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HENRY WARD BEECHER'S SECOND LETTER.

Mr. Beecher has written another letter upon the policy adopted by the Administration for restoring the Union. It was elicited by the vehement and bitter hostility aroused in certain quarters by his letter to General HALPINE, in reply to an invitation to officiate as chaplain at the Cleveland Convention.

The letter is a reassertion of his opinions, stated somewhat more fully than they were given in the other, and vindicating them from some of the misrepresentations to which they have been subjected. It is frank, full, and bold in its declarations of principle, and vigorous and eloquent in its style of thought and expression.

Mr. Beecher re-affirms his belief that the prompt restoration of the Union, by the re-admission of the Southern States to the Government, is essential to the best interests of the whole country. He deems it especially important to the welfare of the freedmen—holding that "the longer the South is left in turmoil the worse it will be for the negro." He denies that he has left the Republican party, and refuses to allow any member else to put him out of it; nor has any apprehension that he will be confounded with men whose course he has opposed all his life, because they agree with him now. "I am not going," he says, "weakly to turn away from my settled convictions of the public wrong, for fear that bad men will praise me or good men blame."

THE UNION MOVEMENT IN ALEXANDRIA.

Upon our first page will be found an interesting record of the proceedings of a meeting held under the auspices of the original Union men of Alexandria who approve the restoration policy of the Administration. The meeting had the approval of some of the most respectable and reliable of the never-faltering Union men of Alexandria, among whom are Colonel DANIEL F. DULANEY, Senator in the Virginia Legislature; JAMES A. ENGLISH and Dr. ROBERTSON, Representatives in the Legislature; Wm. D. MANSBY, Postmaster; THOMAS L. SAMPSON, Collector of Internal Revenue; REYNOLDS JOHNSON, late Auditor, and a large number of other prominent citizens. This movement will serve to show that many of the original Union men sympathetic with the Administration in its efforts to restore the Union, and do not sympathize with the late Convention of so-called Southern loyalists.

SURGEON GENERAL BARNE.

A painful report was circulated in the city last evening, to the effect that Surgeon General BARNE, who accompanied the Presidential party to the West, had been attacked with a sudden and dangerous illness. Surgeon CRAIG was summoned by telegraph to go at once and render his assistance.

THE NATIONAL UNION CLUBS of this District have taken possession of the spacious and elegant mansion adjoining the Unitarian Church (formerly the residence of DANIEL WEBSTER) and fitted up the various apartments for business purposes. The location and building are admirably adapted to the use of these associations as their headquarters.

A PREMISE FOR IDLENESS.

The Evening Post, in commenting on the Freedmen's Bureau bill, says: "If men are to be fed by the Government because they are starving, or to be clothed if they are in rags, or to be cordoned off by especially protected by it because they are ignorant, then the Government simply offers a premium to idleness, ignorance and unthrift. It says to the ignorant remain ignorant, to the lazy remain lazy, to the improvident do not feel want, a paternal government will feed and clothe you at the expense of the industrious and thrifty." The American doctrine is, that if a man cannot take care of himself, the law being just and equal—it is because he does not use the faculties God has given to all men, and it is therefore right that he should suffer. Neither the negro nor the manufacturers have any right of special protection.

In the period succeeding the war, as Southern industry was entirely disorganized, it was proper that temporary special provision should be made. But to continue this for a year beyond next April, or for a day longer than is absolutely required by emergency, is, as the President says, to encourage idleness and fears that the national Government will continue to furnish to the masses of citizens in the several States means of support and maintenance, regardless whether they pursue a life of idleness or of labor, and regardless also of the constitutional limitations of the national authority in times of peace and tranquility. It is to injure rather than to serve the very class for which special protection is thus provided."

The Radical Address from the Philadelphia Convention omits some notorious crimes and offenses in its accusations against the President for which he is just as responsible as for those enumerated in the Address. Among the omitted are several of Hamilton's peccadilloes in Texas—the sale of his negro woman and his presiding at a meeting approving of Brooke's assault upon Sumner, Gunn's "volition" Hahn's addresses to the Confederate troops on the presentation of regimental colors; the murder of the Joyce children in the quiet city of Roanoke; the twenty or thirty cases of stealing, garroting, and highway robbery, in Boston, reported in one week; the whipping of a young woman at Cambridge; the whipping to death of a boy by his New York father, because he did not say his prayers according to parental desire.

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THE DEPARTMENTS.

Relief for the Portland sufferers. Mr. John P. Hickey, Assistant Secretary, and Thomas J. Hobbs, Esq., chief disbursing officer of the Treasury, having been appointed a committee to solicit from the clerks of the Department contributions for the relief of the sufferers by the late disastrous fire in Portland, Maine, report that they have collected the sum of \$1,800, contributed as follows: From the Secretary's office, \$420; Note Printing bureau, \$240; Register's office, \$274; Treasurer's office, \$154.50; Second Comptroller's office, \$121.10; Third Auditor's office, \$119.50; Office of Comptroller of the Currency, \$115.50; Fourth Auditor's office, \$87; Light House Board, \$61; Solicitor's office, \$50; First Auditor's office, \$53; Attorney General's office, \$42; Office of Commissioner of Customs, \$40; First Comptroller's office, \$39.50; Fifth Auditor's office, \$32. Total, \$1,800.

Post Office Department. Appointments in West Virginia.—John B. Priest, postmaster, Martinsburg, Westcott county, vice R. A. Sayre, removed. Thomas W. Griffin, postmaster, Wallburg, Brooks county, vice Thomas Hagan, removed. George W. S. Martin, postmaster, Farmington, Marion county, vice T. L. Buggan, removed. Thomas Lewis, postmaster, Ranson, Preston county, vice W. P. Fortney, removed. J. M. Costello, postmaster, Newburg, Preston county, vice J. R. Sneed, removed. William Hamilton, postmaster, Evansville, Preston county, vice J. W. Felner, removed. Mrs. Sarah Ewing, postmaster, Valley Grove, Ohio county, vice W. Y. Gilmer, removed. Joseph F. Wells, postmaster, West Liberty, Ohio county, vice Lowell Bell, removed. N. Henry Garrison, postmaster, Triadelphia, Ohio county, vice John Ferrell, removed.

Public Land Operations. There were disposed of at the land office at Marquette, Michigan, during the month of August last, 15,655 acres, as follows: Located with land warrants, 7,899 acres, sold for cash, \$477; located with agricultural certificates, 400 acres. At the land office at Sioux City, Iowa, during the same month, 2,856 acres were disposed of—2,856 under the homestead law and the residue for cash. Returns from the land office at St. Peter, Minnesota, show that 10,382 acres were taken up under the homestead act, 400 acres with bounty land warrants, and 290 acres disposed of for cash, during the same month.

Organization of Artillery Companies. The following order relative to the organization of light companies of artillery was issued by the War Department yesterday:

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, September 8, 1866. ANNUAL GENERAL ORDER, No. 100. BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, under section 2, act approved July 25, 1866, each of the two designated light companies of five artillery regiments will be re-organized as follows: One company of sergeants, twelve corporals, and one hundred and twenty-two privates. BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR, E. D. TOWNSEND, Assistant Adjutant General.

Reception by the New Secretary of the Interior. Having a desire to meet personally each member of the clerical force of his Department, Secretary Browning, of the Interior Department, was yesterday introduced to his small army of employees by the chief of the different bureaus. Each clerk was greeted with a cordial reception and returned to his duties very favorably impressed with the new Secretary.

Light-House Re-establishment. By order of the Light-House Board, the light at Cape Roman, S. C., on Roanoke Key, about ten miles southwest of the entrance of the Roanoke river, and in latitude 33 deg. 1 min. 8 sec., longitude west 79 deg. 23 min. 12 sec., has been re-established. The light is of the first order, and is elevated one hundred and fifty-four feet above the ordinary level of the sea.

Receipts from Customs. From the 27th to the 31st ultimo, the receipts from customs at the ports below mentioned were as follows: New York, \$2,026,415.05; Baltimore, \$145,937.79; Boston, \$304,372.23; Philadelphia, \$143,495.51. The receipts at the port of New Orleans, from the 29th to the 31st ultimo were \$74,002.89.

The Provost Marshal's Office of the District of Columbia, abolished. By War Department General Order, No. 54, the office of the Provost Marshal of the District of Columbia is abolished, and all papers now on file in the office are to be turned over to the office of the Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Washington.

Navy Bulletin. Ordered, September 3.—Carpenter Wm. H. Edgar to duty at the Naval Academy. Detached, September 3.—Carpenter Nicholas Mager from duty at the Naval Academy, and ordered to duty on the Constellation.

INTERNAL REVENUE.—The receipts from this source yesterday were \$2,113,748.02.

HON. DENNIS COOLEY, Commissioner of the Indian Bureau, returned from his brief tour yesterday, and resumed the duties of his office.

The following extract is from a private letter written by a prominent and well-known republican of Pennsylvania to a friend in Washington: "Harrisburg, Sept. 8, 1866. Since my arrival here I have seen leading and prominent men both of the Johnson republican and democratic sides from different parts of the State, who give encouraging accounts from their several districts. Mr. Lewis, elected mayor of Pittsburgh by the radicals, is here as a member of the Johnson State Committee. He says they have formed a Union ticket in Allegheny county of conservative republicans and democrats, and feel confident of electing their whole ticket. He says they can count eleven hundred changes from the radicals to the support of the President's policy. Thus you will perceive that the great majority of six thousand majority for Curtis our friends now feel confident of carrying the election. I give you this as an evidence of the changes now going on in our State. I am only speaking now as to the local tickets in the several districts. How this will affect the election of General Geary, I am not well prepared to say. I will say that the election will be a very close one. Geary will have a hard fight, and may be elected. As it stands now it is about an even thing.

In addition to the above, and in explanation of the apparent success of Geary's strength over that of the local radical ticket, it is well known in Washington that General Geary is in no wise a radical, but is strongly supported by many eminent and influential Administration men, on the understanding that he will follow his own instincts if elected and pursue a conservative policy. "One of his personal friends, just from Philadelphia, says Geary expressed himself intensely disgusted at being compelled to appear in the amalgamated convention and share the honors with Anna Dickinson. Fred. Douglass and the other disciples of popular logic, he thought it is trying to ride both the radical and conservative horses—a feat which may look out before the election and cause an unpleasant stampede of his supporters.

At the sales of pews in the new and magnificent Hebrew Temple in Cincinnati, last Sunday, the price of \$1,000 was put on first class seats and \$300 on second. Upon these enormous sums, premiums were bid, ranging as high as \$5,000. A sum amounting to nearly two hundred thousand dollars was realized from the sale! This is the most liberal return ever made in the history of aid for Divine worship in this or any country.

Pen, Pencil, and Scissors.

At Vichy, where the fashions congregate, "bodies are made low round the shoulders and high round the waist."

WASHINGTON has been so dull during the President's absence that a hundred radical grind-gears couldn't sharpen it.

REV. STEPHEN H. TYNG, the eminent divine, has written a letter strongly endorsing the restoration policy of the Administration.

EX-GOVERNOR CLAYTON C. CLAY, of Alabama, died at Huntsville, last Thursday, of paralysis. He was 77 years old.

GEN. JAMES P. BROWNLOW, of Tennessee, is in the city. He appears to be a remarkably sensible Brownlow.

MR. DENNIS SWENNEY, one of the occupants of the morocco factory in Charleston, S. C., nearly destroyed by fire a few days since, has been arrested on the charge of setting the fire.

ON MONDAY night last week Miss Sue Bayne, of Barretts, Kentucky, committed suicide by taking poison. The father killed her assassin last winter.

THE demolition of the old city walls of Havana is going on rapidly. They are of no imaginable utility, and the ground occupied by them is of much value to the city.

THE Norfolk Virginian says the bears driven from their lairs in the Dismal Swamp by the conflagration are often seen by the passengers on the train, lumbering along the track.

THERE has been no election in the Third Congressional District of Vermont, three candidates being in the field, and none of them having a majority over his competitors. A plurality vote will elect on the 17th November.

THE Valley Virginian says its "special reporter" returns eighty-four widows and twenty-one widowers in Stanton, and that he is counting up the old maids and bachelors, and hopes to report in a week.

IT is stated that Ben Wood has sold out the New York News to Caldwell A. Whitney, proprietor of the New York Mercury, and the paper is to be run in the interest of John Morrissey, the pugilist, in his coming campaign for Congress.

A GENTLEMAN in Newport, R. I., cut a melon the other day, and inside of it found a full grown and ripe raspberry.—Exchange Paper.

That was not so strange as the discovery of a huckster's in a permillion on a gentleman's estate in this vicinity last fall.

The waters of the Dead Sea contain no iodine, nor are there any traces of phosphoric acid. We have concluded, therefore, not to bathe in the Dead Sea. If the truth were told, the medicinal explorations lately made by Francis Serranus have proved the Dead Sea to be a "dead beat."

PARSONS inclined to bet on election returns should remember that the late radical Congress appropriated to themselves a magnificent election fund by voting themselves \$2,000 extra apiece. If they can't secure their re-election it will not be for lack of funds.

MR. JOHN HAUGHAWAT and several young men of Lexington have just returned from a successful deer-hunt in the mountains. They killed one deer, caught innumerable fish, and had a magnificent time generally, and represent that the deer are more abundant than they have ever known them.

THE Portland Argus says the Eastern Express Company recently received three barrels of peas from Lowell, Mass., addressed to a party in Portland, and marked free, (for the sufferers by the fire.) Accidentally the head of one of the barrels came out and disclosed a live rat, the sender, saying, "call for the most you can get, and remit me the proceeds."

THE Buffalo Express publishes a letter taken from a Hamilton (N. Y.) paper, which was said to have been picked up in the streets of Harrisburg, containing an intimation of a plot to burn Buffalo, especially the grain elevators. It was stated some time ago that a plot existed to burn the towers along the American border. The whole thing is thought to be a hoax.

As a banquet given by the American Embassy, Mr. Fox proposed the following toast: "Each time when danger has threatened Russia, American sympathies have been with her. If American sympathies were viable, we should behold them as united to Russia as are here the Russian and American flags. May this bond be strengthened forever by our blood."

In the cultivation of beets for sugar, in Germany, the beets are drilled in rows of about fifteen inches apart, and the entire labor of cultivation is performed by the hoe, in the hands of men and women, who work in gangs of twenty or more. They work fourteen hours a day, and their pay average seventeen cents a day for the men and fourteen for the women. American agricultural labor is paid far better than this.

TWO SPARKS from London, while enjoying themselves among the heather in Argyleshire, Scotland, last autumn, came upon a deer-looking shepherd residing on the top of the hill. They accosted him by remarking: "You have a fine view here, you will see a great way." "Oo, ay, a very good way." "Ah! you will see America from here." "Farther than that," said Donald. "Ah! how's that?" "Oo, just wait till the mist gangs away, as you'll see the mune!"

A few facts have been established by this last cholera visitation which it would be well to bear in mind for future guidance. In the first place, it has been tolerably well settled that the cholera poison is propagated mainly by the discharges of those suffering from the disease. If it were possible to utterly destroy all the excretions of persons afflicted with cholera, the disease would soon become extinct, at least such is the expressed judgment of our most eminent physician. This is a fact of very great importance, as it points out the means by which the ravages of the pestilence may be stayed.

FRED. DOUGLASS has had another slight put upon him. He has been trocked out, put through his paces, patted on the back to furnish "banquets" capital, but as to any consolation, Frederick could put it all conveniently in his eye. He wanted to be president of the convention, but was refused; not even as vice president or secretary or platform celebrity was he received. Tilton had to shoulder him before he was even admitted as a delegate. His last request, that he might accompany the committee on the proposed tour from Maine to Mexico and elsewhere, was refused, the much southerner who suggested his name being fully informed that Douglass was not a delegate to the Southern Convention. Frederick is summarily extinguished. How ungrateful are radicals!

The London Spectator, in an elaborate article upon the American income returns, states that Mr. Alexander T. Stewart's return of over four millions of dollars is probably the largest annual business income in the world. It also states that if the Rothschilds, whose wealth is more that of a family than of individuals, are excepted, no unearned person has an income approaching Mr. Stewart's. Referring to British incomes, the Spectator prints some statistics which do not show very far for the wealth of England. Thus, in 1865, the English returns, 338,421 persons pay income tax, and the average income of each is \$1,849. There are but 107 Englishmen who return over \$250,000 a year, 1,283 between \$20,000 and \$250,000, 627 between \$20,000 and \$25,000, 1,428 between \$15,000 and \$20,000, 2,204 between \$10,000 and \$15,000, and 7,374 between \$5,000 and \$10,000. From this exhibit it would appear that either the wealth of England is much exaggerated, or the wealthy classes do not make correct returns. The publication of the names of income tax payers in England is prohibited.

The President at St. Louis—Addresses and Speeches.

Our exchanges furnish details of the President's visit to St. Louis, in addition to the Associated Press dispatches. After the procession the President was called out at the hotel, and spoke as follows:

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. FELLOW-CITIZENS, OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS: Permit me here this day to tender through your honored representatives, the Mayor, my profound thanks for the cordial welcome he has extended me from the citizens, irrespective of business, calling, or opinions on political questions. For this cordial and spontaneous welcome, I confess to you that language is inadequate to express my gratitude. I do not regret the Constitution established by the number of persons which has made this visit to St. Louis, but I look upon it as an indication of the popular heart moved with reference to questions now agitating the public mind. [Applause.] And, believing this, I come before you with the country's flag bearing thirty-six stars, with the Constitution in one hand and the Union in the other, believing that, with your help and the help of God, the Constitution and the Union can be preserved. [Emphatic applause.]

The time has come when the great names of the people of the United States should look to the Constitution, government, and country, emerging from the chaotic condition in which they were plunged, and resuming our former relations, it behooves every man who loves the law and the Constitution to see that the questions involved are properly adjusted. In leaving the stand, I leave with you the Constitution, bearing thirty-six stars, with the Union in the other hand, and the Union in the other, believing that, with your help and the help of God, the Constitution and the Union can be preserved. [Emphatic applause.]

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