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The Science of Phrenology.

A SHORT LECTURE ON PHRENOLOGY, READ TO THE BOARDERS AT OUR BREAKFAST TABLE.
I shall begin, my friends, with the definition of a Pseudo science. A Pseudo-science consists of a nomenclature, with a self-adjusting arrangement, by which all positive evidence, or such as favors its doctrine, is admitted, and all negative evidence, or such as tells against it, is excluded.

ever to come a phrenologist. "It is not the size alone, but the quality of an organ, which determines its degree of power."
Oh! oh! I see. The argument may be briefly stated thus by the phrenologist:—"Heads I win, tails you lose." Well, that's convenient.
It must be confessed that Phrenology has a certain resemblance to the Pseudo-science. I did not say it was a Pseudo-science.

The Emperor of Russia speaks for the Union--A Magnificent Letter.

It is with no ordinary satisfaction that we submit to our readers the broad, generous and enlightened views of the Emperor of Russia on the subject of our Southern rebellion, as communicated to our government through the admirable letter of Prince Gortschakoff to the Russian Minister at Washington.
Mark the delicacy with which, in this imperial communication, our present overshadowing domestic troubles and dangers are approached. The Czar, modestly pleading the privilege of an old and constant friend, cannot resist the desire to assure our government and our people of his sympathies for the cause of our Union, and of his wishes to see it re-established in its integrity.

Fremon't's Proclamation.

There is a great deal of unnecessary trouble made about Gen. Fremont's proclamation in Missouri, and discrepancies are discovered between the policy which he indicates for that State and what the Government has laid down for Virginia. But the difference is only technical, and amounts to very little.
Meantime the Government is groping its way in the dark. It has to deal with a formidable rebellion, and each General must act according to circumstances and their own judgment, unless where otherwise ordered by Government. In their several districts or departments the civil law is superseded and martial law prevails; but when the struggle is over the Constitution and the civil law will again resume their sway; and the army and its Generals will have to take their place in the background.

The System of Mustering and Inspection.

In all probability the plan of mustering and inspecting a recruit is a mystery to a number of readers. Hence a description of the system pursued to convert a civilian into a United States Soldier may not be uninteresting.
The first step taken by the recruit is to sign his name to the muster roll of the company in which he enlists. The recruiting officer then fills in on the roll the age and nativity of the recruit. When a sufficient number of men are gathered to form a company, which, under the State organization must be 32 at least, they are brought to the Volunteer's Depot, Gen. Yates commanding, located at the City Arsenal, corner of White and Elm streets. Here one of the State Inspectors, Col. Zook or Major Bosworth, proceeds to count the recruits present, and see if it agrees with the original number on the muster roll of the company--a copy of which must also be in the hands of the company officer.

ONE AND INSEPARABLE--In a late discourse to the Volunteers at Camp Morton, Indiana, Bishop Ames said: "There has been, my friends, one grand Union Convention, the proceedings of which have not been reported by telegraph. It has been held amid the fastnesses of the everlasting hills. The Rocky Mountains presided, the mighty Mississippi made the motion, the Alleghany Mountains seconded it, and every mountain and hill, and river and valley in this vast country, sent up a unanimous voice: "Resolved, That we are one and inseparable, and what God has joined together no man shall put asunder."

THE RIGHT KIND OF "OPPOSED TO THE WAR."--The Oswego Gazette, a Democratic paper, is "opposed to the war," and says that it "would therefore crush by the whole power of the nation, its authors, who commenced by robbery and treason, and by cannonading Ft. Sumter." It is "in favor of peace," and to that end would put down rebellion with the strong arm of the law. It is "opposed to taxation," and therefore would make the war as short as possible by bringing the whole force of the Government to bear upon it.

THE U. S. LOAN.--The bankers of New York, Boston and Philadelphia have probably, before this time, taken the second fifty millions of the \$150,000,000 loan. At last advice the Bank Presidents had unanimously voted in favor of such action. The first \$50,000,000 taken by them, has already nearly been taken off their hands by the loyal masses of the people, in sums ranging from \$50 to \$50,000. The sinews of war are had for the asking, despite the sneers of the London Times at Secretary Chase's appeal to the people.

THE VOTE FOR GOVERNOR OF VERMONT at the recent election will foot up about as follows:
Hollbrook, Republican and Union, 40,000
Tracy, Union and Independent, 2,000
Smalley, democrat, 3,000

The following is the official vote cast at the August election for State Treasurer in Kentucky:
J. H. Garrard, Union, 83,151
Two secession candidates, 16,905
Union majority, 67,146

COL. GEARY IN THE FIELD.--Col. J. W. Geary, who distinguished himself in the Mexican war, was Alcalde of San Francisco in 1849, and its Mayor and Postmaster afterwards, as well as Governor of Kansas for a brief period under Buchanan, is doing good service for the Union cause, although a Breckinridge Democrat last year. On the breaking out of the war he left a beautiful young wife in Pennsylvania, organized a splendid regiment of eighteen hundred men--the largest in the service--and at a battle at Painesville, Maryland, lately, he succeeded in routing the rebels and killing eight or ten of them, losing but one of his own men.

A SHORT TIME BEFORE Ft. Sumter and its garrison of seventy men fell into the hands of the gallant eight thousand, the rebel Colonel Ripley, who was once a United States officer, sent one day "his respects to his old friend Captain Doubleday," to which the latter returned the proper reply, that he "had neither respect nor friendship for a person who was a traitor to his flag and country."

WORTHY OF Imitation.--The Emperor Napoleon, having determined to capture Sebastopol, sent thither, within two years, 309,268 French soldiers, with 43,974 horses; 1676 guns of all calibres; 8,800,000 pounds of powder; 14,000 tons of engineer materials; 500,000 tons measurement of subsistence, fuel and forage; with ample supplies of clothing, &c. If France could make these gigantic preparations for her quota of the besieging forces for the conquest of a fortress, what should our government do when the existence of the Union is at stake?

RED HOT SNOR.--When red hot shot are fired, the ordnance used is elevated to the position desired before the gun is shot. The powder in the gun is kept from explosion by means of the wadding. Between the explosive substance and the heated mass are generally three layers of wad. That against the ball is dry, the second is wet, and upon the powder another dry piece rests. The ball is discharged very soon after being placed in the cannon.

Gen. McClellan was surrounded at Washington on Saturday night, and urged to make a speech in acknowledgment of the honor. He replied: "I have my duty to do, and cannot lose the time to acknowledge this compliment, if all the bands and all the people in Washington are in the street." He is emphatically a working man, is never idle, but has a mind single to the great responsibility devolved upon him.

Amativeness, 7.--Most men love the conflicting sex, and all men love to be told they do.

Alimentiveness, 8.--Don't you see that he has burst off his lowest waistcoat button with feeding--hey?

Acquisitiveness, 8.--Of course. A middle-aged Yankee.

Approbativeness, 7.--Hat well brushed. Hair ditto. Mark the effect of that plus sign.

Self-esteem, 6.--His face shows that. Benevolence, 9.--That'll please him. Conscientiousness, 8 1/2.--That fraction looks first-rate.