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On the Death of Joseph Rodman Drake. Green be the turf above thee, Friend of my better days!

DREAMS.—Dreams usually, if not always, take place in a single instant, notwithstanding the length of time they seem to occupy.

TESTIMONY FOR THE BIBLE.—A Roman Catholic periodical of Paris, the Revue des Deux Mondes, thus discourses: "Much may be said on Protestant diversities and sects, but one fact remains certain: it is, that nations where the Bible circulates and is read, have preserved a strong, deep, and enduring religious faith; while in the countries where it is not known, one is obliged to deplore a moral superficiality and want of principles for which a splendid uniformity of rites cannot compensate."

CHIEF JUSTICE TANEY.—No wonder the Chief Justice is down on the President for disregarding the habeas corpus. Simonton, writing to the Bulletin, says: "Chief Justice Taney resides a few doors from my quarters, and the public have abundant opportunity to know that the Judge and all his family, except one daughter, are radical secessionists, who mourn when the rebels sustain a reverse, and are full of glee when success crowns any of their movements."

EXCITEMENT.—Yesterday afternoon, a Southern man foolishly put out a secession flag from one of the windows of the Portsmouth House, at the head of the Plaza, which had the effect of creating something of an excitement. A crowd collected, and a party of men rushed in to tear down the rebel flag, but it disappeared from the window as soon as the demonstration was made. It was afterwards ascertained that John McNaab had run out the flag. He was immediately ordered by the proprietor to leave the premises.—S. F. Journal.

THE ORACLE OF THE PEOPLE.—"When shall we have peace again?" demand the demi-secessionists. "Not," Senator Lane of Indiana replies, "until every one of the arrant traitors who have fostered this rebellion, has met his death,—not a death by the soldier's steel, but the felon's halter!"

At Foo Chow, China, there is a bridge a mile and a half long, spanning the river between the foreign and the native settlements. It is built entirely of granite, rests on 180 arches, and is 800 years old.

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The Volunteer Officers. It is the fashion of the hour to sneer at militia generals, politicians in epaulettes, and so on. It is much easier to do this than to render the service which the militia and their officers perform.

A Just Rebuke. The following is the style in which the Philadelphia Press (Democratic) speaks of the cowardly secession sheets of the North.

Newspaper Comments on the late Battle. The St. Louis Democrat says: Gen McDowell moved upon Manassas Junction in several columns. The enemy were encamped in rugged fastnesses and behind secret batteries immersed in brush and timber.

Business Aspects of the War.—However severe, then, the contest is to bear on us, we shall gain new life, new power, new dignity in it. But, while it is not well to underrate the difficulties which we must encounter, we need not overrate them.

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GREAT BATTLE IN MISSOURI! GEN. LYON KILLED! The Rebel Generals McCullough and Price Killed! DRY CREEK STATION, August 23d.—The Pony arrived this morning at 8 o'clock with St. Louis dates to 16th.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The President's health is excellent. He will not leave Washington this year. The War Department has been busy since the adjournment of Congress in preparing for the distribution of the laws recently enacted, for the regulation of the army.

NEW YORK, 13th.—The Constellation is momentarily expected to return, having been ordered to return to reinforce the blockade fleet. Louisiana, Aug. 12.—A dispatch from Richmond says: "A land slide occurred Sunday night about 17 miles from Richmond on the Manassas railroad, 8 cars with soldiers were smashed and shivered to pieces. Companies from Nashville were the principal sufferers."

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 15.—The following official report of the fight near Springfield, Mo., is forwarded by one of Gen. Lyon's Aids to Fremont: Gen. Lyon, in the columns, under self, Sigel, and Maj. Sturges of the Cavalry, made an attack on 6:30, A. M., Aug. 10, nine miles South of Springfield. The engagement was severe. Our loss is killed and wounded 800. Gen. Lyon was killed in the charge at the head of his column. Our force was 8,000, including 2,000 Home Guards.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Three vessels under British flags were refused clearance at the Custom House. Brig. Gen. Fox reported the feeling at Curacao was against the admittance of the Sumter. Officers of a Spanish man-of-war in the harbor refused to associate with the Sumter's officers.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Gen. Wool is ordered to Fortress Monroe, where he will assume command in place of Gen. Butler. Gen. Butler will remain here for some days, and then will be called to more active duty.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 23.—The following important document has been published: WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—To John G. Downey, Governor of the State of California: Please organize, equip, and have mustered into service at the earliest date possible, 4 regiments of infantry and 1 of cavalry, to be placed at the disposal of Gen. Sumner.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The Provost Marshal has issued stringent orders against carrying concealed weapons by citizens, and interdicts sales [of weapons] except by special permits. The rebels are said to be in strong force at Edwards' Ferry, 30 miles above here, and well supplied with artillery. Gen. Pillow has broken up his camp at New Madrid, and gone back to Memphis. The movement is supposed to be on account of the active preparations at Cairo of Gen. Fremont.