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Slavery and the Constitution.

Mr. LEIGH ROBINSON's address made yesterday to the Howitzers deals very ably with the question of responsibility for the presence formerly of slavery in the United States. That responsibility he very clearly fixes primarily upon Great Britain.

Slavery was forced upon Virginia "and in the teeth of her remonstrance by the arbitrary power of Great Britain," says Mr. Robinson, and he produces the proof. Twenty-three statutes were passed by the Virginia House of Burgesses to prevent the importation of slaves and all were negatived by the King. "Ours was the first State not only to prohibit the slave-trade, but to make it punishable with death."

Mr. ROBINSON fails to find the evidence that property in man was an obnoxious doctrine at the North "until property in man wholly ceased there to be lucrative. Small as the number of slaves necessarily was to the north of Maryland, in several of them slavery existed for more than fifty years after the adoption of the Constitution."

The Constitution of the United States, Mr. ROBINSON contends, was a distinct bargain between the North and the South for the security of slave property, "for which a redundant consideration was received by the former in the control and regulation of commerce by a simple majority instead of a two-thirds vote."

Next he proceeds to show how this bargain was broken; how the rights of the southern people were denied them in the Territories; how the crusade against slavery was carried on, and how war came at last.

His address is a handsome contribution to history. It is impregnable in fact, resistless in its logic, and charming in diction. He seized the occasion to teach a great lesson—not merely to eulogize the southern soldier. Still, while his chief aim was to vindicate the South in her position taken in 1861, he was not unmindful of the occasion and of his duty to rehearse some of the Howitzers' history. This he did with exceeding grace.

Indeed, there are few pieces of word-painting more graphic than that of Mr. ROBINSON wherein he tells what the bronze figure of the Howitzer stands for. As many others have done he remarks upon the beautiful "clear countenance of honor" which the bronze man wears. "There," says he, "is our Howitzer, his soul well knit and all his battles won. He stands upon the rampart which is only built in a people's heart."

New Gold-Fields.

The telegrams from Arizona in yesterday's papers telling of the discovery of great quantities of gold on the San Juan river appeared simultaneously with telegrams from the Brussels conference telling of the determination of Germany to adhere to the gold standard of values. If it should turn out that gold in great abundance is to be found in these new fields, the participants in the International Bimetallic Conference might at some future day find themselves discussing the problem of making gold equal to silver in value (16 to 1). There would be nothing strange or unprecedented in such a discovery of gold or such a result of its discovery. Thousands and tens of thousands of people now living can recollect when silver became so much more valuable than gold (16 to 1) that Congress passed a law to provide for debasing the silver coins of this country as a means of preventing their exportation to foreign countries. This fact is, we repeat, within the memory of numerous persons now living. Indeed, silver continued to be more valuable than gold at the existing ratio up to the time of the demonetization of the former in 1873 or thereabouts.

The supply of gold that caused Congress to provide for debasing the silver coins was mostly obtained in the single State (as it is now) of California. And we know of no reason why history may not repeat itself and gold be found in Arizona in such quantities as to justify the financial world in considering how gold is to be kept at par with silver (16 to 1). Where, then, would be the gold contracts of the money-grabbers? Who would be found with face so bold as to propose to demonetize gold?

Silver and gold are both precious metals. Both are recognized in the Federal Constitution, and not separately, but together. "No State shall * * * make anything but gold *and* silver coin a tender in payment of debts." Gold *and* silver, not gold *or* silver. So every State has by implication the recognized right and the recognized power to make both gold and silver a legal tender for debt. And Congress has the power to coin money, regulate the value thereof and of foreign coin, &c., &c.

What a happy solution of the silver problem it would be to be able to sell it by weight at the same price as gold (16 to 1). There would be no longer heard the cry that gold is the only "honest money." No longer would Germany, England, Austria, and the other monometallistic countries of to-day be heard declaring that they would have gold and nothing but gold as the standard or measure of all values.

We must acknowledge that we have not much hope that the San Juan diggings, or mines, or fields, will yield gold in sufficient quantities to bring silver up to a parity with it. Nevertheless the discovery justifies at least the attempt to "point a moral" on the subject of the relative values of gold and silver and to remind bigoted and dogmatic monometallists that there are two sides to the silver problem.

Howitzers of the Present and Past.

The Howitzers' monument which was unveiled yesterday is a handsome gift to the city and an enduring memorial of the members of this battalion who lost their lives in Virginia's battles.

Richmond sent to the war numerous companies of artillery, nearly all of which became distinguished in the Confederate service; but none more so than the Howitzers. One Howitzer company was in existence when hostilities began, and soon afterwards a second was organized and later a third. The guns of these men were heard upon nearly every battle-field in this State from Big Bethel to Appomattox. Testimonials to their efficiency as artillerymen, to their gallantry, and to their fidelity to all the trusts committed to them exist in scores of official reports signed by officers whose names are now enrolled among the heroes of history.

There were few better equipped commands in the Confederate service than the Howitzers, but they were in no wise "holiday soldiers." Their list of dead and wounded shows that they went where the bullets fell thickest. And a time came when their bright uniforms became ragged and soiled with the mud of the trenches; when some of them had no shoe-leather between the soles of their feet and the frozen earth; when for food they were glad to have raw bacon and parched corn, and were content to make their beds on piles of leaves in fence-corners.

They served faithfully; they fought bravely; they were in the little band that surrendered at Appomattox Court-house, and then they came to Richmond and began life anew.

The men who made the best soldiers also make the best citizens. This has been found to be true nearly everywhere, and it is a maxim especially applicable to the Howitzers. It is really remarkable how many of them have risen to eminence in the learned professions; how many have prospered in business life, and how many of them are identified with the great enterprises in Richmond. More of their survivors live here than in any other community, but "old Howitzers" are to be found in every quarter of this country, and most of them are well-to-do men; men who review their army life with pride, who love their old comrades, and who delight in reunions such as yesterday's programme afforded.

Richmond is trying to do her duty in monument-building to the memory of those who lost their lives in the Confederate struggle for independence. There is a granite shaft in the midst of 16,000 soldiers' graves at Oakwood cemetery; a pyramid of stone, 90 feet high, towering over 12,000 graves at Hollywood; STONEWALL JACKSON has a bronze statue on the Capitol Square; LEE an equestrian statue at the west end of Franklin street; PICKETT a monument in Hollywood cemetery; WICKHAM one in Monroe Park; A. P. HILL one on our northwestern suburbs; the Howitzers one in the West End; the private soldiers' grand monument on Libby Hill (a reproduction of POMPEY's pillar) is nearly completed; the old cavalrymen have resolved to build a monument to STUART, and the United Confederate Veterans of all the South have joined with the Davis Monument Association of Richmond to build one here to the memory of the Hon. JEFFERSON DAVIS.

We by no means claim that all the money for building all these monuments was furnished by Richmond. This city did her part, but had much help from other Virginia communities and from other States. As for STONEWALL JACKSON's statue, it was presented to Virginia by English admirers of that hero, and the General Assembly furnished the money for the pedestal. All the other Confederate monuments here were, however, built by popular subscriptions.

Never was a monument fund so quietly accumulated as the Howitzers'. The fact is that their own members gave the bulk of it. This done, one of the old officers furnished the design from which the sculptor made his model.

The site chosen for the monument is a triangular city lot, bounded by Grove and Park avenues and Harrison street. Grove avenue separates it from the Grove-Avenue Baptist church—a handsome new structure with a tall tower, which is a landmark in that section of the West End.

For the benefit of old soldiers who knew Richmond during the war, but who would scarcely recognize the West End now, let us say that the Howitzer Monument is two squares west of Monroe Park ("the old fair-grounds") and is on an avenue lying between Main and Franklin streets; an avenue that leads into and in the county of Henrico becomes a part of the Grove road. It is in a little slip where three streets meet and in a neighborhood quite thickly built with elegant homes, and is only two or three hundred yards distant from Richmond College.

Let Virginia rejoice that she had such young men as the Howitzers to spring to her call in her hour of need. Let us drop a tear for those who died in the war, whether they fell at their guns or were "picked off" by the enemy in the march, or died in Confederate hospitals from wounds or disease, or surrendered to starvation and ill-treatment on the enemy's prison-pens. Nor let us forget those equally worthy ones who served through all the conflict of arms, but have since rejoined their lost comrades on the farther shore.

Yesterday was the anniversary of the company and of the battle of Fredericksburg, and for that reason was very appropriately chosen as the time for the unveiling of the monument. It was a day of chill and damp, but the Howitzers and their fellow-soldiers of Richmond made a beautiful street parade, after leaving the Theatre, where the oration of the day was delivered, and then they marched to the monument and raised the veil from the bronze figure with all due ceremony.

Mr. LEIGH ROBINSON, the orator of the day, now of Washington, D. C., made an address which showed that the war of 1861-'65 was forced upon the South, and that our position was morally and constitutionally correct. The day's exercises closed with a banquet which was distinguished for "good cheer," in which we include the "war talks" of the veterans.

A New View as to an Extra Session.

General C. H. GROSVENOR, of Ohio, a Republican, said on Monday to a newspaper reporter:

"There is no parallel between our government and the English method, which brings Parliament together within thirty days after a general election. Here our administrations run four years, and it was a wise, conservative enactment that our predecessors made when they provided that Congress should not meet until a year after the election. It was done to prevent hasty legislation; it was done to meet, I presume, just such contingencies as we have now. I think that our distinguished grandfathers looked forward with a sort of prophetic vision and said to themselves, 'Some day there will be just such a set of shouting, perspiring radicals, Socialists, Communists, Henry Georgeites, and all sorts of 'ites' elected to Congress, and we will protect the country against their ravages as long a time as it is possible, with the hope that thoughtfulness, deliberation, and wise counsel will overcome the first zealous purpose to overturn and smash things."

As it is by no means certain that representation in proportion to population secures the best of law-makers, so it is by no means certain that it is best for a new Congress to meet soon after the election of its members.

Nevertheless, the people have pretty generally come to the conclusion that both these are good things in a free country where everybody votes, and where nobody wishes that his vote shall have less weight than his neighbor's, or that his vote shall not effect its purpose until a good while after his ballot is delivered.

The World Moves.

Two articles in yesterday's Washington *Post* ought to attract general attention. One states that mail matter dropped in the post-office at Paris is delivered in Berlin in an hour and a half, and some times within thirty-five minutes. The distance between the cities is 750 miles, and the mail is sent by means of pneumatic tubes.

The other states that Mr. VEST introduced a bill into the United States Senate on Monday authorizing the Postmaster-General to contract with the company for carrying the mails at existing rates for ten years between Chicago and St. Louis upon condition that they shall be transported at not less than 100 miles per hour. The *Post* adds:

"The company is to obligate itself to furnish to the farmers and others along the line of the road, whenever requested so to do, electrical power for agricultural purposes, and electricity for light and motive power at reasonable rates. The road shall at all times transport troops and munitions of war, supplies, and public stores whenever requested so to do by the government, which shall have preference in the use of the line for the purposes aforesaid."

The road spoken of is the St. Louis and Chicago Electric-Road Company.

Surely the world moves.

Foreign Travel.

The view of the great steamship companies seems to be that it would not be better for the people of the United States to incur the danger of a cholera invasion than that the companies should suffer a loss in their business.

At any rate they have resolved to reduce the number of their trips after January 1st; to refuse all steerage passengers; to increase the price of berths in the first and second cabins, and to withdraw all the special inducements in the way of round-trip tickets offered in behalf of the Chicago exposition.

All right. Better that they should do all of this and much more than bring cholera to our shores. That is one foreign luxury we can't afford.

Ex-Governor CAMPBELL, of Ohio, said in his speech to the New York Reform Club last Saturday, "I am in favor of the Stevensonian method," meaning, we suppose, that he approved STEVENSON's act of cutting off the heads of 17,000 Republican office-holders in one year. Mr. CAMPBELL selected an unfortunate time and place for making that declaration. He probably knew, however, that Democrats generally are inclined to the same sort of "reform" in the civil service.

A Centenarian.

In a telegram in yesterday's DISPATCH our Charlotte correspondent stated that a negro woman aged 109 years died in Belvoir township, in that county, a short time ago, and that there is said to be good proof as to her age.

Here is a fine opportunity for some one to bring this proof to light.

"Their battles were the litanies of heroes. Their valor was consecrated not under fame but under duty," is one of the happy expressions which Mr. ROBINSON yesterday used in speaking of the soldiers of the Confederate army.

Senator PUGH, of Alabama, says that the New York incident makes Speaker CRISP the strongest man in the United States.

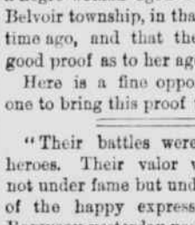
The Hon. R. R. Prentis.

[Norfolk Virginia, December 6th.]

In acknowledging the compliment to the Democracy of the Second District paid by Hon. Basil B. Gordon, chairman of the Democratic party of Virginia, omission was made through inadvertence of the name of Hon. R. R. Prentis, presidential elector of the district, in Mr. Glennan's letter. To correct this and do justice to Mr. Prentis's services the following letter has been written:

Hon. Basil B. Gordon, Chairman Democratic Party of Virginia:

Dear Sir,—I find that in acknowledging your compliment to the Democracy of the Second District I inadvertently omitted mention of Hon. R. R. Prentis, presidential elector, among those to whom credit belonged for the great victory. None were more earnest than the gallant Democrat of Nansemond. He began his canvass before the congressional convention at Newport News, and continued it faithfully until the day of election, eloquently advocating the principles of Democracy and the election of Cleveland and Stevenson. Sincerely regretting the oversight, I remain very truly, M. GLENNAN.



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2x2½ yards, $1.50.
2x3 yards, $1.75.
56x67 inches, $1.25.
These prices are hardly more than half value.

Table Sets—cloth and dozen pretty napkins to match; many sorts. Here's two—
Cloth 2x3 yards, cloth and napkins drawn work, $5.95.
2x2½ yards, $4.95.

Sumptuous combinations of Silk and Linen in Centrepieces and many Dining-Room Adornments.

East Aisle.

There's much of elegance awaiting you in the basement—Art Pieces, Brica-Brac, Ivories Grouse, and a variety of elegant things in real CUT-GLASS. Here's some prices—
Small Punch-Bowl, $24.60.
Salad-Bowl, $10.
Two-piece Custard Saucers, $3.65.
Oil Bottle, $2.
Decanter, $5.25.
Celery Dish, $6.50.
Individual Butters, 75c. each.

We suspect that Santa Claus will have to hitch a trolley to his sleigh. Surely he thinks too much of his reindeer to make them pull the loads of things he's collecting here without a little help. The mammas and papas are having great talks with Santa Claus here, and the dear old fellow is usually in hearing of little folks when they go in ecstacies over the pretty things.

Jointed Dolls, 10c. up.
Sleeping Dolls, 23c. up.
Pianos from Schoenhut, the best maker of Toy Pianos, 48c. to $10.
Iron Bedsteads, with Pillows and Bolster, 50c. and 98c.
Folding-Beds—make a Wardrobe when closed—33 inches high, Antique Oak, $1.
Big Wardrobes with lock and key, $1. We've 200 of them.
A. B. C. Tables, 9x14 inches on top, 19c.
Finely-finished Billiard-Tables, Balls and Cues, $6.
Pool-Tables cheaper.
Bureau with Mirror—oak, 98c., in high colors, $1.25.
Everything necessary to set dolly up in housekeeping or send her traveling. Cook-Stoves wonderfully real; Trunks mighty cheap.
The $1 Tool-Chest beats all competition. Tool-Chests 10c. to $4.50.
A durable Swing, 25c.
Nickel-plated Air-Gun—a dandy—$1.
Christmas-Tree Ornaments.
Sleds. Every boy wants a sled—59, 66c., $1.25, $1.36, and $2.36. Some Sleds; some Toboggans.
Four Great arrays of Toys—5c., 10c., 25c., 50c. Look them over.
A big box of Architectural Blocks—and wheels to make the box into a wagon, $1.
Folding Tables, polished, 50c.
Rocking Horses, $8, $2.50, $1.50, and $1.25.
Shoo Fly—on the order of a platform rocker, an elegant one, $3.50.
Every sort of Wheelbarrow, 25c. to $1.
Express Wagons, 25c. to $4.50.
Doll Carriages, 23c. to $9.
Hosts of games and Mechanical Toys.

More designs added to the great Lamp stock and some gone.

Stand-Lamps, decorated shade and lount, heavy brass base, 85c.
Another, $1.98—both under price.
To buy a full-size Banquet-Lamp with shade complete for $1.75 is to beat any lamp purchase you ever made.
A bisque Banquet-Lamp, prettily decorated, 27 inches high, $5 complete.
Another, onyx column, complete, $6.67.
Here's one of the beauties of the season, 27 inches high, white metal and ornamental brass, $13.50.
A heavy Brass Piano Lamp, $10.
Another, Onyx Knobs, $12.75.
A large Onyx Shell, surrounded with filigree brass, the fount made up of allegorical figures—an elegant Lamp, $20.

A nice display of French and Dresden Plates, Dishes, Cups, etc. Sample pieces—hundreds of choice items at a saving.
Real India After-Dinner Coffees, 19c.
Full Size Cups, 25c.
Lots of Gift Cups, 10c. each.
China Oyster-Plates, decorated, $2.50 a dozen; worth more.
Tea-Plates to match, $1.96 a dozen.
Here's a new Dinner-Set, 112 pieces, including tureen and big turkey dishes, cups and saucers; decorated, $10, worth $15.
China Tete-a-Tete Sets, 10 pieces, waiter, cups, and chocolate-pot, $4.89.
Jardinieres, 89c. to $7.50.
Fancy Comports, fruit decorations, 37c.—not half.

Basement.

THE COHEN CO.

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AMUSEMENTS.

RICHMOND THEATRE.

BRANCH & LEATH, Managers.

ONE NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH.

GEORGE WILSON MINSTRELS,

headed by the admitted king of all, GEORGE WILSON, assisted by the ever-popular comedian, Mr. CHARLES GOODYEAR.

NEW SONGS, DANCES, FACES, SPECIALTIES. de 11-3t*

WOODWARD & LOTHROP.

TEMPLE DRY-GOODS STORE,

corner Broad and Adams streets.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS.

The holiday part of our store is ready now. Gift articles are everywhere; [illegible] our entire space is to be given up to [illegible] MAS GOODS.

Articles which are to be given as [illegible] may be bought at the very last [illegible] be given in time, but the danger [illegible] joned by the fingers, needle, etc. [illegible] sity be selected much earlier. [illegible] ing of doing fancy work of any [illegible] the field and get the choicest [illegible] tings.

What Shall It Be?

is the perplexing question now. We can help you solve it.

TOYS, GAMES, DOLLS, WAGONS, DOLL CARRIAGES, PICTURES, EASELS, [illegible]

HANDKERCHIEFS, HOLIDAY [illegible] TERNS, SILVERWARE, TOILET ARTICLES, PHOTO. FRAMES, Etc.

(Main Floor.)

Linen Department.

A new line of WHITE- and FANCY [illegible] FRINGED SETS, [illegible] Doilies to match—prices from [illegible]

$2.75 to $12 per set.

We mention one line of [illegible] DRESDEN DAMASK LUNCHEON SETS [illegible] were bought especially for [illegible] and which we have marked at the [illegible] prices:

2x2 yards, $2.75 set;
2x2½ yards, $3.25 set;
2x3 yards, $3.75 set.

Colored-border APRON-PATTERNS [illegible] wide and 41 inches long; [illegible] ferent colorings.

25c. PATTERN.

Just the Thing

FOR

CHILDREN.

CHILDREN'S COLORED-BORDERED HANDKERCHIEFS in a beautiful [illegible] box. These are all cotton and the [illegible] handkerchief we keep.

15c. PER BOX.

We have to-day received [illegible] KID GLOVES in tan, brown, [illegible] The tans are a little soiled in [illegible] wrist. These gloves sell for $1.[illegible] cial Christmas bargain our price is [illegible] pair. Remember, every pair is [illegible] REAL KID.

[Gloves bought as Christmas presents will be fitted after Christmas.]

Woodward & Lothrop.

THE TOWER,

corner Second and Broad.

OPEN EVERY EVENING UNTIL [illegible]

CREPE DE CHINE in every shade, $1 a yard.
BENGALINE in all colors, [illegible]
Pink, Blue, White, Cream, Sky, Lavender, Figured SILKS, $1 a yard.
CHINA SILKS, $1 in the wide, at [illegible]
We have received the past week a [illegible] signment of BLACK SILK, and we can positively say they are the best value we have offered.
We offer the largest and most complete assortment of LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S, MISSES' and CHILDREN'S KID, SUEDE and CASHMERE GLOVES to be found in any one department in this city.

RIBBONS FOR FANCY WORK.

Best assortment of Fancy Ribbons to be found in all widths in this city.

HOLIDAY SCARFS.

We have been fortunate in securing the entire stock of one of New York's leading [illegible] manufacturers. We shall sell them at half price.

In CARPETS we have made sweeping reductions. We sell an elegant Ingrain [illegible] 50c., reduced from $1.25, and others in same proportion.

OUR TOY DEPARTMENT.

MAKE YOUR SELECTION NOW

and take advantage of our [illegible] Should it not be convenient for you to call at once you can leave it with us for future delivery.

The season is here, and Christmas [illegible] must be bought for relatives and friends. Of course nothing should be appropriated more than a DRESS PATTERN or a CLOAK. [illegible] having a great many presents to make [illegible] care to tax their pockets too heavily. We come to the rescue.

SELL AT VERY LOW PRICES,

and look at neither cost, price, nor value, thus by sustaining our reputation of selling for less the price charged elsewhere, and leaving the would-be

COMPETITORS FAR BEHIND.

JULIUS SYCLE & SON,

Nos. 201 and 203 east Broad.

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FOSTER'S PATENTS,

OR

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PERSONAL.

NOTICE.—I HAVE THIS DAY APPOINTED HENRY COHEN as my agent for me and in my name, to carry on and conduct the CLOTHING AND GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING BUSINESS in the store No. 1401 east Main street, in the city of Richmond, Va.

Store will