



"If any man attempts to haul down the American flag, shoot him on the spot!"
—Gen. Dix.

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Fault-finding.

A man who only reads one or two of the little secession sheets in Oregon, has but little idea of the great variety of fault-finding, and of the cheap advice tendered to the Government, by the papers under pay of the rebel power, and still drawing large support from Union men as "Union" papers. The only thing any two of them agree on is grumbling. They are all dis-satisfied with a part of the Cabinet, and they are all painfully impressed with the idea that "blunders" are being committed everywhere, both at Washington and in the field. Each one of them seems to think it is his particular mission to *pull down*, leaving to those who have more brains to *build up*, and little caring whether there be any building up done. The example of the monkey in a china shop, which exhibits its power to soda in a short half hour what has cost the labor and thought of the best Oriental artisans years to accomplish, serves to encourage these fellows to use of the only talent they possess—an ability to play smash; a gift shared by common with them by the lower animals generally. A grave question of Government policy, which a Dickinson, a Holt, a Chase, or a Lincoln would approach carefully, and demand a counsel with the best intellects at command, bringing with them as assistants to a correct solution all the data within their reach before deciding upon it, never staggers for a moment one of these editors. He only needs to hear the proposition while lifting the glass to his mouth, standing at the bar of a doggery, and by the time the last drop of rotgut is inspiring his stomach, he is ready for a solution of the difficulty. Whisky acting on the lower passions as a prompter of conclusions, is never uniform in its action, the conclusion arrived at under its influence being widely divergent at such proximate latitudes as Salem and Corvallis, unless we except perhaps the meanness of opinion existing among all who are under its influence, that the Administration is *wofully* at fault most of the time. The remedies suggested are various and contradictory as could well be imagined to come from men who are all actuated by a *mality* of purpose—all intent on crippling the Government by pulling down every thing and building up nothing. While the peony-whistle at Salem denounces Banks as a man of no military capacity, the St. Louis Republican clamors for the removal of Halleck and the substitution of Banks in his place. The "Republians" is exceedingly savage on Stanton and Halleck, and calls on the President to turn out a portion of his Cabinet, but warns him "in heaven's name we hope the President will not flatter himself by putting into his councils such men as Joseph Holt, for instance, he can precipitate the conservatives." The quasi-rebel organs all over the North which have all along been clamoring for the Administration to show its disregard for party by calling to its counsels such men as Stanton, Holt, and Halleck, and giving important commands to such as Butler, now that they say these men are for a vigorous prosecution of the war to crush the rebellion though slavery fall, have suddenly become disgusted with these men, and many of them are, like the St. Louis Republican, calling them "political scoundrels who are leading us to ruin." Journals of this class are falling wonderfully in love with "conservative Republicans." Their selection of Banks as a "conservative (pro-slavery) B-patriot" to supersede such a democrat as Halleck, may appear a little amusing to such as know these men—but their idea is to pull Halleck down; and while such *spurts* organs as the *Baker* (rebel world) will be expected by the Long-Timers to recommend anybody to take his place, the St. Louis Republican, regardless of the awkwardness of such a position, pitches upon Banks as the man, knowing his real sentiments as well as we do, but thinking his conduct since the breaking out of the rebellion would render plausible among the Missourians the statement that Banks was a "conservative." What these sympathizing sheets mean by "conservative," are not found among men possessed of any considerable amount of brains in *any* party, except it be such as Seymour, Van Buren, and the Woods, men proslavery enough, doughties enough, and dirty enough to suit any of the rebel papers—but these papers, while they would really like to see such as Seymour and Vandaligham in the Cabinet, are afraid it would be taken as most too broad a joke among even Missourians, were professedly Union papers to urge their claims to a promotion to the head of affairs to put down a rebellion there are few so ignorant as not to know they heartily sympathize with. The Vandalighams out of the ring, they must of needs dress up some man having brains,

with a "conservative" cloak, and ask Lincoln to turn some man out, and put their favorite in, or they must pick up some real "conservatives" (dirty dogs) around the purlins of the cities, such as Hibben or Bush, and ask the President to "reform (?) his Cabinet" and change his "policy," by starting a grocery, where his Cabinet could buy up the rebels by a free distribution of Applegate's "lager-beer compromise."

Now all this fault-finding on the part of the secession press, is done, not with any expectation that it will influence the President, or anybody else with brains, but to create a distrust among the ignorant, of the ability of the Government to put down the rebellion, and create a popular clamor for a compromise that shall reinstate slavery as a political power to again rule the Government. Falling in this, they hope to prolong the war so as to make money out of it, as most of them are now doing, or laying plans to do after they succeed in depreciating the Government currency to the lowest possible rates. Falling in both these, they will be well satisfied if they can induce the election of some such democrat as Seymour or Jo Lane to the Presidency, when they expect a glorious harvest of patronage, by traitors and thieves.

In these calculations they are all destined to a woeful disappointment.

Fat and the Five Points.

The *Argus* at Oregon City has much to say about the "Five Points" of New York in connection with the Democratic triumphs. It is but the repetition of an old and familiar piece of malignity, intimating that the Democratic party is made up of such characters as congregate in respectable places. It is written Parson Billy's hand who makes up the whoreson of deadable bunch—*Cassell's Review*.

Now, Pat, that won't do. He's given the *edito*, produced the *figures*, to show exactly to which kind the "conservative" Pointers belong. The fifth and sixth districts of the sixth ward, known as the *Five Points center*, gave Wadsworth (Parson Billy's kind) just 53 votes, and Seymour (your kind) 812 votes. The 53 votes were probably cast by the 28 benevolent gentlemen who are engaged in the work of *social reform*, with probably 25 others who have either become partially reformed or else haven't yet reached a depth of familiarity that would lead them to vote a second ticket. The thirteen wards constituting the adjuncts of the Points contain according to the police books 2,473 groceries, 170 places where tobacco and ruffians habitually resort, 105 police shops, with gambling and low dance-houses to match, and 219 notorious brothels. The vote in these wards, stood: *Union* 4,681, *Democrat* 12,654.

Well, the *Union*, dare Pat Malone, give these facts and figures to his readers on Long Tom and in the "Black Goat Project" in Polk? Now, Patrick, do the "clam-tongs" for once, and let your readers know in just what kind of a crowd they train. If the Five Points hole is "democratic to the core," we are too ungodly to claim that it proves *conclusively* that the principles of your party are all rotten, but it does seem to favor that conclusion *infinitely*. If not, why are you and "Malicious" ashamed to give the vote?—Why do you say they are of our "kind" when the *figures* show you lie? We get you these facts and figures, and ask you to publish what we have said, and then we'll get out of the damaging fact if you can, that the more ignorant, debased, vicious and abandoned, any community is, the more followers Jeff has who go limping up to the polls as "conservatives" and vote the ticket of the *rebel* democracy.

257 The man who acts as the Breckinridges at Vermont is going to make a Convention in July. Last year he was divided on *slaves*, but he hopes to agree this time, and present an unbroken front to the enemy.—*Hartford Post*.

The follow night fuses with that wing of the Breckinridges called the "more conservative" wing, represented by the Agent at Salem, unless it be for the derangement of the Vermonter's plan of presenting an "unbroken (sound) front" to the enemy. The twain couldn't present such a "front" if the Vermonter could, we should have another instance of a fusion between parties for office and plunder, when there was a difference between them, which, while it would amount to nothing in principle, would really be a *fundamental* one.

Washington's Bi-monthly.—The 22d will be appropriately celebrated at Belpas, Marion county, to-day (Saturday). His Excellency Gov. Gibbs, will deliver the oration, which, from the acknowledged ability of that gentleman, will do honor to the occasion. Speeches by various other gentlemen will also be made, and in the evening, Samuel Brown, Esq., will discuss the Emancipation Proclamation. The exercises will be enlivened with music from the Belpas brass band, and choir. The citizens of Belpas are always foremost in patriotic demonstrations, and we should judge there is not a disloyal man or woman in the community.

THE DRAFT.—These two words have been quite a bugbear to cowards and sissificationists for a few weeks past—and indeed we hear of several who have their "ducks" already packed to skedaddle across to British Columbia, in anticipation that a draft will be ordered, besides one who has taken to "spitting blood," so as to be exempt from service. We also hear that Czaplak's Agent at Salem has promised Dr. McTeeny's certificate of "disability to ride," in case he should be drawn for service.

258 Advices from New Zealand represent that the gold discoveries exceed in extent and richness those of Australia.

Details of Eastern News.

Philadelphia, Feb. 8.—The Sunday Times' Washington dispatch says there is no enemy in force at Fredericksburg—Most of the troops have been sent to Vicksburg, the only force left behind being 15,000, an ample number to prevent the passage of the Rappahannock at the present season.

During the present week the President has determined upon calling Gen. McClellan to the command of the army again—On the announcement being made in the Cabinet, there was much feeling exhibited Chase and the rest of the radicals threatened to resign. For these and other reasons the President deferred making any change for two weeks, however there is scarcely a doubt but that the command of the army will be tendered to McClellan.

St. Louis, Feb. 7.—George Francis Train was arrested at the Planters' House by a U. S. officer, and was allowed the alternative of leaving the State in half an hour or go to jail. He chose the former.

Camp near Vicksburg, Feb. 3.—The example of the Queen of the West, running the blockade at Vicksburg, will be followed by the ram Monarch to-night, if successful, these rams will be able to keep open the river for several days, with the assistance of one or two iron-clads, whose commanders are now soliciting the privilege of running the blockade.

New York, Feb. 9.—The Richmond Examiner of the 5th, and *Jazzzer* of the 6th, contain information from Charleston to the 30 January, to the effect that a most formidable naval and land expedition was about to attack Charleston, the preparations being nearly completed.

Chattanooga, Feb. 4.—The following dispatch was received: Dixfield, Jan. 31.—The enemy advanced 12 miles from McMinnboro, yesterday, with one brigade and six pieces artillery, on a foraging expedition. They made a vigorous attack on our cavalry, shelling us back a short distance, to near Forrestville. Anderson's brigade fortunately arrived, and we repulsed them with loss of 300 killed and wounded.

At 10 a.m. we had a sharp skirmish with the rebels, who were now in full force.

Philadelphia, Feb. 8.—The steamer Princess Royal has additional particulars in regard to the Charleston affair, showing conclusively that there is no truth for the assumption of the rebels that the blockade of Charleston was never raised, by the departure of the blockading fleet, only two vessels out of ten having been obliged to leave. It appears, from the statement of an eye-witness, that at daylight the rebel gun-boats were seen coming from the direction of Stone Inlet towards the fleet, thus attacking the Merrimac first, and one can see through her the water's edge, leveling her over. For some time there was fire of shot, one of which entered one of her holds and caused the death of three persons, when Capt. Stillwagon lowered a boat, after tearing the plug out and allowing the water to enter. The Captain of the ram asked, "Do you surrender?" This was repeated three times. Stillwagon answering at each inquiry, "I am in a sinking condition." 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