

"The struggle of to-day is not altogether for to-day, it is for the vast future also."



VOX POPULI.

It is a time honored and often a strictly true saying that, "the voice of the people is the voice of God." In times gone by this principle seems to have been better understood than now.

There is not now a rebel sword unsheathed, but peace puts forth the olive everywhere, and proclaims to the world that,

If we can make our peace upon such large terms and so absolute, As our conditions shall consist upon, Our peace shall stand as firm as rocky mountains.

And the conditions of that peace cannot be less than the enforcement of the United States laws throughout the United States limits; and those laws may be larger but never less than now, or, as some facetiously would have it, than they were before the rebellion.

The success of our arms in Missouri, in Virginia, on the coast, and more recently in Kentucky, has fanned the flame of patriotic fervor to a perfect enthusiasm among the masses of Unionists, more than equal to that which animated the rebels in the outset of the war.

That of the first is the true glow of genuine patriotism, the joy of a sense of doing right at the peril of life, and of seeing the happy effects of such a righteous cause crowned with success.

This has been a favorite hobby for them and for their sympathizers among us. But every honest man who has taken the trouble to look into the matter must admit that anti-slavery sentiment was not the cause of the war.

It seems that they are slow to see their folly, but we apprehend that they are beginning to pretty distinctly feel it ere this time.

We have been jeered because in our prospectus we stated that our Editorial department would have access to some of the best "logical and critical talent in the State."

BAND-BOX BENNY is still out in the cold. We cannot see why Senators Latham and Nesmith should so far countenance such a perversion of all justice and sincerity as to assist our Cayuse Governor in getting his tool into the Senate to represent the party which the "Stars" and the Albany Democrat has been giving aid and comfort to.

We are sorry to hear that our Freedom subscribers do not receive the REPUBLICAN in due time. We assure them that it is mailed promptly and regularly.

MARION County and Josephine have published county calls in harmony with the State call, for the Convention to meet here, April 9th.

We see by the news that orders have been issued for the suppression of some of the secession papers on this coast.

From the Mining and Scientific Press we learn that the Branch Mint at San Francisco has refined and coined within the last half year, ending Jan. 18, nearly fourteen and a half millions of dollars in gold, and upwards of seven hundred thousand dollars in silver.

The editor of the Oregon Democrat, in his distress, is appealing to "disunion hypocrites," but their power to sustain him in his reckless career is nearly gone.

INCONSISTENCY.—The Corvallis disUnionist of last Monday contains a tirade against the Administration on account of the Federal war tax, the cause of which every honest observing man knows is justly chargeable upon the party which he is so zealous to denounce in Oregon.

JOLLY TIMES IN CAMP.—A friend here received a letter last mail from a brother in the army in Virginia. He says, "we have merry times in camp—two fiddles, and any number of fiddlers. Every evening some will be fiddling, some praying, and some writing letters home."

MR. WARWICK delivered an address in the Cal. Legislature eulogizing the late Senator Baker.

THE RUSH TO THE MINES.—We are pleased to see a laudable degree of enterprise manifested by our populace, but we greatly fear that in the matter of mining enterprise the thing will be a little "over did" this Spring.

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THE Times of the 25th has late news from the Des Chutes. The snow was yet two feet deep, with a hard crust.

LATEST EASTERN NEWS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—The Richmond Examiner says that the loss at Roanoke is the most painful event of the war.

SWANNAH is being strongly fortified. The bill to raise troops to meet the requisition to Virginia by Jeff. Davis, passed both branches of the Virginia Assembly on Monday.

The Confederate Congress in secret session have passed a bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for the benefit of Kentucky.

Fe. 12th.—The greatest activity prevails in preparations for the expedition to start under Gen. Hunter.

Seven infantry and four cavalry regiments are expected daily from the East to join the expedition which will be one of the most formidable yet organized.

The steamship Tuscany has arrived with advices from Southampton to Feb. 1st.

The Bucara has been ordered away from Southampton by the British Government.

The pirate Nashville still remains at Southampton Dock. The reported naval engagement between the Sumter and the Iroquois is confirmed.

That at a moment when the existence of America seems about to be menaced by her ancient foe, we feel bound to recall the generous aid our country has ever received from that generous Republic, whose shores gave asylum to our exiles, banished by English oppression, and whose country fed our people, furnishing under English misrule.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The Committee on ways and means have decided to make an appropriation for the Overland Mail.

WHEELING, Va., Feb. 13.—The Constitutional Convention this morning adopted the following as a section of Art. 1st, of the fundamental provisions of the Constitution of the proposed new State of Western Virginia.

The Secretary of war has appointed Medoram Crawford of Oregon to conduct the overland emigration this year.

The latest advices from Cumberland Md., state that Lander was 20 miles on the other side of Romney. Gen. Banks had moved his column so as to cut off the retreat of the rebels.

The rebels have transferred a large number of troops from Charleston to Savannah. St. Louis, February 13.—A Fort Henry correspondent of the Republic says that the late gunboat expedition on the Tennessee river was received every where with the wildest enthusiasm.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Senator Harris, from the Judiciary Committee, to whom were referred the credentials of Stark of Oregon, and other papers, without expressing any opinion as to the effects of the papers on the action of the Senate, reported that Stark was entitled to his office.

On the 14th, the case was again taken up, but postponed till Thursday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15th.—Orders have been issued for suppressing the Oregon Democrat, Los Angeles Star and California Star from the mail, on the ground that they have been used for the purpose of overthrowing the Government.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 15th.—Gen. Mitchell's division, by forced march, reached the Cumberland river at Bowling Green to-day.

PETERSBURG, Va. Feb. 13th.—Edenton and Hartford, in North Carolina have both been captured by the Federals.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Feb. 15th.—Gen. Lander made a forced march on Thursday night (13th) breaking up the rebel camp at Blooming Gap, killing 13 and capturing 17. This opens the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to Hancock.

Gen. Lander having cleared his department of the enemy, requests to be relieved of his command on account of ill health.

FORTRESS MONROE, Feb. 13.—A bearer of dispatches from Burnside's expedition arrived to-day with the main facts of the capture of Roanoke, and that over 3,000 prisoners were captured and all the rebel gunboats burned or captured, except two which escaped.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—At Roanoke 42 Federals were killed and 140 wounded; 30 rebels were killed and 100 wounded. Col. Russel of the 10th Connecticut regiment was killed at the head of his regiment.

Among the prisoners are 15 Colonels, Lieut. Colonels and Majors.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—A special Washington dispatch to the New York papers says that a bill organizing the rebel States into Territorial Governments will shortly be reported by the Territorial Committee of both Houses.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—An army officer who left Fort Henry on Wednesday, arrived here today.

at 4 o'clock in the evening of the same day.

Dispatches from Fort Donelson, have been received. The Fort was invested by the Federals. Heavy cannonading and skirmishing were going on all day.

The rebels gave battle from their entrenchments outside of the fort, but were driven in after a severe fight, with considerable loss on both sides.

St. Louis, Feb. 15th.—Gen. Price evacuated Springfield on the night of the 12th. He is in full retreat southward, and our army in hot pursuit.

The attack on Fort Donelson was resumed on Friday, 14th, at daybreak, with the following results: All the rebel water battery guns except six were dismantled or silenced by the gunboats.

The four iron-clad gunboats went within 300 yards of the fort, and dismantled and silenced all of the rebel water battery guns, except six.

In consequence of the height of the bluff on which the rebel fortifications are built, shot cannot have as much effect on them as at Fort Henry.

The right wing of the Federal forces commenced storming the fort about noon on Saturday, and have taken the right wing of the enemy's fortifications, over which the Stars and Stripes float.

We have lost two Lieutenant-Colonels killed, and two Colonels wounded. The 17th Illinois regiment fought bravely, and were badly cut up.

St. Louis, Feb. 16th.—Dispatches received from headquarters say that all the gunboats are pretty effectually disabled except one.

Gen. Grant, commanding, telegraphed that he would be able to capture the fort to-day (Sunday).

A special dispatch to the St. Louis Democrat, dated Cairo, Sunday, 4 p. m., says: Commodore Foote reached here at 12 o'clock last night, on the gunboat Carondelet.

The rebels had three batteries; one near the center, one 50 feet above this, and the third 50 feet above the second.

A steamer from Evansville, Ind., reports that four of our Colonels were killed; among them is Col. Logan.

The Illinois correspondent of the Democrat, writing on Friday, says: The more I saw of the fort, the more I am convinced that it cannot be reduced without a terrible battle.

Gen. Oglesby, who has the extreme right, last night pushed forward his brigade to the Cumberland, where he has planted a battery commanding the river, which will effectually prevent the arrival of any more reinforcements; in fact, we have them completely surrounded, and can complete the job at our leisure.

Considerable skirmishing occurred during Thursday night, both forces endeavoring in the darkness to crowd in upon each other.

On Friday morning it was discovered that the enemy had placed logs on the top of their breastworks, leaving a little space for them to shoot through, much diminishing their risks from our sharpshooters.

The casualties among our artillery thus far are very small. The loss of the enemy so far as can be ascertained is considerable.

CAIRO, Feb. 16th.—The steamer Minnehaha has arrived from Fort Donelson. She left there at 5 o'clock last evening.

During the action a rifled gun on the Carondelet burst, killing six men.

A gentleman who left Fort Donelson on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock says that the fight has been going on all day.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17th.—Fort Donelson was taken on Sunday morning.

DROWNED.—We are sorry to learn that our respected citizen, Jonathan Moore, was drowned last Tuesday evening, in Lost creek, in the upper part of this county.

Interest Allowed on Our War Bonds.

We were furnished with the following, which was received by last mail, by Tracy & Co. of this city. It speaks for itself.—Times.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Dec. 30, 1861. Sir: I invite your attention to the following instructions relative to the issue of bonds in payment of Washington and Oregon war claims under act of 2d March 1861.

For all claims reported by the Third Auditor, as having been filed in his office prior to the 1st day of January, prox., interest coupons will be attached to the bonds commencing on the 1st of July last.

For claims reported to have been filed after the 1st of January, prox., and prior to the 1st of July, interest coupons will be attached commencing on the 1st of January, and so on thereafter, until all paid, the interest beginning to run at the semi-annual period immediately preceding the filing of the claims.

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RAILROAD FROM DALLES TO DES CHUTES.—There is now on the way from San Francisco, on board the bark Samuel Merritt, 200 tons of railroad iron and eighty car wheels, designed for the railroad from the Dalles to the Des Chutes.

Has the Lincoln host given up all hope of reuniting the Southern to the Northern States? One would think they had, and were determined to destroy, as far as they can, all the means that God and nature has placed in the hands of the Southern people, for their convenience, prosperity and defence.—Albany Seeman.

If that man who treated us to cider and apples the other day, does it again he'll get his name in the paper—

We want some cider, want more too, Come on cider, little won't do.

The aggregate force of the rebels now in the field is 250,000.

The last million of dollars in the Treasury was lately sent to Kentucky, for the payment of troops.

FARMERS, look out for your horses and provisions, for there are thieves abroad.

We are credibly informed that nearly a half ton of gold dust is now at the Dalles and Watta Walls, waiting a safe transit to this place.—Times.

CAVALRY.—Captain Mathews' Company, forming in Josephine county, has forty-one men enlisted. We are informed that Capt. Reimick Cowles is progressing finely in the formation of his company in Douglas county. He has forty-three men enlisted.—Sentinel.

HASTY JUDGMENT.—The Silver Age very justly says that the Telegraph and Overland Stages should not be judged harshly on account of failures this season, as it is one without a precedent.

POWDER RIVER MINES.—The gold is coarse, of dark color, and is worth \$17 50 per ounce. Letters received from Powder River state that the mines yield an average of an ounce a day to the man. Some do much better.

The Assembly at Olympia, W. T., recently incorporated the "Columbia Transportation Company." Capital stock, \$350,000, with the privilege of increasing it to one and a half millions.

The last Sentinel has a call for a Mass Convention to be held at Jacksonville, March 29th, in accordance with the general State Union call.

We are informed that there is a band of secessionists on Long Tom organized and armed, and sworn to resist any attempt to collect the income tax. They may, in their rash ignorance, call down justice upon their heads, which is the last thing they would pray for.

SOME names are stuck to the tail of the disunion call as followers of Bell. If they will send to Nashville with a bottle of whiskey, they can get the signature of the real John Bell himself. He is now a drunken, loathsome old hanger, blubbering treason about the streets, and held in contempt by all.—Statesman.

THE Government has removed the prohibition upon the shipment of gunpowder to the Pacific coast.

THANKS TO Mr. Joseph Davis for a treat of excellent cider and apples.

Post Office San Francisco, City and County of San Francisco, State of California, February 17th, 1862.

Sir: I have received the following dispatch from the 1st Assistant Postmaster General.

Washington, Feb. 15th, 1862, 7:30 P. M. Los Angeles Star and Oregon Democrat at Albany, are excluded from post offices and mails as treasonable publications. Notify those postmasters.