

[Correspondence of THE AGE.]

More About the "Brilliant Union Victory" in Maryland.

BALTIMORE, Nov 7, 1863.

Messrs. Editors: I propose to give you, as briefly as possible, an account of the miserable sham, called an election, enacted under Federal bayonets on Wednesday last. Of the proceedings in Baltimore it is unnecessary to say a word, as the figures speak more eloquently than human tongue of the fraud and violence which disfranchised more than two-thirds of the legal voters of the city. Less than 11-500 were polled in a city containing more than 30,000 qualified voters—and that, too, in a contest where the division of the Administration parties, and the ascerbity withwhich the discussions during the campaign were conducted, elicited the full vote of the Government proteges and spoil-hunters infesting the city.

I happened, however, to be in Kent county during the few days preceding the masquerade of Wednesday and saw the devlish ingenuity with which the Federal ban was fastened upon all who questioned the right of the President and his lackeys to ride down with his dragoons our State laws and substitute for them his own imperial will. On the Monday prior to the election, two steamers, filled with soldiers cavalry and infantry, arrived at the wharf at Chester town, and soon quartered themselves on the private premises of a gentleman, in defiance of his known wishes. The Provost Marshal of the district, *himself a candidate for an important office*, at once promulgated General Schenck's "Order No. 53," the first provision of which made the military authorities exclusive judge of the loyalty of the citizens, and ordered them to arrest such suspected persons as were seen "*approaching* or hanging about the polls." It presented, also, an "oath," which the "soldiers" were to assist the judges in administering to all who might be challenged as disloyal at the polls; it further overthrew the independence of the judges of election, and made them liable to be reported at "headquarters," should they decline to execute the lawless provisions of the infamous "Order No 53." It was soon ascertained that, while the Democrats would be deterred from voting by this Order, spurning the power that would trample upon their clear and well guarded right of free election by requiring an "oath" unknown to the laws of the State, no matter what its object or its terms, the *conservative Union men* would make no objection to this outrage upon their dearest rights, but with the "*sauve qui peut*" motto of imperilled "*sans culottes*" would press with eager haste the Testament to their lips with one hand, while the left, in fingering the spoils, knew not what the right was doing. The Marshal therefore, the more certainly to secure his own election, issued. in conjunction with Colonel Carrol Tevis, the officer in command, orders for the arrest of many of the prominent conservative Union men, among them the Hon. James B. Ricaud, a candidate on their ticket, and a gentleman, as is well known, of *immaculate* loyalty. They were accordingly seized at their homes and sent the following morning to Baltimore. Another order was then issued, doubtless at the instance of the Provost Marshal, although Col. Tevis' name was signed to it, declaring the "*League ticket*" as the only one "*recognized by the authorities as loyal*," and saying it became every one to give his support to it, and put himself "honorably on the poll-book of the county,."

In the meantime, the public jail had been broken open, and three negro men, prisoners, charged with a penitentiary offense, and against whom the Grand Jury had found indictments, were turned loose upon the community, and the jailor seized and imprisoned with the other State prisoners, among whom, I forgot to mention, were two judges of election. Shot-guns and pistols were seized by squads of soldiers, and the citizens were left at the mercy of armed strangers without a weapon to defend their persons or their property. Receipts were given when required, stating that the guns would be returned "*immediately after the election.*" Minor indignities were inflicted upon individuals, which, however flagrant in ordinary times, dwindle to insignificance in the presence of the great and overwhelming infamy which disfranchised a whole community.

Such were the preparations made for the day of "*election.*" When it came, the polls in every district were occupied by organized bodies of troops, and cavalry and infantry were marshaled with insulting pomp in every section of the country. During the day the orders above referred to were executed with marked fidelity—and a singular addition made to their plenary powers enable the officers at the polls to question the *veracity* as well as the *loyalty* of voters.

No word of comment is necessary. Mr. Lincoln has already, in his correspondence with Governor Bradford, pronounced our humiliations "*cheap*," in comtemplation of the rare advantages to accrue to us from the wholesale robbery of our slave property which is inevitably to follow.

But let the "dark gamesters" at Washington beware, lest the trick they have so lately won prove not a *dear* one to them.

Paper Money in China.

The following facts in the history of paper money in China are gathered from a late and valuable work, and may not be without interest to curious, and instructive to the practical.

Paper money was known to the Chinese at a very remote period, it having been in use 119 years before the Christian era. It circulated among them with a conventional value in the form of pieces of parchment, or square cartoons. In the tenth century of our era, the imperial treasury enutted a kind of bank bills in exchange for goods left with it in deposit. Those bills bore the seal of the government, and were everywhere used in trade.

The celebrated Marco Polo, in his travels through the country about the middle of the thirteenth century, found paper money in circulation and used like silver. It was used to pay the officers of the Government, and in trade and commerce to purchase all kinds of goods. The people were required to accept it for debts and purchases under all circumstances *under the penalty of death.* It circulated in the form of square coupons made of the bark of a tree after undergoing some sort of preparation. There were bills of different value bearing the signatures of many great mandarins and the seal of the Emperor. The counterfeiting of these bills was punishable with death. They who had in their hands bills which had been worn and tattered by use, could exchange them for new bills by paying five per cent. on the amount of the bills.

The use of paper money continued and went increasing to such a degree under the Mogul dynasty, that it resulted in the most serious evils to the country, all of its resources being exhausted, at the same time a blind and tyrannical government was endeavoring to give it artificial wealth.

Without profiting by the lessons which their predecessors had bequeathed them, the Emperors of the Ming dynasty continued to emit paper money and endeavored to give value to these by absolutely prohibiting the use of gold and silver. But towards the middle of the 15th century these bills become so discredited that one for a thousand "*cash*" brought only *five* "*cash*" in copper money! The "*cash*" with the Chineese is a small round piece of copper money with a square hole in the centre through which a string is passed to tie them together by tens, fifties, and hundreds. A thousand being about equal to our dollar, a dollar in paper money was worth only *half a cent*! In 1845 the Government ordered all taxes to be pain in paper money, and absolutely forbade the use of hard money. But the conventional use of paper money soon declined, and in a short time utterly disappeared as it had become utterly worthless.

In the summer of 1859, the writer being one of Mr. Ward's party, which made the first American visit to Pekin ever made, saw as elegant bills in Pekin banks as art could produce in New York; but compared with the inevitable strings of "cash," they were of small value, and some were bought by individuals of our party, and brought here as curiosities.—*Journal of Commerce.*

ADULTERATION OF FOOD.—Very few of us know what we eat and drink, although we may think we know what is going into our stomachs. Men drink rye whisky, composed of rotten corn, vitriol and strychnine, and smack their lips over it with gusto, and more delicate palates are delighted with excellent wine, made from diluted whisky, plentifully charged with a decoction of logwood and burnt sugar. In the great cities, large amounts of chalk, alum and plaster are daily swallowed by the poorer classes, under the delusion that it is wheaten bread. A London professor, in lecturing recently on this subject, handed round coffee, which was pronounced excellent, and then told the audience that they had been regaled with a mixture of bullock's blood, chickery, sheep's liver dried, and old coffee grounds. He gave them capital porter, too, made of spirits of wine, gum arabic and burnt sugar.

☞ The Harrisburg *Union*, speaking of the Craig Microscope, a newly invented lens, says: "It possesses a magnifying power of 100 diameters, thus exhibiting the object at about 10,000 times its natural size. It is the only instrument of the kind which requires no focal adjustment, and can therefore be used by any person, and is not liable to get out of order. Under its powerful lens, the commonest and most minute objects assume great proportions and become wonderful and beautiful. The dust from a butterfly's wing, for instance, is composed of bright scales, resplendent with prismatic colors; a drop of vinegar seen through it becomes an aquarium, filled with eels and sea-serpents; the dust from a piece of old cheese is a bewildering collection of nondescript animals, as big as roaches and twice as ugly; the human hair, cut in the shortest pieces and scattered beneath the lens, look like transparent cord-wood, in the centre of which may be seen the pith or marrow of the tree."

"LIFE-LONG DEMOCRATS" ALIAS ABOLITIONISTS.—Certain persons now acting with the Abolition party, claim to have been Democrats. It seems to be their special mission—the particular part they are employed to play—to go about telling the people that they were "life-long Democrats" before they were converted to Abolitionism by "shoddy" and "greenbacks." These miserable fellows have no shame in thus publishing their apostacy from a life-long political faith. They have ceased to be Democrats just at a crisis when Democratic principles are positively vital to the safety of the country and the Government—just when it is, more than ever, patriotic, wise, and honorable to be a Democrat. Hence it is quite reasonable to infer that these renegades never were Democrats at all in their lives, or never knew what Democracy really means. The party they have left is happily rid of them, and the party they have joined is heartily welcome to them. They are the very same kind of cattle whom Jugurtha referred to when speaking of the utter corruption of the Roman people, he exclaimed—"Rome only needs a purchaser!"

A RELIC OF THE LAST CENTURY.—In May last, while workmen were engaged in digging a cellar on a spot formerly occupied by an old house, situated on a farm in Montgomery county, near Phœnixville, and within three hundred yards of the banks of the river Schuylkill, they discovered, at the depth of two feet, what proved to be a heavy plated silver ink stand, about two and a half inches square. having on the insides in the bottom, an appartment screwed thereto, containing a beautifully executed likeness of a gentleman, set in a fine gold medallion frame. Of whom the picture is a portrait, or how the same came to the locality where it was found, is not known. Judges who have seen the ink-stand state that the same must have been in the ground over seventy years. The relic is in possession of Judge Joseph Hunsicker.

☞ The assessors of the various boroughs and townships of the State are this year required to make duplicate alphabetical lists of the names, surnames and occupation of every taxable person of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, male or female, resident within their respective districts; also, a separate list of the number of all negroes, mulatoes and people of color held as slaves, distihguishing their sexes and ages; also, the number of the blind and deaf and dumb persons within their respective districts, distinguishing their sexes, colors and ages. The object is to enable the Legislature to apportion the Representatives for the several counties.

THE RUSSIAN BALL.—As the ovation and ball in New York is one which may leave its traces on centuries to come, we give for the sake of history, an account of the principal edibles used, viz: Twelve thousand oysters—10,000 poulette and 2,000 pickled; 12 monster salmon—30 pounds each; 1200 game birds; 250 turkeys; 400 chickens; 1,000 pounds of tenderloin; 100 pyramids of pastry; 1,000 large loaves; 3,000 bottles of wine.

☞ Napoleon is going to smoke out the Mexican guerillas. Mighty poor smoking. They are only "half Spanish."

☞ It may seem like a paradox, yet the breaking of both wings of an army is pretty sure to make it fly.

☞ Patience is a tree whose roots are bitter but the fruit is very sweet.

EXEMPTS.—The following is an abstract list of exempts for this county, and the cause of their exemption.

Emanuel Webb, Richland, disability.
Henry Morse, Conemaugh, "
Jefferson Horner, Taylor, "
David Custer, " "
William Shearer, Conemaugh, "
Daniel Noon, " "
William Varner, Taylor, "
Edmund Bishop, Yoder, "
James M'Guire, Taylor, alienage
James Gallagher, " "
Levi Reichard, Conemaugh, substitute in service 3d March
Philip E Constable, Conemaugh, disability
Benjamin Benshoof, " paid com
B L Agnew, Johnstown, disability
Charles Vickroy, Taylor, pd commutation
John T Cooney, " "
Robert T Anderson, Conemaugh, pd com
Charles E Wilson, " alienage
Paul Simmons, " only son widow
John Finigan, " disability
Archibald Wissinger, " paid com
Emanuel Plough, " "
Samuel Fyock, " "
George Wehn, Johnstown, disability
Adolphus Frank, Taylor, paid commutation
Isaac J Plough, " "
John Baker, " "
Silas Goehnout, " "
Levi Marsh " "
Christian Strayer, " two brothers in ser
Benj F Williams, Cambria, paid commutation
Jacob J Strayer, Yoder, disability
Jonathan Eckels, " "
Thomas Herrous, Taylor, paid com
William F Gosborn, Conemaugh, disability
Levi Edwards, Yoder, paid com
Ephraim Coughnour, Taylor, furnished sub
John Nester, " paid com
Abraham B Angus, " unsuit age
Thomas Kinney, " alienage
John Keating, " unsuit age
Samuel Horner, Richland, paid commutation
Tobias Stutzman, Taylor, "
Noah Myers, " "
Brackett J Ayres, Conemaugh, "
John Carroll, Johnstown, "
Charles Frank, Jr. " "
David Hildebrand, Taylor, sub in ser 3d Mar
Benjamin Marsh, " paid commutation
Richard Charlton, " "
John A Noon, Conemaugh, disability
George Ford, " paid com
William M'Eloy, Taylor, disability
John A Cough, Conemaugh, only son ag'd par
Silvester Hildebrand, " paid com
John H MacCartney, Taylor, "
Benjamin Kest, Conemaugh, alienage
David Barrer, Taylor, disability
George Hidenfelter, Yoder, "
Samuel H Harshberger, " "
John Smith, Conemaugh, only son aged father
Lewis M Wolf, Johnstown, unsuitableness age
Abraham Byers, Jackson, disability
Timothy Tansey, Millville, unsuitable age
Peter Mullin, Johnstown, alienage
William Gearhart, " "
David Creed, " paid commutation
William Dill, " "
George Fritz, " "
Rev P M M'Garvey, " "
Henry S Smith, " "
Henry Schnable, " disability
Charles Cartwright, " "
John D Jones, " only son widow
Adam Glass, " 3 brothers in serv
Maximillian Werder, " alienage
Augustus Dangess, " only son widow
Gotlieb Bantley, " 2 brothers in serv
Henry Whannell, " only son widow
John W Morgan, " disability
Charles Fridsche, " only son aged par
John James, " alienage
Richard Jones, " "
Patrick Moore, " "
Terrence Hughes, Cambria City, alienage
William J Davis, Johnstown, paid com
John Burket, " disability
Charles Zipp, " alienage
Franklin Rose, Richland, paid com
John M Brady, Johnstown, furnished sub
Henry Fritz, " "
Michael Gallagher, " alienage
Cornelius M'Amby, " "
Hiram Hawk, Cambria City, only son widow
John J Fisher, Johnstown, disability
Owen M'Cafrey, " "
John Carney, " unsuitable age
George Heech, " father moth chil
Jonathan Walford, " "
Gale Geslop, " paid com
Wesley Wilson, " "
Robert W Hunt, " only son widow
John Rhinehart, Cambria City, unsuit age
Josiah Folsom, Johnstown, paid com
Jacob A Hoffman, " "
Josiah Hudson, " in serv 3d March
George M Wilson, " "
David Hudson, " "
Leander Vaughn, " "
Hugh M'Grory, " paid com
John W Owens, " alienage
Bernard M'Donald, Cambria City, alienage
Henry Davis, Johnstown, "
Charles Studt, " pd commutation
Valentine Lobemyer, " disability
Thomas Scott, " father moth chil
James Ford, " alienage
Cyrus P Tittle, " disability
Gustavus Bostert, " only son widow
James Rose, Richland, paid commutation
Henry Miller, Johnstown, only son aged par
Richard Randolph, " disability
Patrick Culley, " paid com
George Kane, Cambria City, unsuitable age
William Cadergan, Johnstown, alienage
Richard Hitchins, " "
Lewis Litenberger, " disability
David Sinzheimer, " alienage
David Jones, " "
Henry Smith, " paid com
Henry Shearer, " disability
Jacob C Horner, " disability
R B M'Cabe, " only son widow
Jenkins Thomas, " disability
Harris Gathigan, " paid com
William H Slater, " disability
Michael Havern, " two bros in service
Thomas Sweeny, " alienage
Adam Miller, " disability
John M Davis, " unsuitable age
Charles Clayton, " alienage
Geo Leightenberger, " disability
George R Slick, " unsuitable age
John Frank, " paid com
Isaac Ause, " unsuitable age
Charles Warner, " disability
Jacob Wendell, " two bros in service
Philip Wendell, " paid com
Edward Carroll, Somerset, non-residence
Evan W Jones, Johnstown, disability
George H Mendall, " paid com
Robert Barclay, " disability
John Darbey, Johnstown, alienage
Frderick Proctor, " "
Hamilton M'Dowell, " disability
Edward Conroy, " only son widow
John Sullivan, " alienage
Patrick Flinn, " "
Stephen Mackiel, Millville, "
Patrick M'Cabe " "
Sebastian Boxle, Johnstown "
Rees Edwards, " "
George Holfelter, " "
William J. Nolen, Millville, unsuitable age
Benjamin Reese, Johnstown, only son widow
Richard Lewis, " alienage
John Galbraith, Ebensburg, disability
Adam Kennedy, Johnstown, non residence
William O'Brien, Millville, alienage
Charles Mahoney, " "
Michael Ryan, " "
Frederick W Kress, Johnstown, alienage
Lewis Baumer, Conemaugh, paid com
Robert Bone, Johnstown, alienage
John Williams, Millville, unsuitableness age
Andrew Zipp, Johnstown, alienage
David R Stutzman, Millville, paid com
John Karns, Johnstown, disability
Victor Voeghtley, " "
Levi B Hornberger, " paid com
David Livingston, " disability
Thomas John Horan, " paid com
John Croft, Millville, "
Joseph Clark Beam, Johnstown, paid com
Samuel Small, " "
Frank R Gilbert, " "
John E Fry, " "
John Kyber, " "
Henry B Barns, " "
John W Haines, " "
James Crosby, " "
Lewis Williams, " "
Richard Ellis, " disability
John Egan, " only son widow
Henry M Lewis, " paid com
Nicholas Holfelter, " disability
Thomas German, " "
George W Stotler, " "
William Miller, Millville, unsuitableness age
Vincent G Piott, Susquehanna, paid com
George Brown, Johnstown, disability
August Zipp, " alienage
Dennis Hartigan, Millville, "
Daniel Thomas, Conemaugh, "
John Sloan, " "
Michael Barry, Johnstown, disability
John O Bryan, " alienage
John Ties, " unsuitable age
Daniel M'Ginly, " "
David Davis, Jackson, elected by mother
Casper Barshberger, Johnstown, disability
David Kimmell, Johnstown, in serv 3d March
Samuel W Davis, Ebensburg, "
Lewis J Jones, " "
Hiram Swenk, Johnstown, paid com
Bernard M'Kiernan, " disability
Joseph Berkeybile, " paid com
Bernard C Riley, " only son aged par
Alfred Coustable, " furnished sub
Anthony Prestine, " paid com
George Lego, Washington, "
William D M'Clellan, Johnstown, paid com
Daniel J Evans, Cambria, "
Thomas J Lloyd, Ebensburg, "
David Bee, Conemaugh, "
William Kaylor, Cambria, "
Oliver Reed, Blacklick, father moth children
Owen Rollin, Cambria, alienage
Richard Gittens, " disability
John F Tibbott, " "
Christian Shinefelt, Cambria, disability
Newton I Roberts, Ebensburg, paid com
William R Jones, Cambria, unsuitable age
Abner Lloyd, " paid com
John A Jones, " disability
Luther Styles, Blacklick, "
Evan Bennett, Cambria, "
John O'Harra, " paid com
Peter Long, " "
Elias D Powell, " "
Charles Horman, Blacklick, "
Roland R Davis, Cambria, "
John Murray, " only son aged parents
Morris J Evans, " paid com
Richard W Pryce, " disability
Jeremiah A Fagan, Ebensburg, furnished sub
Robert Litzinger, Blacklick, "
Amos Rowland, " "
William Martz, Cambria, disability
John Blickenderfer, Blacklick, "
Richard Griffith, Ebensburg, father moth chil
J Todd Hutchinson, " only son widow
William H Davis, Cambria, disability
Samuel Thomas, Blacklick, paid com
James Hunt, Jackson, disability
Daniel C Zahm, Ebensburg, "
Thomas G Davis, Cambria, furnished sub
Henry Anstadt, Jackson, paid com
James P Perkins, " disability
Jeremiah Brown, " "
Jacob Shoemaker, " "
Evan D Evans, Ebensburg, "
George Varner, Jackson, "
Jacob Stutzman, " non-residence
Douglass Weight, " disability
Edward Thomas, Conemangh, disability
William H Paul, Jackson, paid commutation
Samuel Reese, Cambria, unsuitable age
William Strayer, Jackson, paid com
Philip S Noon, Ebensburg, "
James C Easley, " "
George S Brubaker, ——, furnished sub.

J. D. CAMPBELL, *Capt. & Pro. Mar.*

☞ The largest and oldest chain bridge in the world is said to be at Kingtung, in China, where it forms a perfect road from the top of one lofty mountain to the top of another.

☞ One fault can never justify the commission of another.