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**Great Union Meeting in New York.**  
The great Union meeting held at the Cooper Institute, about a week ago, was addressed by Dr. Hitchcock, Dudley Field, J. T. Brady, Judge Daley and John Van Buren. We have not space for all the speeches, but we present some extracts which indicate the feelings and sentiments of the speakers, and to a considerable extent that of the people of New York.

James T. Brady, one of the most eminent Democrats of New York, and one of the ablest speakers, in the course of his speech, declared:

When this war broke out, I knew that it was waged on the South. I hoped that it might terminate early; I hoped that my Southern countrymen—for such they are—would develop among them some desire to remain with us. I detested with regret that they had prepared means to make an assault upon the Union that they ought to love. I maintained silence in regard to it. You will excuse my egotism, but I now justify myself in my own presence. I found that they proposed to take to themselves Fort Sumter, the Forts at Key West and Pensacola, Tortugas and Fortress Monroe. I thought it was quite essential to the dignity and prosperity of the country that we should retain these Fortresses. I think so now. I did hope, however, that the Southern people would put their foot upon the necks of their leaders and insist upon the maintenance of the Union. They ever told us that if we gave them a blank paper and pencil to write the terms of a new compact they would not agree to it. Therefore it is a war declared, for all ultimate results that can come, and I spit upon the man who now takes any position except for the maintenance of the Government. [Here among the entire audience rose to their feet, waved their hats, and cheered vociferously for some moments.]

Judge Daley, equally eminent as a party man with Mr. Brady, was equally emphatic in his utterances. He said as follows:

I am not now giving voice to the excitement which a public speaker may be supposed to feel in the presence of a large body of his fellow citizens; I am giving outward, distinct, and direct utterance to the conviction that has reigned in my mind since the first shot was fired upon Sumpter, since the first time that the American flag was insulted, and everything in the course of events has tended to convince me that there is no hope for the preservation of this national life except in the vigorous prosecution of the war. [Cheers.]

John Van Buren said, as reported in the World, in reference to the President's Proclamation of Emancipation:

Slaves are not emancipated in Kentucky they are not in Missouri; they are not in Maryland; they are not in Tennessee; and his purpose, his sole object in my humble judgment, was to declare the general policy that, as our armies advanced, the servants of the conquered rebels would be freed. Well there is no doubt about that. [Applause.] Slavery exists by force, recognized by law. When our armies advance and the rebel governments, by which slavery exists, are overthrown, the slaveholders who refused to recognize the Constitution of the United States will lose their slaves by

law beyond a peradventure. [Immense Applause.]

Again he said:  
With this explanation let me say to you that nothing has occurred which makes it necessary in my judgment for any firm-minded man to oppose the prosecution of the war. I believe that notwithstanding everything that has been done, it is just as much our duty tonight to unite in a vigorous prosecution of the war, under the President of the United States, as it ever was, when the war was first declared. [Continued Applause.]

The following impassioned paragraph occurred toward the close of his speech, in speaking of the democracy:  
As a general rule, they are wise, and prudent, and patriotic. Occasionally blind guides or bad drivers take some sleepy passengers into bad roads and set them, as they did in '48, [laughter], but then they wake up, the passengers get out, they inquire the right road, and finally get all right again. [Laughter.] I think they will do so now. It has seemed to me, that as a careful man, looking at their course just at this moment, it was prudent for me to get out and walk. [Great laughter and applause shaking of hats, canes and handkerchiefs. Mr. Prosper M. Wetmore rushes to the front of the stage and shakes a handkerchief with energetic ecstasy.] Whether I shall step into the stage or not, or foot it through, depends upon circumstances. But whatever they do, or whatever anybody else does I shall sustain this war to the bitter end. The State of New York will do it; after sending 80,000 men, and spending \$200,000,000, they will not hesitate to go through. The State will not hesitate to go through. Was there anything ever more preposterous than the idea that when we are told by the Southern men we must recognize their independence before they will treat with us that we should be wasting time in negotiating a peace when the President of the Confederate Republic, as he claims to be, denounces the best men in the North and East and West as pirates and hyenas, and what he seems to suppose worse than all, a knave?

It is possible to make terms with him, or to listen with composure to any arrangement for an accommodation? Who are the men we have sent from the State of New York? Who are those denounced by this rebellious chieftain? I have diffided with a great many of them politically; but when you find the Kennedys, the Van Ransslears, the Middletons, the Schuylers, the Jays, the Dixes, the Pratts, the Costars, the Hexters, the Campbells, the Chamberlains, the Duers, the Kings, the Wadsworths, the Howlands, the Vosburgs, the best blood of the State of New York denounced as pirates, why, I submit that it requires more than ordinary composure to listen, Yankees? They are the Knickerbockers of New York, and when they peril lives for the Constitution and the country and the union of the States, by who denounces them as pirates and hyenas is forgetful of the principles of truth and honor that should govern the language of a gentleman. We have nothing to do but fight this war through.

The patriotic Democrats are up in arms against the submissionists of the Vallandigham stripe, and such are some of the utterances of leaders in New York.

From the N. Y. Tribune  
**The Postal Laws.**  
One of the important bills passed by the late Congress was the amending the laws regulating the Post Office Department. Its main provisions are as follows: The Postmaster General is to appoint all Postmasters whose salaries are less than \$1,000; the President all above that figure; Postmasters to reside in the delivery districts of their office. Every Postmaster and agent is to take the general oath of July, 1862 and a special oath of faithfulness and honesty in his office. No mail matter shall be delivered until the postage is paid; box rent must be paid at least one quarter in advance. Strict rules are made as to keeping accounts and records. When business is greatly increased at a postoffice by reason of the presence of a military force, the Postmaster General may allow reasonable extra compensation. Quarterly accounts to the Department are imperative, false swearing in which is perjury. Dead letters having valuable enclosures, are to be registered, returned when practicable, and if not, the value goes to the Department, subject to reclamation within six years. The advertising of letters is left to the discretion of the Postmaster General, with the restriction that publication shall be made in the newspapers having the largest circulation within the special district; the pay to be no more than one cent per letter. Publishers must be notified when papers are not taken out for one month, which notice may be sent free. Foreign dead letters shall be subject to conventional stipulations with the respective Governments. The business of local delivery and collection of letters is to be regulated by the Postmaster General; but carriers are to be paid a salary and give bonds. The Postmaster General may also establish branch Postoffices and letter boxes in cities; all accounts for local business to be kept separate. Contracts may be made with publishers for delivery by local carriers of papers, &c., coming through the mails; the Postmaster General may also provide for the delivery of small packets, other than letters and papers, provided they are prepaid (for delivery) at the rate of two cents for every four ounces. No package weighing over four pounds shall go through the mail except books circulated by order of Congress. Postage must be prepaid by stamps on domestic letters, whether for mail or local delivery, or transient printed matter,

and everything else, save newspapers arranged for by the quarter or other periods. There are but three classes of mailable matter, viz: Letters—regular or periodical printed matter, and miscellaneous matter. The first class embraces correspondence, wholly or partly in writing, except that mentioned in the third class. The second class embraces all mail matter exclusively in print, and issued at stated periods, without addition of writing, mark or sign. The third class embraces all other matter declared mailable; embracing pamphlets, occasional publications, books, book manuscripts, proof sheets, maps, prints, engravings, blanks, flexible patterns, samples and sample cards, photographic paper, letter envelopes, postal envelopes or wrappers, cards, paper, photographic representations of seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots and scions. The maximum standard weight for the single rate of letter postage is one half ounce avoirdupois. The rate of postage on all domestic letters not exceeding one half ounce, shall be uniform at three cents; and for each half ounce, or fraction thereof, of additional weight, an additional rate of three cents, to be in all cases prepaid by postage stamps. Drop or local letters, two cents per half ounce, prepaid by stamps; and no further fee can be charged for delivery or for taking from street boxes to the mails. Letter rates are to be charged on irregular matter, part writing and part print, except that publishers may send and secure proof sheets, and advise patrons, by writing on paper, when their subscription is up, at printed matter rates. On unclassified matter, where no specific rate is set down letter postage is charged. When mail matter that should be prepaid goes forward unpaid, double rates are paid at the delivery office. Soldiers and sailors' letters are exempt from this extra charge, and may go unpaid. On returned dead letters, it is valuable, double rates must be paid; if not valuable, three cents. Letters not finding owners at the office named, must be forwarded when his place is known without extra charge. The Postmaster General may pay not more than two cents for carrying letters in vessels not carrying mails; such letters to be put in the Postoffice on arrival in port; if for local delivery another cent should be affixed. No fees are allowed for letters collected by a carrier on a mail route. The registry system remains as worthless as ever; the Government will take any sum not more than 20 cents for registering a letter, but will be in no manner responsible for loss or miscarriage. The maximum weight for single postage on printed matter is four ounces, and the same for miscellaneous or third class matter, and the postage on such four ounces is two cents. Letters prepaid by stamps; double these rates charged for books; three unsealed circulars for two cents—two cents for each additional three, always prepaid; no charge for cards or advertisements stamped or printed envelopes. Newspaper or second class postage, is for papers not over four ounces each as follows per quarter, once a week 5 cents; twice a week 10 cents; three times 15 cents; six times 20 cents; seven times 25 cents, and so on, adding one rate for each issue more than once per week—to be prepaid for not less than three months nor more than one year at the office of reception or delivery; publishers of weekly newspapers may send within their county fees. On magazines issued oftener than once a week, one cent for four ounces to regular subscribers. Special bargains may be made by the Postmaster General for transporting packages of newspapers, &c. Bills and receipts for subscriptions may be enclosed in papers and go free—any other written enclosure letter postage. The Postmaster General is authorized to make useful rules, and require sworn testimony to carry out these provisions. Franking is restricted to the President, heads of Executive Departments, heads of bureaus and clerks to be designated by the Postmaster General. Senators and Representatives, Secretary of State and Clerk of House—but this only to cover matter sent to them, and that dispatched by way of business, except documents issued by authority of Congress. Documents from officers to their several departments, marked official may go free; also petitions to Congress. The weight of franked matter must not exceed four ounces per package, save Congress books &c. Publishers may exchange papers free, not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight. This act to take effect on and after June 30, 1863.

The amendment of the House, establishing a money order system, was rejected in the Senate and finally abandoned.

**Army Correspondence.**  
Murfreesboro, Tenn., March 1st, '63.  
Eds Gazette:—  
Gen'l Halleck in a treatise on the conduct of wars, says: it is of the utmost importance that all troops should be attended by the best physicians, and that proper attention be paid the sick and wounded. "Old brains" may be right, but I can see little difference between the health of the 17th eight months ago when we had a surgeon, and now when we have none. Perhaps we owe something to our efficient and gentlemanly hospital steward, Salton Hyde. It is surprising that Gen'l Rosecrans, notwithstanding his eagle eyed attention to details, has overlooked two matters coming under his jurisdiction, and materially affecting his army. While by some in the army in every conceivable manner. Barrels marked "cider" legs branded "mackers,"

glass jars marked "brandy peaches," cherries and pine apples; cans of preserved fruits all contain the same; "eighty rod rot gut," "army tonic," "stomach bitters," and all other names and a variety of singular brands all come from the same. Soldiers of tipping proclivities as soon as paid off, fill themselves with this poisonous stuff and the result is disagreeable disturbances, broils and broken heads and a general demoralization; then go to the hospital bearing the germs of disease, and some never return. I saw a regiment going out foraging which had left one third of its men in camp owing to the previous day's drunk. Had a battle been pending it would have been the same. More than all this, whiskey is patent to that worst of all our enemies—bad management.

Daily we see long lists of acknowledgments of Sanitary Committees to kind and patriotic citizens who have given to sick soldiers. Boat loads of sanitary stores arrive at Nashville. The Sanitary Commission does a stupendous business. Go around to the hospitals among soldiers devoured by disease, or some who have left a limb or their heart's blood on Stone River as an "offering." Here and there is a taste of canned fruit, enough to create a longing—here and there a garment. To dine with some of our officers who rejoice in newspaper plaudits, and you are amazed at the deluge of canned delicacies and bottled invigorants. A reliable friend tells me an acquaintance of his, a sudden medical purveyor, boasts that he has in his possession enough sanitary stores for which he has been required to give receipts, to make a fortune. Also that he has sold three hundred dollars worth in one day.

The healthy, patriotic sentiment of the 17th is beyond praise. It could scarcely be otherwise under the lead of so pure a patriot as our commander. Let radicals at home read the "address to the people of Ohio;" then read the names of every enlisted man in the 17th—(some are sick and on detached service)—from Fairchild endorsing it, and they can know exactly the feelings of their "friends in the army." But one man refused to sign it. He entered the army for money. He will leave it for money. J. E. L.

### A few Plain Words.

The following remarks from the St. Louis Democrat are so proper, so truthful, and so worthy of being read, that we put them before our readers, with the hope that every man will read and reflect upon them:

Is it possible to find a man who loves his country, who regards civil and religious freedom as a blessing, who loves his children, who regards the well being of prosperity, who desires a continuing of social order and established government, that will now seek to embarrass those in authority by exciting party feeling, by creating discord at home and by attempting to produce dissatisfaction and insubordination among our soldiers? If there be such a man—one who has calmly and honestly reflected upon his course—then, unfortunately, he has entered upon a path which leads far away from peace and happiness, and whose end, if pursued, will only be found in the general wreck of our free institutions, and of all that he now professes to hold dear.

What has the truly loyal man to gain in opposing the Administration? What is the object—who is to be helped and who injured by it? Is there a self-righting man who believes that the general policy of the Administration, in regard to the rebellion, can be changed without introducing ten times greater evils? Is it supposed that loyal and earnest men, who have never flinched in the belief that the rebellion should be put down by any and all means known to civilized warfare—that the traitors should be hunted, will stand calmly by and see a different policy introduced—a policy either to let the traitors go, or obtain peace and pardon on their own terms? Does any one imagine that an issue like that, between formidable parties, would not lead to disturbances at home, would ever end until the worst enemy of our nation could rejoice in full over its utter destruction? Is it not bad enough to confine fighting within the limits of the treasonable States, without pursuing a course calculated to produce civil war in the other States? Who would be benefited by that except the rebels now in arms? Introduce civil war into Illinois to day, and which party would triumph, or would either unit both were virtually annihilated, and the entire State made a desolation? And were the excited of all the Northern States to become excited to such self destruction, what does reflection suggest to the scene on which the curtain would fall?

The question recurs, then: what advantage is there to be gained by reckless opposition to, and wholesale abuse of the present Administration and its policy, when it is so very evident that a different policy would demoralize the entire North? Do self styled Democrats—party Democrats—at this day, because of their unrequited successes, think that they are able to indulge in civil war at home, and crush out all those who have thus far been in earnest in putting down traitors to the Government? Have they reflected that the soldiers in the field, who volunteered to put down treason in the South, may be returned to put down treason in the North—or do they rely on their efforts to deceive or demoralize our soldiers?

It would be well for such men, or legislators, who are introducing, and passing resolutions to aid and comfort traitors and embarrass the Administration, to reflect whether they have the physical force to compel loyal men to their sympathizing views; and if they think they have, to reflect upon what would be left to them after the contest was over.

By involving the North in civil war, rebel sympathizers here can best serve their Southern masters.

Men of property, fathers, husbands and sons, what do your interests require in this crisis? Drop patriotism and be selfish only—do you think you would be better off to have civil war at your doors—to fight neighbor against neighbor, until one or all are annihilated?—Do you desire such a state of things—would your interests be promoted thereby?

Would it not be better for us, in the present and in the end, to unite in earnest in killing the rebellion—in confining the war to the rebel States? Is there any other chance to save the Government? No, you say, and yet you are doing all you can to embarrass the Administration and introduce civil war at home. Do you say the Administration has erred in some things? Admit it; but what of that, so long as you must know—in your heart, if you know anything, that the President has honestly and faithfully sought to do his whole duty, under circumstances to stagger, and appeal the greatest statesman or patriot that ever lived. And so long as this is the case, and so long as he is backed up by the unconditional Union men of the North, do you think that your interests will be promoted by encouraging or embarrassing him? True patriotism would seem to dictate—uphold his hands so long as he is honestly striving to save his country! If you think some other man would do better, then vote for that some other man in 1864, but until then, if you are a true citizen—if you would consult your own interests, sustain the President in his war to put down traitors and to perpetuate the Government which was headed down from our forefathers to be transmitted unimpaired by us. If you are a rebel sympathizer, do not be so treated, mistake the power of the unconditional Union men of the North—do not be deceived; for you cannot accomplish your ends until you and all are involved in common ruin. If you regard such a result preferable to united and determined efforts against rebels and the future which would thus ensue, then make your bed accordingly, remembering always that loyal men will not lie in it, neither will they ever surrender to traitors and their sympathizers. This is stating the case very plainly; but is it not so?

One would think that cold selfishness alone would unite the North in this crisis; but, as for patriotism, where is it? when the vocabulary is racked for words with which to abuse the President in his endeavors to save the Government, and a syllable uttered against the traitors attempting to overthrow it! Men who thus think and talk, who and what are you? Do you expect to find? do you expect to accomplish selfish ends on the ruins of the Republic? Do