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LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES,

PASSED AT THE

First Session of the Thirty-Eighth Congress.

An Act to provide Internal Revenue to support the Government; to pay Interest on the Public Debt, and for other Purposes.

(Continued.)

Sec. 147. And be it further enacted, That any person liable to pay duty in respect to any succession, shall give notice to the assessor or assistant assessor of his liability to such duty, and shall, at the same time, deliver to the assessor or assistant assessor a full and true account of said succession, for the duty whereon he shall be accountable, and of the value of the real estate involved, and of the deductions claimed by him, together with the names of the successor and predecessor, and their relation to each other, and all such other particulars as shall be necessary or proper for enabling the assessor or assistant assessor fully and correctly to ascertain the duties due; and the assessor or assistant assessor, if satisfied with such account and estimate as originally delivered, or with any amendments that may be made therein upon his requisition, may assess the succession duty on the footing of such account and estimate; but it shall be lawful for the assessor or assistant assessor, if dissatisfied with such account or if no account and estimate shall be delivered to him, to asses the duty on the best information he can obtain, subject to appeal as hereinafter provided; and if the duty so assessed shall exceed the duty assessible according to the return made to the assessor or assistant assessor, and with which he shall have been dissatisfied, or if no account and estimate has been delivered, and if no appeal shall be taken against such assessment, then it shall be in the discretion of the assessor, having regard to the merits of each case, to assess the whole or any part of the expenses incident to the taking of such assessment, in addition to such duty; and if there shall be an appeal against such last-mentioned assessment, then the payment of such expenses shall be in the discretion of the commissioner of internal revenue.

Sec. 148. And be it further enacted, That if any person required to give any such notice, or delivery such account, as aforesaid, shall wilfully neglect to do so for the period of ten days after being notified, he shall be liable to pay to the United States a sum equal to ten per centum upon the amount of duty payable by him; and if any person liable under this act to pay any duty in respect of his succession shall, after such duty shall have been finally ascertained, wilfully neglect to do so within ten days after being notified, he shall also be liable to pay to the United States a sum equal to ten per centum upon the amount of duty so unpaid, at the same time and in the same manner as the duty to be collected.

Sec. 149. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any party, liable to pay duty in respect of his succession, who shall be dissatisfied with the assessment of the assistant assessor, within thirty days after the date of such assessment, to appeal to the assessor from such assessment, who shall decide on such appeal, and give notice thereof to such party, who, if still dissatisfied, may, within twenty days after notice as aforesaid, appeal from such decision to the commissioner of internal revenue, and furnish a statement of the grounds of such appeal to the commissioner, whose decision upon the case, as presented by the statements of the assessor or assistant assessor and such party, shall be final.

Sec. 150. And be it further enacted, That the duties levied assessed upon successions by this act shall be collected by the same officers, in the same manner, and by the same process as are or may be prescribed by law for the collection of direct taxes assessed upon lands under the authority of the United States.

STAMP DUTIES.

Sec. 151. And be it further enacted, That all laws in force at the time of the passage of this act in relation to stamp duties shall continue in force until the first day of August eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and on and after the first day of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, there shall be levied, collected, and paid, for and in respect of the several instruments, matters, and things mentioned and described in the schedule (marked B) hereunto annexed, or for or in respect of the vellum, parchment, or paper upon which such instruments, matters, or things, or any of them shall be written or printed, by any person or persons, or party who shall make, sign, or issue the same, or for whose use or benefit the same shall be made, signed, or issued, the several duties or sums of money set down in figures against the same, respectively, or otherwise specified or set forth in the said schedule.

Sec. 152. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful to record any instrument, document, or paper required by law to be stamped, unless a stamp or stamps of the proper amount shall have been affixed; and the record of any such instrument, upon which the proper stamp or stamps, aforesaid shall not be used in evidence.

Sec. 153. And be it further enacted, That no instruments, document, writing, or paper of any description, required by law to be stamped, shall be deemed or held invalid and of no effect for the want of the particular kind or description of stamp designated for and denoting the duty charged on any such instrument, document, writing, or paper, provided a legal stamp, or stamps, denoting a duty of equal amount, shall have been duly affixed and used thereon: Provided, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to any stamp appropriated to denote the duty charged on proprietary articles, or articles enumerated in schedule C.

Sec. 154. And be it further enacted, That all official instruments, documents, and papers, issued or used by the officers of the United states government, shall be, and hereby are, exempt from duty.

Sec. 155. And be it further enacted, That if any person shall forge or counterfeit, any stamp or die, or any part of any stamp or die, which shall have been provided, made, or used in pursuance of this act, or shall forge, counterfeit, or resemble, or cause or procure to be forged, counterfeited, or resembled, the impression, or any part of the impression, of any such stamp or die, as aforesaid, upon any vellum, parchment, or paper, or shall stamp or mark, or cause or procure to be stamped or marked, any vellum, parchment, or paper, with any such forged or counterfeited stamp or die, or part of any stamp or die, as aforesaid, with intent to defraud the United States of any of the duties hereby imposed, or any part thereof; or if any person shall utter or sell, or expose to sell, any vellum, parchment, or paper, article, or thing having thereupon the impression of any such counterfeited stamp or die, or any part of any stamp or any such forged, counterfeited, or resembled impression, or part of impression, as aforesaid, knowing the same respectively to be forged, counterfeited, or resembled; or if any person shall knowingly use any stamp or die which shall have been so provided, made, or used as aforesaid, with intent to defraud the United States; or if any person shall fraudulently cut, tear, or remove, or cause or procure to be cut, torn or removed, the impression of any stamp or die which shall have been provided, made, or used in pursuance of this act, from any vellum, parchment, or paper, or any instrument or writing charged or chargeable with any of the duties hereby imposed; or if any person shall wilfully remove, or cause to be removed, from any stamped envelope the cancelling or defacing marks thereon, with intent to use the same, or cause the use of the same, the second time, or shall knowingly or wilfully sell or buy such washed or restored stamps, or offer the same for sale, or give or expose the same to any person for use, or knowingly use the same, or prepare the same with intent for the second use thereof, then, and in every such case, every person so offending, and every person knowingly and wilfully aiding, abetting or assisting in committing any such offence as aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit the said counterfeit stamps and the articles upon which they are placed, and be punished by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment and confinement to hard labor, not exceeding five years, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 156. And be it further enacted, That in any and all cases where an adhesive stamp shall be used for denoting any duty imposed by this act, except as hereinafter provided, the person using or affixing the same shall write thereupon the initials of his name and the date upon which the same shall be attached or used, so that the same may not again be used. And if any person shall fraudulently make use of an adhesive stamp to denote any duty imposed by this act without so effectually cancelling and obliterating such stamp, except as before mentioned, he, she, or they shall forfeit the sum of fifty dollars: Provided, That any proprietor or proprietors of proprietary articles, or articles subject to stamp duty under schedule C of this act, shall have the privilege of furnishing, without expense to the United States, in suitable form, to be proved by the commissioner of internal revenue, his or their own dies or designs for stamps to be used thereon, to be made under the direction, and to be retained in the possession of, the commissioner of internal revenue for his or their separate use, which shall not be duplicated to any other person. That in all cases where such stamp is used, instead of his or their writing the date thereon, the said stamp shall be so affixed on the box, bottle, or package, that in opening the same, or using the contents thereof, the said stamp shall be effectually destroyed; and in default thereof, shall be liable to the same penalty imposed for neglect to affix said stamp as hereinbefore prescribed in this act. Any person who shall fraudulently obtain or use any of the aforesaid stamps, or designs therefor, and any person forging or counterfeiting any representation, likeness, similitude, or colorable imitation of the said last-mentioned stamp, or any engraver or printer who shall sell or give away said stamps, or selling the same, or, being a merchant, broker, peddler, or person dealing, in whole or in part, in similar goods, wares, merchandise, manufactures, preparations, or articles, or those designed for similar objects or purposes, shall have knowingly or fraudulentlyin his her, or their possession, any such forged, counterfeited likeness, similitude, or colorable imitation of the said last mentioned stamp, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction thereof, forfeit the said counterfeit stamps and the articles upon which they are placed, and be punished by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment and confinement to hard labor, not exceeding five years, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 157. And be it further enacted, That the commissioner of internal revenue be, and he is hereby, authorized to prescribe such method for the cancellation of stamps, as substitute for, or in addition to, the method now prescribed by law, as he may deem expedient and effectual. And he is further authorized in his discretion to make the application of such method imperative upon the manufacturers of proprietary articles, or articles included in schedule C, and upon stamps of a nominal value exceeding twenty-five cents each.

Sec. 158. And be it further enacted, That any person or persons who shall make, sign, or issue, or who shall cause to be made, signed, or issued, any instrument, document, or paper of any kind or description whatsoever, or shall accept or pay, or cause to be accepted or paid, any bill of exchange, draft, or order or promissory note, nor the payment of money, without the same being duly stamped, or having thereupon an adhesive stamp for denoting the duty chargeable thereon, with intent to evade the provisions of this act, shall, for every such offence, forfeit the sum of two hundred dollars, and such instrument, document, or paper, bill, draft, order, or note shall be deemed invalid and of no effect: Provided, That the title of a purchaser of land by a deed duly stamped, shall not be defeated or affected by the want of a proper stamp on any deed conveying said land by any person from, through, or under whom his grantor claims or holds title.

Sec. 159. And be it further enacted, That the acceptor or acceptors of any bill of exchange or order for the payment of any sum of money drawn, purporting to be drawn, in any foreign country, but payable in the United States, shall, before paying or accepting the same, place thereupon a stamp, including the duty upon the same, as the law requires for inland bills of exchange, or promissory notes, and no bill of exchange shall be paid or negotiated without such stamp; and if any person shall pay or negotiate, or offer in payment, or receive or take in payment, any such draft or order, the person or persons so offending shall forfeit the sum of two hundred dollars.

Sec. 160. And be it further enacted, That no stamp duty shall be required on powers of attorney or any other paper relating to applications for bounties, arrearages of pay, or pensions, or to the receipt thereof from time to time, or upon tickets or contracts of insurance when limited to injury to persons while travelling; nor on certificates of the measurement or weight of animals, wood, coal, or other articles; nor on deposit notes to mutual insurance companies for insurance upon which policies subject to stamp duties have been, or are to be, issued; nor on any certificate of the record of a deed or other instrument in writing, or of the acknowledgement or proof thereof by attesting witnesses; nor to any indorsement of a negotiable instrument, or on any warrant of attorney, accompanying a bond or note, when such bond or note shall have affixed thereto the stamp or stamps denoting the duty required; and whenever any bond or note shall be secured by a mortgage, but one stamp shall be required to be placed on such papers: Provided, That the stamp duty placed thereon shall be the highest rate required for said instruments, or either of them.

Sec. 161. And be it further enacted, That the commissioner of internal revenue be, and is hereby, authorized to sell to and supply collectors, deputy collectors, postmasters, stationers, or any other persons, at his discretion, with adhesive stamps, or stamped paper, vellum, or parchment, as herein provided for, in amounts of not less than fifty dollars, upon the payment, at the time of delivery, of the amount of duties said stamps, stamped paper, vellum, or parchment, so sold or supplied, represent, and may allow, upon the aggregate amount of such stamps, as aforesaid, the sum of not exceeding five per centum as commission to the collectors, postmasters, stationers, or other purchasers; but the cost of any paper, vellum, or parchment shall be paid by the purchaser of such stamped paper, vellum, or parchment, as aforesaid: Provided, That any proprietor or proprietors of articles named in schedule C, who shall furnish his or their own die or design for stamps, to be used especially for his or their own proprietary articles, shall be allowed the following commission, namely: On amounts purchased at one time, of not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars, five per centum; on amounts over five hundred dollars, ten per centum. The commissioner of internal revenue may, from time to time, make regulations, upon proper evidence of the facts, for the allowance of such of the stamps issued under the provisions of this act as may have been spoiled, destroyed, or rendered useless or unfit for the purpose intend, or for which the owner may have no use, or which through mistake may have been improperly or unnecessarily used, or where the rates or duties represented thereby have been paid in error, or remitted; and such allowance shall be made either by giving other stamps in lieu of the stamps so allowed for, or by repaying the amount or value, after deducting therefrom, in case of repayment, the sum of five per centum to the owner there of; but no allowance shall be made in any case until the stamps so spoiled or rendered useless shall have been returned to the commissioner of internal revenue, or until satisfactory proof has been made showing the reason why said stamps cannot be so returned: Provided, That the commissioner of internal revenue may, from time to time, furnish, supply, and deliver to any manufacturer of friction or other matches, cigar-lights, or wax tapers, a suitable quantity of adhesive or other stamps, such as may be prescribed for use in such case, without prepayment therefor, on a credit not exceeding sixty days, requiring, in advance, such security as he may judge necessary to secure payment therefor to the treasurer of the United States, within the time prescribed for such payment. And upon all bonds or other securities taken by said commissioner, under the provisions of this act, suits may be maintained by said treasure in the circuit or district court of the United States, in the several districts where any of the persons giving said bonds or other securities reside, or may be founded, in and appropriate form of action.

Sec. 162. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any person to present to the collector of the district, subject to the rules and regulations of the commissioner of internal revenue, any instrument not previously issued or used, and require his opinion whether or not the same is chargeable with any stamp duty; and if the said collector shall be of opinion that such instrument is chargeable with any stamp duty, he shall, upon the payment therefor, affix and cancel the proper stamp; and if of the opinion that such instrument is not chargeable with any stamp duty, or is chargeable only with the duty by him designated, he is hereby required to impress thereon a particular stamp, to be provided for that purpose, with such words or device thereon as he shall judge proper, which shall denote that such instrument is not chargeable with any stamp duty, or is chargeable only with the duty denoted by the stamp affixed; and every such instrument, upon which the said stamp shall be impressed, shall be deemed to be not chargeable, or to be chargeable only with the duty denoted by the stamp so affixed, and shall be received in evidence in all courts of law or equity, notwithstading any objections made to the same by reason of it being unstamped, or of it being insufficiently stamped.

Sec. 163. And be it further enacted, That no deed, instrument, document, writing, or paper, required by law to be stamped, which has been heretofore signed or issued without being duly stamped, or with a deficient stamp nor any copy thereof, shall be recorded, or admitted, or used as evidence in any court until a legal stamp or stamps, denoting the amount of duty, shall have been affixed thereto, and the date when the same is so used or affixed, with his initials, shall have been placed thereon by the person using or affixing the same; and the person desiring to use or record any such deed instrument, document, writing, or paper as evidence, his agetn or attorney, is authorized in the presence of the court, register, or recorder, respectively, to affix the stamp or stamps thereon required: Provided, That no instrument, document, or paper made, signed, or issued, prior to the passage of this act, without being duly stamped, or having thereon an adhesive stamp or stamps, to denote the duty imposed thereon, shall, for that cause, if the stamp or stamps required shall be subsequently affixed, be deemed invalid and of no effect: Provided, further, That any power of attorney, conveyance, or document of any kind, made, or purporting to be made, in any foreign country to be used in the United States, shall pay the same duty as is required by law on similar instruments or documents when made or issued in the United States; and the party to whom the same is issued, or by whom it is to be used, shall, before using the same, affix thereon the stamp or stamps indicating the duty required.

Sec. 164. And be it further enacted, That all the provisions of this act relating to dies, stamps, adhesive stamps, and stamp duties shall extend to and include (except where manifestly impracticable) all the articles or objects enumerated in schedule marked C, subject to stamp duties, and apply to the provisions in relation thereto.

Sec. 165. And be it further enacted, That if any person, firm, company, or corporation shall make, prepare, and sell, or remove for consumption or sale, drugs, medicines, preparations, compositions, articles, or things, including perfumery, cosmetics, lucifer or friction matches, cigar lights, or wax tapers, photographs, ambrotypes, daguerreotypes, or other sun-pictures of any description, and playing cards, upon which a duty is imposed by law, as enumerated and mentioned in schedule C, without affixing thereto an adhesive stamp or label denoting the duty before mentioned, he or they shall incur a penalty of ten dollars for every omission to affix such stamp: Provided, That nothing in this act contained shall apply to any uncompounded medicinal drug or chemical, nor to any medicine compounded according to the United States or other national pharmacopoeia, nor of which the full and proper formula is published in either of the dispensatories, formularies, or text-books in common use among physicians and apothecaries, including homoeopathic and elective, or in any pharmaceutical journal now used by any incorporated college of pharmacy, and not sold or offered for sale, or advertised under any other name, from, or guise, than that under which they may be severally denominated and laid down in said pharmacopoeias, dispensatories, text-books, or journals, as aforesaid, nor to medicines sold to, or for the use of, any person, which may be mixed and compounded specially for said persons, according to the written recipe or prescription of any physician or surgeon.

Sec. 166. And be it further enacted, That every manufacturer or maker of any of the articles for sale mentioned in schedule C, after the same shall have been so made, and the particulars hereinbefore required as to stamps have been complied with, who shall take off, remove, or detach, or cause, or permit, or suffer to be taken off, or removed, or detached, any stamp, or who shall use any stamp, or any wrapper or cover to which any stamp is so affixed, to cover any other article or commodity than that originally contained in such wrapper or cover, with such stamp when first used, with the intent to evade the stamp duties, shall for every such article, respectively, in respect of which any such offence shall be committed, be subject to a penalty of fifty dollars, to be recovered together with the costs thereupon accruing; and every such article or commodity as aforesaid shall also be forfeited.

(To be continued.)

WOOL GROWING IN OREGON.

A correspondent in the Portland *Oregonian*, writing upon the subject of Wool Growing and Woolen Manufacturers, says:

I notice in your issue of this morning, a circular addressed "To the Wool Growers of Oregon," signed by some of our best citizens. This article led me to inquire of one of the directors the cause of this. I learn the factory company have paid during the last two years as high as 22 to 27 cents per pound. This was the result partly of high prices in the Eastern market, in consequence of scarcity in cotton, and the large demand for woolen goods in the army. This demand will now cease in consequence of a more liberal supply of cotton, and less demand for coarse woolen goods for army consumption.

We must take into consideration that these are prices for unwashed wool, which costs here 25 cents, will make it cost, washed, 37 to 41¼ cents per pound; therefore these prices compare very favorably with those quoted in the Eastern States. While gold in New York was about 100 per cent. premium, washed wool was worth from 75 to 85 cents per pound in greenbacks, which would make it equivalent to 37½ to 42½ cents per pound in New York. It will therefore be observed that the reason there are no purchasers in this market for Eastern markets, or for the San Francisco market, is, that the prices paid by the Salem company have compelled them to lose money. The Salem Factory think they dealt fairly with the people during the past year. They have erected a flouring (?) mill at a cost of $40,000. For this improvement they have been obliged to borrow money. They have a large amount of goods on hand for which they find but little sale. They are willing to exchange these goods for wool at fair prices, in consequence of dull sales of goods this Spring. *At present they have not the funds to pay cash for wool.* They hope to be able to get enough wool in exchange for their goods to run the mill. In case the company can find an outlet for their goods in a cash market during the coming year, they may be able hereafter to pay cash for wool, which would be much more agreeable to them. Prices, from circumstances not under their control, must necessarily be less than last year, but many of the farmers will remember that wool has been as low as 12½ cents, and 20 cents now is a fair price.

I believe the farmers should take every precaution to protect their own interests; and I have no doubt but they will be able to sell a portion of their wool at 16 to 18 cents cash, to be shipped from Portland. At the same time they cann probably sell their wool to almost any merchant in the valley at 20 cents in payment of their store bills, as the Company is prepared to take the wool from such merchants in payment of debts due them or in exchange for their goods.

The Oregon Mills will soon be in operation, and this will give a healthy competition in the wool market;—and if they will not pay fair prices for wool, Eastern or California Agents will come into the market.

FAIR PLAY.

According to promise, we lay the above article before our readers clipping it from the *California Farmer* where it was re-published from the *Oregonian*. The authorship of it is ascribed to H. W. Corbett, of Portland, who is a stockholder in the Salem Woolen Co., by L. F. Grover, Esq., also a stockholder in and director of the Company, and also a resident of Portland.

It matters little to us who the writer was.—The article itself gives one of the Directors as the source from which the writer received his information, and that Director we consider is responsible for the deception with which the article is loaded, and the injury which will be done to the State by its circulation abroad.

Artfully reaching back to the prices paid two years ago, and taking the highest price then paid, (we have not been able to hear of more than three parties who received as high as 27 cents per pound for wool then,) the writer claims that the Company have paid 25 cents per pound in "gold" for unwashed wool, "equivalent to 37½ to 42½ cents per pound in New York"; and so think they have dealt fairly with the people during the past year." He next proceeds to say that the Company have erected a large flouring mill, for which they have been obliged to borrow money; cannot sell their goods, and are consequently unable to pay cash for wool. The conclosion which a distant reader would draw from his statement, is, that the Company have paid such prices for wool, that they have been unable to make its manufacture profitable, and so have erected a flouring mill, because they find but little sale for their woolen goods, as if they (woolen goods) were not a cash article in this market, and those engaged in their manufacture here were brought thereby to the brink of ruin, from which they hoped to be saved by finding an "outlet for their goods in a cash market during the coming year"; or the more certain cash market for flour. This last idea is not in the wording of the article, but that it is inferred, is proven by the interrogation point inserted between the words "flouring (?) mill" by the *California Farmer*, from whose pages we clip it, as above, and by which it will be scattered through the agricultural press to all parts of the United States, with the manifest tendency to stop men from coming Oregon-ward, either to engage in the raising, manufacture, or purchase of wool. For who would leave California or the Atlantic States to come and occupy the vast natural pastures of Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho, to raise flocks, when the chief product of those flocks had to be bartered away under conditions fixed entirely by the purchaser? Who would come here and invest money in the manufacture of goods, if those goods, (a cash article in every portion of the world,) are here only as an article of barter? Who would come here to purchase, if wool can be truthfully shown to sell as high here as it sells in the New York market? Wool raisers and manufacturers are composed of such men generally as the citizens of any other State, having an enlightened regard for their own permanent interests, would seek to encourage and multiply rather than to crush out and prevent the increase of. The editor of the *California Farmer* shows his tact in laying "Fair Play" before his readers—in order, doubtless, to stop the futher emigration of the wool raisers of that State to this. Since California farmers began to feel the effects of the drouth, which scourged that State last year, she has been steadily losing, and Oregon, Washington, and Idaho steadily gaining, by the migration of the flock-masters of the former to the more certain and uniform climate of the latter State and Territories. Nearly all the addition which the labor of these people give to the commerce of the world, passes through the hands of the business men of Oregon, and contributes to the prosperity of the State. Upon the success and increase of wool raising here, depends the question of the increase of manufacturing capital employed and settled manufacturing population here; and upon the increase of a settled population depends the question of a real rise in the value of all kinds of property—especially real estate—so that the interest of every citizen, having settled in Oregon, is touched by the policy of the Woolen Company at Salem attempting to degrade the wool crop of the country to an article of barter, and the exposition of the success of manufacturing in Oregon as explained to readers at a distance by Fair Play. Such readers would never suspect from his showing that Salem is in the center of one of the best cash markets in world, perhaps, for woolen goods. They cannot see the absurdity of the idea of the Company's finding a better "cash" "market for their goods *during the coming year*," than they have had during the past year; nor understand the meanness of a rich monopoly seeking to defend itself against a charge of extortion, by this plea of poverty: "dull sales," &c., &c.; and, by implication, misrepresent the business prosperity of the whole country by intimating the indebtedness to themselves of almost all the merchants in the Willamette valley. Distant readers cannot know that from the Company's terms of sales (gold or its equivalent in 60 days, we are informed) *the most of the credits the Company had out at the commencement of this wool harvest, must have been left out by design, in order that the Company might control the price as well as the manner of payment.* There is no part in the United States, we believe, where merchants receive less time or care less about it than here. The past year has been one of usual ability and promptitude, even for Oregon. A. E.

Thanks to David Newsom, correspondent of the Agricultural Bureau, for a copy of the Report Agricultural for 1863. We notice an able article from the pen of Mr. W. in the *Pacific Christian Advocate* of August 5th, on saving straw for forage. The hint is timely, and "a word to the wise is sufficient."

SOCIAL CONDITION OF THE SOUTH.

The Buffalo *Commercial Advertiser* says:—The following extract of a letter recently received by a gentleman of this city from Doctor Hunt, formerly one of the editors of this paper, and now surgeon in the army, has been kindly furnished us for publication:

HEADQ'RS 1ST DIV. 16TH ARMY CORPS, }
SELMA (Ala.), June 7, 1865. }

This region, you know, is the heart of the slaveocracy. Estates are large, lands fertile, and the blacks constitute about two-thirds of the population. It had entirely escaped the horrors of war. The poor whites were all forced into the war; the rich stayed at home in what were called "bomb-proof positions"—that is, were "detailed" on some humbug pretense of serving as agents, contractors, commissioners, etc. These latter grew rich—apparently richer than before—and showed their zeal for the Confederacy by hunting down the poor conscripts and deserters, who were numerous, particularly in the barren hill region toward Talledaga. Desertion was hardly a crime in the case of these poor fellows. They knew that their families were starving and neglected by the peculiar selfish aristocracy, and every instinct led them homeward—even though they knew that they would be outlaws and fugitives, and hunted down actually with dogs.

Such was the condition when Wilson's raid came through "evangelizing the bomb-proofs," as a Confederate Surgeon called the wild saturnalia of that terrible campaign. The phrase indicates his feelings of spite toward the citizens, which he shared with nearly all sincere and whole-hearted Confederate officers. This cold, unsympathizing, arrogant aristocracy, which had neglected every duty to its army and had smiled supercilliously at starving women and children, got a lesson "evangelical," to use the Doctor's phrase; and how they howled! In one day they fell to poverty, real or pretended. What with the exodus of their slaves, and the work of plunder and the flames, they went under very rapidly.

Then came our more quiet and better disciplined occupation, and the moment they found us civil they became arrogant, until they found that, with all our civility, we were a gloom and terrible engine of the power of the Government. Then came obsequiousness.

But I am wandering from the point I wished to illustrate. The next scene in the drama was the return of the paroled armies of Lee and Johnston. These "prisoners of war" affiliated or fraternized at once with our troops. It was really an era of good feeling based on mutual respect.

But, on the other hand, they came back breathing vengeance against "bomb proofs." I was up in the hills, seventy miles from here, alone and without escort or guard, and naturally saw and heard much from both sides. Old citizens were fleeing from their homes and piteously appealing to me to know if we could send troops to their rescue. The soldiers were openly defiant to what they themselves called the "d—d old recesh," robbing them of mules, cattle and provisions, and with quivering lips telling me of all the long catalogue of wrong and outrage for the last four years. Several murders had already occurred, and many more have since happened. They that took the sword have fallen by the sword. Last Saturday two wealthy and prominent citizens were hung, and the gang have announced a "proscribed list" of six others. Understand, this is not guerrilla warfare; it is Corsican vendetta. I can and do go through all the country without danger. But the rich cannot.

The slaves, on the other hand, behave well. Through all the debasement and ignorance of the blacks there is a Christ-like element in their character—a gentle and forgiving spirit, which is wonderful. They know and insist upon their freedom; but they have already learned that liberty implies labor, and are mostly at work again for wages. And their terror stricken masters hunted down by returned soldiers, turn timidly to "the niggers" for protection. The great problem of liberation is by no means solved—it involves infinite difficulties—but we know at least that the blacks are docile and will be as wax in our hands, if they are only properly and wisely governed.

THE CONGREGATIONALISTS ON THE SUFFRAGE QUESTION.

Extract from a report made to the late Convention at Albany, Linn county, Oregon:

Feeling, also, the injustice with which a portion of the people have been treated in the Southern States, having been kept in ignorance and deprived of political and personal liberty, and feeling that no nation *can rise* to the high position of a truly Christian nation while any injustice whatever is practiced and sustained by law, and feeling that those people, thus treated, *have shown themselves worthy*, during this war, of the place of freemen, we would, as far as our influence can effect that object, give to them those rights and privileges of which they have been deprived. We would not feel, however, in order to secure these rights, clearly and fully in the sight of God, that they must necessarily be placed at once in full citizenship. Perhaps they are not prepared for this. But while we say this in reference to the Freedmen, we would say with equal emphasis, that we do not believe *any class* is prepared to exercise the rights of citizenship (embracing the elective franchise) until they can read and write. In this matter we would make no distinctions on account of color. We would have all stand alike before the law. We would not have the black man deprived of the right to vote because of his color; nor would we give this privilege to the white man simply because he is white. Impartially to all is the rule of justice. The laws of each State ought to be such that all classes would have this high privilege in view; and if the qualification of being able to read and write were made pre-requisite to the enjoyment of these privileges, all would be spurred on to effort, God would approve, and these people themselves would be satisfied.—This qualification as a pre-requisite to the enjoyment of the full rights of citizenship, founded as the strength of our nation is upon the intelligence of the people is asking no more of one class than of another. In the re-organization of the Southern States it ought to be engrafted into their fundamental laws, as, also, it should be at the North, that no man should exercise these rights and privileges until he has progressed so far in knowledge as to be able intelligently to read and write.

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EXTRAORDINARY ACCIDENT.—The Manchester (England) *Guardian* has the following:

Intelligence has been received in London of the melancholy death of Mrs. Arbuthnot, a lady who was on her wedding tour. The circumstances, as far as they are known, are these: Mr. and Mrs. Arbuthnot had arrived on their excursion at Interlachem. On Thursday morning, June 22d, they set out on horseback, and accompanied by a guide, to ascend the Schelthorn, one of the Brenese Alps. When they left the village, the weather was as fine as could be expected for such a trip. They had reached about half way up the mountain, when they alighted and walked some distance further.—The sky then became overclouded, but there was nothing in appearance of the atmosphere which gave any alarm to the guide, well accustomed to such sudden changes. Mrs. Arbuthnot, feeling a little tired, sat down to rest, and Arbuthnot and the guide proceeded some distance further up the ascent, but never went out of sight or hearing of their companion. In a few minutes a furious thunderstorm burst over them, and they returned as rapidly as they could to the spot where they had left Mrs. Arbuthnot. They found her dead. She had been struck by lightning and killed instantaneously. Mrs. Arbuthnot was the fourth daughter of Lord Rivers and niece of Earl Granville.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Washington, July 16.—The President's health is restored, and he is again transacting a large amount of business daily.

It is said the legal limit of $300,000,000 of the National Bank circulation, is nearly reached, and therefore the creation of but comparatively few additional institutions will be authorized. The entire number will probably reach 1,600.

Baltimore, July 15.—John W. McCue, a rebel guerrilla, tried in this city before a military commission on the charge of murder and the violation of the laws of war, has been found guilty, and sentenced to be imprisoned at hard labor during his life.

Cincinnati, July 21.—Gov. Brough is seriously ill. His condition is considered critical.

Washington, July 21.—The Provost Marshal's Office will be closed August 1st.

The mayor and magistrates of Alexandria, Va., boldly declare their determination to adhere to the old State laws. They say that sooner than receive the testimony of a negro in their courts, they will resign their respective offices.

The municipal election at Fredericksburg, Va., last week, resulted in the success of the most bitter and tyrannical secessionists.

The elections in Virginia afford little encouragement to hope for an early settlement of the difficulties which the suppression of the armed rebellion has left to be considered. Whenever opportunity offers, the citizens of that State manifest a disposition to retain or place in power those who are most obnoxious for their complic