Nashville Union.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1864.

From the German.

Wayfaring.

I knocked in vain at the rich man's door;
A farthing is all he gives to the poor.

Gently I tapped at Affection's gate;
Ten others were wooing; I was too late.

Fain would I approach Honor's castled abode,
No spurs had I won, no palfrey I rode.

Where Industry toiled, a pittance to gain,
I met only rags, starvation and pain.

Through life I have sought the abode of Content,
It beckoned, but vanished when nearer I went.

One cottage I found; 'twas glassy and low;
Thither for refuge at last I may go.

Its portals are open to welcome each guest;
There many before me in silence sought rest.

From the Knoxville Whig.

The Polk County Murders.

The following communication is from the pen of a perfectly reliable gentleman, well acquainted with all the country and people in and around Polk county. We ask the candid Union men of the country to look at these cold blooded and wholesale murders, perpetrated by these rebel fiends, and then answer these questions: Ought any leniency to be shown such men? Ought any respect to be entertained for Union men who would excuse such conduct, or enter into their defense?

CLEVELAND, TENN., Dec. 5, 1864.

Dr. Wm. G. Brownlow:

DEAR SIR: The citizens on the east side of Bradley county, and in Polk county, have witnessed, within the last few days, acts of cruelty and brutal barbarity that have not been excelled by the rebels since this war began.

On last Tuesday morning, a Rebel force numbering about forty, came to the house of A. J. Hill, on the State line, and commenced shooting at one of his sons. He ran from them and jumped into the Connasauga river, and swam across, the rebels all the time shooting at him, but failed to hit him. In the meantime, Horace Hill, the uncle to the boy whom the rebels were trying to kill, ran out of the house, and another squad of rebels surrounded him, and he surrendered to them, and sat down upon a low fence, and turned and was looking at the fate of his nephew, who was swimming the river, and the rebels firing at him.—When thus engaged, Captain Gatewood of the rebel force, put his pistol to the side of Horace Hill's head and shot him through, killing him instantly.—The rebels then went to the house of Mrs. Armstrong, the widow of Allen Armstrong, deceased. Here they arrested her son Baker Armstrong and a man by the name of Raper, and one by the name of Londonmilk. They made all those stand up in the road in front of the house, and then they shot and killed all three, in the presence of Mrs. Armstrong and the family. After Baker Armstrong fell, one rebel took him by the hair of the head and raised him up, and other rebels shot him through four times more. The last shot the muzzle of the pistol was put to his mouth, and the ball passed out in the back part of the head. While this fiendish deed was being perpetrated, her youngest son, but a boy, ran. The rebels pursued and caught him. The mother followed to beg for his life. When the mother got to them the rebels had the boy stripped; she begged for his life—he called to her to know if his brother Baker was dead. She replied he was. The little son began to weep, and the rebels cursed him for weeping, and beat him over the head and face most cruelly, but spared his life.

The rebels next went to Holland's, and shot his son John three times as he ran. One shot passed through his clothing, and another through his hat, but he made his escape. They arrested three young men at Holland's who had fled from Georgia; they took all these out to the road and shot them. One was killed instantly, and the other two are yet alive.

They went next to the house of Samuel Parks, who fortunately was not at home. A man by the name of Gurley was shoemaking for Parks; they killed Gurley. They killed young William Kinson at Benton. They went up the Ocoee River to Parks' Mill, and killed a man by the name of Jones, and shot a small boy at the mill, who has since died, as reported. As they passed up the river they shot Wm. Lillard, who is mortally wounded. Further up the river, on the same road, the rebels met a party of men with some wagons coming to Cleveland. The rebels shot and killed six of these men, and left them laying in the road in a pile near the mouth of Greasy Creek. Further on they killed another man. At Green's ferry, or near there, at the house of Sidney McCloud, they killed three more men. But a few weeks since, a party of men came to the house of said McCloud in open day, took him out and stripped him, and put him in the road before them, and rode their horses over him and mangled him, and then shot him through the head, killing him instantly.

These rebels, whose deeds of last Tuesday and Wednesday I have been describing, went on up towards Ducktown, and have got around back to the Conassauga River again. They boast of having killed twenty-four, and mortaly wounded three. I have written the facts so far as they have come to my knowledge in a reliable shape. While they were raiding and killing, they carried on a system of wholesale robbery and theft. The following are some of the rebel officers and privates engaged in said assassinations and robberies: Capt. G. B. May, of Red Clay, Ga.; Lieut. James Blackwell, Ga.; Capt. Tremer, Lieut. Leonard, Capt. Thomas, Polk Edmonson, and Capt. Jordin.

It is said that said Captains did not cross the river, but remained inside of Georgia while their squads crossed into Tennessee and performed the above described bloody deeds. Captain Gatewood was along, and was the ringleader of the gang, and did the most of the killing with his own hands. He is a Kentuckian; he is a large man, his hair is almost red, wears it long, down to his shoulders. His face is covered with a long red beard—a savage in appearance. He and four brothers are in the rebel army, and one of those brothers is with him. Jasper Grady, two McSpaddens, two sons of Jacob Gregory, a son of Bryant Coxey, a son of the Widow Airheart, young Dean, and a young man who went out to Georgia last spring from Meigs county, in a buggy, dressed in female clothing, in company with Capt. Peak's wife, were all along, and assisted in the murders and robberies. The most of these men were raised in Bradley and Polk counties. Bryant Coxey, after having served in the rebel army, got out, has taken the oath, and is protected at home, while his son is killing his neighbors.

The above is only a brief outline of the bloody deeds of the outlaws and rebel land pirates.

Yours, A.

A citizen of Chicago, of secesh proclivities, who has just returned from Havana, Cuba, says the rebels and their sympathizers there and in Europe are in despair. Slidell says that the Southern cause is beyond hope, and he gives up. Nearly all the rebels abroad are the w despondent. They consider now a failure.

Special Dispatch to the Cincinnati Gazette.

From the Rebel States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—In the rebel Congress on Thursday last the only important business done was the argument of the House on the Senate's amendment to the bill to define and punish conspiracy against the Confederate States, which was then adopted. The act as passed provides that if two or more persons, within any State or Territory of the Confederate States, shall conspire to subvert, overturn, or destroy by force the Government of the Confederate States, or oppose by force the execution of any law of the Confederate States, or by force to hinder, delay, or prevent the execution of any law of the Confederate States, or to seize, take, possess, or destroy any property of the Confederate States against its own consent, or to prevent, delay, or hinder, by force or fraud, the transportation of supplies or men to the army of the Confederacy, or destroy or injure any road, boat, engine, or work employed in such transportation, or to hold any secret communication or intercourse with an enemy of the Confederate States, or to aid or abet the enemy in his war upon the Confederate States, or persons in rebellion against the same, or to promote disobedience, mutiny or desertion in the army of the Confederate States, or annoy the soldiers of the Confederacy, each and every person so offending, shall be guilty of a high crime, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, and shall be imprisoned with or without labor not exceeding five years; provided that any person charged with any offense mentioned in this act, if such person be in the military or naval service of the Confederate States, may be tried by a Military Court Martial, and if found guilty, shall be punished by fine and imprisonment as herein provided, or such other punishment not capital, as the court shall adjudge.

The Richmond Whig of December 23d says of the news of the movement on Mobile: The Appeal of the 18th inst. says that various substantial rumors as to the situation around Mobile were current in Montgomery on that day. The Yankees have no force at Mobile to assist Davidson's raiders, unless it was landed from their fleet. The raiding party were in Southern Mississippi, and had not reached the Mobile & Ohio Railroad on the 10th, as a dispatch from Senatobia shows. The lines were undisturbed on that day. They did not leave Augusta, Cherry county, Mississippi, until Tuesday last. This point is about fifty miles from the railroad.

The Paulding (Miss.) Clarion of the 11th says they will hardly be able to reach the Mobile road before to day or to-morrow. Gen. Gardner is still accumulating troops to meet them, and we presume Gen. Maury is doing the same thing at Mobile. They are marching for Mobile, 45,000 strong. Scott and others have turned up in the right place, and warm work may be expected in two or three days. Unless there is a strong column to co-operate with the one referred to by the Clarion, Mobile is in no danger. The Federals have not designed an attack, in all probability. The latest official intelligence received at Montgomery stated that the raiders above mentioned had changed their course and were marching in the direction of Pascagoula.

Cozy O'Lanns on Family Affairs.

The Brooklyn Eagle has a correspondent who knows a thing or two—Hear him:

It is a good thing for a man to pay attention to his family.

Provided he has one.

Married men generally have. So have I.

It is the natural consequence of getting married.

Families, like everything else, are more expensive than they used to be. Shoes and clothes cost a sight now-a-days, and children have mostly good appetites.

Mine have.

Boys will be boys. They can't help it. They are born so. It is their destiny to tear their trowsers, and wear out two pair of boots per month; keeping their ma constantly employed like a besieged garrison repairing breeches, and their unfortunate pa paying out currency, under strong conviction that there is nothing like "leather"—to wear out.

I tried copper-toed boots on my heir. The copper wore well, and I have an idea that copper boots would be a good idea, but I couldn't find a metalic shoemaker to carry it out.

Mrs. O'L. also became attached to copper, and thought it would be an improvement and save sewing if boys' pantaloons were like ships and teakettles, copper bottomed. The suggestion was A No. 1, but we haven't tried it yet.

Copper so ran in my head at the time that O'Pake called me a copperhead.

Mrs. O'L. is a managing woman.—She makes trousers for our son, Alex-Ander Themistocles, out of mine, when I've done with them. He can get through three pair to my one, ordinarily, so I am obliged to wear out my clothes faster than I used to, to keep him supplied.

I once suggested that it might be in the resources of art and industry to make him a pair out of new material.

Mrs. O'L. said positively that it couldn't be done. It would ruin us. She concluded it was cheaper to cut up a pair that I had paid twelve dollars for.

I subsequently found upon inquiry, that new cloth for that purpose could have been bought for about two dollars.

I ventured to tell Mrs. O'L., expecting a triumph of male foresight over female lack of judgment.

She gave me a look of scorn, as she wanted to know if I had inquired the price of "trimmings."

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