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September 11, 1861.

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June, 3rd, 1863

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Dec. 11, 1861.

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## Poet's Corner.

(Written for the Democrat.)

"SAM."

BY STELLA OF LACKAWANNA.

I never saw the youngster, so, of course Could not well think of guessing, if his eyes, Are wicked black, or brown, or heavenly blue, (The sort precisely, raving lovers prize.) I never watched his gambols on the green, Or antics o'er the kitchen floor, or hall, Nor dare I swear the shape of his young nose, Because I never saw the sprig at all.

And yet I know—small matter how or when, There is a gentleman, not three feet high, That tramps around in most amazing boots, With jaunty hat coo-cked over one small eye, I have been told—you need not ask by whom, The boy's a trump you do not often see, And has all sorts of eloquent remarks, When striking, hobby, the paternal knee.

His mamma's darling; who e'er knew a chap About his special side that wasn't that?— What though the sly rogue pull the baby's nose, Or Joggie's tail, or pinch the patient ear; Or smudge friction matches from the shelf, And light a blaze, with coolness unsurpassed; Or build mud things in his new Sunday rig?— Yet mamma's darling, to the very last.

If I might make a modest venture here, As to the wee child's views political, I would infer, that, were he big enough, His vote would count in times so critical, On the wrong side; judging from certain hints, Of Papa's predilections in the case; And all—those knows—may take to virtue's cause Yet has these dismal prophecies effect.

Notes—"From certain hints" of our fair contributor's political leaning we have a suspicion that she is not entirely straight on this subject; and that we would rather have her teach "Our Sam" poetry, than politics. If however, in following the "progressive ideas" of her party, she should, in time, come to admire politically pious swans, above pure white ones, in such case, we would much prefer to extract his education in both these branches to his "Ma," who is considered at least by "Paterfamilias," to be eminently sound in the "Goods," political.

### Communication.

CAMP OF ARTILLERY BRIGADE, 6th A. C. (Near BRANDY STATION, Apr. 20, 1864)

MR. EDITOR:—When I last wrote you, I little anticipated that the present time would find me still occupying our winter quarters; but here we are yet, though in hourly expectation of marching orders. The weather is beautiful and the roads are in excellent condition, so that there is nothing to keep us in camp except the pleasure of the General commanding—who is probably only awaiting the developments entrusted to other columns of advance. The movements of Burpiss are yet wrapped in mystery, but that he is to operate in conjunction with this army, I do not have the shadow of a doubt; and that we are only delayed here until he gets his command in proper position is equally apparent. You may safely calculate upon stirring times, in this department, before many days.

I have never known the army in better condition or spirits. The men all seem to think that the fate of the nation is involved in the events of the next few weeks, and that upon them devolves the duty of maintaining its honor and integrity. There will be some stubborn fighting done, and I will err much in my calculations if our legions are not thundering at the gates of Richmond before the waning of another moon.

The authorities at Washington seem to be alive to the importance of the present campaign, and are, at least, taking proper measures to bring every available man into the field. Turn the men out of the defenses in and around Washington, Baltimore, and other places, and fill them with volunteers for the occasion. This would give us an additional available force of over 100,000 well-drilled and disciplined men—equally able to maneuver before the enemy with those already in the field—and I am glad to notice that the President has accepted the proffer of volunteers made by the Governor of several of the Western States, for this purpose.

It is a little singular that the feasibility of this plan for making a temporary speedy augmentation of the Union forces, never before entered the "long heads" at Washington. Myself and a number of Nicholson friends, thought of it as long ago as last fall and often wondered why some such plan was not adopted. I am glad, however, that "the powers that be" have, even thus late in the day, awakened to the importance of the step. It begins to look a little as though the Administration really meant to make an earnest attempt to crush out the rebellion. It is to be hoped that temporizing and doing things by halves is "played out." The army is tired of that policy, and I am sure the people ought to be. Shoddy contractors and those who are building immense fortunes upon the distress of the nation, may demur and frown upon any measure which promises a speedy solution of the long vexed questions at issue; but the true Union men, who, while they have patriotically contributed to the support of the war, have not hesitated to protest earnestly against the utter recklessness and incompetency which has been driving us to ruin, will rejoice at any prospect which gives even faint promise of a speedy and successful termination of the war.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House transmit to the Governor an engrossed copy of this report, and resolutions.

So it is that the "sober second thought" corrects the insane sayings of men drunk with passion and excitement.

The following peculiar "notice" was found posted in a little town in Delaware:

"Reward.—Lost or strayed from the Premise of the subscriber, a sheep all over white one leg was black and half his body. All persons shall receive five dollars to bring him back. He was a goat."

determination to restore peace to our bleeding and distracted country.

A movement has been started for the purpose of purchasing a sword for Gen. McClellan, by dollar contributions from the soldiers in this army. I am not aware of the amount already raised, or if there be any concerted plan of action. It seems to be a spontaneous ebullition of feeling, elicited by the extraordinary action of the (so called) Union League Societies in the late sword contest carried on by the respective friends of McClellan and Grant at the N. Y. Sanitary Fair. The men in our battery have contributed some \$75 to the fund, and the sum would be largely increased were not to many of them in the unfortunate situation of your correspondent—out of "soap." "Little Mac" is now, and always will be the prime favorite here; and, if this testimonial has no other effect, it will prove how deep and abiding, is the love, admiration and respect with which he is regarded by his old comrades in arms. If Abraham Lincoln was really capable of a great action—of rising above party malice and prejudice—he could do the country no greater service than by restoring McClellan to his old command. He would be greeted with such a storm of enthusiasm as no other man could elicit, and would carry with him into the strife that prestige and confidence which is the almost invariable harbinger of victory. His old army would, indeed, "fight none the worse for his presence."

We have the usual amount of current rumors floating around camp; but a somewhat extended experience has taught me the proper estimate to put upon them, and they thus usually pass unheeded. This passion amongst soldiers for originating and propagating canards is a little singular, and not to be accounted for by any known principle of ethics. The most of them come from the loiterers about head quarters. They catch a word dropped from the officers or in the clerk's office, magnify its import, add a little to give an air of probability, tell it to their acquaintances in camp, and imagination, aided by the busy Madam, does the rest. Soldiers, like old maids, are fond of gossip; and whose budget is fullest is the reigning attraction, for the time being.

We had the usual bi-monthly muster and inspection to day; and are thus entitled to two months pay, whenever Uncle Sam's legally authorized agent sees proper to distribute the funds. Money, however, is of little use here, just now, as there is not a sutler within miles of us, and we could not even buy a plug of tobacco, if we had millions. For this reason I am not particular about having a settlement with the paymaster at present. It is a bad time for all pocket books, as they are liable to all kinds of accidents—not least among which is the disagreeable possibility that they may go to swell the exhausted exchequer of some adventurous reb.

I regret quite as much as your readers doubtless will, that my letter is necessarily so barren of interest; but there is positively nothing worthy of special mention afloat. I might, indeed, in imitation of the paid correspondents for the New York daily newspapers, put on a knowing air, and intimate a knowledge of stirring events about to be enacted, with the details of which I would be glad to enlighten the public, only it would be contraband to do so. The probabilities are that the public have as much actual information concerning these matters, as do the knights of the quill. It certainly has as much as I have.

Truly Yours,  
CLINT.

Governor Seymour Vindicated.

It will be remembered that last August, Gov. Seymour was assailed with the most intemperate invectives, because he complained that this State, under the draft then pending, was required to furnish more than her due proportion of troops. Although he showed by stubborn facts that his complaints were well founded, and that there were gross errors, not to say frauds, in the enrollments, he was charged with an attempt to defeat, or at least to obstruct the draft, and thus to weaken the hands of the General Government.

But a change has come over the magnates of the party. A Republican Legislature has felt constrained to pass unanimously the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of his House be and are hereby tendered to his Excellency, Gov. Seymour, for calling the attention of the General Government at Washington to the errors in the apportionment of the quota of this State under the enrollment act of the 3d of March, 1862, and for his prompt and efficient efforts to procuring a correction of the same.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House transmit to the Governor an engrossed copy of this report, and resolutions.

So it is that the "sober second thought" corrects the insane sayings of men drunk with passion and excitement.

### THE NEW APPORTIONMENT.

The Bill to apportion the State into Senatorial and Representative Districts, has finally passed the Legislature, as a strict party measure, in the shape indicated by the annexed table. It is, perhaps, one of the most infamous "Gerrymanders" that ever disgraced partisan legislation. Its framers appear to have disregarded entirely the only fair bases of all apportionments—taxable population and separate representation by all counties having the requisite ratio—and to have devoted themselves exclusively to the task of distorting the State in such a manner as to defeat the will of the majority of the people and to secure the return of the largest number of Abolition Senators and Members. A glaring example of the manner in which Democratic majorities have been disfranchised, is found in the making up of the 5th Senatorial District. The strong Democratic county of Montgomery is joined to the Abolition counties of Chester and Delaware, to form a double District, with two Senators; which is in effect wiping out Montgomery entirely, and giving both to Chester and Delaware.

This District has an aggregate of 41,533 taxables; and Lancaster county, with only 27,310 taxables, is also allowed two Senators. The gross injustice done to Montgomery will be apparent when we state that she has 18,000 taxables—enough to entitle her to a separate Senatorial representation—while Bucks, with only 15,883 taxables, is allowed to retain her Senator. The unfairness of this bill is even more apparent, in the apportionment of Representatives. Montgomery loses one member; Washington, with a sufficient population to entitle her alone to two Representatives, is joined to the strong Abolition County of Beaver, and made a district with three members, which Beaver, will of course elect. Philadelphia and Allegheny gain a member; Lancaster, with two Senators, is allowed to retain her four Representatives and four are given to the Abolition counties of Lawrence, Mercer and Butler, united in one District. The inequalities of the bill are too many and great to particularize. But, great as they are, there is some comfort in the recollection that there never yet was an attempt to defeat the will of the people by a legislative "Gerrymander" that did not completely fail of its object. The party that was guilty of the fraud of apportioning the State expressly with a view perpetuation of its power, has invariably been left in the minority. So may it be in the present case!

### THE STATE APPORTIONMENT.

As passed by the Legislature, April 27, '64

Dist.	Counties.	No.
1.	Philadelphia, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 7th, 8th, and 26th Wards.	1
2.	Philadelphia, 9th, 10th, 13th, 14th, and 15th Wards.	1
3.	Philadelphia, 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, 16th, 17th and 18th Wards.	1
4.	Philadelphia, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23d, 24th and 25th Wards.	1
5.	Canaan, Delaware and Montgomery.	2
6.	Bucks.	1
7.	Lehigh and Northampton.	1
8.	Berks.	1
9.	Schuylkill.	1
10.	Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Wayne.	1
11.	Bradford, Susquehanna and Wyoming.	1
12.	Luzerne.	1
13.	Potter, Tioga, McKean and Clinton.	1
14.	Lycoming, Union and Snyder.	1
15.	Northumberland, Moutour, Columbia and Sullivan.	1
16.	Dauphin and Lebanon.	1
17.	Lancaster.	2
18.	York and Cumberland.	1
19.	Adams and Franklin.	1
20.	Somerset, Bedford and Fulton.	1
21.	Blair, Huntingdon, Centre, Mifflin, Juniata and Perry.	2
22.	Cambria, Indiana and Jefferson.	1
23.	Clearfield, Cameron, Clarion, Forest and Elk.	1
24.	Westmoreland, Fayette and Greene.	1
25.	Allegheny.	3
26.	Beaver and Washington.	1
27.	Lawrence, Butler and Armstrong.	1
28.	Mercer, Venango and Warren.	1
29.	Crawford and Erie.	1

Total Senators.....63

REPRESENTATIVES.	No.
Philadelphia.....	18
Delaware.....	1
Chester.....	3
Montgomery.....	2
Bucks.....	1
Lehigh.....	2
Northampton.....	2
Carbon and Monroe.....	2
Wayne and Pike.....	1
Luzerne.....	3
Susquehanna and Wyoming.....	3
Lycoming, Union and Snyder.....	3
Columbia and Montour.....	3
Northumberland.....	1
Tioga and Potter.....	1
Clinton, Cameron and M'Can.....	1
Centre.....	1
Huntingdon, Juniata and Mifflin.....	2
Schuylkill.....	1
Berks.....	1
Lancaster.....	4
Lebanon.....	1
Dauphin.....	1

York.....	2
Cumberland.....	1
Perry and Franklin.....	2
Adams.....	1
Somerset, Bedford and Fulton.....	2
Bradford and Sullivan.....	2
Blair.....	1
Cambria.....	1