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INTRODUCTION.

The great majority of the Nasby letters were never printed save in the columns of the Toledo Blade, in which they originally appeared. After the death of Mr. D. R. Locke, we received many requests to know where the letters might be obtained in book form. We referred these to the publishers of such of the earlier letters as had ever been printed in volumes; but the demand has increased lately for a volume which should contain not only the earlier letters, but those of later years, up to the final one ever written. The following volume has been compiled in response to this demand.

THE TOLEDO BLADE CO.
Some Little Account

of the

Author of "Nasby Letters."

David Ross Locke was born in Vestal, Broome Co., New York, September 20, 1833. His father, Nathaniel Reed Locke, was a soldier in the war of 1812. The son came by his political and other notions honestly, as the father was a staunch anti-slavery man as far back as 1830, long before there was any organized opposition to the great curse. He was one of the organizers of the Liberty party, and was among the first to join the Republican party when it was founded in 1853. The son entered the printing office of the Democrat, at Cortland, New York, in his eleventh year, and did what very few boys are doing now, learned a trade thoroughly.

Then followed the regular period of "tramping," and in his wanderings he visited all the cities of the country, either as a journeyman printer, or reporter and writer upon newspapers. His experiences during this period of his life were like that of all others of the craft. He saved no money, indeed saving money was not his object. He was finishing his education. He saw men and mixed with them, and widened and broadened himself, that he might be fit for the work that was to follow. Traveling through the Southern States confirmed him in his anti-slavery sentiments, and a trip through what was then the West, determined him upon finally settling in that portion of the country. It must be remembered Ohio in those days was a long way west.

In 1852 he left the Pittsburg (Pa.) Chronicle, on which he had been employed, and went with Mr. James G. Robinson to Plymouth, Ohio, where the two, without capital or anything else but capacity for work, started the Plymouth Advertiser, a paper which is still in existence. This was about as desperate an enterprise as two young men could possibly have engaged in, but both wanted a start in life, and were prepared to do any amount of labor and take any and all chances. There had been a half dozen attempts to publish a paper in the brisk little village, but all had failed, the projectors invariably leaving in debt. The young men had $42 in cash between them, but it proved enough. They bought a second-hand outfit, they did their own work, they edited the paper, set the type, did the press work and everything else, and they soon got the confidence of the people. After two years of hard work, averaging at least sixteen hours a day, they sold out, with the magnificent sum of $1,000 between them. They had capital, and what was better than capital, credit. They made friends, and found no difficulty thereafter when they made a change, in bettering their condition.
sweeter nor the Afrikin in his normal condishun, and is there his scooperior.

Resolved, That the niggers be druv out uv Wingert's Corners, and that sich property ez they hev accumulatid be confiscatid, and the proceeds apply to the follower in purposes, to wit:

Payment uv the bills uv the last Dimekratik Centrel Committeee.

Payment uv the disinterestid patriots ez got up this meetin.

The balance to remane in my hands.

Resolved, That the Ablishnists who oppose these resolushens all want to marry a nigger.

Resolved. That Dr. Petts, in rentin a part uv his buildin to niggers, hez struck a blow at the very foundashens uv sosiety.

Fellow whites, arowz! The enemy is onto us! Our harths is in danger! When we hev a nigger for judge—niggers for teachers—niggers in pulpits—when niggers rool and controle sosiety, then will you remember this warnin!

Arouse to wunst! Rally agin Conway! Rally agin Sweet! Rally agin Hegler! Rally agin Hegler's family! Rally agin the porter at the Reed House! Rally agin the cook at the Crook House! Rally agin the nigger widder in Vance's Addishun! Rally agin Missis Umstid! Rally agin Misiss Umstid's children by her first husband! Rally agin Missis Umstid's children by her sekund husband! Rally agin all the rest uv Missis Umstid's children! Rally agin the nigger that cam yesterdays! Rally agin the saddle-encured girl that yoost 2 be hear! Ameriky for white men. PETROLEUM V. NASBY.

These letters sprang at once into an immediate popularity. They were read and commented upon from one end of the country to the other. Stump-speakers used them, newspaper editors and everybody else who had anything to do with politics, drew inspiration from them, and they became at once a part of the political literature of the day. Abraham Lincoln was so fond of reading them that he kept a pamphlet edition of them in his table drawer. George S. Boutwell, Secretary of the Treasury under Lincoln, said in a speech at Cooper Union, New York at the close of the war, that the crushing of the Rebellion could be credited to three forces, the Army, Navy, and the Nasby Letters; and Charles Sumner thought so much of them that he asked the privilege of writing an introduction to a compilation of the series in a large volume. Mr. Blaine always quoted from them regularly, as did every man of note or no note in the Republican party.

The question is asked of the Blade a thousand times a year as to the origin of the Nasby letters. It is a question very difficult to answer. Like Topsy, they "were never borred—they grew." They were based upon the natural condition of things at the time. There never was an actual living model for Nasby nor any of the other characters surrounding him. Nasby was the representative of the whiskey-drinking, corner-grocery statesmen who have always infested the country, and who, doubtless, always will, till the millennium comes.

There never was any exaggeration in these portraits. It is true that during the war wagon-loads of women made parts of processions at Democratic meetings with banners over them inscribed, "White husbands or none!" as though no matter whether the "nigger" was freed or kept in slavery, they had no option as to whether they would marry white or black men. It is true that the stock argument against the war was "nigger" supremacy, as though three millions of negroes could possibly have gained supremacy over forty-five millions of whites. The dread of the "nigger" was what maintained the Democratic party during the war and five years after, and Mr. Nasby and his conferees were simply the besotted Cross-Roads politicians who took advantage of the feeling to advance their own interests.

In October, 1865, Mr. D. R. Locke removed to Toledo, Ohio, and assumed charge of the Toledo Blade, and the Nasby Letters thereafter appeared regularly in its columns until the death of their author, February 15, 1888. This volume contains selections from the entire series, adapted to show the field covered by them in the quarter of a century during which they were issued.
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NASBY LETTERS.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN AND "NASBY."

The first collection of Nasby letters published was a 64-page pamphlet, issued in 1864, which bore the brief title, "The Nasby Papers. Letters and Sermons containing the Views on the Topics of the Day of Petroleum V. Nasby, 'Paster of the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.'"

It was a copy of this little brochure which is referred to in the following account of President Lincoln's high appreciation of the wit and humor of Nasby, which is extracted from a letter, printed in the year 1865 in the New York Independent, written by Frank B. Carpenter, the artist, who was an inmate of the White House for several months, while engaged in painting the great historic canvas, "The First Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation." Mr. Carpenter enjoyed very intimate personal association with Mr. Lincoln, as the following extract shows:

"The Saturday evening before President Lincoln left Washington, to go to the front, just previous to the capture of Richmond, I was with him from seven o'clock till nearly twelve. It had been a very hard day with him. The pressure of office-seekers was greater at this juncture than I ever knew it to be, and he was almost worn out. Among the callers that evening was a party composed of a Senator, a Representative, an ex-Lieutenant Governor of a Western state, and several private citizens. They had business of great importance, involving the necessity of the President's examination of voluminous documents. Pushing everything aside he said to one of the party, 'Have you seen the Nasby Papers?' 'No, I have not,' was the answer. 'Who is Nasby?' 'There is a chap out in Ohio,' returned the President, 'who has been writing a series of letters in the newspapers over the signature of Petroleum V. Nasby. Some one sent me a pamphlet collection of them the other day. I am going to write to 'Petroleum' to come down here, and I intend to tell him if he will communicate his talent to me, I will swap places with him!' Thereupon he arose, went to a drawer in his desk, and taking out the letters, he sat down and read one to the company, finding in their enjoyment of it the temporary excitement and relief which another man would have found in a glass of grog! The instant he had ceased, the book was thrown aside, his countenance relapsed into its habitual serious expression, and the business was entered upon with the utmost earnestness."

The following, pertaining to the same subject, is from the introduction, written by Hon. Charles Sumner, the great Senator from Massachusetts, to a volume of Nasby letters published in the year 1872:

"Beyond the interest in these letters as another instance of a peculiar literature,—illustrated by Major Jack Downing, Sam Slick, and the genius of Hosea Bigelow,—they have an historic character from the part they performed in the war with slavery, and in advancing reconstruction. Appearing with a certain regularity and enjoying an extensive circulation, they became a constant and welcome ally. Unquestionably they were among the influences and agencies by which disloyalty in all its forms was exposed, and public opinion assured on the right side. It is impossible to measure their value. Against the devices of
slavery and its supporters, each letter was like a speech, or one of those songs which stir the people. Therefore they belong to the political history of this critical period.

"Of publications during the war, none had such charm for Abraham Lincoln. He read every letter as it appeared, and kept them all within reach for refreshment. This strong liking illustrates his character, and will always awaken an interest in the letters. An incident in my own relations with him shows how easily he turned from care to humor.

"I had occasion to see President Lincoln very late in the evening of March 17th, 1863. The interview was in the familiar room known as his office, and also used for cabinet meetings. I did not take leave of him until some time after midnight, and then the business was not finished. As I rose, he said, 'Come to me when I open shop in the morning; I will have the order written, and you shall see it.' 'When do you open shop?' said I. 'At nine o'clock,' he replied. At the hour named I was in the same room that I had so recently left. Very soon the President entered, stepping quickly with the promised order in his hands, which he at once read to me. It was to disapprove and annul the judgment and sentence of a court martial in a case that had excited much feeling. While I was making an abstract of the order for communication by telegraph to the anxious parties, he broke into quotation from Nasby. Finding me less at home than himself with his favorite humorist, he said pleasantly, 'I must initiate you,' and then repeated with enthusiasm the message he had sent to the author: 'For the genius to write these things I would gladly give up my office.'

"Rising from his seat, he opened a desk behind, and, taking from it a pamphlet collection of the letters already published, proceeded to read from it with infinite zest, while his melancholy features grew bright. It was a delight to see him surrender so completely to the fascination. Finding that I listened, he read for more than twenty minutes, and was still proceeding when it occurred to me that there must be many at the door waiting to see him on graver matters. Taking advantage of a pause, I rose, and, thanking him for the lesson of the morning, went away. Some thirty persons, including senators and representatives, were in the ante-chamber as I passed out.

"Though with the President much during the intervening time before his death, this was the last business I transacted with him. A few days later he left Washington for City Point, on the James River, where he was at the surrender of Richmond. April 6th I joined him there. April 9th the party returned to Washington. On the evening of April 14th the bullet of an assassin took his life.

"In this simple story Abraham Lincoln introduces Nasby.

"Washington, April 1st, 1872."

"CHARLES SUMNER."

The copy of this pamphlet referred to by both Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Sumner is now in the possession of the Locke family. It was given by Col. John Hay, who was one of Lincoln's private secretaries, to Mr. D. R. Locke, after the death of the martyred Emancipator, and prized by him as a priceless treasure. It bears unique evidence of frequent reading by Mr. Lincoln. It was evidently kept lying open on his desk, and several times, when he had written something, the open page of the pamphlet was used as a blotting-pad. A photographic reproduction of its 46th page is given, showing its use as a blotter. That page is a portion of the Nasby letter entitled, "Has An Interview With the President," dated "Nov. 1, '63." It purports to narrate a conversation between Mr. Lincoln himself and Nasby; and one can imagine the President laughing over the absurd 'fellerin trifling changes' in the "polisy" of the "goriller."

The dedication of the little pamphlet is so unique that it is herewith reproduced:

DEDIKASHEN.

To that Sterlin Patryot and unkorrupitable chrischen gent'eman, Fernandywood, uv New York;
To that hi-toned man and wool-dyed Dimokrat, Franklin Peerse, uv Noo Hampshire;
To that long-suffering but pashent Democrat, Jesse D. Brite, of Indiana, whose highest recommendation is that he was expelled from a Abilshin Senate, but who would have risen to be a president for a Democrat standing; and

To the great Vallandigham, of Ohio, who went to the stake with a k enamness unparralled for principle.

These book is respectfully dedicated, by

THE OTHER.

Parsonage, Church, uv the New Dispensashun.

Wingert's Corners, O., Aug. 1, 1864.

Fernando Wood was a leading Democratic politician of New York city. In 1861, when the secession of the Southern states was foremost in public attention, he recommended that New York secede and become a free city. He was one of the few Democratic Representatives in Congress, serving from December 7, 1863, to March 3, 1865, and noted for his Copperhead views.

For-President Franklin Pierce lived in retirement at Concord, N. H., through the war, but there was much feeling against him during these exciting times because his course as President had been one of subservience to the arrogant slavery of the South, and he had signed the Kansas-Nebraska bill, which organized those territories and opened them to slavery. Pierce's view was that slavery was imbedded in and guaranteed by the constitution of the United States, and that therefore it was the duty of the national government to protect it.

Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana, served in the United States Senate from 1845 to 1862. He was a Democrat who, in the slavery struggle preceding the war, voted consistently with the Southern pro-slavery Democrats on all questions involving slavery, and when the war came on, sympathized with the South. He was a "Copperhead" of the deepest dye. Charges of disloyalty were preferred against him, and he was expelled from the United States Senate, February 5, 1862, by a vote of 32 to 14.

Clement L. Vallandigham, of Dayton, Ohio, was a politician belonging to the extreme state rights wing of the Democratic party. He was a Representative in Congress from 1855 until March 3, 1863, and was conspicuous after the war began for his bold utterances against the efforts of the government to suppress the rebellion. After his time in Congress expired, he made numerous Copperhead speeches, attacking the administration with great bitterness. General Burnside, then commander of the Department of the Ohio, regarded these utterances as affording aid and comfort to the rebels, and issued an order declaring that any persons within his department who committed certain specified acts for the benefit of the enemy should be tried as spies and traitors. Vallandigham replied to this order on May 1 in a defiant speech, and Burnside ordered his arrest. He was tried by court-martial, convicted of treasonable utterances, and sentenced to close confinement during the war. President Lincoln changed the sentence to banishment across the lines. He was sent south into the Confederate lines, but being received coldly by the rebel leaders, he went to Bermuda, and thence to Canada. While there he was nominated for governor by the Ohio Democrats, but was defeated, Brough, the Republican candidate, having over 100,000 majority. He returned to Ohio after this, the national government ignoring him, and was a delegate to the Democratic national convention at Chicago in 1864, which nominated General McClellan for President on a platform which declared the war a failure. The pertinence of the above dedication can be seen from these facts concerning the five men.

The pamphlet begins with the second Nash, letter, given in the introduction to this volume, pages 3 and 4, and embodies those published up to some time in February, 1864. The following are the more notable letters contained in it:
ORGANIZES A DEMOCRATIC CHURCH.

(The New York Argus and New York Day Book were Democratic newspapers, and very outspoken in their sympathy with the Southern cause. The term "Butternut" was applied, as a term of derision, by all sympathizers with the Union, to those Democrats who were opposed to the war. This was in allusion to the color of the home-made and home-dyed uniforms of the Confederate troops in the West, which was that of the butternut—somewhat lighter than walnut. The Democrats adopted the term, and many wore pins or badges made by sawing a thin slice crosswise from a butternut, and then polishing both sides.)

Wingert's Corners, June 6, 1863.

Nuthin hez dun so much agin the Dimocracy ez churches, skool-houses, Sundy-skools, preachers and sich. Here, our people hev awoken to the dangerous tendencies uv sich instooshns, and hev set about viggerously to suppress 'em. Ez this work is what my hart delites in, I organized the pious portion uv the Dimocracy, that we mite do our work well and thorough. When my gigantic intellek hez a chance, the work is shoor to be well done, and I hev the satisfaction uv announsin the complete destruction uv two churches, the drivin off 5 preachers, and the frightnin uv many winin.

But my mission is not alone to tear down—I bid up. The ijee segestid itself to my fertile mind that a strikly Dimeliratic Church and Sundy Skool wood not only help the cause, but afford me an easy livin. It wuz dun, and I am reglarly installed ez the paster uv the First Dimeliratic Church uv Ohio.

The follelin is the order uv exercises:

1. People assemble at the second tootin uv the horn.
2. Readin uv one uv the follelin passages uv Skripter:—9th chapter uv Jennysis, wich relates the cussin uv Canaan, provin that niggers is Skriptoorally slaves, and the chapters about Hayger and Onesimus, wich proves the Fugitive Slave Law to be skriptooral. (The rest uv the Bible we consider figgerative, and pay no attenshun to, whatever.)
3. Singin—"O we'll hang Abe Linkin on a sour apple tree," or some other improvin ode, hevin a good moral.
4. Readin extrax from the Noo York Argus.
5. Singin—"O John Brown's body hangs a danglin in the air."
6. Readin from the Day Book.
7. Lecture on whatever phase uv the nigger question may seem approprit.

We hev also organised a Sundy Skool on a pure basis. I spent much time in gittin up a katekizm, uv wich the follelin is a sample:

Q. Wat is the chief end uv man?
A. To whale niggers and vote the Dimeliratic tikkit forever.
Q. Wat do the Skriptors teach?
A. That a angel sent Hayger back to her mistress, that Paul sent Onesimus back, and "Servance obey your masters."
Q. Who wuz Onesimus and Hayger?
A. Onesimus wuz a mulatter, and Hayger a octoorn.
Q. Wat is sin?
A. Skratchin a ticket.
Q. Who compose the Dimocratic trinity?
A. Vallandygum. Brite and Fernandywood.
Q. Wat is the first duty uv man?
A. To beware uv Ablishin lies, to rally to the poles, to vote early, and to bring in the agid, the infirm and the ide-o tik.
To stimulate the infant mind I hav institootid a system uv rewards ez follows:

For committin 2 verses uv Vallandy gum’s address, 1 beer check, good at the Corners; 5 verses, 2 checks; 12 verses, 4 checks, and to the child hevin the most verses, a copper-mounted butternut pin.

We had a festival yesterday. The tables wuz bounteously spred with bolony, liver-worst and crackers, wile a bari uv native whisky furnisht the flooids nessary. It wuz a techin site to see the mothers with maternal solisstoood, a mixin Nacher's Great Restorer with water and sorgum sirup, to adapt it to the infantile stummck. Fer my part I alluz take mine strait.

I bleeve good will be accomplisht. Last week in makin a pastorel visit jest about noon to the house uv wun uv my flock, who hez fine poultry, I wuz amoosed at hearin a meer infant only three years uv old, swingin his little hat, and cryin, “Hooraw fer Jeff Davis.” It wuz tetchin. Pattin the little patriot on the head, I instantly borrowed five cents uv his father to present to him.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY.

GOES ON WITH HIS CHURCH.

Church uv St. Vallandy gum, June 10, ’63.

We had a blessid and improvin time yisterday. My little flock staggered in at the usual hour in the mornin, every man in a heavenly frame uv mind, hevin bin ingaged all nite in a work uv mercy, to wit: 2 mobbin uv 2 enrollin officers. One uv em resisted and they smote him hip and thigh, even ez Bohash smote Jaheel. (Skriptooral, wich is nessary, bein in the ministry.) He wuz left fer dead.

We opened servis by singin a hym, wich I writ, commencin ez follows:

"Shal niggers black, this land possess,
And mix with us up here?
Oh no, my frends, we rayther guess,
We'll never stand that 'ere.

I then held forth from this text:—“Whar hev ye laid him?” I statid that the person I referred to wuz the marterd Vallandy gum, and I, in behaff uv a outraged Dimocrisy, demanded uv the tyrant Linkin, “Whar hev yoo laid him?” A uncovertid individuoal sod, “He's killed him out!” wich remark cost him a broken head. I went on to show why our saint hed bin martered. It wuz becoz he wuz a Dimocrat—becoz he dared to exercise the rites guaranteed to every American, exceptin Ablishinists and niggers, uv aooisin the Guverment: this and nutin else wuz he eggisled. “My frends,” sez I, drawin myself up to my full bile, and lookin ez much like Fernandy Wood ez possible, “I am willin to be martered. I denounce this war as unholy, uncostooshenl, unrighteons and unnittygated. It is nutin less than invashen uv Dimocratik states, fer the sole purpus uv freein niggers. Linkin is a tyrant, Burnside a tool, order 38 a relik uv barberism, and I will resist the enrollment, the con-

skriptshen and the tax. Hooray fer Jeff Davis!!"

Our class-meetin wuz more interestiner than ever. One old, white headed brother sed that at times his way was dark, and his pathway gloomy. Wunst he wuz very near becomin a infidelle. He reelly believed at one time that the nigger was human, and wunst he voted fer a Republican road Supervisor. But he hed repented, and was, he trusted, forgiven. His mind wuz now easy, and he should vote the whole Dimocratik tickit.

Two backsliders who scratched their tickits last fall, confess their sin pub-

licly. I exhorted em two hours, fined em a gallon uv whisky apeece, and took
em into full communion. The whisky will be devotid to the missionary service, wich is me.

This is a deliteful feeld uv labor. At the Corners they give me such floodis ez I need, at all the doggeries but one, and at that one they trust me, wich amo-nts to the same thing. I hev borrid uv my flock over 60 dollors al-ready. It is a rich feeld, and wun which will endoor much workin. My nose is deepnin in color every hour.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Pastor uv sed Church, in charge.

OBSERVES A DAY OF FASTING.

Church uv St. Valandigum, July 20, '63.

Yesterday wuz set apart by my congregashen, ez a day uv fastin and humil-ashen fer our misforchunes at Gettizberg, and the loss uv Port Hudson and Vixburg. I ishood the follierin direxhens fer the proper observance uv the fast, to-wit:

1. Nip before breckfust not 2 eckseed two jills.
2. Fer breckfust no animil food permitted, cepin ham and eggs, beef, etc.
3. Fer dinner, ditto, supper same ez on uther daze.
4. Beer 2 be taken by the single glass, and pretzels 2 be eten without salt on em.
5. These rules to be void in the case uv peepil over 35 and invalids, who may hev ther susteinin floodis ez usual.

I preacht frum this text, "O mi sole why art thou cast down." I told em we wuz cast down becoz uv Meed's whippin Lee, becoz uv Grant's takin Vix-burg, and Banks' takin Port Hudson. That's what's the matter with us. That's what hez cast a shadder over owr countnasis, and changed the hew uv our nozis frum the brillyunt crimson to the gastly bloo! The flattrin hopes uv a successful invashen uv the North is dasht—likewise the reliev uv Vixburg, and now to fill our cup uv sorrr, Jon Morgin's command is destroyed. But still, my frends, ther is a silver linin 2 evry cloud wich is poetry. Ther is wun ray uv hope amid all this gloom. I allod to the lait constoosmel demonstrashens in Noo York. Ther wuz a victory! The draft books wuz de-stroyed, and the draft wuz stopped. But ther wuz a bigger triumph than stoppin the draft. Niggers wuz kill'd- the proud Anglo-Saxn riz in his mite and stoned the niggers! Hallelujo! At this pint sum av the awjence becum sleepy, and to arouse them I becum faseshus. Why, sez I, wuz the Dimocrisy who maund the niggers in Noo York, a most energetic and perseverin people? Becoz, anserd I, they left no stone unturned 2 effect their purpurs. The ifee uv interdoosin conundrums in2 the pulpit is orijend with me. I closed by exhordin uv em too stand firm. Ef we kin elect Vallandigum we may yet check the Federal Guvment in its victorius carere. With Ohio all rise fer con-stooshinal rites, the game uv subjoogashen wood be playd out. Let us, sed I, never falter nor faint, but press onward 2 the mark uv or'z by callin. Ez the Isrelites threw down the walls uv Gerryko by blowin ram's horns, so kin we by blowin our horns throw down the walls uv this Abolish Gerryko. Blow you horns, my breethrin, for whose bloweth not his own horn the same shall not be blown, but whose bloweth his own horn the same shall be blown with a muchness.

We took a enumerashen uv owr church with a vew to the draft, with the follierin result:

Hole number uv male members .................................................. 200
Over 45 .......................................................... 50
Under 18.................................................. 50
Badly rupheerd, and otherwise diseased.................. 92
Gone to Canada '2 visit their uncles..................... 8

We air esy in our minds on this subjic.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church, in charge.

A CONFESSION OF FAITH.

(In this letter "Pooh" means a small-fry Democratic politician of Cincin-
nati, named Pugh, who made boastful threats that the Ohio Democrats would
rise, and bring Vallandigum back in triumph from Canada. The Crisis
was a Copperhead weekly paper, published in Columbus, Ohio, by Samuel
Medary, an old-time Democratic politician, which had for a time a large cir-
culation. The story that Vice President Hannibal Hamlin was a mulatto was
devoutly believed by the ignorant classes of the South and the corresponding
class of Democrats in the North.)

Church uv St. Vallandigum, Augutst 31, '63.

We hed the gloriusist kind uv a seesuns yisterday. The winders wuz open
and a showr uv pure Dimecratic grace descended upon us and we wuz blest.
Dory! We rescued into our Zion 18 young men who resedeed the faith by
inheritance, their fathers bevin alluz voted the strait ticket. The follerin is the
Confesuoun uv Faith too wich they subscribed:

Queeshun—Dostest thow bleeve that Canaan wuz doomd to bondig hecoz uv
Moos's gittin tite; that Hayger and Onze'minus prove the skriptuerality of the
Jugytiv slav law; that taken ez a hull they show that the ketchin uv niggers
with dorgs is commencible and evangeli(ye?

Dostest thow bleeve that the present war is unconstoooshnel and unholy; that
wuz brot on by the Abolishists interferin with slavry; that the bombard-
ment uv Sumter wuz rite, tho hasty?

Dostest thow bleeve that Linkin is a tyrent and usurper; that he hed no rite
wo subjoogait the Sowth; that his callin out troops wuz unconstoooshnel; and
hat everything he hez dun, since the war begun, is likewise unconstoooshnel?

Dostest thow bleeve that Vallandigum wuz sent in2 the world to save the
Dimecratic party; that in dnu it he wuz arestid at Dayton, tride afore Pon-
zens Burnside, and sent sowth; that afte: 3 months he riz agen in Canady, whens
he shu cum ez soon ez hese electid, and Pooh goes after him with 300
howsan?

Dostest thow take the Crisis?

Dostest thow bleeve that the Sentrel committis is the sole dispensor uv
opinyun, and wiltest thow alluz yawp wen they wink?

Dostest thow bleeve that skratchin a tickit is the onpardonable sin?

Dostest thow bleeve that this war wuz got up to free niggers, and that to-
day, Linkin hez 75,000 niggers in Ohio, a feedin on fride oysters and hot
punch?

Dostest thow bleeve that Lee is the greatest gineral uv the age, and that
all reports uv Federal victories is lies?

Dostest thow bleeve Ben Butler's a beast, and Hamlin a mulatter?

Wiltest thow pledge yourself 2 oncompremisingly oppose yure sisters marry-
ing niggers, no matter how much they want to?

2 all uv these questuns the candidates anserd, "I dost." Bro. Tuttle ex-
tendid the rite hand uv fellowship—Bro. Huf sold eech uv em a copy uv Val-
landigum's Record, and after making a X to their names, wich I hed pre-
rusly ritten in our church book, they wuz made members of my flock.

The coz is prosperin. We commense a series uv revival meetins next week,
and hev made extensiv preprarashns therefor. 10 bars uv condenst Dimocrisy, 20 bars uv beer, and 300 yards uv bolony, hez bin perveded. Ther will be a outporin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church, in charge.

WAILETH.

Church uv St. Valandygum, October 14, '63.

I'm sad—and waxed. My hed is a fountin uv teers, and mine eyes distil dilootd corn-joose. My hart is lead, and my sole is pot-bellied with greef. My lims ake with woe, my manly form is bowed, and my venerable lox is turnd white. O, Valandigum, thaw hast gon to the grave, and in the same toom is berrid all my hopes. Adoo, vane world, adoo! I'll be a nunnyer.

The fait uv the peepul uv Ohio is seeld. Valandigum,

"Our chosin standard-barer."

Is not only a exile far away, but ther is a cheerful prospek, wich Is daily improvin, uv his continnerin in the exile biznis for an indefynit peryod uv time. A tyrannikle Presydent hez taken our old habis corpsesses from us, and persistently refuses to furnish us new wuns—and the peepul hevin acqwisted by their votes, we lay bound hand and foot Men fellin from conskripshen and such, kin be seed and dragd in2 slavery—cavelry drest in odjus blox hez license to hunt the pantin fugitive, who, after drawin his bounty and pay, changes his mind and desires to return to the buzzam uv his family, and the shootin uv enrollin orifers and tax assessors will now be considerd a crime. Alas!

The news affectid me variously. I h-d our township all fixt, hevin distribbitid tikkits, and knowin nun uv em good skratch em, ez they don't rite enny. I rescfeed the returns with a gratifid smile. "Bless yoo, my children, you hev dun nobly," sez I. Presently a currier arrived, bringin the disturbin intellygens that the Northren countis giv Bruff 30 thousend, and 2 minnits thereafter another arrivd statin that the Southrn countis had got loonatik and given Bruff 35 thousend. With a harterendin and sole tarin shriek, I fell a inanny-mait corps on the flore. * * * * I awoke. A oder uv suthin natrel filled the room. givin me life agin. It wuz whisky. The worthy woman to whose house I borde, hed bin rubbin the soles uv my feet with a jug, and givin me small dosis uv the Restorer thro a funnel. Her exershens restord me to life agen. I presume the fact uv my own six months board did not nerve her frajile arm. It wuz revrees.

Despondent and weery uv life, I attempted sooside. I mixt my licker for a day; I red a entire number uv the Crisis; I peroozed "Cotton Is King," "Pulpit Pollytiks," and "Valandigum's Record," but all in vane. Ez a last despirt resorce, I attempted to pizon myself by drinkin water, but that faled me. My stemick rejected it—I puked.

I am 2 much prostaaitd to offer either advise or consolashen to my Dimecratic friends. We air in a stait uv abgect cussitude. To see Waid and Chaise, and Oen Lauvgoj, and that 3 ply Abolishnist Horis Greely, feelin good, is prusick asid and strick9 to us. I shell seek reelef from my sorres in the floin bole.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY.

The above closes the selections from the pamphlet, which embrace all the letters of permanent value contained therein. The following letters, as far as "Nasby as a Banker," comprise a selection of those most characteristic up to the period of the greenback delusion.
AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT.

Church uv St.----------, Nov. 1, '63.

I felt it my dooty to visit Washington. The misarable condishon the Dimocrates finds themselvs into sinse the elecshun, makes it nessary that suthin be did, and therefore I determind to see wat cudo be effectid by a persnal interviw with the President.

Interdooisin myself, I opened upon him deliktly, thus:

"Linkin," sez I, "ez a Dimocrat, a free-born Dimocrat, who is prepared to die with neetuis and dispatch, and on short notis, for the inalienable rite uv free speech—knoin also that you er a goriller, a feendish ape, a thirster after blud, I speek."

"Speek on," sez he.

"I am a Ohio Dimocrat," sez I, "who hez reppodiad Valandigum."

"Before or sinse the elecshun, did yoo reppodiad him?" sez he.

"Sinse," retortid I.

"I thot so," sed he. "I would hev dun it too, hed I bin you," continued he with a goriller-like grin.

"We air now in favor uv a wiggerous prosecushen uv the war, and we want you to so alter yoor polisy that we kin act with yoo, corjelly," sez I.

"Say on," sez he.

"I will. We don't want yoo to change yoor polisy, materially. We air modrit. Anxalus to support yoo we ask yoo to adopt the follerin triflin changis;

Restoar to us our habis corpusses, as good ez new.

 Arrest no moar men, wimmin and children, fer opinyun's sailk.

Repele the ojus conisticashen bill, wich irrytaits the Suthem mind and fires the Suthem hart.

Do away with drafts and conskripshens.

Revoak the Emansipashen proclaimashen, and give bonds that yoo'll never ishoo a mother.

Do away with treasy noats and sich, and pay nothin but gold.

Protect our dawters frum nigger equality.

Disarm yoor nigger sojers, and send back the niggers to their owners to concilie them.

Offer to assoom the war indetendis uv the South, and plej the Government to remonecrate our Suthem brethren fer the losses they hev sustaned in this onnatral war.

Call a convenshen uv Suthem men and sech gileless Northern men ez F. Peerce, J. Bookannun, Fernandough Wood and myself, to agree upon the terms uv re-union.

"Is that all," sez the goriller.

"No," sez I promptly. "Ez a garantee uv good faith to us, we sholl insist that the best haff uv the orifises be given to Dimocrats who reppodiad Valandigum. Do this, Linkin, and yoo throw lard ile on the trubbled waters. Do this any yoo rally to support thowsends uv noble Dimocrats, who went out uv offis with Bookanon, and hev bingettin ther whisky on tick ever sinse. We hev maid sakrisises. We hev reppodiad Valandigum—we care not ef he rots in Canady—we are willin to jine the war party, reservin to ourselves the poor privilidg uv dictatin how and on wat prinsipples it sholl be carried on. Linkin! Goriller! Ape! I hev dun."

The President replide that he wood give the matter serious considerashen. He wood menshen the idee uv resiniu to Seward, Chais and Blair, and wood addres a securler to the Postmasters, et settry, and see how menny uv em wood
"Before or since the elecshin, did you repoodiate him?" sez he.
"Since," retorted I.
"I thot so," sed he. "I would hev dun it too, hed I bin you," contumped he with a goriller-like grin.
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"Say on," sez he.
"I will. We don't want yoo to change your polisy, materially. We air modrit. Anxshus to support yoo we ask yoo to adopt the fol-lerin trifling changes:

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Do away with drafts and conskrprahens.
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Do away with tresury noats and sich, and say nuthin but gold.
Protect our dawters from nigger ewalitly.
Disarm yoor nigger soljers, and send bback some niggers to their own-ers to conciliate them.
Offer to assem in the war indecdnis uv the South, and plej the Guverment to remooerate our Suthen brethren fer the loosez they hav sustained in this central war.

Call a congress uv white men and sech gileeless Northern men ez F. Peece, J. Brookanum, Fernandough Wood and myself, to agree upon the terms uv a union.

"Is that all," sez the goriller.

"No," sez L'promptly. "Ez a garantee uv good faith to us, you shell insist that the best haaf uv the orifises be given to Democrats who repoodiate Valandigum. Do this, Linkin, and yoo throw lard ile on the trublered waters. Do this and yoo rally to yoor suppor thousandz uv noble Democrats, who went out uv oifs with Brookan- non, and they bin gittin ther whisky on tick ever since. We hev
be willin to resnine to accommodate Democrats. He had no dout several wood
do it to wunst. "Is ther any littel thing I kin do fer you?"

"Nothin pertikler. I wood accept a small Post orris, if stiootaid within
ezy range uv a distilly. My politikle daze is well nigh over. Let me but see
the old party wunst moar in the assensdancy—let these old eyes onct moar be-
hold the Constooshn ez it is, the Union ez it wuz, and the Nigger ware he
eought 2 be, and I will rap the mantel uv privat life around me, and go into
dellrum tremens happy. I hev no ambishen. I am in the scar and yaller
leaf. These whtmin lox, them sunken cheek, warn me that age and whisky
hev dun ther perfeck work, and that I shell soon go hents. Linkin, scorn not
my words. I hev sed. Adoo."

So sayin I wvard my hand impressively and walkd away.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Pastor uv sed Church, in charge.

COMMUNES WITH SPIRITS.
Church uv the Slawterd Innocents,
(Lait St. Valandigum), Dec. 19, '63.

I hev bin fer menny yerces disposed to bleeve in spiritooalism. Ther is suthin
plessent in the idee uv bein in communicashen with them ez hev gone before, as
it may be reznably supozed that frum their stan-pint they kin see things in a
more clearer lite than we who is encumbered with clay. Akordingly I invited
a disting'at mejum to visit my flock.

A circle wuz formd, and I wuz requestid to call fer the sperit uv sum wun
Hevin a few Abolishnists present, whom I wizht to enliten on politikle topix. I
cald for Tomus Jefferson. "Tomus," sez I, "wuz you the father uv Dimo-
crasy?"

(I use my own langige, ez them old fellers wuz not alluz elegant.)

"I wuz."

"Tomus, are the party now barin the name your child?"

"Not any. Its a mizable bastard, born uv John C. Callhoon, and that old
bag, Stait Rites, and a low-lived whelp it is. My heirs is them ez supports
the Government I help to mak.

"But, Tomus, wood you hev us support a Abolishn war fer the perpus uv
freein niggers?"

The sperit rapt out with awful distinkns, "We hold these trooths to be
self-evident: that awl men is creatid ekal. and endound with certain inaloyen-
rates, among which is life, liberty—"

At this point I stopt the mejum. I knew the sperit wuz
not Tomus Jefferson, but a impostor. hevin heerd a Abolishn precheer
use the same langige at a 4th uv Guly celebrashen. I then called Androo
Jaxon, hoo respondid.

"Androo," sez I, "wooden you like to be back on rearth. jist now?"

"Yoo kin bet I wood," retortid he. "I'd lik to hev bin President in the
plais uv that old, white-livered, black cockade Fedralist, Bookannon. Wat a
hangin ther wood hev bin! Ther wood hev bin vacansis in Congris, and
jest ez menny funerals ez ther wuz vacansis. As fer South Carliny, "—

The communycashen ceesd, and I heerd a sound like the grettin uv teeth.
It resoomed. "I'd string up Valand'gum, and Fernandy Wood, and Sam Me-
dary, et settry. It wood be a bad old joke on them indi'vijles ef I hed con-
trole of the habis corpus, I'd—"

I refōozed to here further. This sperit wuz also undoubtedly a impostor.
I cald fer Benton, who merely sed that Mizzory wuz comin to her sensi—
in gittin rid uv slayrty, and fer Duglis, who remarkt that he cood say uv the temple of Dimocrisy ez the Savior sed of the sinagog, "My howse is called a howse of prayr, but ye hev maid it a den of theeeves," both of whom wuz onquestionably imposters. Another spirit (probably of a decect abolishnist,) sed that Benedict Arnold and Judis Iscariot hadent bin on speakin terms fer sum time, Iscariot hevin called Arnold a copperhed. Arnold sed he'd never stand that.

Duglis cum back, and sed he had jest wun word 2 say. The Democratic party wuz wunst grate, but it hed got in2 bad hands, and gon crazy as a drunken bed-bug. It needid new manajers —men uv suffisshent sence and honisty to run the party on old prinsiples. In the old hands it wuz a patrarrytic party—a party that wuz alluz for the country. It whaled the British in 1812, and afterwards nockt the hind sites off uv the old Federal party fer opposin it. It smasht Mexico, and afterwards smasht the Whig party fer not helpin. Now for the Dimocrisy to oppose a war agin rebels who not only commenst it, but hed actooly bustid the party itself, is loonacy unakaled in the history uv the world. Squelch them tuppenny polytisins who hev heevd the mantels wunst worn by Jaxon and Benton (they look in em jest about as well as a orgin grinder's manky wood in a sojer's overkote, and filled em jest as much), get onto a war platform, and—"

I didn't care about perssoin my investigashens enny further, pertikerly ez the Abolishnists were all a snickrin. Its my privit opinion that thers nothin relyable about it. Hed the speris b'in reely them uv Jefferson, Jaxon, and sich, they woodent hev talkt so much undilootid niggerism.

However, it did me very well. The mejum took up a colleckshun uv six dolers, wich, by a 'singer coincidence, was the exact amount I hed intendid to charge him fer the use uv my church. He grumbled, but finelly shed out. I am now warin a new pare uv pants.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Pastor uv Church in charge.

TRIES AN EXPERIMENT.

Church uv the Swalterd Innocents,
(Lait St. Valandigum), Dec. 25, '63.

Mankind is the most perverse and oneznoble heins uv the human family.
Wile they assent 2 a principle, they never will put it into practis ef it bares hard onto em ez indivijjles, to-wit:

I had bin for several weeks deliverin a coarse uv lekters on the divinity uv slayrty. I argood that the institooshn wuz based upon the inferiority uv wun man 2 another—that it wuz not only a wise but bootiful pervision uv nacher that the strong shood hev charge uv the week, a guidin, and protektin and a workin uv em. The idee plezed my conregashen vastly, and fifteen or twenty uv the strongest pposed that it shood be put in2 practis, jest 2 show the world that the grate doctrine cood be carried out jest as well in the North as in the South. To wich I assented to-wurst, and at the next biznis meetin, the follerin plan wuz adoptid: The members uv the conregashen shood try ther strength, and them as good lift 600 shool own and possess, in fee simple, all them ez cooden.

The trial wuz hed, the divishen maid, and I wuz happy at beln the umble instroument uv plantin the grate institooshen on Northrin sile.

But alas! owin 2 the perversity uv the human mind, aforesaid, it dident work. Old John Podhammer razed his 600 with the gratest eze, wile Bill Sniffles, who wuz a workin fer him fer 12 dolers a munth, cooden fetch it.
Podhammer went over to Bill's cabin, the next mornin', and sez he, "Willyum, from this time henz4th, and furever yoo air my man. As all a slav has is his master's, the 18 dollars I owe yoo, or that I did owe yoo afore this blessid system wuz establisht, I shel kepe, and as yoo hev moar furnytoor than bes-fits yoor lowly condishen, I will send a teen over to-morrer, and talk yer bew-row and stand, and bedstids up to my house, and—"

At this junctur in cums Mrs. Mrs. Sniffles, who kin lift 600 with old Podhammer on the top uv it, and it wuz no time afore she diskivered wat his biznis wuz. She turned red in the fits. Sed she:

"Yoor goin to take my furnytoor?"
"Certhinly."
"And we air yoor slaves?"
"Uv coarse."
"And yoo kin sell my children?"
"Naterally."
"And yoo kin maik me yoor conkebine?"
"Ef I wish."

"Yoo old beast!" shrekt the infooriatid femail chattel, forgettin her normal condishen, "yoo sell my babies, yoo talk my furnytoor, drat ye, I'll giv ye sum uv it now," whereupon she hurled a chare, wich laid him prostrait on the flore, wen she pickt him up and flung him out the dore.

It did not end here: Podhammer had in his hand a patch-work coverlid, wich he that he wood talk with him, and wen he cum to he walked off with it, whereupon Mrs. Sniffles hed him took up on a charge uv steelin, and he wuz scooly tied, found gilty, and sent to jail fer 30 daze. How kin we estab-lish Democritic institooshens, wen the corts won't recognize the laws of nacher? The experiment, for the present, hez the apperentz of a failyer.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church, in charge

ESTABLISHES AFRICAN SLAVERY.

Church uv the Slawterd Innocents,
(Lait St. Valandigum), Jan. 16, '64.

Trouble air a cumin upon me thicker and faster. "Men change, but princip-les, never," hez bin a motto uv mine fer years, and bleevin in the grate principe of the strong owning the week, or inuther words, Slavry, I shel never ceese my efforts to maik it universal. Ther bein a 'rasonable prejudis in the minds uv the week uv my congregashen against bein the perpetooal servance uv them as nacher hez maid to rool, I called a special meetin of my flock to consider the matter. I interdoost the matter thus:

By Hager I proof that slavry wuz scriptooral.

By "cussid be Kanan," et settty, I shode condooisely that the neger wuz the indentity indivijjle who wuz to be the sed slav aforesed.

Then it wuz put to a vote and it wuz unmannedly resolvld that Aferken slavry be interdoost amongst us. I motist with pleasure that the poorer the indivijlle, the moar anxhsh he seemed to own a neger.

Opinyns wer then interchanged. Absolum Kitt, who is a carpenter, and who never saved a doler, hevin alluz hed a sick wife and a large family of children, sed he felt that a grate work hev bin dun that nite. The prowld Anglo-saxun whom nacher intendid to rool hed bin that nite elevatid 2 his nor- nell speer. Hentz4th ther wuz no moar labor fer him. He hed a contrak to bild a howse for brother Podhammer, and he hed no doubt that the brethrin
who wuz blest with menes wood make up a puse, and enable him 2 buy a nigger carpenter to do his work.

Brother Podhammer aro. He uv coarse, wood be glad to assist brother Kitt, but dooty 2 his family required a differint line uv askshen. His idee wuz to purchase a nigger carpenter himself, and—

"WHAT!" exclaimed Kitt.

Brother Podhammer resoomd. He intended to buy a nigger carpenter himself, and build his house. The cheef buty uv the grate system, and the wun that makes it altogether lively, is that 100 kin BUY poor labor.

"But," sed Kitt, "what kin I do if you work nigger carpenters?"

"Trooly," sez Podhammer, "I kno not. A carpenter kin be purchish for $1,000, the interest uv wihich is $60, and his keepin say $100 more, per annum. Now ef brother Kitt 'll cum to them wages, and be modritly umble, I mite, fer his saik, forego the exquisit pleasure uv hevin a nigger to flog, and still employ him."

"But," sez Kitt, turnin pail, "my family wood starve on them wagis, Wy, I mite ez well be a nigger myself."

At this pint I lifted up my voice. I exorted Bro. Kitt to patience. The grate Democratic idee that capplytal shood own labor must be establisht. It may bare hard upon indivijles, but wat then? John Rogers went camly to the stake fer principle. If Bro. Kitt doth not like to accept his normel condishon to wunst, he can go to sum less favored country, wher the grate instooshion is not establisht.

Bro. Podger, a blacksmith, sed he supposed the rich uns wood buy a nigger blacksmith, and let him emigrat.

Bro. Snipes, a plasterer, maid a simler observashen.

Bro. Punt, a bricklayer, remarkt likewise.

Whereupon, they all, in corus, similarly exclaimed they see us d—d just and then they woodent.

Whereupon they reconsidered the resolushen establishin slavery.

Kitt and his herritix wux not at church last Sundy, and the Postmaster told me that they hed sent of a club for the Noo York Trioon.

Trooly, a reformer's Jordan is a hard rode to travel I beleive.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

Paster uv sed Church, in charge.

PREACHES ON "THE PRODIGAL SUN."

Church uv the New Dispensashun,

January 31, 1864.

My brethren and sistern: I shall make sum remarks this mornin based upon the bootful parable of the prodigal sun. I wood reed 2 yoo the passij, but the Bible I hev is the only wun in the township, and I lent it yesterdiy 2 Squaro Gavitt, who sed swarin witnesses on almanac woodent do in hoss cases, and he hasent brung it back. The skripter sez, in substance:

There was a certain man who hed 2 sons. The yungist hed a taist for that branch uv agricultural persoots known ez sowin wild cats, so he askt the old man fer his sheer uv the estait. He got it, turnd it into greenbax, and went off. He commenst livin high—boarding at big hotels, and keeping trottin bosses, and playin bilyards, and sich. In about a year he run thro his pile, and wuz ded broak. Then his credit played out, and he wuz in a tite place for his daily bred. The idea struck him that he hed better put for hum, wich he did. The old man saw him a cummin, and he run out and met him, and giv him a new cote, and a order for a pair of shoes, and kill a fat coff, and hed flour
doin. The oldest boy objected 2 these, sayin, "Lo I hav servd thee these menny yeres, and thou never madest no spunge over me, but when this thy son, who hez fooled away his pile, returns, you kill calves and sich." Then the old man retorts sayin, "My sun who wuz lost is found, the sheep who went astray is cum back, let us be merry."

My brethren, this parable applize ez well to the present time ez though it wuz maid fer it. Uncle Samyuel is the old man, the suthern wing uv the Democratic party is the proddygal, and the Abolishnist is the oldest sun. The south got tired and went off on its own back. It haz, I maik no doubt, spent the heft uv its substance, and will shortly conclude to cum home. Now the grats question uv the hour is how shel he be resseved. My friends, the Democratic rool is to folle the scripter wen you can maik a pint by so doin.

In this pertickeler case Godlinis is gane, halleloogy, therefor, let us be Godly. Let Uncle Samyocel see the repentant proddygal afar of—let him go out to seek him, er send Fernandy Wood, and when he hez found him let him fall, not upon his neck, but at his feet—let him put onto him the perple robe wizh is royalty and upon his hand a ring, wizh is dominion, wizh is a improvement upon scripter.

But the Abolishnist, who is the elder sun, steps up and sez, "Nary. He wuz a doin well, and he went out from us, takin awl that wuz his own, and sech ez he codd steel, all uv wich he hez spent upon such harlots as Afrikin slaver-y, Stait rites, and Suthren independence, wich last two men-shund is whitde sepulkers. I sent my sons Grant, and Rosycrance, and Ben-butler after him, but lo! wen he wuz strong and wiggerrus he did despitefuly use them. Now that he is week from hunger, let him brindle. Ef we talk him to our buzness, let him cum on his neess, let him cast off the harlots that hav sedoost him, that ther may be no more trubble in all the land."

My brethren, we must talk him back ez the old man did in the bible. Why, do you ask? Becoz he wuz alluz the old man's pet, and had things his own way. We wuz his frends and shared with him the steelins, but sence he went out the Abolishn brother and his frendshev controld things and whare air we? Eko ansers no whair! We okepy low plasis in the sinagog, and the doggery keepers go mournin about the streets and refuse to be comforted because ther cash is not plenty, and ef we talk back the proddygal shorn of his strength, of what avail is he to us? He must cum back as strong as ever, he must bring his harlots with him—he must ROOL! 'Then shel we hev the Post Orfises, and then shel we agin live on the fat uv the land, dodgin the cuss uv labor. Brethin, let us be diligent in this grate work, instant in seess and out of seession.

A collecshun wuz takin up fer the perpus uv sending a mishinary 2 Massachu-suits, wich yielded 7 dolers. Ez the amount wooded pay the raleroode fair, it wuz voted to apply it on repairs on the church, wich I did by having my boots haff-sold and buyin a new hankercher.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church in charge.

DREAMS.

Church uv the Noo Dispensasshun,
February 6, 1864.

I am no speshel bleever in dreems. The gulf atwixt the material and immaterial worlds is 2 wide to be spand by the bridj uv sleep, ur if spand at all, the way is 2 narrer to make safe even the passij uv a nite-mare. (Poetic
idee.) Still, the spirit may, wen boost frum its lode uv day, sore off in2 the
dim fucher, and retane a porshen uv its impreshns wen it agen okeps its
prison-bowsa.

Last Saterdy nite I hed a dreme. I hed bin a redin' "Cotton is King," and
sech works, aidin my understandin with frequent drafts frum a bottle containin
'nacher's last, best gift 2 man," and I fell in2 a gentel slumber. I dreemd that
the Confederasy hed bin successful, that it carrid out its orijinol idee, and hed
subjoogatid the Northern staits. Gefferson Davis wuz roolin at Washington
under the tittle uv "Gefferson I, Empror uv all the Amerikys." The Senit and
Hows uv Representatives hed bin dun away with by decrees, and the biznis uv
goverun wuz done solely by the Empror and his ministers. All to wunst I wuz in
Washibnton, a rollen along in a gorjus carige. I wuz sumwat surprizd at my
persenal apperars. I wuz drest in flesh culered tites, with sandels on my feet,
with dimund buckels onto em, and on my hed wuz a crown, makin me resemble
a play acter I seed wunst a playin Richerd. Suddenl the carige stopt, and I
alitid, and assened the steps uv the Palise. It wuz a resephun, and a cham-
berlin wuz announctn the gests ez they arriv. "Earl von Seymour!" "Count
de Sammedary!" "Markuis Fernandywood!" and ez I stept forerd wat a gush
uv exstasy thrid throu my vans ez the chamberlin (who wuz little Sameox,) showtld, "DOOK DE NASBY!" O wat a moment!

My dreems continued. Methawt the noblility wuz maid up uv the officers
uv the Confedrit armies, and sech northern men ez hed bin troo to the Con-
fedrisy. The Northern staits hed bin diwided into dookdums, and erldums and
sech—my territory extending forty miles eech way frum Wingert's Corn-
ers, whair my dookal palise wuz sitooated. Nigzers wuz dun away with, ez
all the white excepting the privilegd classes wuz serfs, wich effectoally settled
the question uv Afrikin slavey. The noblility ownd the land and the inhabi-
tants wuz all pesantry, payin to the lord uv the soil, 4-fifths uv the produx. I
wuz divin in stile. We hed subjoogatid the Abolishnists, and wuz usin their
leadin men ez our meenyels. O, it wuz magnificent and gorjus. I arose every
mornin with Sumner a holdin a bason, and Waid a pourin uv perfoomd water
over my hands, after wich Gim Ashly dryd em with towels. They wuz my
servance! Poeticke justise.

In short, Gefferson Davis, ez soon as he hed the power, hed decleared the
idee uv men governin themselves a fallyor, and hed revivd the old foedal sys-
tem. France and England hed assisted him in establishin hisself, and hed jest
got the thing into good runnin order. Ona seen in my dream filled me full uv
joy. I thot I wuz in my dukel robes in my ancestral halls, overlookin my
stewart, (editor Raymond, uv Noo York Times,) a resceevin triboot frum the
happy pesantry, wen I notist among em sum who hed refoossed me credit in
the days uv the Republic. Rage filled my solo. "Away with the hory mis-
creance," showtld I to my armd serviters. "away with em 2 to the deepest dun-
jen neeth the castel mote! ha! ha!" Just then I awoke.

It wuz but a dreme, but it left an impresion on my mind. "If we succeed
in smashin Lincoln and his guverment," thawt I. "a monerkey must enseo,
ad, who nose, I may yet be Dook de Nasby!" Filled with new zeo I rescoomed
labor on my sermon for the morrur, on the unconstooshnality uv the puttin
down rebelyuns with muskets, with renood wigger.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Pastor uv sed Church, in charge.
ON THE RETURN OF VALLANDIGHAM.

Church uv the Noo Dispensashun, June the 21st, 1864.

Goy to the world—Vallandigum is cum! The grate exel, in defiance uv the edix uv a usurpin despot, hez returned to his nativ sitel! Glory! My buzum swells with emoshun, and I leap for goy. Welcum, Vallandigum!

Overgord ez I am, my sensashens air not all plesherable. The return uv the distinguist champion uv Suthru rites is sumwhat embarrassin. The trooth is, Vallandigum wuz not jest the man we wantid for a leader. He hez tung, without discreshun, wiz qwalitis hez ruind manyn buddin genuses. Sech men can alluss succeed in kickin up a dust, but forchunately, they alluz git smothered in it. Vallandigum's weeknis is—Vallandigum. Shet him up in sekloddid spot, where he hed noboddy 2 blather to about hisself, and he'd expire in disgust in a week. 2 resoom.

His return is unfortunit, becoz—
What will we do with him? Under his leadership, we wuz bein redoost 2 a very small pint, so small indeed that we wuz jest reddy to berry. At this crisis Linkun he upds and arrests him. Wat a turn that wuz for us! It wuz a double-actin leever that lifted us 2 ways, to-wit: we got shet uv Vallandigum, who wuz a unmixt noosance here. It convertid a noosance into a marter, wich wuz wat we wantid, and gave us ground to go on.

Vallandigum ort 2 hev bin more grateful than 2 hev bustid this arrangement by cumin back. Hed he stayd, a poor exel on a furrin shoar, a strainin uv his ize to git even a faint glimpse uv his nativ land, until the campane wuz 2-3ds over, and then committed soxide jest afore eleckshun, in a fit uv tempary insanity brot on by greef, and sorrow, and wo, and sich, it wood hev bin hunky. His funrel wood hev bin profitable to us, for he is like the jendel hog, a hevy expense to his owner wile livin, and uv no earthly profit 2 him till he dies.

Agin. Ther's no call fer takin up coleckshuns enny more, for his benefit, and—away goze the cheef inkum not only uv myself, but uv haff uv the Demo-krat polishushuns uv the Stait. I shel hev 2 deny myself uv all luxooris frum this time out.

Wat kin we do with him? He heznt the nack uv sayin 2 things at wun say, and nuthin else will do us. Wen the party was a settin its face mildly against slavery, to fool the Free-silers, he wuz for eraddykatin the the evil. Now wen we air pintin mildly Southward, he's declarin for em openly in his usual loonattik stile.

2 konklood. I love Vallandigum; but ef Linkin wood arrest him and immure him in the darkest dunjun in Fort Warin, or hang him, or marter him in enny manner, he wood trooly confer a favor on the undersined, and the entire Dimekratik party. Then wood we carry his deceest karkis thro the North, with suthin to show on our chargis uv tiranny. But with Vallandigum at liberty and in good health, the hust, last, and only victim uv uncon-stooshnel usurpashen air gone, and with it our cappytal.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Pastor uv sed Church, in charge.

INDORSES THE NOMINATION.

Church uv the Noo Dispensashun, September the 1st, 1864.

Glory! Mickellan, the nashun's pride, is nominatid! Bein a orthodox Dimekrat, the nominashen soots me! Nominashens alluz soots orthodox Dime-
krats! In thirty years' experience, I never knew a nominashen that dident.

Me and my Church wuz for pee-se. We wuz for Suthern rites. We wuz opposed to drafts, and had purchase revolvers. Ther4 the incomparable Micklellan wuz not our fist choice. The fact is, the grate George wuz a war man wunst, and was the original inventor of drafts, wich don't make him ez acceptable to us ez he mite be. But ther's a excuse for him. The Dimokrasy must bare in mind that the unforchunit man hed sunk sum 85,000 Ablishnists sumwher about Richmond, and ez he knew uv the prejoodis existin agin volunteerin under him, he insistid on hevin uv em brot in by draft. It wuz all done for the benefit uv the Dimokrasy, becoz: The Dimekrats drafted wood resist or run to Kanady—the Ablishnists wood go, and, haloology! but few of them wood ever return.

On recect of the news I immejitly called my flock together, announst it to em, and giv em the folleerin breef sketch uv our candidate, ez follows:

George B. Micklellan wuz born uv rich but honist parence, sumwher in the yeer 18— (I luv accorosary.) The nationality uv his parence I am not shoor uv, but from the fact that all the bitter old Know-Nothin's is a supportin him, I shood think he wuz uv Irish extraction. His great pint wuz promptniss and decision uv karicter, and these quality displayed itself at a erly period. It is on rekord in the arkives uv the family that he cried immejitly after he wuz borned, and commens nurisin within a hour. He wuz remarkable at school for the same quality. No sooner did the clock strike noon, than 'young George would promptly leeve the house. The fucher general wuz foreshaddered in the skill with wich he robbed melon patches. He made reglar approaches, wich were skilful, but his retreats wuz magnificent. He cood change his base bootful—shiffin from melon patchis to orchards with neetnis and dispatch. Another peakooliaritty uv 'young George shows how troo is the sayin, that "The child is father uv the man." Wile George cood alluz very elaboritly stratejise hisel2 a melon patch or orchard, he never stratejised hisself out with any melons or apples.

He wuz edicated at West Pint, and wuz finally made President uv the Ohio and Mississippi Ralerode. Here his decisun agin showed itself. He coneved the bold ifee uv gravelin the rode, wun mornin, at 31 minits past 11. Wun yeer from that time he announst to the Drektors that 17 labrers and an ekal number uv wheebarrers hed bin prokooded, and he wuz bizzy, at that time, perfectin a plan for organizin uv em. 2 months after he announst his plan perfectid, and that operashuns hed commensst on a gravel-pit. Four days of brillintly successful work folleered, wen he announst that he wuz oblesgd to suspend operashuns, that 5 wheebarrers wuz broke, and 7 labrers hed the diarrear. He wood reorganize promptly, and proceed. Reorganizin this forse, and perfectin a new plan uv approach, only okepeid 8 months, and the work wood hev bin commenst by this time, had not the war broke out. The pay of the Fedral Guvment bein larger and more suber than the Confedrasy, he relinquisht ralerodin and entered the Fedral servis.

His military career is knowd by all on us. Suffice it 2 say, that no general wuz ever so beluv South, and so hated North, wich wuz wat prokood his nominashen.

Sich, my brethrin, is our candidate. Let us all sink our prejoodis, and elect him. The platform on wich he stands I endorse with my whole hart. I haven't read it yet, but it must be good, for Vailandigum made it. The post-orphises, the treasury, for wich we hev bin waitin 4 long, dreery yores, is within
our reach. Let us, my brethren, go in and win. The cheerin for me will now
commence.

A coleekshun wuz taken up to defray expenses uv the campane. $8 wuz
reelid, wah wuz paid over to me. I shd probably appere on the stump in a
new pair uv pants.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church, in charge.

WAILETH MUCHLY.

Church uv the Noo Dispensashun,
September the 15th, 1864.

The followin sam uv humiliashen and agony will be chantid in every Church
in my dioecess, all day, evry Sundy, until the Confedrits win a victory:

A DOUBLE-BARRELD WAILE—A CRY UV ANGISH,

In the valley and shadder sit we!
Job hed biles, but he scraped hisself with a oyster shell!
Naman wuz a leper, but he dovved into the Jordan, and cum out ez good as
new!
Sampson hed his hair shingfed and wuz week as waterd whisky, but it
growd again, and he busted his enemies!
We hev biles and are rotten with em, but where's the comfortin oyster-
shell?

We hev leprozzy, but where's the Jordun to jump into?
Our hair is short, and that's whar our enemies hev got us, but what's the
restorative to make it grow again?
Job, and Naman, and Sampson, altogether, wuzn't as bad off ez we is.
We kin throw in Lazzyrus with his sores, and the dorgs a lickin uv em, and
then give em 50 in a 100 and beat em.

For we nominatid Micklellan and Pendleton, at Shecago, and wun is a war
man and tother is a peece man.
The ox and the ass is yoked—their heads and tails together.
And the teem is pullin viggerusly, but instid uv goin forerd, its goin round
and round.
Wale! O my peeple, for the ticket wuzn't war enuff, and Cass has bolted!
Gnash yer teeth! O ye saints, for the ticket wuzn't peece enuff, and so
Vallandigum hez bolted!
We tried 2 ride two bosses, goin in 2 diffrent direckshuns, and we fell
to the ground.
And both bosses turned on us and kicked us.
And Micklellan hez no chance—he won't hev the givin uv the post-offisa.
Wah!*

And Sherman took Atlanta, and chawd up Hood! Wah!
And Lee wants the Weldon road, but he can't git it. Wah!
And Gov. Morton took the revolvers frum the peese men uv Injeany.
Wah!
And the draft won't be resisted and the provo marshels will hev whole skins.
Wah!
Wale! For Maine and Vermont, wich wuz tired uv the war, and wuz a
goin for Micklellan, hev voted Ablishn wit a loosenia.

* In koris—all together.
Wale! For our rulers oppress us. They let their men vote in the army, but won't let our men vote in Canady! Wah!

Wale! For the Ablishnists shal hold the orfises, and we shal be numbered among the outs! Wah!

Wale! For in the fucher I see no way uv livin but by wirk!

Why wuz I born in2 sich a world? Why wuz whisky creatid, ef yoo can't git it without a price? Why wuz orfises establisht, ef them can't git em ez wants em the most?

Mickllan buried his thousands in the swamps uv the Chickahomny—ae hath buried his tens of thousands under the platform he kicked over!

The Ablishnists jeer us, and flout us; they wag their heads at us, saying, "Go up, bald hed!"

And we hev gone up!

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church, in charge.

LAMENTETH.

(The state elections in October, 1864, a month before the Presidential election in November, in Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania, gave heavy majorities for the Republican candidates for state offices, thus showing the utter hopelessness of success for the Democrats who had nominated Gen. Geo. B. McOlellan for President, and George H., Pendleton, of Ohio, for Vice President.)

Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.
October the 14th, 1864.

I've cum 2 a conclushen. I'm satisfied that Pennsilwany, Ohio, and Injeany hev gone for Ablishn. I seed it in a daily paper. Ther4, I direct that every church in my dyocese be draped in mournin, (the same that we used when we heerd uv Atlanta will anser) and that the follerin sam uv angish be chantid at every servis, until we git the returns from Noo Gersey.

Ohio! Pennsilwany! Injeany!
Pensilwany is cussid, Ohio is cussider, but Injeany is cussidest.
Weep, O my people, for lo! the hind sites is knock off us!

Gnash yer teeth, for the staits we countid on the most hev gone the wust agin us.

Tare yer hair, for Voorhees is beet.
Throw ashes on yer hed, for little sam cox is gone up.
Array yerself in shoddy, fer we're all gone up.
Ef sich is dun in the green tree, wat will it be in the dry?

I am a fountain uv lamentashens—they run from me ez doth the water from the springs.

Can we look to the South fer comfort? Nay, verily.
For Atlanta is gone, and Lee rageth in vain, and Early is chawd up egreejusly.

And Linkin, and Grant, and Sherman, and Sheridan are laffin with much laffer—they feel good.

But their mirth is our wo, their meat is our pizlen.
Can we look to the North? Not any; for that is a Sahara Desert uv Ablishnism, with nary a oasis.

Wheer is the post-offis? Wheer is the collekterships, and wheer the tother places uv profit? They are not for us.
To the East we stretch our hands, and Maine answers, "nor for Lin-
kin!"

To the West we turn, and Injeneous pops it to us to the tune of 30,000.
We bot revolvers in that stait, and lo! we committed suicide with em.
We are a dove, a peese dove, shaved out uv the political ark.
And the deluge of Ablishism rageth wildly, and shows no sign uv sub-
sidin.

And we air weery, but kin find no place to rest our foot.
Bestir thyself, O Lee! if yoo wood save us in November.
On yoo we bet our pile; yoo air our anker and our cheefest trust.
We preech in vane that the war is a faleyroor, while yoo air bein whipped
once or twice a day.
Be valiant, for gold is goin down, and goods is goin with it, and the Ab-
lishists laff and the people is content.
Whale Grant just wunst, and give us wun more chance.
Lift us out uv the pit in2 wich we hv fallen—giv us solid ground to stand
on.

Then will our wallins be turned to joy, and our lamentations to songs
uv gladness.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

Paster uv sed Church, in charge.

P. S.—The printer will put mournin lines abuv and below this letter.

HAS A DREAM.

Church uv the Noc Dispensashun,
October the 21st, 1864.

I am no bleever in gos or dreams, or sich, nor never wuz. Ef the tyrant
Linkin, (wich is a ape,) should draft me, and I shood be dragged to the tentid
feekd, a unwillin marter, I know I shood much prefer meetin the gost uv a
rebel solJer, wich is a shadder, than 2 enounter wun in the flesh, with a
muskit and baynet, wich is no shadder. Dreams is likewise unsubstanshel,
and result, 9 cases out uv 10, from above uv the stummick. I dream but seldom,
and wen I do, I alluz attribut it 2 eatin a pound or two more sassij, or
drinkin a quart or two more whisky, than I needly need, late at nite; and I
never bleved they wuz prophetik, becoz I don't allow that the seat uv proph-
esy is located in the stummick. These is my theory uv gos, dreams, and sich.

I hed a dream last nite wich left a impreshn on my mind. I hed bin prepar-
in a sermon, provin that "Servants, obey your masters," justified the
ketchin uv niggers with dorgs, wen I fell asleep and dreamed. Methawt I wuz dead, and hed laid in that stait 200 years, and hed awoken, and found myself agin on earth. I saw nothin pekoloner.
There wuz more ralconses, and more skool-horses, and in2 wun uv the latter I
got.

The skool-marm wuz eggsaminin a class uv yungsters in history.
"Who wuz the gratest and goodest men the Yoonitid Staits ever pro-
dooest?"

"George Washington and Aberham Linkin."
"What did they do?"
"Washington foundid the goverment, and Linkin preserved it."
"Who wuz the wust men the country prodoost?"

A little girl anserd:
"Judith Ithaciat, Benedict Arnold, Jeff Davith and Vallandigum."
"You air wrong, my child," retorted the skool-marm. "Judas lived in another country, and be'd the others. They were so sincer, however, that the error is excusable. What did Arnold, and Davis, and Vallandigum do?"
"Arnold betrayed his country, and took up arms agin it; Davis rebelld agin his government, and Vallandigum helped him all he cool without settin' himself into danger."
"What names were given them ez opposed the government, in '76 and '61?" "Tories and Copperhed's."
"Which wuz the wust, the Tories or Copperhed's?"
"That pint hez bin much discuss, but no konkloosion hez ever bin arriv at."

"How many times wuz Linkin electid President?"
"Two."
"He'd he enny opposition for the sekkund term?"
"Nun 2 speek uv. The rebels and Copperhed's run a disgraced soljer, whose name sum historyans giv ez Mickfadder, uthers as Micknelan, and uthers ez Mickellan; but ez he receevd no votes in the elekctoral collij, the elekshun wuz considird unanimous. The Copperhed candidate sunk in2 obskooory after the war, and he wuz forgotten, wich wuz lucky for his children."

I noist about haff the childern he'd on bloo ribbin; one-fourth wuz drest ordinary, and the balence he'd a white rag pinned to their bax. I asked the school-marm what this indicatid. She askt me ef I wuz a furriner; to wich I ansed, I wuz, a furrin prinse in disguise, on a tower uv observashen. She replied:

"Them ez hez bloo' ribbins is the descendants uv the soljers uv the grate rebellion; them with no dekorasions is desendid frum loyal men who wuz not soljers; and them poor people who hev the white rag, (she bustid in2 teers and wept perfoosely) are the unforchuit descendants uv—Copperhed's!"

I visitid a court-house. The case they wuz tryin wuz slander. One man hed assested that the great-great-grandfather uv another, who wuz a opposin candidate for Gustis uv the Peese, he'd bin a Copperhed. Plaintiff brot in2 court a old paper printed in 1864, wich showed that sed ancester wuz on a Linkin sentrel komity: Goory brot in a verdick uv $10,000 for plaintiff.

I awoke frum this dreem in a cold sweat. "Is it possible," that I, "that posterity will so regard us?" and for a mimmit I wuz almost persuadd to be a Christian. But I thot uv the post-offisis, and sed to myself, "What is posterity to a ded man? Let me hev offis, and the menes uv keepin my skin full uv whisky without work, and posterity may think wat it pleezis." And I re-soomed laber on my sermon.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Pastor uv sed Church, in charge.

HAS A DIFFICULTY WITH HIS FLOCK AND LEAVES IT.

Onto the Wing, November the 10th, 1864.

The dy is cast! All is ore! Ef Freedom shreekt wen Kossikusco fell, she must hev squawkt last Toosdy nite as she beheld the innynnait corpse uv the Dimekratik party, which fell, crushing Little Mack, and the hopes uv sum hundreds uv thousens uv good Dimekrats, who speckid to be perssadd by ther frendis in2 acceptin the various offisis under the guvment.

I am a lost and roosed man. My peeple are uv the troo Dimekratik stripe. They hev faith in me. They bleeve wat I tell em. I told em Micklellan wuz certin uv the elecshun, and that I hed ded-wood on the disposle uv
the offsies in that seckshun. It immejdly bekum a eazy matter to borrer mun-
y. It wuz deliteful—wood, O wood that it cood hev bin perpetooal. Brother
Savij lent me $50, with a request that I wood speek a good word for him for a
furrin mishn. J assoomed a virchus look, and replide that I never sold my
infloesence, but that I alluz hed a admirashen for his massiv intellek and
menny virchoos. Brother Guttle lent me munny, wantin this, and Brother
Sludge wantin that; in breef, evry indivijlle uv em who hed a forehed a inch
high spectid suthin.

The returns cum in. Ohio—Linkin! "Good! 'Rah!' shouts I, with
grate presence uv mind.

"Why good?" anxshusly asks the expectants.

"Becoz, to carry Ohio, the Ablishrists must hev brot votes from Noo
York, wich will giv us that stait shoor."

Noo York—Linkin!

"Good Lord!" ansers I, promptly: "the Noo York Ablishnists must hev
void in Ohio, and hev got home in time 2 vote agin. But wait for Penn-
slyvany."

Pennsylvany—Linkin!

"My friends, ther wuz fraud—Massachusitts soljers, at least 40,000, must
hev votid there. Injeana will do it, however."

Injeana—Linkin!

"Not less than 40,000 Massachusitts soljers hev votid there. Illinois is safe,
though."

Illinois—Linkin!

"40,000 Massachuu—"

"Give me my munny!" roard Savij, and the same remark, with varia-
shens, wuz maid by Guttle, Sludge, and the rest uv em.

"Gently, my frends," sed I, backin out uv the door. "We hev bin defeatid,
but the grate priniple that a white man is better than a nigger, for wich
we hev so long fought, still lives. Let us sink all miner considrashens, and"—

The miner considrashens I referred to wuz, however, uppermost in their
minds, for they all went for me. yellin like Cuscororious Injins, "Give me my
munny!" whereupon I retreced 2 the meetin-house, lockin myself in. They
surroodid it, swarin they'd starve me out.

When a innocent boy, I red a harroin tale uv a Rooshn muther who wuz
persood by frantic wolves, and who saved her own life by droppin her chil-
drin to em wun by wun. My privit barel uv whisky wuz in my study—I wuz
saved! I histid it out uv a winder, and calmly awaits results. They flockt
around it—they took turns at the bung-hole. In wun short hour they wuz
stretched helpless on the plane, ded drunk. Then and there I resined my
charge, and borrerin sich munny and watches ez the ungrateful wretches hed
about em, to make up arrears uv salary and sich, bid adoo 2 em furever. I
shall go to Noo Gersey.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Lait Paster uv the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.

TAKES A RETROSPECTIVE VIEW.

Saint's Rest (wich is in the Stait uv Noo Gersey),
November the 14th, 1864.

Retrospx is profitable. By castin a prophetic eye backwards, a massive
intellek kin dissern errors wich hev bin made, and kin dodge em in the dim
and misty fucher.

The old Dimokrasy was wopt in the larst campane, solely and entirely
beez uv its own stoopidity and cowardis. I say it boldly. We didn't bleeve in the war—we wuz opposed to it in the beginnin'; we wantid the guvment revolooshnizd to keep Noo Ingland, wich is spredin herself all over the West, frum submergin the entire Dimekratik party. Our bark wuz on the sea—slavry wuz its anker, its jib-boom, its rite forrerdd mast, its bow-spirit, its keel, its all. Slavry wuz our best and only holt. The Suthiners wantid control uv the nashen, that they might use the sed nashen for the exclousose bene-
fit uv slavry. Werry good. They held all the big orfisis for them purpos; but, thank Hevin, the slaveholders coodent hold all the orfisis! Ther wuzn't enuff uv em, hall-looijy! They coodn't come up North and hold the post-or-
fisis, glory! O them good old times! They wuz libral and ezzy to pleeez. They allowed us to hev a President occasionally, ef we presentid a man who cood give bonds to em 2 perform ez they desired. Peerse wuz one uv this kind, and Bookannon wuz another, and the larst. Ther labor wuz complikatid and severe. Peerse hed to establish the immaculate consephshun uv Popler Suvrinity, against all Dimekratik president, and poor old Bookannon wuz forced 2 strangule the noo-born baby, and give birth 2 the Lecompton bill, wich wuz a severe operashen for one so old and frale.

Noo Ingland rebeld, and electid Linkin. The South appealed 2 arms. Then wuz our golden opportoonity. We shood hev took up arms, druv the yoozer-
per from his seat, and installid in his place a sound, conservativ, constooshned Dimekrat. Uv course, the Ablishnists wood hev resistid. Ah! I shood want em to. Doth the majestik eegie appeze his royal appetight on bare bones? He dothent. The fat and joosy karkis is wat his hart desires. O how I wood hev liked to hev led a regiment uv such braveez ez them freinds uv the lait Governor Seemer, who killid the niggers in Noe York, last yeer, thro the rich towns uv Masscyhusitts! Wher the karkis is, ther the buzzards will be also.

We didn't do this. Wat wuz the next best thing? Cleerly to elect as Presi-
dent a Dimekrat who hed Dimokray enuff to turn the guvment over to its legimit owners ez soon ez he got it. A uncondishnel peese man wuz wast we wantid, and on a uncondishnel peese platform. We hed hed three yeers uv war, uv taxis, uv drafts, and a whalin draft wuz a hangin over us at the time. We wuz shoor uv 6 classis, to-wit, viz.:

The Dimekrat proper who got his pollytix by inheritanse.
The casheerd army orfisers, dismist becoz they disapproved uv the man-
er in wich the war wuz bein conductid.
The gentlemanly contracters who hed furnisht hoss-beef and shoddy cloth 2 the soljers, and hed bin caught at it.
The cowardilly cusses, who wuz afeerd uv drafts.
The cappytalists, who hed investid in Confedrit bonds.
The miserilly cusses, who groaned at taxes.

Hev wuz a array—a phalkans that coodent be broken; for wen a man is mean from interest, argument won't tech him. It's a shootin paper wads against a iron-clad. Yoo mite ez well whisper Gray's Elegy in2 the ear uv a dead guvment mule, wich is sed 2 be the dedest thing on earth.

But Mickellen wuz nominated. O, wat stoopidity! It wuz dun to ketch the War Dimekrats, they sed. The War Dimekrats lifted up the General's kote-tale and found Pendleton there, and they skattered. The anti-draft and anti-tax Ablishnists thought they'r ruther be taxt and dрафfied by Liu kin, who hed alluz drawd it mild, than by Mickellen. The sojers remem-
bered Chickahominy swamps. The shoddy theevers knowd they'd stand no chance against such expert practishners ez the Woods, and Toucy, and sick
and so we wuz beetten.
I hev hopes that we will yet kum out rite. Geff'ven Davis is armin the niggers; the Dimekrasy hev seed the folly uv philanderin after war, and wun g. d Confedrit victry will set me up agin.

Let the Dimekratik virgins keep their lamps full uv ile and trimmed.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

Late Paster uv the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.

"WAILETH ANDCUSSETH."

Saint's Rest, (wich is in the Stait uv Noo Gersey),
December the 26th, 1864.

I've heerd from Savanner! I hev red uv it. Fancy the feelin uv a man who hed ben fer weeks spectin 2 heer uv Sherman's bein entirely chawd up by the undanted Suthern miliary!

The follerin impromptoo cuss and wale (ekally mixt) reflex the stait uv mind uv the Dimokrasy uv this sekshun.

Hart-sick, weery, alone, bustid.
Gone-up, flayed, skind, hung out.
Smashed, pulverized, shivered, scatterd.
Physikt, puked, bled, blistered.
Sich is Dimokrasy!

Alone I sit, like Marius, among the rooms!
Alone I sit and cuss, and this is any cuss:
Cussid be Calhoon, for he interdoost us to that paintid harlot, Staits Rites, who sedoost us.

Cussid be Peerse, who consentid 2 the Nebrasky bill, wich bustid us.
Cussid be Bookannon, who favored Lecompton, wich peeled us.
Cussid be Breckinridge, who woodent support Duglis, and 'lectid Linkin, wich give our post-orfises 2 Ablishnists.

Cussid be the post-masters—may they bekum suddenly insane, and wildly go 2 trustin out postage stamps to Dimekrats.
Cussid be Grant, and Sheriden, and Rosycrance, for they've dun for Demokrasy.
Cussid be them as went in the army Dimekrats and cum out Ablishnists (Wich is a epydemic.)

Cussid be Vallandigum, wich went a practisin law, leevin me in the Dimokrasy biznis alone, without enny cappydyle to run on.

(SPESHLY HOT.)

Cussid be Sherman, for he took Atlanta.
And he marcht thro the Confedrisy, and respected not the feelins uv enny-body.

His path wuz, like Moses, lit up with pillers uv fire and smoke, only the fire and smoke wuz behind him.

His path is a desert—lo, the voice uv the Shanghy is heerd not in all the land.

And the people uv the South lift up ther voisis and weep, becoz their niggers are not.

And he took Savanner, and cotton enuff 2 hev satisfide Bookannon's cabby-net.
And he turns his eyes toward Charleston, and is serusly thinkin uv Richmond.

He starteth with three-skore thousand—he stoppeth with three-skore and ten.
The wind bloweth where it listeth—he listeth where he goeth.
As the lode-stone is to steel, so is his steel to the Georgia nigger—it draweth him on.

Who will save us from the fury uv this Sherman? who will deliver us from his hand?
Johnston he beat, Hood hefooled, and Wheeler he flogged.
Lee wood do it; but he’s holdin Grant, and can’t let go uv him
So he cavorts ez he wills, like a yearlin mule with a chestnut burr under his tale.

Bitter in the mouth uv a Dimokrat is qwinine, bitter is gall, but more bitter is Federal victrys.

We hev bin fed on victrys lately, and our stundik turns.
Played out is Davis, and Dimokrasy hez follered soot.
The Dimokrasy is turning war-men—they are bowin the knee to Linkin.
Voorhees will yet be a Briggydeer, a d Vallandigum will cry aloud for a way
uv exterminashen, and Fernandywood will howl for drafts.
For the John Brown’s body lies all mouldy in the grave, his sole is a-march in on.
I ain’t the rose uv Sharon, nor the lily uv the valley—I’m the last uv the Kopperheds!
I bilt my polittikle bowse on sand—it hez fell, and I’m under the rooins.
Uv pöllytix I wash my hands, I shake its dust orf my few remainin garmenca.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Lait Paster uv the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.

DETAILS THE FAILURES OF THE DEMOCRACY.

Saint’s Rest, (wich is in the Stait uv Noo Gersey),
February the 10th, 1865.

People is queer. Humanity, pertiklerly American humanity, vewd from a Dimekratik standpint, is a inscrootable mystery. To the undersined it’s a staggerer.

For instance.
The normel instinks uv mankind is not 2 work. Dimokrasy hez bin a holdin out to the Amerikin peeple the priceless boon uv nigger slavey—the on-speektible happenis uv hevin others swet for em—uv passin a lifetime a suckin mint-juleps thro straws, and smokin ten-cent cigars, on the work uv others. It wuz regectid.

I wuz thinkin the matter over to-nite, and I wuz shockt at the remarkable yooanimity with wich evry distinktiv measure perposed by the Dimokrasy hez bin repoodiit by the people.

We told em the South wood rebel, ef they votid for Linkin. They votid for Linkin.

We told em greenbax and guvemment bonds wood be entirely worthless.
They take the greenbax, and subscribe for the bonds with a loosenis onparalled.

We told em they coud never lick the South They went in and are whippin the South, with neetnis and dispatch.

We warned em agin drafts and sich. They go and vote for drafts—indeed, I heerd wun recreant Dimekrat observe that he rayther liked a draft wunst or twice per annum, they varied the monotony. “And then,” sed he, “a feller feels so good when he finds he ain’t drawd.”
We told em the war wood go on ef Linkin wuz re-electid. They went and re-electid Linkin.

We told em that any interference with slavery wood rooin North and South. They abolisht it in a lump.

In short, the people is crazy. Whatever the Dimokrasy endorses, the people rejex; whatever the Dimokrasy recommends, the people condemn. I'm convinst uv the trooth uv the Millerite doctrine—the end uv the world is at hand.

Ez for me, I care not how soon it comes. Life is not measured by yeers. I am 3 shore in yeers, but I hev consumed enuff whisky for a man uv a hundred. Therefore I am redly. Whenever the Dimokrasy finally pegs out, I want to go likewise, for with it my wishn is ended.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Lait Paster uv the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.

THE FALL OF RICHMOND AND LEE'S SURRENDER.

Saint's Rest, (wich is in the Stait uv Noo Gersey), April the 10th, 1865.

I survived the defect uv Breckinridge in 1860, becoz I knowd the Dimokrasy cood ras up in arms agin the unconstooshality uv electin a seckshnal President, who wuz impregnatid with any seckshnal ijees that he got north uv Mason and Dixon's line.

I survived the defect uv Micklellan (who wuz, trooly, the nashen's hope and pride likewise), becoz I felt assoored that the rane uv the goriller Linkin wozl be a short wun; that in a few months, at furthest, General Lee wood capcher Washinton, depose the ape, and set up there a constooshnal govemment, based upon the grate and immutable trooth that a white man is better than a nigger.

I survived the loss uv Atlanta, and Savannah, and Charleston, becoz, dependin on Southern papers, I bleevd that them places wuz given up—mind, given up—becoz the Confedrits desired to concentrate for a crushin blow.

I survived the fall uv Richmond, tho it wuz a stagger; becoz I still hed with that and good man, Lee, did it for stratejy, that he might concentrate hisself sumwheres else; and when the Ablishmists jeered me, and sed “Richmond,” and “Go up, bald-ched,” to me, I shook my fist at em, and sed. “Wait, and you'll see.”

I wuz a lookin for the blow that wuz to foller this concentratein.

It cum!

But it wuz us who reseevd it, and a deth-blow it wuz. Ajacks defied the litenin; coud he hev bin a Northern Dimekrat, and stood this lick unmoved, he nite hev dun it with perfek safety.

“Lee surrendered!”

Good heavins! Is this the end uv concentratein? Is this the dyin in the last ditch? Is this the fightin till the last man wuz a inanimait corpse? Is this the bringin up the childern to take their places, ez the old ones peg out under Yankee bullits?

“Lee surrendered!”

Why, this ends the biznis. Down goes the curtain. The South is conkered! Conkered!!! CONKERED!!! Linkin rides into Richmond! A Illinois raile-splitter, a buffoon, a ape, a goriller, a smutty joker, sets hisself down in Pres-ident Davis's cheer, and r'tes dispatchis! Wher are the matrons uv Virginia? Did they not bare their buzzums and rush on2 the Yankee bayonets that guarded the monster? Did they not cut their childern's throtes, and wavin a Confederit
flag in one hand, plunge a meat-knife in two their throbbin buzzums with the tather, rather than see their clly dishonored by the tred uv a conkerer's foot? Alars! not wunst.

Per contrary. I read in the papers that they did rush wildly thro the streets, with their children in their arms.

But it wuz at the Yankee commissary trains, who giv em bread and meat, wish they eat vociferously.

Their buzzums wuz bare.

But it wuz becoz their cloze bed worn out, and they didn't know how to weave cloth for new wuns.

In brief, they acit about ez mean ez a Northern Dimekrat ever did, and to go lower is unnesesary.

This ends the chapter. The Confederasy hez at last consentratid its last consentrate. It's ded. It's gathered up its feet, sed its last words, and deceest. And with it the Dimokrasy hez likewise given up the ghost. It may survive this, but I can't see how. We staked our political fortune on it; we went ou bottom dollar on it; it's gone up, and we ditto. Linkin will serve his term out—the tax on whisky won't be repeeled—our leeders will die off uv chagrin, and delirium tremens and inability to live so long out uv offis, and the sheep will be skattered. Farewell, vane world. I'll embrace the Catholic faith and be a nun, and in a cloister find that rest that pollytix kin never give.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Lait Pastor uv the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.

"MAKES A DELEGASHUN UV HISSELF," AND VISITS THE PRESIDENT.

Saint's Rest, (wich is in the Stait uv Noo Gersey), May the 21st. 1865.

All the Staits uv the North, and the heff uv them resently subjoogatid, all the sosieties, associashuns and churchis that ever I heerd uv, hev sent delegashuns for the purpus uv volunteerin advice 2 Johnson, the noo President. Feelin that Noo Gersey shoud not be behind in the advice bizniss, I electid myself a delegashun, borrered a cloze shirt, and traveled 2 Washington. I wuz announst ez a "delegashun frum Noo Gersey," and wuz to wunst usherd in two the presents.

"Wher is the delegashun?" ejakoolatid the President; "hurry em up, for I've thirteen more to reseeve this afternoon."

"Androo Jonson," sed I, impressively, "I represent Noo Gersey, a Stait that hez jest dun honor to the deceest President."

"Troo," returned he; "sich Staits honor patriots—after they're dead."

"I resent the insinooashun, with skorn. Ez proof that the murder uv the President wrung the popler hart uv Noo Gersey, let me say, sir, that the Camden-and Amboy Drekhturs, at a meetin called for the perpus, absolutely votid 2 carry the corpse uv the deceest President over the road for half-fare! a honor never be4 akordid to emly livin or ded individjooal. But let that pars. Noo Gersey needs no speshl pleeder. Ther she stands. Look at her—ef yoo hev a microscope.

"I cum, Androo, ez a originel Dimekrat, who, whatever other sins he may hev committed, never skratcht his tickit er dilootid his whisky. In behaft uv that Dimokrasy I speak.

"Ez hez bin menshund 2 yoo wunst er twict, a immense responsibility rests on your sholders. The Southern Staits struggled for ther rites, but were
squeleth. They fought like heroes, but fell, becoz uv overpowrin numbers agin em. They're down—your iron heel is on2 their necks. What will yoo do? Will yoo gruid em, er will yoo be magiannumus?

"Wunst we wuz a happy nashen, and we kin be so agin—it rests with you. Yoo must consililate the Dimokrasy. Our party North is magnanymus. We stand reddy to forgive yoo for hevin draftid us, for hevin taxt us to support a unconstoooshnel war, providin you'll stop now. Woo our Suthern brethrin back with jentle words. They air a high-spiritid and sensitive race, that kin never be subjoogatid. Take em agin 2 yer dazuum, and don't hoomilate em by degradin condishns. Give em a chance 2 forgive us for whalin uv em. Restore ther niggers, pay ther war debt, invite Magoffin," and Vance, and Brown, and the rest uv the guvners, back 2 their various capitols—give Lee, and For- ist, and Boregard ther posishns in the reglar army, and penshun the disabled Confedrit heroes.

" Ther mustn't be no hangin. You've got that unfortnit staitsman, Davis—he fell in2 yoor hands becoz he wuz ignornent uv the style uv yoor (lait Lin- kin's) minyuns. He mite hev knode that the soljers never seed a woman takin to the woods without chasin her. But he must not be hung. Dimokrasy looks upon the matter thus:

"You can't hang a man for conspirin agin a guvment onless he talks up arms.

"Ef a few take up arms, it's only a riot, and no hangin matter, 'cept when Ablishmentists like John Brown do it. In sich cases hangin is alluz in order.

"Ef a number uv Staits do it, it's a revolooshen, and them ez yoo capcher must be treated ez bellyjiggerants and prizners uv war. To hang prizners uv war, Androo, is murder.

"This wood probably satisfy the South. At the North less is required. The Dimokrasy is evday consililated. Give our leeders enuff of the offasis 2 support em, with the privildge uv managin things to soot us, and the trubble is ore. On them terms we'll support yoor Administrashen, or enny uther man's, corjelly and hartily, and peese will agin wave her white pinyuns over the land, and will continyoo 2 wave em ont the Suthern hart is agin fired.

"I hev dun—Noo Gersey hez spoke."

I rather spect my words will bear froot. Look out for a change uv polisy. PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

Lait Pastor uv the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.

SEARCHES THE SCRIPTURES, AND GETS COMFORT THEREFROM.

Saint's Rest, (wich is in the Stait uv Noo Gersey),

August the 11th, 1865.

The contemplashen uv the nigger hez, in time past, given me a grate deel uv trubble. Nigger hez to me bin a inkubus—a nitemare. I never cood see why the species wuz creatid; never cood I understand why they wuz put onto the face uv the earth, any more than toads or other disgustin objeacks. But last nite a lite bust onto me—I seed it all.

I wuz low-spiritid and deprest. Jeff Davis a pinin in a loathsum dungeon—the English cappytalists a mournin for their cotton bonds, and refusin to be comforted because the Confederacy is not—Mrs. Surratt a danglin in the air—military courts plenty and habis corpus skarce—the loosenis with wich peeples put ther munny into 7-30's—the soljers returnin and goin for constoooshnel Dimekrats, and the ginral demoralization uv Dimokrasy, all conspired to
give me the horrors, and to add to my distress, the jug wuz out! To avoid madnis, I took up the Bible (1 board with a justice uv the peeces, who hez to keep one to swere witnesse on), and happened to open at the 9th chapter uv Jennysis. Yoo know all about that blessid chapter.

Noer, after the water went down, cum down from Aryrat, went into farnin, and plantid grapes extensive. One day he took a nip too much, and laid down with insuffishent clothin ontto him. His 2d son, Ham, seed him in that fix, and when Noer awoke, while his hair wuz still pullin, he cust him, and his posterity, and sed they shood be servance forever.

Ham (wich in the original Hebrew signifies a hind-quarter uv a hog) wuz the father uv the Afrikus, and they hev bin slaves ever sence.

I seed a lite to wunst—I realized the importance uv the nigger. He is the connectin link in the chane uv circumstances wich led to the formashen uv the Dimekratic party. He hez kept the blessid old masheen a runnin to this day.

Observe.

Whisky (or wine, wich is the same thing) made Noer tight.

Ham seed Noer inebriated.

Noer cust Ham, wich turned him into a nigger and a servant.

That the Skripters mite be fulfilled, the childern uv Ham wuz brot to Amerika, to be servance here.

Wilkkid men set themselves agin the Skripters, and tried to make men uv the niggers.

The Dimekratik party ariz for the purpus uv keepin the nigger down, and that deliteful biznis hez given them employment for mor'n 30 yeers.

Ez I shet the book, I cood not help remarkin, in the words uv the sammist:

"Good Lord, upon what slender threads
Hang everlastin things!"

Sposin Noer, instjd uv plantin grapes, hed gone to practisin law, or into the grocery biznis, or buyin prodoos on commischn, or puttin up patent medicks—he wooden't hev got inebriated; he wooden't hev cust Ham. Ham woodent hev turned black; there wooden't hev bin no niggers, no Ablishnists, and, consequently, no Dimekrats.

Or, sposin all uv Ham's childern hed taken diphtheria, and died; the same results wood hev folleered.

Whisky made nigger—nigger made Dimokrasy. Take away whisky and nigger, nad Dimokrasy wooden' be uv no more akkount than a one-armed man at a raisin.

Whisky! Nigger! Dimokrasy! O, savvy trinity!

We don't none uv us read the Skripters enuff.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Lait Paster uv the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.

SUGGESTS A "PSALM OF SADNESS" FOR HIS FRIENDS SOUTH.

Saint's Rest, (wich is in the Stait uv Noo Gersey),
September the 12th, 1865.

The utter and abgect state uv cussitood into wich the Dimokrasy find theirselves, North and South, makes a day uv fastin approprit. Ef the Lord is ever a goin 2 help us, now's his time.
Ef my cleridle brethren uv the Church South deside to appint a day uv fastin and prayer, I submit the follower ez a sam uv agony, approprit for the occasion:

A SAM UV AGONY.

On the street I see a nigger!
On his back a coat uv bloo, and he carryeth a muskit.
He is provo-guard, and he halteth me, ez wun hevin authority.
And my tender daughter spit on him, and lo! he arrested her, and she languiseth in the guard-house.
My eyes dwell on him, an my sole is a Artesian well uv wo; it gusheth with greef.

For that nigger wuz my nigger! I bought him with a price.
Alas! that nigger is out of his normal condishn; he is a star out uv its speer, which sweepeth thro the politikle hevins, smashin things.
Normally, he wuz wuth gold and silver—now he is a nitemare.
Wunst I wuz rich, and that nigger wuz the basis thereof.
Wo is me! I owned him, sole, body, muscles, sinoos, blood, boots and breechis.
His intellek wuz mine, his body wuz mine, likewise his labor and the froots thereof.
His wife wuz mine, and she wuz my conkebine.
The normal results of the conkebinage I sold, combining pleasure and profit in a eminent degree.
And on the price thereof I played poker, and drank mint-gooleps, and rode in gorgus chariots, and wore purple and fine linen every day.
Wuz this miscegenashun, or negro equality? Not any. For she wuz mine, even as my ox, or my horse, or my sheep, and her increase wuz mine, even as wuz theirs.

Ablishn miscegenashun elevates the nigger wench to his level. I did it for gain, wich degradeth her muchly.
And when the wife uv my buzum lifted up her voice in complaint, sayin, "Lo, I am abused—this little nigger resembleth thee!" half the price uv the infant chattel wood buy a dimund pin with wich to stop her yawp.
And my boys follerid in my footsteps, and grate wuz the mix, but profit-able.

But my dreem is bustid.
The nigger is free, and demands wages for the work uv his hands.
His wife is free, and she can decide whether she'll cleave to her husband.
or be my conkebine.

Yisterday I bade her come to me, and, lo! she remarkt, "Go way, white man, or I'll bust yer hed."
And I gode.

Her chil dern are free—they are mine, likewise, but I can't sell em on the block to the highest bidder.
Therein Linkin sinned—he violatid the holiest and highest instinks uv our nacher; he interposed a proclaimed between father and child.
We took the heathen from Afreira, and wuz a makin Christians uv em. Wo to him who stopt us in our mishnary work.
It is written—"Kin the Ethiope change his skin?" I wuz a changin it for him. I and my fathers, and we hed mellered it down to a brite yaller.
Dark is my fucher.
I obeyed the grate law uv labor, ez I served in the army, by substitut.
Now shel I hev to stane my hand with labor, or starve.
In what am I better than a Northern mud sill?
I kin get no dimund pins fur the wife uv my buzum, and she yawpeth con-
tinuoally.
Arrayed in hum-spun, she wrestles with pots and kettles in the kitchen.
Weighed down with wo, she dips snuff in silence.
She asks uv me comfort—wat kin I say, whose pockits contane only Con-
fedrit skript?
Save us from Massychusits, wich is ornery and cussid.
Protect us from neger sojers, wich is grinnin feends.
Shelter us from the ghost uv John Brown, which is marchin on.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY.
Leit Paster, uv the Church uv the Noo. Dispensashun.

THE WISE OLD RAT.

A CLASSIKLE FABLE, DESINED 2 ILLUSTRAT THE IJEE UV "PLUCKIN
THE FLOWER SAFETY FROM THE NETTLE DANGER," AFTER AESOP,
WHO WUZ HEVY ON FABLES.

Wunst upon a time, a wise old rat whose gray hares showd concloosivly to
the most ordinary intellek the wisdom that yeers and experense kin only give,
startid out a foragin for the wants uv his luv wuns 2 hum.
He hadn’t been engaged in this ard’rous dooty but a short time, wen he wuz
surroundid by a small, but intensely wicked boy, who 2 wunst give chase. The
wise old rat, not hevin bin a home gard, run, and in runnin fell in 2 a dry cis-
tern, wich wuz about 17 feet deep. It wuz jest dark, and the boy seezin a
shingle, huv it at him. It mist its aim, and he wuz about heevin a brick, wen
he bethunk hisself—thus:

"Hold," sez he, "he can’t git out. I will let him stay, and to-morrer I’ll
hust Nip, my terrier, in, and it’ll be hunky fun 2 see him kill him."

Upon wich, with a sardonic grin orespredin his otherwise intellektoal
countenaunce, he strode hawtily away.
The wales uv the entrapτ wun soon broτ 2 th’ spot his noomerus progeny
and their mother. In agony uv spirit, they wrung their paws and cried—

"Bald-hed, cum up."

"Verily wood I," sez he, "but how? No, no, my children—it’s all up with
me. Let daylite return, and I’m a goner. My time is short. Bless you, wife
uv my buzzum—bless you, produx uv our chased liv. I hed hoped 2 hev lived
long enuff 2 hev tawt yo the neetest way uv chawn thro a cubberd, uv dodgin
cats, and uv suckin eggs, but fats is too menny for me—I sukkum."

At this momenchus crisis a hevy rain set in.
Now," sez he, "I am shoorly gone. The cistern will fill with water, and I
shel drown. O, horrid fate, that I shood live to be a drowndid rat!"
The rane fell, and soon the bottom uv the cistern wuz covered. In his des-
perse he notist the shingle a floatin, and in hopes uv prolongin his life a few
momence, he sprang onto it, and began disclosin to his wife the locashen uv a
choce he hed discovered, when observin that the shingle bore him, he stopt
suddently. His wife begged him to go on, and not lett so important a sekrit die
with him.

"Shet up," retorts he, in his anahent way; ‘ef this rane holds out long enuff,
I’m ez good ez a dozen ded rats.’
Shoo enuff, it did ranet till the cistern wuz full, the rat menetme floatin comfortably on the shingle. Wen it wuz quite full, he paddled it to the side with his fore-feet (steerin with his tala,) and gaily sprang onto terrry firmy, wich is Latin for dry land. * * *

That nite ther wuz goy in the habitaeten uv that rat. He gatheret his children about him, and tellin them the story uv his advener, moralizd thus to em:

"Obser, my childern, that blessings cum to us very frekently in disgise. We murmure at terriers, wich rend us with noetniss and dispatch. But mark. Hed not that boy hed a rat-terrer he wood hev dispatched me with brix. Thus is the evil desires uv the wickid made to work good for the saints, uv whom I am which.

"How I dreedid that shingle! Yet, but for that shingle yoor dad wood hev bin a inannymait corpse. Troo, I am entitled to credit for my skill in dogin it, but uv wat avale wood hev bin that skill hed I hed no opporfoonity 2 exercise it?

"The ranet wuz to hev bin my distruechen. Blessid wuz the ranet! The fluid that wuz 2 overwhelm me, bore me on its buzzum 2 safety.

"In conclussion. Providense alluz furnishes opporfoonities—he is trooly grate who hez the branes 2 know the proper time to grab, and the nerve to do it. Let Nil Despritamento be yoor motto, keep yer eers open, yer eyes peeled, and yer claws sharp, and you'll go thro life a sailin. Remember, ther is no evil but is mixed with good; the wise, turn evil 2 good, while the foolish sink under it. Bless yoo, my childern—good-nite. I will seek my couch."

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
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THE DISKONTENTID PEZANT.
A ORIENTLE ALLEGORY WITH A MOREL ONTO IT.

(Note.—The follierin is desined to Inkulkait the jlee uv contentment with our condishn, and to show the folly uv pinin after more good than nature intended us to enjoy. After ritin it, I red it myself, and wuz affected 2 teers. —P. V. N.)

Wunst upon a time, long afore the flud, when man wuz in his highly original and prime evil statt (wich meenets that he wuz wickeder than he hez bin ever sence) uv sin and wickidniss, Abou Ben Hadem flourisht in Abissinny, wich is a statt summers down East.

Abou Ben Hadem wuz a profit. He hed bin in the profit biznis for sum 2 hundred yeers, and wuz hunky at it. It wuz currently reportid and generally beleevd that he cood beet enny profit in them Eastern countries, with wun hand tied behind him.

Wunst on a time, jest after he hed partaken uv his froogle breakfast uv porter-hows steak, stuf't with Camden and Amboy oysters, and wuz a musin onto the mutability uv human affares over a pint uv Rhine wine and a meer-shaum, wun uv the pezantry uv that country approacht.

"Art thou Abou Ben Hadem?" interrogatid the stranger.

"I am he," replied Abou; "what wouldest thou with me?"

"Behold in2 me wun who is dissatisfide with his lot," replide the Intelligent yomanry.

"All men are so, my son," retortid Abou. "I kin see sich in any grocery. Life is made up uv dissatisfactions. Wun wants riches, another fame; sum
chase wun fleetin shadder, sum another; but, alars! all er doomed 2 disappointing. Let us invest in Harlem stock, and dubble our munny—we repine that we dident buy oil shares, and treble it. But what wouldest thou?"

"Mighty Ben Hadem, my name is Norval—on the Grampian Hills my father fed his flox, a froogal swane, and when the old gentleman pegged out he willed em all 2 me. I sheare them sheep, and wash the wool, and card it and spin it, and weave it, and make it into garmence. Why, Abou, cood not nacher hev made my sheep to grow rolls instid uv wool, and saved me the trouble?"

"My gentle frend," replied Abou, "go thy ways. Hentz4th thy sheep shel grow rolls instid uv wool."

(A week er sich a matter is spod 2 hev elapst.)

The sturdy yomanly returned.

"Wat now?" sed Abou. "Wuz not thy desire gratified?"

"Yea, muchly," replide the high-mindid constituoent; "the sheep grew rolls and good rolls, too. But, great Abou, why coodent nacher, while she wuz about it, hev made the sheep grow yarn instid uv rolls?"

"Go to thy nativ mountins. Thy sheep shel grow fine yarn uv menny colors."

(Another week gose by.)

"Agin here?" sed Abou. "Artest thow not satisfide? Wat woodest thou now?"

"Mity profit! all, things is ez easy ez turnin Jack frum the bottom, 2 thee. My sheep grow yarn. Is it askin too much to hev them grow cloth? Then wood my labor be lightened—I shood hev but to cut it and sew it in2 garmence."

"Be it so; but bother me no more. I am chimney uv the executiv com-mitty uv my ward, and the elecshun is but 3 weeks off. Go and be satisfide Cloth it is."

(A week passes by, like a dreem.)

"Mighty Abou"—

"How now? Thy importance displeeses me. I hev 3 times grantid thy desires. Wat wantest thou now?"

"Mighty Abou, trooly at thy biddin my Mereenos, wich I importid frum Vermont, hev yeeddid rolls, and yarn, and cloth. Why, O profit, coodent they jest ez well grow clothin reddy-made, with a Amerrykin watch in the fob, and a pocket-book filled with greenbax and a plug uv Cavendish tobecker in the trouis-pokkit? Grant me but this, and I"—

"Away, ongrateful, and let me see thy face no more. I grantid thy absurdi wishes, to show that nacher did jest all for us that we needed—that the balance we must work out ourselves, and that hed she dun more we wood still hev bin dissatisfide. At fust, twas rolls, then yarn, then cloth, and now yoo want close reddy-made. Go back. Yer sheep grows common wool agin. Spos-in I hed givd yoo all yoo askt—wat, O miserable, wood yoo hev hed 2 do? Yoo wood becum lazy, filthy, and rotten. Yoo wood loaf around groceries, mix in2 pollytix, and becum a noosance to yerself and friends. Labor is hevin's law. Nacher gives us the raw material, and 2 keep us busy she requires us to work it into shape. Nacher gives us korn—it is our dooty 2 make it in2 whisky, and sich other produx ez go to sustane life. Without labor life is a cass; with it we air happy. A bizzy man haznt time to reflect upon wat a mizzable cass he is, wich reflexion in men uv high minds wood lead to sooside. Go thy ways. Be virchus and yoo be happy."

Morel.—Employmet uv wun kind er another is a necessitie. For my part
I keep myself bizzy in gittin a livin o'f uv other people's labor. and in these
degenerate days, it's jist all I kin do.

Moral Number 2.—The more we git, the more we want. (Wich is now.)

PETROLEUM V. NASBY.

Last Paster uv the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.

AFTER THE OCTOBER ELECTIONS, 1865.

Saint's Rest, (wich is in the Stait uv Noo Gersey),
October the 11th, 1865.

Ohio, Ablishn!
Pennsylvania, Ablishn!
Noo Gersey, not eggsackly Ablishn, but approachin thereunto.
Sich is the encouragin news I read in the newspapers this mornin! Sich is
the result uv labors Hercoolian, in the above-named Staits. What do the
people mean?

The pure Dimokrasy, probably, will carry Noo York; but uv what conso-
lation is that to me? The two parties, the old, anshent Dimokrasy and the
Ablishn, run a race in2 the realms uv Radikalism, and the Dimokrasy beat them
over a length. With a platform standin by Johnson, endorsin his anti-slaavery
noshens, his Suthern oppression noshens, his hangin uv Mrs. Surratt, et setry,
and on that platform a soljer who never votid a Domekratik ticket in his life,
who went into the war a Radikle Ablishnist, and who cum out a Radikle Ab-
lishnist, I don't know that I hev much much to choose atween em.

Last week I wuz invitid into a county in Noo York, to address a Domekrat-
tik meetin. I acceptid (ez my expensis were paid, wich is cheeper and better
boardin than I get at the groseries to hum), and akkordinly I went. I com-
menst deliverin the speech I hed yooosed all over Noo Gersey. I commenst
abusin the nigger, when the cheerman Interruptid me.

"Well," sez I, "wat is it?" rather angrily, for I git warmed up and a sweat-
in, and don't like to be interruptid.

"Why," sed he, "our constoosbo allows a nigger who hez $250 to vote,
and most uv em hev that sum, and we make it a pint to sekoor em."

"They're a d—d site better off than most uv us white Domekrats in Noo
Gersey," retortid I, a droppin the nigger and goin on agin President Johnson.

"Stop," whispered the cheerman; "our platform endorses President John-
son."

"Thunder!" remarked I, droppin President Johnson, and slidin easily into
a wiggerus denarsiation uv the war.

"Good God!" sez the cheerman, "stop! Our platform endorses the war."

I sed nuthin this time, but commenst denouncin the debt.

"Hold!" sed the cheerman; "easy—e sy—our platform backs up the debt."

"Well, then," sed I, in a rage, "why in blazes didn't you send me a copy
uv your platform when you wantid me to address you? Go to thunder and
make your own speeches;" and I stawked off the platform.

Time wuz when wun speech wood do a man all over the North. Now yoo
hev to hev a different wun for every Stait, wich makes it impossible for me to
travel, for wun effort per season is enuff for me.

But, ez I wuz a sayin, we are beat agin, and beat badly—beat on issues
uv our own makin—beat with taxes, bonds, war debt, and nigger equality all
in our favor. Don't say to me that we redoost their majorities. What dif-
frence does it make to a defeatid candidate, whether the majority agin him is
one thousand or one hundred? A needle will kill a man ez effectooly ez a
broadsword, ef it's stuck in the right place. So a majority uv wun is enuff.
I hev known men to hold orfises four years, and hev good appetites, on a majority uv wun. It's the orfises we wuz a goin for—it's them our patriots want'd, and it's no consolation to them to say they mist by a small majority! It's a holier mockery—the same ez tho you'd show a starvin man a loaf uv bread jest inside uv iron bars—his fingers are not a inch from it, but, so far ez his cravin stumick is concerned, it mite ez well be across the boundless ocean.

We may recover from this backset, but I hev my fears. The peeple is ez stoopid ez ever, and our leaders is ez akoot ez ever; but alas! the fact that we hev failed in every thing we hev undertook, for four years, is gettin thro the hair uv thousands, and they look askant at us.

Be it ez it may, it makes but little difference to me. A few years, and I shel go hentz. Ef the Bible is troo, I shel go where I will find a heavy Dimekratik majority, shoor; ef it is not, and there is no hereafter, why, then, at last, I shel be on a level with the best.

"So let the wide world wag ez it will,"
I'll keep on the even tenor uv my way, takin my nips ez often ez I kin find a confidin sole who hez more money than diskreshun.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Lait Paster uv the Church uv the Noo Dispusashun.

AFTER THE NEW JERSEY ELECTION, 1865.

(The carrying of New Jersey by the Republicans in 1865 was a severe blow to the Democracy. It wuz about the last of their strongholds.)

Saint's Rest, (wii is in the Stait uv Noo Gersey),
November 9, 1865.

Never wuz I in so pleasant a frame uv mind ez last night. All wuz peace with me, for after bein buffeted about the world for three skore years, at last it seemed to me ez tho forchune, tired uv persekootin a unforchun be'n. hed taken me into favor. I hed a solenn promise from the Dimekratik State Central Commity in the great State uv Noo Jersey, that ez soon ez our candidate for Governor wuz dooly elected, I shood hev the position uv Door-keeper to the House uv the Lord (w'ch in this State means the Capitol, and wich is certainly better than dwellin in the tents uv wicked grossy keepers, on tick, ez I do), and a joodishus exhibition uv' this promise hed prokoored for me unlimited facilities for borrerin, wich I improved.

On Wednesday nite I wuz sittin in my room, a enjoiin the pleasin reflection that in a few days I should be placed above want and beyond the contingencies uv fortune. Wood! oh, wood! that I hed died then and there, before that dream uv bliss wuz roodly broken. A wicked boy come, runnin past with a paper which he hed brot from the next town, where there lives a man who takes one. He flung it thro the window to me, and passed on. I opened it eagerly, and glanced at the head lines!"

Noo Jersey—5,000 Republikin.

One long and pierclin shriek wuz heard thro that house, and wen the in-mates rushed into the room they found me inanimate on the floor. The fatal paper lay near me, explainin the cause uv the catastrofhe. The kind-hearted landlord, after feelin uv my pockets and diskiverin that the contents thereof wood not pay the arrearages uv board, hed a hurried consultation with his wife as to the propriety uv bringing me to; he insistin that it wuz the only chance uv gittin what wuz owin them—she insistin ef I wuz brung to
I'd go on runnin' up the bill bigger and bigger, and never pay at last. While they wuz argooin' the matter, pro and con, I happened to git a good smell uv' his breath, wich restored me to consciousness without further assistance.

When in trouble my poetic soul alluz finds vent in song. Did ever poet who delited in tombs, and dark, rollin' streams, and consumption, and blight-ed hopes, and decay, and sich themes, ever hev sich a pick uv subjects ez I hev at this time? The fellerin may be a consolation to the few Dimekrats uv the North who hev gone so far into Copperheadism that they can't change their base:

**A WALE!**

In the mornin' we go forth rejoicin' in our strength—In the evenin' we are bustid and wilt!

Man born uv' woman (and most men are) is uv' few days, and them is so full uv' trouble that it's scarcely worth while bein' born at all.

In October I waded in woe knee-deep, and now the waters uv' afflictshun are about my chin.

I look to the East, and Massachussetts rolls in Ablishn.

To the West I turn my eyes, and Wisconsin, and Minnesota, and Illinoy ansers—Ablishn.

Southward I turn my implorin' gaze, and Maryland sends greetin—Ablishn.

In New York we had em, for lo! we run a soljer, who fought valiantly, and we put him on a platform. whick stunk with nigger—yea, the savor thereof wuz louder than the Ablishn platform itself.

But behold! the people jeer and shout, and say "The platform stinketh loud enough, but the smell thereof is not the smell uv' the Afrik—in it is of the rotten material uv' which it is composed, and the corruptshun they hev placid upon it,"—and New York goes Ablishn.

Slocum held hisseff up and sed, "Come and buy." And our folks bought him and his tribe, but he getteth not his price.

Noo Jersey—Ablishn!!

Job's cattle wuz slain by murrain, and holler horn, and sich, and, not livin near Noo York, the flesh thereof he cool not sell.

But Job hed suthin left—still cool he sell the hides and tallow!

Lazarus hed sores, but he had dorgs to lick them.

Noo Jersey wuz the hide and tallow uv' the Dimocrasy, and lo! that is gon.

What little is left uv' the Dimocrasy is all sore, but where is the dorg so low ez to lick it?

Noo Jersey wuz our ewe lamb—lo! the strong hand uv' Ablishnism hez taken it.

Noo Jersey wuz the Arayat on wich our ark rested—behold the dark waves uv' Ablishnism hez swept over it!

Darkness falls over me like a pal!—the shadder uv' woe encompasseth me.

Down my furrowed cheeks rolleth the tears uv' anguish, varyin in size from a large pea to a small tater.

Noo Jersey will vote for the Constbooshnel Amendment, and lo! the nigger will possess the land.

I see horrid visions.

On the Camden and Amboy, nigger brakesmen! and at the polls, niggers!

Where shall we find refuge?
In the North? Lo! it is barrier again us by Abolitionism.
In the South? Their eyes the Northern Copperhead findeth no favor.
In Mexico? There is war there, and we might be drafted.
Who will deliver us? Who will pluck us from the pit into which we have fallen?

Where I shall go the Lord only knows, but my impression is, South Carolina will be my future home. Wade Hampton is elected Governor, certain, and in that noble State, one may perhaps preserve enough of the old Dimokratik States Rights to leaven the whole lump.

"I'm afloat—I'm afloat
On the dark rolling sea."

And into what harbor fate will drive my weather-beaten bark, the undersigned can not trooly say.

Noo Jersey—farewell! The world may stand it a year or two, but I doubt it.

Mournfly and sadly. PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Lait Pastor uv the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.

A CHANGE OF BASE—KENTUCKY.

Confedrit X Roads (which is in the Stait uv Kentucky). December 9, 1865.

Here in the great State uv Kentucky, the last hope uv Democracy, I hev pitched my tent, and here I propose to lay these old bones when Deth, who hev a mortgage onto all uv us, shall see fit to foreclose. I didn't like to leave Washington. I love it for its memories. There stands the Capitol where the President makes his appointments; there is the Post Oris Department, where all the Postmasters is appointed. There it wuz that Jaxon rooled. I hed respect for Jaxon. I can't say I loved him, for he never used us rite. He hated the Whigs ez bad ez we did, but after we beat em and elevated him to the Presidency, the stealins didn't come in ez fast ez we expected. Never shet I forget the compliment he paid me. Jest after his election I presented myself afore him with my papers, an applicant for a place. He read em, and scanned me with a critic's eye.

"Can't you make yeox uv sich a man ez me?" sez I, inquirinly.

"Certainly," sez he; "I kin and alluz hev. It's sich ez yoo I use to beat the Whigs with, and I am continually astonished to see how much work I accomplish with such dirty tools. My dear sir," sed he, pintin to the door, "when I realize how many sich cusses ez yoo there is, and how cheap they kin be bought up, I really tremble for the Republic."

I didn't get the office I wanted.

Yet ez much ez I love Washinton, I wuz forced to leave it. I mite hev stayed there, but the trooth is, the planks uv that city and the pavements are harder, and worse to sleep on, than those uv any other city in the United Staits. I hed lived two months by passin myself off ez Dimokratik Congressmen, but that cood only last a short time, there not been many uv that persuasion here to personate. I hed gone the rounds uv the House ez often ez it wuz safe, and one nite commenced on the Senate. Goin into Willard's, I called for a go uv gin, wich the gentlemanly and urbene bar keeper sot afore me, and I drank. "Put it down with the rest uv mine," sez I, with a impresive wave uv the hand.

"Yoor name?" sez he.

Assoonin a intellectual look, I retorted, "Do you know Charles Sumner?"

Here I overdid it; here vaulitin ambition o'erleaped herself. Hed I
sed "Saulsbury," it mite hev ansered, but to give Sum-
er's name for a drink uv g'n wuz a peece uv lunacy for wich I
can't account. I wuz ignominiously kicked into the street. Drinks obtained
at the expense uv bein kicked is cheap, but I don't want em on them terms;
my pride revoltid, and so I emigrated.

I found here a church buildin, uv which the congregation had bin mostly
killed in bushwhackin expeditions, and announcin myself az a constoooshnel
preacher from Noo Jersey, succeeded in drawin together a highly respectable
awjence last Sunday.

Takin for my text the passage, "The wages uv sin is death," I opened out
ez follows:

"Wat is sin? Sin, my beloved hearers, is any deviashen from yer normel
condishn. Yoor beloved pastor hez a stumpick and a head, wich is in close sym-
pathy with each other, so much so; indeed, that the principal biznis uv the
head is to fill the stumpick, and mighty close work it's been for many years, yoo
het. Let yoor beloved pastor drink, uv a nite, a quart or two more than his
usual allowance, more than his stumpick absolootly demands, and his head
swells with indignashen. The excess is sin, and the ache is the penalty.

"The wages uv sin is death! Punishment and sin is ez unseperable ez the
shadder is from the man—one is ez shoor to foller the other ez the assessor is
to come around—ez nite is to foller day. The Demokratic party, uv wich I
am an ornament, hez experienced the trooth uv this text. When Douglas
switched off, he said, and ez a consequence, Linkin wuz electid, and the
sceptre departed from Israel. When—"

At this pint in the discourse, a old man in the back part uv the house
ariz and interruptid me. He sed he hed a word to say on that subjik which
must be sed, and ef I interrupted him till he got through, he'd punch my
hed, whereupon I let him go on.

"Trooly," sez he, "the wages uv sin is death. I hev alluz been a Dime-
ocrat. The old Democracy hez bin in the service uv sin for thirty years, and
the assortment uv death it hez received for wages is trooly surprisin. Never
did a party commence better. Jaxon wuz a honist man, who knew that right-
eousnis wuz the nashen's best holt. But he died, and a host uv tuppenny poli-
ticians, with his great name for capital, jumped into his old clothes, and
undertook to run the party. Ef the Democracy cool hev electid a honist man
every fourth or fifth term, they nite hev ground along for a longer period,
but alas! Jaxon wuz the last uv that style we hed, and so many dishonist
cusses wuz then in the Capital that his ghost cooent watch the half uv them.

"The fist installment uv death we recived wuz when Harrison beat us.
The old politishens in our party didn't mind it, for, sez they, 'The Treasury
woodent hev bin wuth to much us anyhow after the suckin it has experienced
for twelve years; it needs four years uv rest.' We electid Polk, and here it
wuz that Sin got a complete hold uv us. Anshent compacts made with the
devil wuz alluz ridden in blood. We made a contract with Calhounism, and that
wuz written in blood wich wuz shed in Mexico. Here we sold ourselves out,
boots and britches, to the cotton Democracy, and don't our history ever since
prove the trooth uv the text, 'The wages uv sin is death?' O, my friends! in
wat heavy instalments, and how regularly, hev these wages bin paid us!

"Our men uv character comenst leavin us. Silas Write kicked out,
and wood hev gone over agin us hed he not fortunately died too soon, and
skores uv others followed soot. Things went on until Pierce wuz elected. The
Devil (wich is cotton), whom we wuz servin, brot Kansas into the ring,
and wat a scatterin ensood.
Agin, the men uv character got out, and gradually but shooily the work uv death went on. Bookannon wuz elected, but wuz uv no yooos to us. After Peerse hed run the machine four yeers, wat wuz there left? Eko ansers. Another sifin follered, and the old party wich wunst boasted a Jaxson hed got down to a Vallandigum. The Devil, to wich we hed sold ourselves, wood not let us off with this, however. "The wagg uv sin is death," and we hed not reasured full pay ez yet. He instigated South Karliny to rebel; he induced the other Democratic States to follow; he forced the Northern Democracy to support em. and so on. That wuz the final stroke. Dickinson, and Cass, and Dix, and Todd, and Logan, all left us, and wan by wan the galaxy uv Northern stars disappeared from the Democratic firmament, leaving Noo Jersey alone, and last fall, my brethren, she set in gloom.

"Oh, how true it is! We served sin faithfully, and where are we? We went to war for slavery, and slavery is dead. We fit for a confederacy, and the confederacy is dead. We fit for States Rites and States Rites is dead. And Democrisy tied herself to all these corpses, and they hev stunk her to death. "Kentucky went heavy into the sin biznis, and whar is Kentucky? We sent our men to the confedrit army, and none uv em cum back ceptin the skullers, who comprised all uv that class wich we wood hev bin glad to hev killed. Linkin wantid to hev us free our niggers, and be compensatid for em. We held on to the sin uv niggers, and now they are takin from us with nary a compensate. In short, niggers is gone, my plantashen here hez fed alternately both armies, ez they cavorted backerds and forerds through the Stait; my house and barns wuz burnt, and all I hev to show for my property is Confederat money, which is a very dead article uv death. I know not what the venerable old sucker in the pulpit wuz a goin to say, but ef he kin look over this section uv the heritage, and cant preach a eloquent sermon on that text, he aint much on the preach. I'm done."

Uv coarse, after a ebulition of this kind, I coodn't go on. I dismiss th-awdience with a benedickshun, hopin to get em together when sich prejudiced men aint present.

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THE SITUATION—THE DEMOCRACY WARNED.

(The Democratic leaders were in great doubt in 1866 as to the policy of adopting President Johnson, and President Johnson was for a time in doubt as to the propriety of adopting Democracy. The President wanted the Democracy, but he also desired to reain in his party the "conservative" Republicans, and therefore at the beginning of his trouble his appointments were all made from the latter class, much to the disgust of the former.)

Confedrit X Roads (wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
February 15, 1866.

I hev hed hopes uv Androo Johnson. My waitin sole hez bin centred onto him for a year back. He wuz the Moses wich I spectid wood lead the Dimocrisy out uv the desolate Egypt into which we hev bin makin bricks without straw for five long weary and dreary years. O, how I hev yearned for Johnson! O, how I hev waited, day after day, and week after week, and month after month, for some manifestation uv Dimocrisy wich is satisfactor—suthin tangible—suthin that I cood take hold on.

Faith is the substance uv things hoped for, and the evidence uv things not
seen; which is all rite so far ez religion is concerned, but uv no account in politix. A friend uv mine, who wuz a monomaniac on the subjeck uv faith, undertook to live on it, under the insane belief that ez a man had faith, pork wuz unnecessary. Wuz the experiment a success? Not any. When he commens the trial he weighed 200; in a week he wuz down to 125; and in fourteen days he slept in the valley!

I hev bin livin on faith for a year or more, and I too am thin. My bones show; light shines through me; I am faint and sick. O, for suthin that I can see and feel—suthin solid!

Our Democratic newspapers are supportin Androo Johnson. They claim that his policy is our policy; that he is ourn, and we are hisn. They are singin hosanners to him. At his every act they exclaim Halloooogy! in chorus. What is it all about? In what partikler hez Androo Johnson showed hizzelf to be a Dimokrat? In the name uv Dimocrisy let me ask, "Where is the offices?" Who got em? What is the politkle convicshuns uv the wretch who is the post master at the Corners, and who only last nite refused, in the most heartless manner, to trust me for postage stamps? Who is the Collectors, the Assessors, et settry? Are they constitoooshed Dimokrats? Is Stanton, and Seward, and Wellos histed out uv the Cabinet, and Vallandigum, and Brite, and Wood appinted in their places? Not onct. Every post master, every collector, every assessor, every officer, is a Ablishnist, dyed deeply and in fast colors.

Faith without works is a weak institution; its like a whisky punch with the whisky omitted, wich is a disgustin mixter uv warm water and sugar. What is it to me (who hev bin ready to accept any position uv wich the salary wuz sufficient to maintain a individuoal uv simple habits) who is beheaded, so ez I don't get a place? Androo Johnson may cut offfishl heads as dexterously and profously ez he chooses; but my sole refuses to thril when I know that Ablishnists, though uv a different stripe, will be apinted. So long ez Dimokrats are kept out, wat care I who hez the places? Paul may plant and Apollus water; but uv what account is the plantin and waterin to me ef I don't get the increase? I take no delilght in sich spectacles. Ef Androo Johnson proposes to be a Dimokrat—ef he desires the honest, hearty support uv the party—let him see his faith with works.

I visited Washington with the express purpose uv seen the second Jackson. I am a frank man, and I laid the matter afore him, without hesitation. I told him that the Post Master at the Corners wuz opposin his policy and aboos-in him continually; that it wuz a outrage that men holdin place under the Administration should not sustain the Administration. In the name uv right, I demanded a change.

I sposed that to-wunst the position would be offered me; and that after protestin a sufficient time that I did not wish it, and wood prefer the appointment of some more worthy man. I should accept it, and go home provided for three years. Imagine my deep, my unutterable disgust, when he told me that he wood investigate the matter, and probably wood make a change, provided he cood find, in the vicinity, some original Union man who wood accept the place.

Then the iren entered my soul. Then I felt that in him we had no lot nor part.

Our principles are uv a very comprehensive nature. We are willin to endorse Androo Johnson, or any other man. We will endorse his theories uv Reconstruction, or any man's theories. We are elastic, like Iny rubber. The boy who set a hen on a hundred eggs acknowledged to his maternal parent...
that she could not kiver em; but he remarked he wantid to see the old thing spred herself. We hev that spredin capacity. We kin accommodate the prejudices uv the people uv all the various localities. In Connecticut we are sinin John Brown's body lies a mout'in in the grave, in a modritly loud tone, and supportin a Ablishnist who void for doin away with slavery in the District of Columby, and for the Constititooshnal Amendment. In Kentucky we are hangin men uv the John Brown style, and mobbin all uv the persuasion uv the Connecticut nominee. Sich a variety uv principle—a party uv sich adaptibility—kin hev but one great central idee, on wich there is no diversity uv opinion, and to which all other ideas is subordinate. That idea is Post Office! and ef Androo Johnson could be got rite on that question, we'd care not wat else he required uv us.

We hev our arms around Androo. We are huggin him to our buzzums; but he hes left his baggage to hum. That baggage is wat we want; and we should reel him off shortly, onless he changes his policy in this respec. His kin hev us on easy terms; but he must furnish the ammunishun with which to fight the battles. Will he do it? That's the question a hundred thousand hungry soles, who hanker even ez I do, are daily askin.

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THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH, FEBRUARY 22.

(That famous, or rather infamous, speech of the 22d of February, 1866, settled the status of President Johnson, and indicated clearly his purpose of turning his back upon the loyal men of the country. He continued, however, to appoint Republicans to office, and refused to commit himself specifically to the Democracy. The real Republicans abandoned him from that moment.)

Washington, February 23, 1866.

I don't know, but there is a still small voice within me wich whispers, "All is well!" The delusive phantom, Hope, may be playin false with me. The wish may be paternal parient to the thought, and I may be indulgin in a dream from wich I shel be, to-morrer, roodly awakened; but it's my opinion that the day-star uv glory hez ariz onto the Democracy; that our nite uv gloom is over, and that, at last, the Government, or at least the only part we care about—the effis is ours. I heerd Androo Johnson speak last nite! I stood beside him! I helpt hold him up! I smelt his breath. It's all rite!

I hed hopes when I vetoed that large and varied assortment uv Ablishu abominashens—the Freedmen's Barow bill—notwithstanding there were pints in his message I coodent sanction. The veto wuz hevenly, but his reasons were unsound. When he expressed hisself ez bein determined upon sekoorin the niggers in their rites, I felt fearful that there wuz a honist difference uv opinion atween him and Congress wich mites be settled, and then wat wood become uv us? Ef the niggers is to hev rites, in the name uv Heaven, I asked myself, what difference does it make to us whether they hev em by Charles Sumner's system (on whose head rest casess!) or A. Johnson's? And ez is customary when men ask theirselves questions I got no anser. Men never ask theirselves questions wich kin be ansered.

But last nite my doubts wuz removed. Little Sam Cox, and Dan Voorhees, and the Woods, and me, hed bin with Androo all day. The Ablishnists avoided him after the veto; and knowin he'd done suthin he wuzn't quite shoor wuz wise, he needed bracin up, and we wuz ready to brace him. Isn't it singler that men, when they go to the devil, alluz go in squads? Cox hed him cornered all day, a readin to him extrax from Forney's Press, and
choice selections from Sumner's speeches; and Voohees and the others wuz a
intimacy to him that only in the buzzum uv the Dimocracy cood he find that
congeniality uv sperif so nessary to him; and by the time the serenade wuz ready
he wuz ez full uv venom ez wuz possible, and his capacity in that line is immense.

The company all went with him onto the stand, and my eyes saw the first
cheerin vision wich they beheld for yeers. Before us stood ten thousand or
more Democrats. There wuz the veteran from Lee's army, in his soot uv gray,
which, by continued contact with the pavements uv Washington—wich, not
hevin bin slept on much, sense Bookannon's time, they don't sweep—becom
somewhat uv the color uv the clay. There wuz the officer who surrendered
with Johnston, and them noble sons uv Baltimore, and Rawly, and Charlies-
ton, who, though they didn't serve their section in the field, were ardent in
the support uv the cause. There were the old-stile Democrats uv the North, whose
faith in Johnson's Dimocrisy, based upon the scene wich took place at the in-
auguration, wuz greater than mine, hed come with their applications for
Post Ofises, and who jined so heartily in the cheers wich went up fer J.
Davis; and there, addressin this crowd, wuz a President—the man who had
the appintin power in his hands—who cood make and unmake Post Masters!

It did me good, and yet I doubted. Wood he go through with it? Wood
he lock horns with Wade and Sumner, and dare the wrath uv Thad Stevens?
Wood he? He wavered and shrunk back ez he saw the style uv the awdience
before him; for he hed bin, for four years, accustomed to better dressed people.
But Cox wuz ekal to the emergency. Samyood whispered into his ear,
"Charles the I!" * and flamin up like a conflagratid oil well, he waded in.
Then I felt that it wuz all right. Then my soul expanded; and ez he went on,
plnin Billingsgate upon Billingsgate, usin Tennessee stump slang, improved
by a liberal mixture uv the more desprit variety he hed picked up in Washin-
ton and Baltimore, I felt that it wuz indeed well with us. He wuz talkin as a
Demokrat to Dimokrats; and it wuz appreciated. Strippin off all the disguis
he hed bin wearin for four years—washin off, in rage and whisky, the varnish
and putty with wich he hed shined up his dullness, and filled up the cracks
and cavities wich hed aluv troubled him—he stood forth ez we knowd him—
Androo Johnson! How he did froth and foam! How he did lash his lait
associates! and how those Dimokrats who came to Washinton with petitions for
places in their pockets did wink at each other, and poke each other in the ribs,
with exultation and jocularity wich they cood not conceal! And how the Ab-
lishnists, wich hung onto the outskirts uv the crowd, in the hope that he woot
declare himself in sich a way ez to give em some hope, did walk away sorrow-
ful and sore, ez tho they felt that they hed a new trouble afore em! And
how the soljers uv Lee, and the quartermasters wich hed made Richmond their
headquarters doorin the war, did cheer and sling their hats into the air, and in
the uncontrollable enthoosiasm uv the moment invariably snatcht better ones
from the heads uv the Northern men in the crowd! It wuz gorgus!

While His Eggsgendency's course gives me hope, I don't want it to be under-
stood that I am prepared to fully and entirely indorse him. I don't go much
on men who do things in a state uv maduis; neither do I invest heavy in that
Dimokrat wich requires an extra load uv likker to make him act and talk
like a Dimokrat. Androo Johnson wuz and is a Dimokrat—a ginowine
Dimokrat. The accident uv his learnin to read, in his yootth, gave him a pre-eminence
over us in Tennessee, and

* Mr. Sumner, in a speech, spoke of President Johnson as the American
"Charles I."
put him through the various places he bez filled. His affinities wuz with us; his style wuz our style, and his habits our habits; and he hed no biznis to ever git out uv the fold. I cannot forget that he went back on us at a critical time in the history uv the party. He saw that the effort the Democracy uv the South wuz makin to regain their rites wood be a failure; the aristocracy uv the South hed snubbed him, and refused to recognize him; but all this shood not hev affectid him. It's the normal condishun uv the lower grade uv Dimokrats to be snubbed; and they hev no rite to inquire whether anything the aristocracy uv the party propose is goin to be a failure or not. It's their doocy to obey orders without questiong.

Wat spiled Johnson wuz Massachusetts. He pretended to be loyal, and Massachusetts patted him on the back. They took him into good society. They let him associate with Sumner and sich, and the man became infatuated. He got to drinkin high priced drinks, and wearin clean shirts, and began to apo the manners uv those into whose sphere he hed bin thrown. There wuz these two opposin forces contendin against him—nateral prodicities and acquired tastes—which may be represented by whiskey out uv a jug and mint juleps at Willard's. Massachusetts wuz a pullin him up, and North Carolina wuz a pullin him down. He wantid to stay with Massachusetts, but he wuz uncomfortable all the time; and finally racher asserted her supremacy, and he broke over, and like the water long confined in a dam, when it's bustid its obstructions, and goes, it goes with a looseness, and tears up, and takes a very large quantity uv dirt and drift-wood with it.

Before I tie myself to A. J., I want to know for certin what he proposes to do. Who is to her the Post Offis? Is Ablishaists to still retain the places uv trust and profit? Does he propose to organize a new party, made up uv sich Republicins ez he can induoose to fellow him and the Dimocrisy? Ef so, I ain't in. Decidedly, I ain't in. Emphatically, count me out. For the reason that he kin git jist enuff Republicins, precisely, no more, to fill the offis, and they will be uv sich a character ez will do the Dimocrisy no credit. I won't be tail to no kite. We are willin to pay kite; but tail, never! Ef we boost Androo Johnson, Androo Johnson must boost us. Does he think we kin carry sich a load ez he is for nothin? Nary. Ef we hev a consoomin desire to git along without offis, we are doin very well at that now, we thank you; and we haven't the responsibility uv the Administration uv a extremely shaky man to carry. Sich loads must be paid for.

But, after all, I hev hopes. He hez cut hisself loose from Sumner and Stevens; and in less than a week every Republicin uv modrit sensibillities will be aboozin him to that extent that he won't be able to git back agin. He's a animal uv the bull kind; and criticism and opposition is to him the red flag wich the Spanish matadors wave afore the animals they wish to introocrine, and they may drive him into our ranks.

I wait, and watch, and hope. Ef I kin wunst git a commission, with the broad seal uv the Postmaster General onto it, confirmin me in the possession uv the post orifs at the Corners, I shelf bless the day that Androo Johnson lift us, and prokoored his elevation to the Presidency. May the day be hastened!

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A KENTUCKY TEA PARTY.

(The poor whites at the South were made to believe that Hannibal Hamlin was a mulatto, and that Charles Sumner married a negress. The opinion held by this class of Mr. Sumner is fairly stated in the text.)
Confedrit X Roads (wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
April 1, 1866.

Charles Summer is not a very popular man in this section uv Kentucky; on the contrary, quite reverse. He is known here ez an Ablishusit; ez one who is a chief supporter uv that hidjus sin—the infidelity, I may say, for a man may as well deny the whole Bible ez to cast discredit upon Onesimus, Hagar, and Ham, onto wich the whole system uv Afrikin slavery rests—the originator, therefore, uv the infidile beleef that Slavery is not uv divine origin, wich, judgin from the experience uv the last five years, appears to be a gainin ground in the North. He is not therefore, popular in this region.

Yisterday I attendid a tea party at Deekin Pogram's, to wich the elite uv the Corners wuz present, includedin an Illino store-keeper uv the name uv Pollock, wich hed bin invited because the Deekin hed, some three mouths ago, bought a bill uv goods uv him on ninety days' time, and want'id an extension. While at the table enjoyin the

"Cup wich cheers, but don't intoxicate very much."

Dryden hez it (tho I bleeve, to keep off chills, in this country, they mix three nd a half parts uv whiskey to one uv tea), the name uv Summer wuz mentioned.

Mrs. Pogram to-wunst remarked that she didn't want the name uv that ojus creecher spoken at her table.

"Why?" sed I, gratified at the ebullition.

"I hate him," sed she spitefully.

"So do I," replied I; "but what her yoo agin him, aside from his obnoxious political opinions?"

"Didn't he marry a nigger?" sed Mrs. P., triumphantly. "Didn't he marry a nigger—a full-blooded nigger? and havnt he hed nineteen yaller children. Why one uv wich he compelled agin their will, to marry full-blooded niggers? Didn't he?"

"Mrs. P.," sed this Illino store-keeper, wich his name it wuz Pollock, "do too object to miscegenation?"

"Missee—what?" replied she, struck all uv a heap at the word.

"Miscegenation—amalgamation—marryin whites with niggers."

"Do I?" retorted she; "ketch a son uv mine marryin a nigger! They are another race; they're beasts; and who'd marry em but jist sich men ez Summer and them other Ablishusits?"

"Then permit me to ask," sed this Pollock, wich wuz bound to kick up a muss, "ef ther's any race uv pure blood in this section uv Kentucky wich is yaller?"

"No! uv course not," sed Mrs. P.; "them yaller people is mulatters—half nigger, half white."

"And them ez is quite white—not quite, but nearly so—about the color uv a new saddle, like Jane, there." sed he, pintin to a octeroon girl uv 18 wich used to belong to the Deekin afore the issbooin uv the infernal proclamashen, "like Jane, there, wich is waitin on the Deekin, and—but, good Lord!" sed he, startin up like a tragedian.

"Wat?" shouted the company, all startin up.

"Nothin," sed he; "only, now that Jane's face is in range with the Deekin's, wat a wonderful resemblance! She hez the Pogram nose and ginral outline-uv face; not Mrs. Pogram's angularity, but the Deekin all over. My dear sir," sed he, addressin the Deekin. "ef she wuzn't a octeroon, I shood say she looks enuff like yoo to be yoor daughter, by a first wife, I shood say, for she hez not, ez I remarked, Mrs. P.'s angularity and ginral boneus; but uv
course, she bein a part nigger the resemblance may be set down ez-a-very-remarkable-coincidence!

The Deekin turned ez white ez a sheet, and Mrs. Pogram turned ez red ez a biled lobster, from whic I inferred that there wuz trooth in a rumor I hed heard about the Deekin and his wife hevin a misunderstanding about a nigger woman and her baby, about 18 years ago, whic resulted in his bein made bald-headed in less than a minute, and the baby's mother being sold South. The Illinoy store-keeper, uv the name uv Pollock, resumed:

"I wuz about askin what them niggers is, ez is nearly white?"

"Why, they're octoroons, or seven-eights white," sed Mrs. Pogram.

"And no Kentuckian ever marries a nigger?" inquired the store-keeper, who I saw wuz pursuin his investigations altogether too far.

"Never!" sed Mrs. Pogram; "we leave that to Abishnists."

"Well, then," sed this Pollock, who, I spect, wuzn't half so Innocent ez he let on, "I see that yoo hev no objection to mixin with the nigger, providin yoo don't do it legally; that amalgamashen don't hurt nothin, providin yoo temper it with adultery. Is that the idee, Mrs. Pogram?"

Mrs. P. wuz mad, and made no reply, and Pollock persoad the subjik.

"Jane there is, I take it, about one-eighth nigger. She got her white blood from whites, uv course; and ez there coo dent be no marrin in the biznis, there is proof positive in her face that the 7th commandment bez bin violated about four times somewhere in this vicinity, or wherever her maternal ancestors, on her mother's side, may hev resided. What do yoo think about it, Deekin? Ez, a Christian, woodent it be better to marry em than to add a violation uv the commandment to the sin uv amalgamashen? It wood redoose yer load jest a half."

The Deekin wuz too indignant to reply, and ez it involved a pint altogether too heftry for his limited intelleck, I took it up.

"My dear sir," I remarked, "yoo don't make the proper distinction, or, rather, yoo don't appreciate the subjick at all. The nigger here sustains only one character with us—that uv a inferior bein, the slave uv the haughty Caucasen, uv whom we are the noblest specimens; that is, the Deekin is, he bin a Sutherner. I unfortunately wuz born in the North, and am a hawty Caucasian only by adoption. To marry a nigger wood be to destroy our idea uv sooperiority, for we marry only our ekals. The intercourse with em, the results uv wich yoo see indications, bez outside the pale uv monrmony, is not, ez yoo wood suppose, the result uv unbridled licentiousness, but is merely the assertion uv our superiority. When the lordly Caucasian (uv whom the Deekin is wich) bids a daughter uv Ham (wich, in the original Hebrew, signifies the hindquarter uv a hog) come to him, and she doth it not, he breaks her head, wich inculcates obedience. One is only a slave indeed when he surrenders all his individual rites. The female slave cannot be considered ez entirely subdoosed until she hez yielded to her owner everything. To marry em wood be to elevate em; the intercourse common among us is not a sin, bein merely the assertion uv that superioriy wich we claim is founded on the Holy Scripter. See Onesimus, Hagar, and Ham."

"Yes," sed the Deekin, who wuz now on the right track; "it's a assentin uv our sooperiority; it's a dooty every white man owes to his class, and I, for one, will alluz—"

"Let me ketch yoo at it, Gabe Pogram," shouted Mrs. P., "and I'll give yoo sich a cat-haulin ez yoo never—drat yoor sooperiority, and yoor Ham, and yoor Caucasian. Niggers is niggers, and—"

Noticin that Mrs. Pogram hedn't quite arrived at the proper pitch uv
self-sacrifice, I turned the discussion onto Sumner agin, ez a subjik upon wich they cood all agree.

I learned that his father wuz a Dutch grocery-keeper, and his mother an Irish washer-woman; that he run away from home at the tender age uv eight, after murderin, in cold blood, his grandparents, one uv wich wuz a Algerine and tother a Chinese; that he wuz apprenticed to the shoemakin biznis, and hed cut the throat uv his boss and his wife, and immersed the younger children into a biler uv scaldin water, where they were found mostly dead seven hours afterward; that he acquired wealth a sallin lottry tickets and brass clocks, et settry. His servants wuz redoost Southern gentlemen wich he hed swindled into his debt, and wich, under the laws uv Massachosits, coodent git away, and that his intimate friends and associates wuz niggers, with wich he sot long at the festive board, and drunk champane; that Lucresha Mott wuz his sister, Ann Dickinson his daughter, Fred Douglas his half brother, and that he kissed, habitually, every nigger child he met, and frowned so severely onto white children ez he throw em into spasms, and other items uv information uv wich, livin in the North, I wuz ignorant. Ez I remarked, he isn't popular down here, and cood hardly be elected to Congris from this Deestrick. The tea party broke up shortly after, Pollock winkin at me villainously ez he left the house, feelin good to think how he hed opened a old sore. That Pollock needs watchin.

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A CRY OF EXULTATION.

(\is The moment President Johnson proclaimed the war at an end, several of the Southern States enacted laws for the government of the negro scarcely less oppressive and absurd than those suggested by Mr. Nasby.\is\)

Confedrit X Roads (wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky), April 2, 1866.

Kin it be? Is it troo, or is it not troo? Is Androo Johnson all my fancy painted him, or is he still a hevin-defying persekooter uv the Democratic Saints? That's wat I and some thousands uv waitin souls wood go suthin hand-some to know. I confess I never quite lost faith in Androo. Pro-slavery Democracy sticks to a man ez does the odor uv the gentle skunk to clothes, and it is got rid uv only by the same means, to-wit, buryin the victim thereof. Androo started out to be a Moses, and he is one; but I think he's changed his Israelites. I onst saw a woman skinnin live eels, and I reproached her, sayin, "Woman, why skinnest thou eels alive? Doth it not pain em?"

"Nary!" retortid she. "I've skinned em this way for going on to twenty years, and they're used to it."

Even so. The negroes hev bin in bondage so long that they're used to it, and Androo feelin a call to continue in the Moses bizniss, hez, I hope, turned his attention to the Dimocrisy. It's us he's a-goin to lead up out uv the Egypt uv wretchedness we've bin in for nearly five years; it's us that's a-goin to quit brick makin without straw, and go up into the Canan wich is runnin with the milk and honey uv public patronage. We shel hev sum fites; there's Amalekitish post masters and Phillistin collectors to displace, but with a second Jaxon at our hed what can we fear?

I feel to-night like a young colt. To me it seems ez though my venerable locks, wich hangs scantily about my temples, hed grown black agin, and that my youth was returnin. Ef I hed any notion uv sooicide, that idea is dissist. I am young agin. Wat hez worked this change?
yoo ask. It's the proclamation declarin the war at an end, and withdrawn from the Democratic states the odious hire- lines uv the tyrant Linkin, and the doin away uv that terrible marshal law. That's what's done it for me. Now I feel like sayin, with wun uv old, "Mine eyes hev seed thy glory; let thy servant depart in peace."

We hev bin dooly subjogated some time, and a waitin for this. We wanted it, and longed for it ez the hart does for the water course, and considerably more, onless the hart wuz thirsty in the extreme. For now we are in the Union agin; we are under the shadder uv that glorious old flag wich protects all men ceptin niggers and Ablishnists. The nigger is left to be adjustd by us, who is to be governed by the laws wich control labor and capital. Certainly he is—uv coarse. I saw two uv my neighbors adjustin one last nite. They wuz doin it with a paddle, wich wuz bored full uv holes. He didn't seem to enjoy it ez much ez they did. By that proclamation our states are agin under their own control. Let em go at wunst to work to destroy all the vestiges uv the crocel war through wich they hev past. There ain't no soljers now to interfere, for the policy uv keepin soljers in and among free people is abhorrent to freedom and humanity. Go to work at wunst, and build up the broken walls uv yoor Zion.

We must hev Peace and unanimity; and Peace cannot dwell among us onless there's a oneness uv purpose and sentiment. To prokoor this is your fist dooty. Ef there be among yoo tham ez opposed yoo doorin yoor late struggle for Rites, hist em. Their presence is irritatin, and kin not be toleratid. Ablishnism is as abhorrent now as ever, and the sooner yoo are rid uv it the better. It is safe to assume that every man who opposed the lately deceased Confederacy is a Ablishnist.

The next step, and the most important, is to tear down the nigger school-houses and churches wich hev bin built here and there, and kindly take the nigger by the ear, and lead him back to his old quarters, wich is his normal position. The Yankee school teachers sent here by Freedmen's Aid Societies shood properly be hung for spreadin dissatisfaction and spellin-books among the niggers, but I wood advise mercy and conciliation. Tar and featherin, with whippins, will perhaps do ez well, and will go to show the world that our justice is tempered with charity; that we kin be generous ez well ez just. Yoor legislatures shood be instantly called together, and proper laws for the government uv the Freedmen should be passed. Slavery is abolisht, and the people must live up to the requirements of the act in good faith. I protest agin any violation uv good faith, but labor must be done, for the skripter commands it, and our frail nature demands wat can't be got without it. We don't like to do it, but shel skripter be violated? Not at all. The nigger must do it hisself, not ez a slave, for slavery is abolished, but ez a free man. Ethiopian citizens uv Amerikin descent (wich is mulattters), and full-blooded blacks, and all hevin in their veins a taint uv Afrikin blood, must be restrained gently, and for their own good I suggest laws ez follows:

1. They must never leave the plantation onto wich they are, when this act goes into effect, without a pass from the employer, under penalty uv bein shot.
2. They hev the privilege uv suein everybody uv their own color, ef they kin give white bail for costs.
3. They hev the full privilege uv bein sued the same ez white folks.
4. They shel be competent ez witnesses in cases in wich they are not interested, but their testimony is to go for nuthin ef it is opposed by the testimoney uv a white man or another nigger.
5. No nigger shel be allowed to buy or lease real estate outside uv any incorporated city, town, or village.

6. No nigger shel be allowed to buy or lease real estate within any incorporated city, town, or village, except as hereinafter provided for, to wit: He shel give notice uv his desires by publication for six consecutive weeks in some newspaper uv general circulation in sed village, for wich publication he shel pay invariably in advance. He shel then give bonds, in sich sums ez the mayor shel decide, that neither he, nor any uv his ancestors, or descendants, or relations, will ever become public charges, and will always behave themselves with due humility, the bondsmen to be white men and freeholders. Then the mayor shel cause a election to be proclaimed, and ef the free white citizens shel vote “rea” unanimously, he shel be allowed to buy or lease real estate. If there is a dissentin vote, then he shel be put onto the chain gang for six months for his impudence in makin sich a request.

7. Their wages shel be sich ez they and the employers shel mutually agree; but that the negroes may not become luxurious and effeminate, wich two things is vices wich goes to sap the simplicity and strength uv people, the sum shel never exceed $5 per month, but not less than enuff in all cases to buy him one soot uv clothes per annum, wich the employer shel purchase hisself.

8. The master shel heap the privilege uv addin to this code sich other rules and regulations for their proper government ez may strike him ez bein good for em from time to time.

These provisions secure the nigger in all the rites wich kin reasonably be asked for him, just elevated ez he is from slavery, and thrown upon the world ignorant uv the duties of his new position and status. He is simple and needs the guidin hand uv the stronger race.

My hart is too full to make further suggestions. Organized into a tabloosh with the constitoooshun in one hand (wich beloved instrument kivers a great deal uv ground), a star-spangled banner in the other, and a trampin on a bloo coat wich I stript off uv a returned nigger soldier wich wuz sick, I exultinly exclaim, “The Union ez it is is good ez the Union ez it wuz. ‘Ror!’”

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

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A WAIL OF ANGUISH—THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL PASSED OVER THE VETO.

(In a speech in 1866 President Johnson, claimed to have been the “Moses” of the negro, as he had been instrumental in leading him out of bondage. The name clung to him during his official life. The passage of the Civil Rights bill over the President’s veto destroyed the hopes of those who expected to keep the freedmen in a state of semi-bondage.)

Confedrit X Roads (wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky), April 9, 1866.

I am a kittle full uv cusses.

* Under me is a burnin fire uv rage, wich is bein continually fed with the oil uv disappointment.

And I bile over.

The civil rites bill, wich our Moses put his foot onto, we thought wuz dead.

And we fired great guns, and hung out our flags, wich we laid aside in 1860, and made a joyful noise.

For we sed, one unto another, Lo! he is a true Moses, inasmuch ez he is leadin us out uv the wilderness.
The civil rites bill wuz the serpent wut bit us, and he histed it, that we might look and live.

Now let us be joyful!
For the Ethiopian is delivered into our hands, bound hand and foot.
Blessed be Moses!
We will make him grind our corn; but he shet not eat thereof.
Blessed be Moses!
We will make him tread out our wheat; but we will muzzle his mouth.
Blessed be Moses!
He shall pick our cotton; but the hire he receiveth he shall stick in his eye without injuring the sight thereof.
Blessed be Moses!
He shall toil in the sugar mill; but the sugar shall he not sell.
Blessed be Moses!
His sweat shall nourish our corn; be shall eat nary ear thereof.
Blessed be Moses!
We will burn his school-houses, and destroy his spellin books (for shall the nigger be our superior?) and who shall stay our hand?
The school teachers we will tar and feather, and whar is the bloo-coated hirelins to make us afeerd?
Blessed be Moses!
We looked at the nigger, and said, Ha ha! the last state uv that chattle is wuss nor the fust; for before, we hed his labor while he wuz strong and healthy, but hed to take care on him when he wuz sick and old; and now we kin git his labor without the care.
Blessed be Moses!
The Ablishnists cast out one devil, and garnished the room; but there wuz seven devils more stronger and hungrier, which rushed in and pre-empted the premises.
Blessed be Moses!
But our song uv joy wuz turned into a wale uv anguish.
Moses sought to hist the serpent, but the serpent histed him.
Ho's on a pole, and the bitin North wind is a blowin onto him.
He can't get up any higher, because his pole ain't any longer, and he can't get down, because he ain't no place to light onto.
He vetoed the bills, and Congress hez vetoed him the civil rights bill they passed in a uncivil manner.

Now, bein the nigger hez rights, he is our ekal.
Our ekil is the nigger now, and onless the school houses is burned, and the spellin books destroyed, he will soon be our superior.
We wuz willin to giv him the right uv bein sued; but, alas! he kin sue.
He kin be a witness agin us, and he kin set his face agin ours.
Our wise men may make laws to keep him in his normal speer, but uv wat avail is they?
We kin buy and sell him no more, neither he nor his children.
The men will cleave unto their wives, and the wives unto their husbands, and our hand is powerless to separate em.
Their children kin we no more put up at auction, and sell to the highest bidder, we pocketin joyfully the price thereof.
They hev become sassy and impudent, and say, "Go to, are we not men?"
I bade one git off the sidewalk, and he bade me be damned.
I chucked a nearly white one under the chin, and smiled onto her, and
she squawked; and her husband, hearing the squawk thereof, came up and bus-
tided my head, even ez a white man would hev done.
I chastised wun who gave me lip; and he sood me, a Caucasun, for
assault and battery, and got a judgment!
Wale! for Moses put out his hand to save us these indignities, but his
hand wuz too weak.
We killed Linkin in vain.
Our Moses is playin Jaxson. He fancieth he resembleth him, becoz his
inshials is the same.
He resembleth Jaxson muchly—in that Jaxon hed a policy wich he cood
carry out, while our Moses hez a policy wich he can't carry out.
And ez he can't carry out his policy, the people are carryin it out for him.
Wich they do, a holdin it at arm's length, and holdin their noses.
Moses is a cake half baked; and he is hot on one side, and cold on tother.
He darsn't let go uv Ablishnism, and is afeerd to come to us.
He hez been takin epsom salts and Ipecac; and one is workin up, and the
other workin down.

Where kin we look for comfort?
Do we turn to the people? Connecticut ansera, "'Ror for Hawley!" and
Noo Hampshire goes Ablishun.
Do we turn to the courts? Lo! Taney hez gone to his reward—him who
foretime dealt out Dimekratic justice, and who understood the nacher uv the
nigger—and Chrese, who is pizen, reigns in his stead.
Raymond is growin weak in the knees, and Doolittle is a broken reed on
wich to lean.
We are too short at both ends.
Shall we go to Brazil? Lo! there they put niggers in office.
Mexico holds out her hands to us; but, lo! the nigger is considered a
man.
We hev no escape from the Ethiopan; he is around us, and about us, and
on top uv us.
I see no post oris in the distance, no hope for the future.
Het I bin a Ablishnist, so ez to make the thing safe in the next world, I
shood be glad to die; and quit this.
For my sole is pregnant with grief; my hart bugs out with woe.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Lait Paster uv the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.

THE REWARD OF VIRTUE.
Confedrit X Roads (wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
August 12, 1806.

At last I hev it! Finally it come! After five weary trips to Washington,
after much weary waitin and much travail, I hev got it. I am now Postmaster
at Confedrit X Roads, and am dooly installed in my new position. Ef I
ever hed any doubts ez to A. Johnson bein a better man than Paul the Apos-
sle, a look at my commission removes it. Ef I ketch myself a feelin that he de-
serted us oncessarily five years ago, another look, and my resentment soft-
ens into pity. Ef I doubt his Democry, I look at that blessed commission,
and am reassured, for a President who cood turn out a wounded Federal sol-
dier, and appint such a man ez me, must be above suspicion.
I felt it wuz coun two weeks ago. I received a cirkler from Randall,
now my sooperior in offis, propoundin these questions:
1. Do yoo hev the most implicit faith in Androo Johnson, in all that he haz done, all that he is doin, and all he may hereafter do?

2. Do yoo bleeve that the Philadelphia convoshun will be a convoshen in uv saints, "all actuated by pure motives, and devoted to the salvation uv our wunst happy, but now distracted country?"

3. Do yoo bleeve that, next to A. Johnson, Seward, Doolittle, Cowan, and Randall are the four greatest, and purest, and bestest, and self-sacrificinest, and honestest, and righteousist men that this country hez ever prodoost?

4. Do yoo bleeve that there is a partickyly hot place reserved in the next world for Trumbull, a hotter for Wade, and the hottest for Sumner and Thad Stevens?

5. Do yoo bleeve uv the canin uv Grinnell by Rosso?

6. Do yoo consider the keepin out uv Congris eleven sovvin states a unconstooshnel and unwarrantid assumption uv power by a secession Congris?

7. Do yoo bleeve the present Congris a rump, and that (eleven states bein unreprorated) all their acts are unconstooshnel and illegal, cepin them wich provides for payin salaries?

8. Do yoo bleeve that the Memphis and Noo Orleans unpleasantsness wuz brot about by the unholy machinashens uv them Radical agitators, actin in conjunction with ignorant and besotted niggers to wreak their spite on the now loyal citizens, uv those properly reconstructed cities?

9. Are yoo not satisfied that the Afrikin citizens uv American descent kin be safely trusted to the operations uv the universal law wich governs labor and capital?

10. Are yoo willin to contribute a reasonable per cent uv yoor salary to a fund to be used for the defeat uv objectionable Congrisme in the disloyal states North?

To all uv these inquiries I not only answered yes, but went afore a justis uv the peace an took an affidavit to em, forwarded it back, and my commision wuz forthwith sent to me.

There wuz a jubilee the nite it arriv. The news spread rapidly through the four groseries uv the town, and sich another spontaneous outburst uv joy I never witnessed.

The bells rung, and for an hour or two the Corners wuz in the wildest state uv eggesiment. The citizens congratulated each other on the certainty uv the acceshun uv the President to the Dimocrisy, and in their enthooisam five nigger families were clean out, two uv em, one a male and tother a female, wuz killed. Then a percehun wuz organized as follers:

Two grocery keepers with bottles.

Deekin Pogram.

Me, with my commishun pinned onto a banner, and under it written, "In this. Sign we Conker."

Wagoo with tabloo onto it: A neger on the bottom boards, Bascom, the grocery keeper, with one foot onto him, holdin a banner inscribed, "The Nigger where he oughter be."

Citizen with bottle.

Deekin Pogram's daughter Mirandy in a attitood uv wallopin a wench.

Banner: "We've Regained our Rites."

Two citizens with bottles tryin to keep in percehun.

Two more citizens, wich had emptied their bottles, fallin out by the way.

Citizens, two and two, with bottles.

Wagon with tabloo onto it: A niggurnitur uv a neger skool, in a state uv
wreck, with a dod nigger layin on top uv it, wich hed bin captoored within the hour. Banner: "My Policy."

The percelshun moved to the meetin house, and Deekin Pogram takin the chair, a meetin wuz to wunst organized.

The Deekin remarked that this wuz the proudest moment uv his life. He wuz gratified at the appointment uv his esteemed friend, becoz he appreciated the noble qualities wich wuz so conspicuos into him, and becoz his arduous services in the coz uv Dimokrasy entitled him to the posishun. All these wuz aside uv and entirely disconnected from the fact that there wood now be a probability uv his gittin back a little matter uv nine dollars and sixty-two cents ("Hear! Hear!"") wich he had loaned him about eighteen months ago, afore he hed known him well, or larned to love him. But there wuz another reason why he met to rejoice to-nite. It showed that A. Johnson meant biznis; that A. Johnson wuz troo to the Dimokrasy, and that he hed fully made up his mind to hurl the bolts uv offishl thunder wich he held in his Presidential hands at his enemies, and to make fight in earnest; that he wuz goin to re-ward his friends—them ez he cood trust. Our venerable friend's bein put in condishun to pay the confidin residents uv the Corners, the little sums he owes them is a good thing ("Hear! Hear!" "Troo!" Troo!" with singular unanimity from every man in the biddin), but wat wuz sich considerashuns when compared to the grate moral effect uv the decisive movement? ("A d—d site!" shouted one grocery keeper, and "We don't want no moral effect!" cried another.) My friends, when the news uv this bold step uv the President goes forth to the South, the price uv Confederate skrip will go up, and the shootin uv niggers will cease; for the redempshun uv the first I consider ashoored, and the requin uv the latter to their normal condishun I count ez good ez done.

Squire Gavitt remarked that he wuz too much overpowered with emoshun to speak. For four years, nearly five, the only newspaper wich come to that offis hed passed through the polluted hands uv a Ablishnist. He hed no particklar objecshun to the misguided man, but he wuz a symbol uv tyranny, and so long ez he set there, he reminded em that they were wearin chains. Thank the Lord, that day is over! The Corners is redeemed, the second Jaxson hez risen, and struck off the shackles. He wood not allood to the trifle uv twelve dollars and a half that he loaned the appointee some months ago, knowin that it wood be paid out uv the first money—

Basoom, the principal grocery keeper, rose, and called the Squire to order. He wanted to know ef it wuz fair play to talk sich talk. No man cood feel a more heart-felt satisfaction at the appinment uv our honored friend than him, showin, ez it did, that the President hed cut loose from Ablishism, wich he despised, but he protestid agin the Squire undertakin to git in his bill afore the rest hed a chance. Who furnished him his liquor for eight months, and who hez the best rite for the first dig at the proceeds uv the position? He wood never—

The other three grocery keepers arose, when Deekin Pogram rooled em all out my order, and offered the following resolutions:

Whereas, The President hez, in a strikly constooshned manner, relieved this commoonly uv an offensive Ablishnist, appointed by that abhorred tyrant, Linkin, and appointed in his place a sound constooshned Demokrat—one whom to know is to lead; therefore be it

Resolved, That we greet the President, and ashoor him uv our contnyood support and confidence.

Resolved, That we now consider the work uv Reconstruction, so far ez
this community is concerned, completed, and that we feel that we are wunst more restored to our proper relations with the federal government.

Resolved. That the glorious defence made by the loyal Democracy uv Noo Orleans agin the combined conventiones and niggers, shows that freemen kin not be conkered, and that white men shul rule America.

Resolved. That, on this happy occas'on, we forgive the Government for what we did, and cherish nary resentment agin anybody.

The resolutions wuz adopted, and the meetin adjourned with three cheers for Johnson and his policy.

Then came a scene. Every last one uv em hed come there with a note made out for the amount I owed him at three months. Kindness of heart is a weakness uv mine, and I signed em all, fe-lin that ef the mere fact of writ-in in my name wood do em any good, it wood be crool in me to object to the little labor required. Bless their innocent souls! they went away happy.

The next mornin I took possesshun uv the offis.

"Am I awake, or am I dreamin?" thought I. No, no! it is no dream. Here is the stamps, here is the blanks, and here is the commishun! It is troo! it is troo!

I heerd a child, across the way, singin:

"I'd like to be a angel,
And with the angels stand."

I woodn't, thought I. I woodn't trade places with an angel, even up. A offis with but little to do, with four groceries within a stone's throw, is ez much happiness ez my bilers will stand without bustin. A angel, forsooth!

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M.,
(wich is Postmaster.)

"SWINGIN' ROUND THE SIRKLE."—TO DETROIT.

(The famous tour of President Johnson was undertaken ostensibly in response to an invitation to assist in the ceremony of laying the corner stone of a monument to the lamented Stephen A. Douglas, but really its object was to strengthen the Johnson movement. The President believed that his personal presence would stimulate his followers and overawe the opposition. General Grant and Admiral Farragut were invited to join the party in such a way as to make a refusal a very unpleasant matter, and the President, who had a high opinion of his power before popular audiences, expected to convert the crowds which were certain to assemble to see these great warriors. The speeches he made on the trip are scarcely caricatured in the text. It was in this instance, as in the Philadelphia Convention. The ring of office-holders in each town through which the party passed, organized a "tribute" to the President, and the people assembled in masses to do honor to Grant and Farragut, but invariably the President was greeted with unequivocal tokens of disapprobation. The venture was a ludicrous failure, and is fairly described in the text.)

At the Biddle House (wich is in Detroit, Michigan),
September the 4th, 1866.

Step by step I am ascendin the ladder uv fame; step by step I am climbin to a proud eminence. Three weeks ago I wuz summoned to Washington by that eminently grate and good man, Androo Johnson, to attend a consultation ez to the proposed Western tour, wich wuz to be undertaken for the purpose uv arousin the masses uv the West to a sense uv the danger wich wuz threatnin uv em in case they persisted in centralizin the power uv the Government
into the hands uv a Congress, instid uv diffusin it throughout the hands uv one man, wich is Johnson. I got there too late to take part in the first uv the discussion. When I arrove they had everything settled except the appointment uv a chaplain for the excursion. The President insisted upon my fillin that position, but Seward objected. He wanted Beecher, but Johnson wuz inflexibly agin him. "I am determined," sez he, "to carry out my policy, but I hev some bowels left. Beecher hez done enuff already, considering the pay he got. No, no! he sho'd be spared this trip; indeed he shoel."

"Very good," said Seward; "but at least find some clergymen who endorses us without hevin P. M. to his honored name. It wood look better."

"I know it wood," replied Johnson; "but where kin we find sich a one? I hev swung around the entire circle, and hevrn't ez yet seen him. Nasby it must be."

There wuz then a lively discussion ez to the propriety, before the proces-
son started, of removin all the Federul offis-holders on the proposed route, and appointin men who bleeved in us (Johnson, Beecher and Me), that we might be shoed uv a scotooble recepshun at each pint at wich we wuz to stop. The Anointed wuz in favor uv it. Sez he, "Them ez won't support my policy shan't eat my bread and butter." Randall and Doolittle claimed in, for it's got to be a part uv their religion to assent to whatever the President sez, but I mildly protested. I owe a duty to the party, and I am determined to do it.

"Most Hign," sez I, "a settin hen wich is lazy makes no fuss; cut its head off, and it flops aboum, for a while, lively. Lincoln's office-holders are settin hens. They don't like you nor yoor policy, but while they are on their nests, they will keep moderately quiet. Cut off thir heads, and they will spurt their blood in your face. Ez to hevn ensbhood uv a reception at each point, you need fear nothing. Calkulatin moderately, there are at least twenty-five or thirty patriots who feel a call for every offis in your disposal. So long, Yoor Highb-
ness, ef them offis is held just where they kin see em, and they don't know which is to git em, yoo may depend upon the entire inthoosiasm uv each, individually and collectively. In short, ef there's four offises in a town, and yoo make the appointments you hev sekoored four supporters; till you make the appointments you hev the hundred who ex-
pect to get em."

The President agreed with me that until after the trip the gullotine shoed stop.

Secretary Seward sejested that a clean shirt wood improve my personal app-
pearance, and akkordingly a cirkular wuz sent to the clerks in the Departments, assessin em for that purpose. Sich uv em ez refoosed to contribute thir quota wuz instantly dismissed for disloyalty.

At last we started, and I must say we wuz got up in a highly concilia-
tory style. Every wun uv the civilians uv the party wore buzzum pins, et set-
try, wich wuz presented to em by the Southern delegates to the Philadelphia convention, wich wuz made uv the bones uv Federal soldiers wich hed fallen at various battles. Sum uv em were particulerly valuable ez anteaeks, hevin bin made from the bones uv the lust soldiers who fell at Bull Run.

The Noo York recepshun wuz a gay affair. I never saw His Imperial High-
ness in better spirits, and he delivered his speecch to better advantage than I ever heerd him do it before, and I bleeve I've heerd it a hundred times. We left Noo York sadly. Even now, ez I write, the remembrance uv that perceshun, the recollection uv that banquet, figgers around me, and the taste uv them wines is still in my mouth. But we hev to go. We hev a mishn to perform, and we put ourselves on a steamboat and started.
Albany.—There wuz a immense crowd, but the Czar uv all the Amerikas didn’t get off his speech here. The Governor welcomed him, but he welcomed him ez the Cheef Magistrate uv the nashen, and happened to drop in Lincoln’s name. That struck a chill over the party, and the President got out uv it ez soon ez possible. Bein reseevd as Cheef Magistrate, and not ez the great Pacificator, ain’t His Eggolvency’s best holt. It wuz unkind uv Governor Fenton to do it. If he takes the papers, he must know that His Mightiness ain’t got but one speech, and he ought to hev made sich a reception ez wood hev enabled him to hev got it off. We shook the dust off uv our feet, and left Albany in disgust.

Skenactady.—The people uv this d lightful little village wuz awake when the Imperial train arrived. The changes hadn’t bin made in the offices here, and consekrntly there wuz a splendid recepshun. I didn’t suppose there wuz so many patriots along the Mohawk. I wuz pinted out by sum one ez the President’s private adviser—a sort uv private Secretary uv State; and after the train started, I found jest 211 petitions for the Post Offices in Skenactedy in my side coat pocket, wich the patriots who hed hurried so vociferously hed dexterously deposited there. The incident wuz a movin one. “Thank God!” thought I. “So long ez we hev the post offices to give, we kin alluz hev a party.” The Sultan swung around the circle wunst here, and leavin the Constoooshun in their hands, the train moved off.

Utica.—The President spoke here with greater warmth, and jerked more originality than I hed before observed. He introdoost here the remark that he didn’t come to make a speech; that he wuz goin to shed a tear over the tomb uv Douglas; that, in swingin around the circle, he hed fought traitors on all sides uv it, but that he felt safe. He shooed leave the Constoooshun in their hands, and ef a martyr wuz wanted, he wuz ready to die with neetnis and dispatch.

Rome.—Here we hed a splendid recepshun, and I never heard His Majesty speek more felicitously. He mentiooned to the audience that he hed swung around the Southern side uv the cirkle, and wuz now swingin around the Northern side uv it, and that he wuz fightin traitors on all sides. He left the Constitoooshun in their hands, and bid em good bye. I reseevd at this pint only 130 petitions for the post office, wich I took ez a bad omen for the comin election.

Lockport.—The President is impr vin wonderfully. He rises with the occasion. At this pint he mentioned that he wuz vot on savin the country wich hed honored him. Ez for himself, his ambishun wuz more than satisfied. He hed bin Alderman, Member uv the Legslachor, Congressman, Senator, Military Governor, Vice President, and President. He hed swung around the entire circle uv offices, and all he wanted now wuz to heal the wounds uv the nashen. He felt save in leavin the Constoosn in their hands. Ez he swung around the circle—

At this pint I interrupted him. I told him that he hed swung around the circle—wunst in this town, and ez useful ez the phrase wuz, it might spile by too much yoose.

At Cleveland we begun to get into hot water. Here is the post to wish the devil uv Ablishnism is chained, and his chain is long enough to let him rage over nearly the whole state. I am pained to state that the President wuzn’t treated here with the respeck due his station. He commenst deliverin his speech but wuz made the subjeck uv ribald laffture. Skaseley hed hev to the pint uv swingin around the circle, when a foul-mouthed nigger lover yelled “Veto!” and another vociferated “Noo Orleans!” and another remarked “Memphis!”
and one after another interruption occurred until His Highness wuz completely turned off the track, and got wild. He forgot his speech and struck out crazy, but the starch wuz out uv him, and he wuz worsted. Grant, wicch we hed taken along to draw the crowds, played dirt on us here, and stepped onto a boat for Detroit, leavin us only Farragut ez a attraction, who tried twice to git away ditto, but wuz timely prevented. The President recovered his ekaninuty, and swung around the circle wunst, and leaving the Constooshn in their berds, retired.

At the next pint we wuz astounded at seein but wun man at the station. He wuz dressed with a sash over his shoulder, and wuz wavin a flag with wun hand, firin a saloot with a revolver with the other, and playin "Hail to the Chief!" on a mouth-organ, all to wunst.

"Who are you, my gentle friend?" sez I.

"I'm the newly-appointed post master, sir," sez he. "I'm a perceshun a waitin here to do honor to our Cheef Magistrate, all alone, sir. There wuz twenty Johnsonians in this hamlet, sir; but when the commishn came for me, the other nineteen wuz scared, and sed they didn't care a d—n for him nor his policy, sir. Where is the President?"

Androo wuz a goin to swing around the cirkle for this one man, and leave the Consooshn in his hands, but Seward checked him.

At Fremont we hed a handsome recepshun, for the offises hevrn't bin changed there, but Toledo didn't do so well. The crowd didn't cheer Androo much, but when Farragut wuz trotted out they gave him a rouser, wicch wuz anything but pleasin to the Cheef Magistrate uv this nashen, who bleeves in him respected.

Finally we reeched Detroit. This bein a Democratic city, the President wuz missed agin. His speech here wuz worn uv rare merit. He gathered together ez one quiver all the sparklin arrows he had used from Washington to this point, and shot em one by one. He swung around the cirkle; he didn't come to make a speech; he hed bin Alderman uv his nativ town; he might hev bin kicktater, but woodent; and ended with a poetickal cotashun wich I cooden watch, but wich, ez near ez I cood understand, wuz:

"Kum wun, kum all; this rock shel fly
From its firm base—in a pig's eye."

Here we repose for the nite. To-morrow we start onward, and shel contine swingin around the cirkle till we reach Chicago. PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M., (wich is Postmaster), and likewise Chaplin to the expeditshn.

THE TOUR CONTINUED—TO INDIANAPOLIS.

(At Detroit the colored waiters refused to serve the President. At Indiana-polis his reception was anything but flattering. The excitable people were wrouught up to the pitch of replying to him in terms anything but complimen-tary, and the meeting broke up in disorder. The office-holders made amends, however, for they assembled the next morning, and he made his speech to them.)

Post Offis, Confedrit X Roads, (wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky), September 11, 1868.

I am home, and glad am I that I am at home. Here in Kentucky, surrounded by Dimicrats, immersed a part uv the time in my offishel dooties, and
the balance uv the time in whiskey, with the privilege uv wallopin niggers, and the more inestimable and soothing privilege uv assistin in mobbin uv Northern Abishinists, who are not yet all out uv the stait, time passes pleasantly, and leaves no vane regrets. I alluz go to bed at nite, feelin that the day hez not bin wasted.

From Detroit the Presidential cavalcade, or ez the infamous Jacobin Radical party irreverently term it, the menajery, proceeded to Chicago. The recepshuns His Imperial Highness received through Michigan were flatterin in the extreme. I continue my diary:

Ipsilanti.—At this pint the President displayed that originality and fertility uv imaginashun caracteristic uv him. The recepshun wuz grand. The masses called for Grant, and His Highness promptly responded. He asked em, ef he wuz Judis Isciariot who wuz the Saviour? Thad Stevens? If so, then after swingin around the cirkle, and findin traitors at both ends uv the line, I leee the thirty-six States with thirty-six stars onto em in yoor hands, and—

The train wuz off amid loud shouts uv "Grant! Grant!" to wich the President responded by wavin his hat.

Ann Arbor.—At this pint the train moved in to the insiprin sounds uv a band playin "Hale to the Chief." Vociferous cries uv "Grant! Grant!" His Majesty smilinly appeared and thanked em for the demonstration. It wuz soothing, he remarked. The air the band wuz playin, "Hale to the Chief," wuz appropirit, ez he wuz Chief Magistrate uv the nashen, to wich posishen he hed reached, hevin bin Alderman uv his nativ village, U. S. Senator, et setiry. The crowd hollered "Grant! Grant!" and the President thanked em for the demonstration. It showed him that the pepole wuz with him in his eforts to close his eyes on a Union uv thirty-six states, and a flag uv thirty-six stars onto it. Ef I am a traitor, sed he, who is the Judis Isciariot? Ez I'm swingin around the cirkle, I find Thad Stevens on the one side and Jeff Davis on the—

The conductor cruelly started the train, without givin him time to finish. The crowd proposed three cheers for Grant, and the President waved his hat to em, sayin that he thanked em, showin as it did that the people wuz with him.

Battle Creek.—A large number wuz assembled here, who, ez the train stopped, yelled "Grant! Grant!" Affected to tears by the warmth uv the recepshun, the President thanked em for this mark uv confidence. Ef he ever hed any doubts ez to the people's bein with him, these doubts wuz removed. He wood leave in their hands the flag and the Union uv thirty-six States, and the stars thereto appertainin. Ef he wuz a Judis Isciariot who wuz—

The crowd gave three hearty cheers for Grant ez the train moved off, to wich the President responded by wavin his hat.

Kalamazoo.—The offishels were on hand at this pint, and so wuz the people—four offishels and several thousand people, wich the latter greeted us with shouts for "Grant! Grant!" The President responded, sayin, that in swingin around the cirkle, he hed bin called Judis Isciariot for sacrificin us hisself for the people! Who wuz the Saviour? Wuz Thad Stevens? No! Then clearly into yoor hands I leave the Constitution uv thirty-six stars and thirty-six States onto em, intact and undissequered.

The offishels received the Stars and Stripes, and amid cheers for Grant, for which the President thanked em, the train glode off magestically.

And so on to Chicago, where we didn't git off our speech, though from the manner in wich the people hollered for Grant! Grant! we felt cheered at realizin how much they wuz with us. His eminence wanted to sling the thirty-
six States and the flag with the stars on em, but ez General Logan wuz there, ready to fling it back, it wuz deemed highly prudent not to do it.

Here my trials commenced. At the Biddle House, in Detroit, the nigger waiters showed how much a Afrikin kin be spoiled by bein free. They hed the impudence to refuse to wait on us, and for a half hour the imperial stumick wuz forst to fast. This alarmin unmanifestation uv negro malignancy alarmed His Eggssalency. "Thank God!" sez he, "that I vetoed the Freedmen's Burroo Bill. I hev bin Alderman uv my nativ towne—I hev swung around the entire cirkle, but this I never dreamed uv. What would they do if they hed their rites?" The incident made an impression onto him, and at Chicago he resolved to trust en no longer. He ordered his meals to his room, and sent for me. "My friend," sez he, "taste everything onto this table."

"Why, my liege?" sez I.

"Niggers is cooks," sez he, "and this food may be pizioned. They hate me, for I ain't in the Moses biznis. Taste, my friend."

"But spozn," sez I, "that it shold be pizioned. Wat uv my bowels? My stumick is uv ez much valyoo to me ez yown is to yoo."

"Nasby," sez he, "taste! Ef yoo die, who mourns? Ef I die, who'd swing around the cirkle? Who'd sling the flag and the thirty-six stars at the people, who'd leave the Constooosh in their hands? The country demands the sacrifice; and besides, ef yoo don't, off goes your offish head."

That last appele fetched me. Rather than risk that offis I'd chaw strick-umine, for uv wat akkount is a Dimokrat, who hez wunst tasted the sweets uv place, and is custed? And from Chicago on I wuz forced to taste his food and likker—to act ez a sort uv a litenin-rood to shed of the vengeance uv the nigger waiters. I wood taste uv every dish and drink from each bottle, and ef I didn't swing up and bust in fifteen mints, His Serene Highness wood take hold. I suffered several deaths. I reseem my diary:

Joliet.—The crowd wuz immense. The peasantry, ez the train approached, rent the air with shouts uv "Grant!" "Grant!" His Potency, the President, promptly acknowledged the compliment. He wuz sacrifizin hisself for them—who hed made greater sacrifices? He hed bin Alderman uv his native town, and Vice President; he wuz too modest to make a speech, but ef he wuz Judis Iskariot, who wuz the Saviour? He hed swung around the cirkle, and hedn't found none so far. He left in their hands the—

And so on, until near St. Louis, when we penetrated a Democratic country, uv wich I informed His Majesty. "How knowest thou?" sez he. "I ob-serve," sez I, "in the crowds a large proportion uv red noses, and hats with the tops off. I notice the houses unpointed, with pig pens in front uv en; and wat is more, I observe the crowds compliment yoo direct, instead uv doin it, ez heretofore, over Grant's shoulders. The Knights uv the Golden Cirkle, wich I spect is the identical cirkle yoo've swingin around lately, love yoo and approach yoo confidenly.

The President brisked up, and from this to Indianapolis he spoke with a fluidity I never observed in him before. I may say, to yoose a medikle term, that he hed a hemorrhage uv words. At the latter city our reception wuz the most flatterin uv eny we hev experienced. The people, when the President appeared on the balcony uv the Bates House, yelled so vociferously for Grant, that the President, when he stepped forward to acknowledge the compliment, coo'dent be heard at all. He waved his hat; and the more he waved it the more complimentary the crowd became. "Grant!" "Grant!" they yelled; and the more the President showed himself the more they yelled Grant, until, over-powered by the warmth uv his recepshun, and unwillin to expose his health
The President retired without a speech, but entirely satisfied that the people wuz with him.

The next mornin the offic-holders uv the state, without the people, assembled, and he made his regular speech to em, which appeared to be gratifyin to both him and them. The President does not like to sleep with a undelivered speech on his mental stumick. It gives him the nitemare.

Here I left the party, for a short time, that I mite go home and attend to my official dooties. There is five Northern families near the Corners with must hev notice to leave, and eight niggers to hang. I hed orders to report to the party somewhere between Louissville and Harrissburgh, wich I shal do, ez, travelin by order, I get mileage and sick.

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THE TOUR ENDED—TO WASHINGTON.

(The President's longing for a hearty reception was gratified at Louissville. The people of that city hurrahed for no one else. In that city Grant and Fairrragut were ignored.)


I rejoined the Presidenshel party at Louissville, and glad I am that I did it at that pint. His Imperial Serenity hed bin pleased ever since he left Chicago, or rather since he got near St. Louis, for two thirds uv Illinois wuz pizew, and Indianapolis wuz pizener. From St. Louis the recepshuns wuz trooly convoluted and even enthousiastic. We got out uv the region uv aristocrats, and hed come down to the hard-fisted yomanry. I seed holes thro the hats uv men; I seed wat mite be called the flag uv Democracy wavin from behind em, which ez they genrally either had no coats at all, or if any, they were roundabouts, wuz alluz in view. I saw wimen who disdained stockins and dipped snuff, and I felt to home. I wuz among Democracy. The cheerin for Grant and Fairrragut closed ez we got into them regions, and uv the vociferous crowds half uv em, the younger ones, cheered Andrew Johnson, while the old veterans, those whose noses wuz blossomin for the tomb, cheered for Andrew Jackson. His Serenity amindliny acknowledged both by makin a speech to em, and wavin his hat.

With these preliminary remarks I reasump my diary:

Louisville.—There wuz a magnificent demonstration here. His Imperial Majesty, who wuz in a eggstalent condition to make crowds large enough, remarked to me ez we wuz ridin through the streets, "'Splen 'spay! 'Mor'n ten 'unerd sousand people—mor'n ten million people—mor'n ten 'unerd million people—mor'n ten 'unerd sousand million people—and alluvum 'sporters my policy. 'Rah for me!"

His Majesty undoubtedly eggstaffed toward the last; but it is safe to put the throng down at a good many. That estimate is entirely safe. There wuz the finest display uv banners and sich I hev seen since we startid. The red, white and red wuz displayed from almost half the houses, ladies waved their handkerchiefs ez we passed, and men cheered. A plaisin incident occurd here. I noticed one gushin maiden uv thirty-seven wavin her handkercher ez tho she wuz gettin so much per wave, and hed rent to pay that nite. I recognized her to wunst. When I wuz a citizen uv Ohio, and wuz drafted into the service uv the United States, and clothed in a bob-tailed blue-coat, and hed a Oystran muskit put into my unwillin hands, and forced to site agin my breth-
ren, our regiment passed thro Louisville, and stayed there some days. I was walkin one afternoon, when I met this identical angel. She saw my bloo kota, and enraged, spit in my face with rich energy that she threw out uv her mouth a full set uv false teeth. I returned em gallantly, wiped my face with my handkercher, and vowed that handkercher shound henceforth be kept sacred. It wuz: and when I seed her wavin her at our party, I wept like a Philadelphia Convension. I stopped the carriage, met the patriotic female, called her attention to the incident, and handed her my handkercher which bed, four years before, wiped her spittle. The incident gave new vigor to her arms, and from that time she waved two handkerchers, and mine wuz one uv em. I narrated the incident to the President, and he wept.

There wuz a large perchesen and a great variety of banners. Among the most noticeable wuz a company uv solgers uv the late war, each with a leg off, dressed in the gray uniforms into which they hed bin mustered out, with this motto: "We are willin to go the other leg for A. Johnson." Another company uv solgers, who hed each lost an arm, carried this inscription: "What we didn't get by bullets, we shel get by ballots."

The President cut down his speech jest one half here. In swingin around the circle he omitted to menshun that he found traitors on the Southern side uv it. But he left the constooshin in their hands cheerfully.

Cincinnati.—A very enthoosiastic recopshun—continyood and loud cheer for Grant, wich the President acknowledged. A unsophisticated Postmaster, who jined us here, wanted to know why the people cheered for Grant instid uv the President, to wich His Highness answered that they wuz considir—thev knew his modesty, and wanted to spare his blushes. Another man, who wuz also unsophisticated, asked him, confidenshelly, ef he didn't think there wuz a samenis in his speeches, and that ef he didn't think he'd do better to give a greater variety. His Eggsleny asked him how there cood be more variety. "At Cincinnati," sed he, "I observed the following order:

"1. I swung around the circle; 2. I asked who wuz the Saviour ef I wuz Joodia Iskariot? 3. I left the Constooshin, in the thirty-six states, and the flag with the thirty-six stars onto it, in their hands.

"Now, at Columbus, I shell vary it thusly:

"1. The Constooshin, flag, and stars. 2. The Joodia Iskariot biznis. 4. Swingin around the circle.

"At Stoobenville, agin, ez follows:

1. Joodis Iskariot. 2. Swingin around the circle. 3. Constooshin, flag, and stars.

"And so on. It's susceptible uv many changes. I thot uv that when I writ that speech, and divided it up into sections on purpose."

Johnstown, Pa.—A bridge fell down, onto wich wuz four hundred voters, killin a dozen uv em. His Eggsleny felt relieved when heerin uv the axident, at hein asshoored that ther wuzn't wun uv his supporters on the bridge. He considered it a speshul Providence. The conducter overheard the remark, and answered, that ef any uv his supporters wuz killed in that seckshun they'd have to import wun for the purpose.

Millin, Pa.—A enthoosiastic indivijjo who wants the Post Office at this place very much, fell on the President's neck, and wept, hailin him ez the "Preserver uv the Union." The President thanked him for the spontaneous trib- cot, and left in his hands the Constooshin, the flag, and the apointment he desired.

Baltimoro.—There wuz a spontaneous recopshun here, wich wuz gratifyin
to us. The percshun wuz immense, and the mottoes expressive. One division wuz heeded by the identkle indivijuel who fired the first shot at the Massachus-ettes men in 1861. He is a ardent supporter of President Johnson's policy. One flag wuz captured from a Injanny regiment at the first Bull Run, at wich the President wept. "Things is becomin normal," sed he, "when the people will stand that. Wat love!-wat unity! The flags uv both seceshuns, wizh wuz lately borne by foes, now minglin in the same percshun, and all uv em cheerin me."

At last we arrived at Washington, hevin swung entirely round the cirkle, and found traitors North and South. The demonstrashun to greet the President on his arrival wuz immense. The clerks in all the departments wuz out (at least them ez wuzn't will wish they hed bin, ez their names wuz all taken), the soldgers on duty wuz ordered out, and altogether it wuz the most spontaneous exhibition I ever witnesst. The Mayor made a speech. The President asked if he wuz Joedis Iscariot who wuz the Saviour—told them he had swung around the entire cirkle, and hed found traitors on all sides uv it, though sence he left Cleveland, Chicago, and Indianapolis he wuz satisfied there wuz the heft uv them in the North; but be this ez it may, he left the Consti-toothen, and the thirty-six states, and the flag with thirty-six stars onto it, in his hands. He had bin Alderman uv his native village, and Congressman, and United States Senator, and Vice President, and President, wizh latter circumstance he considered forshnit, but wuz, after all, an Humble Indivijle. He didn't feel his oats much, and wood do his dooty agin traitors North, ez well as agin his misguided friends South. So ended the Presidential excursion.

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P. S.—I forgot to menshun that at Chicago we laid the corner-stone uv a monument to Douglas. The occurence hed entirely slipped my memory.

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THE OCTOBER ELECTIONS—EFFECT IN KENTUCKY.

(The overwhelming defeat of the Johnson party in the North was a crush- ing blow to the people of the South, who had hoped that through him slavery would, in some form, be restored.)

Confedrit X Roads (wicb is in the State uv Kentucky),

October 14, 1868.

There is mournin in Kentucky. The results of the elections in Ohio, In- jeany, Peansylvania, and Iowa reached me yesterday through a Louisville pa- per, wich wuz dropped off the cars at Secessionville, wich is the nearest station to us, and wich, I hapnin to be there, I picked up.

Ohio—40,000 Ablishn! Injeany—20,000 Ablishn! Peansylvania—20,000 Ab- lishn! Iowa—30,000 Ablishn!

Ablishn! Wat a dreary waste uv Ablishn! Not a single oasis uv Dimocrisy anywhere—nary Arystot on wizh our ark kin rest in safety—but all around us the mad waves uv Ablishnush rearin their crested heads muchly.

I felt it my dooty to make this fact known to my neighbors; for, espisin that His Serene Highness' trip wood secure us onuff deestricts to make the nee Congress safe, and consecutively make us certin uv admission, they hed bin makin arrangements for restorin things to their normal condishun, ez they were before the war.

In fact, two weeks before, in view uv the expected success uv the De- mocracy, a meetin hed bin held on the subject. Some wuz for at once seein
the niggers wherever they coud be found, and puttin em at work; but the conservatives overruled this. They held that slavery hed bin abolished, and that it ought not to be restored; in fact, that, to act in good faith, it coud not be re-established. Deekin Pogram announced a plan. The town authorities shoed pass a ordinance for the proper government uv the niggers. Their good and oarvn demanded it. For instance, they shoed not be permitted to be out after 7 o'clock, p. m., in the evenin; they shoedent leave the plantation onto wich they wuz employed; they shoed work every day till 7; and to do away with the pernicous work uv the Freedmen's Bureau, no man and wife wich hed bin married by a chapLen uv the Bureau, or by any one else. shoed be emploved on the same plantashen, and also no father or mother and child. Sich ez violated these ordinances shoed be arrested by anybody and fined; and in default uv payment uv the fine and costs, shoed be sold to the person who wood take his his or her labor for the shortest number uv years, and pay the fine and costs aforesaid. "Ez a conservative," said the Deekin, "I sejest this plan."

"Do yoo want to know my definition uv the word 'conservative'?” sed Joe Bigler, a returned Confederate soljer, who, I bleeve, hez seen enuff uv war. "It's a man who goes a round-about way to do a devilish mean thing. Deekin, whykin yoo can't goo to the devil by a straight road, ez I do?"

The interupshen uv the demoralized wretch wuzn't notist; and ez the trustees uv the township wuz all present, the ordinance wuz passed, and that night two-thirds uv the niggers within five miles uv the Corners wuz arrested and sold, and within two weeks every one hed bin capchered. I hied me to the Corners, and the first man I saw was Bascom, the grocery keeper, engaged in the congenial biznis uv tappin a barrel uv contentment, wich he hed jest receeved. I wuz a going to tell him the dread intellig-nee, when he caught site uv me. "Taste that, Parson," sed he, holdin out a tin dipper full. I drank it off, and one look at him onmand me. "Kin I o'ercloud that smilin check?" that I, ez, in a fit uv absent-mindednis—wich I hev every now and then—I held out the empty dipper to be filled agin, wich it wuz. "No! for a time he shol be spared;" and I borrered his mule, and rode away pennisively.

I wuz goin'ust to Deekin Pogram's, for he wuz the most interested uv any in the settlement. After the meetin mentioned above, the Deekin had caused the arrest uv sich niggers ez he coud ketch, and had had em fined in summa uv $275 and uppars, wich bein unabeal, ez a rool, to pay the fine, he hed kindly bid em in.

He hed picked up, here and there, all uv his old servants, ceptin those which hed bin killed in the army, and the few misguided ones wich hed made their way North, and that mornin the plantashen wuz to be reconstructed upon the old patriarchle system. Mrs. Deekin Pogram wuz marshallin four uv the likeliest wenches I ever saw in the kitchen: his son Tom wuz chuckin a yaller girl under the chin, wich hed bin born on the place about eighteen years befores, and wich, owin to a unfortunate resemblance to the Deekin, hed caused a on-pleasantnis between him and his wife, wich ended in the loss uv the most uv his hair, and the sellin uv the girl's mother to Noo Orleans. The two girls hed each their waitin-maids, and wuz a puttin them through their paces. There hed bin some trouble in gittin em re-construc'ted, it being deemed necessary to take the conseet out uv em, wich they wuz all a doin. Ez I rode up, the old lady hed jest knocked one uv em down with a fire-shovel, and wuz dancin a Highland fling onto her prostrate body. Almira, the oldest gal, hed her fingers in the wool uv her gal; and tother one wuz thumpin hern to redose her to
her proper level; and the Deekin himself wuz dealin with one ungrateful wretch who objected to bein put to work on them terms, not realizin that the Bureau was done. Ez the Deekin had a revolver, he yielded the pint, and submitted to be flogged, with the Deekin wuz doin ez neatly ez I ever saw, considerin he had bin out uv practis four years. He had him tied up to a tree, and wuz a wallopin uv him gorjus. While he wuz a convincin uv him with his whip that there wuz trooth in the Skripter, and that Ham wuz redy a servant unto his brethrin, I exclaimed, "Stop!" and immijitly whispered the appallin news in his left ear (tother hed bin chawd off in a misuderstandin at Baskom's the previous Sunday nite, after servis). Never shal I forgit the look uv woe on that emin- cent Christian's face. The whip fell from his nerveless hand; and with teers streamin down his cheeks, washin up little streaks uv dirt in the most heart rendin manner, he gasped in a husky voice to the wive uv his buzzum, "Cut him down, Mirandy! The North's gone Ablishin, and the d-d niggers will be tree anyhow!" and the old patriarch swooned away at my feet.

And sich a expression of anguish ez distorted the face av the Deekin's wife I hope never to see again. Droppin the shovel, she stood ez one petrified, with her foot elevated in mid air, ez in the act uv stompin, and utterin a shreein which methinks I hear ringing in my ears yet, she fell precisely ez she stood, with her leg crooked ez ef 'twuz froze there. Tom released the gal he wuz floggoin, and mountin his horse rode off to the Corners without sayin a word; and unable to witness the distress uv that stricken family, I made haste to mount my mule and go too; while the niggers, feelin that they were wunst more their own men and women, scattered in every direction.

"Sich is the roots uv Radikelson," murmured I. "Sich is the bitter cup fanaticism hez put to our lips;" and castin one lingerin look at the prostate forms uv the Deekin, his wife (with her foot insensibly raised) and their two glibshin daughters, I spurred the mule, and departed.

Wood that every Ablishinist in the North had seen that site, and wuz impressed uv a sole to appresiate it! Then would they vote differently.

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THE CROSS ROADS HOAXED.

(The rebels of the Southern States desired nothing so much as relief from the disabilities enforced upon them as the result of their crime, expecting that through amnesty they would find some way of regaining control of their former slaves.)

Confedrit X Roads (wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
December 3, 1866.

I never wuz so elevated, nor never so cast down, in my life, ez last nite; and the entire Corners wuz ditto. The circumstances uv the case wuz ez follows: Me and a party uv friends wuz a playin draw poker with a Noo York commershul travler, I bleeve they call em, a feller with a mustash and side whiskers, wich comes South a talkin secesshin and a sellin goods. He made some inquiries about the standin uv the dealers at the Corners, and wuz, arter secd inquiries, eggstriemely anxious to sell em goods, for cash. They wanted em on ninety days' time, and on this they split. He agreed with em in principle—he drank to Jeff Davis, and damned Linkin floently—but on the cash ques- tion he wuz inflexible and unnovable. To while away the rosy hours, a knot uv choice spirits, him included, gathered in the Post Orfis, to enjoy a game uv
draw poker. There wuz me and Squire Gavitt, and Deekin Pogram, and Elder Siathers, and the Noo York drummer. We played till past the witching hour of 12 m., when graveyards yawn and gosts troop forth—when the New Yorker suckum. His innocent, unseasoned bowels hadn't bin edicated up to the standard uv Kentucky whiskey, wich, new ez we drink it, is pizen to foreigners. The Deekin and Elder grabbed the stakes wich wuz onto the table, and riffed his pockets on the suspishen that he wuz a Ablishnist, and rolled him out, and while in the very act, Pollock, the Illinoy storekeeper, cum rush'in in, askin us ef we'd heerd the news.

We ansered yoonanimously that we hedn't. "I'm jist in frem Louisvill," sed he; "I jist rode over from the stashe. Louisvill is in a blaze uv glory!" 'Wat," sez I, "hez Sumner killed Thad Stevens and immejefitly committed soocide?"

"Nary," sez he, "but Johnson and Congress hev cum together on the basis uv universal Amnesty, wich wuz proclaimed yesterday, to be folloved by universal suffrage ez soon ez the South kin conveniently do it. They hev met and embraced on Horris Greely's plan."

Deekin Pogram bust into a hysterical laff, and in his joy banded me the proceeds uv his explorashen uv the pockets uv the Noo Yorker, and like a blessed old lunatic broke for the meetin house. In a moment or two the bell pealed forth its joyous notes, and in a minit more than the half-dressed villagers wuz seen emergin from their domiciles in all stiles uv attire. A few minits sufficed to make them understand wat wuz the occasion uv the uproar, and a more enthousiastic population never woke the ekkoes. Afore five minits hed rolled off into eternity, there wuz a bonfire blazin on the North side uv the square, the sed bonfire bein a nigger skool-house wich the Freedmen's Commillsh hed erected, and wich our enthousiastic citizens hed in their delirium uv joy set fire to. It wuz emblematic. The smoke ez it rolled to the South methawt assoomed the shape uv a olive branch—the cry uv the nigger children wich coodent escape, symbolized their desertid condishen, and the smell uv em, ez they roasted, wuz like unto incense, grateful to our nostrils.

A informal meetin wuz to wunst organized by the lite uv the burnin skeehouse, to wich Deekin Pogram addressed hisself. He remarked that this wuz a solemn occasion, so solemn indeed that he felt inadekate to express the feelings wich filled him. His mouth wuzn't big enough to give vent to his solv, though ef he didn't he'd bust. "Wat are we met for to-nite, my friends?" sed he; "wat's called us together? Wherefore these sounds uv joy—wherefore this fire, and wherefore is Bascom sellin likker at half price? Becoz we are rehabilitated—that's wat we are. Becoz the North hez gone into the olive branch biznes agin, and we hev wunst more our rites. We are amnestied. We kin vote—we kin go to Congress—we are agin citizens uv the great Republic."

Pollock, the Illinoy storekeeper, riz and begged permishn to say a word. He protested agin these doins. He understood, akkordin to Horris Greely's plan, that universal suffrage wuz to follow universal amnesty—why then this makin John Rodgerses uv the niggers? Wuz the South a goin to act in good faith?

Deekin Pogram replied: "The South never yit broke plighted faith save when she cood make suthin by so doin. At this present junker uv affairs he presoomed the South wood extend, not precisely universal suffrage to the niggers, but the way wood be open to em. Sich a mass uv ignorance cood never be
trusted with the ballot without preparashen, and to prepare em wood be a
overturnin the Kentucky theory, that the nigger is a beast, and the Northern
Democratic idea that the nigger w z cust by Noer and doomed forever to
be a slave.

"The gentleman from Illinoy will to-wimst perceive the fix we are in. They
ain't fit for the ballot now, and ef we make em so, it overturns our theory,
whick we can't do. Still we propose to be just to em. We shel give sich uv
em the ballot ez are sufficiently intelligent, and shel not put the standard too
high. We shel give every wun uv em the ballot who is able to reed the Greek
testament flooently, and pass a credible examinashen in Latin, embroidery,
French, German, English Grammar, and double-entry book-keepin. The path
to the polls, yoo see, is open to em. Uv course we can't be expected to tole-
rate skoo-houses for em, cause that wood raise em above their normal condishen.
Also, ther must be proper regulashuns controllin em, for, any deer sir, they are
mere infants, and ther totterin steps on the road to freedom needs directin.
Society is a compromise in wich every one resgnis ez much uv his persnel
liberty ez the good uv the hull may demand. We count ourselves the hull,
and the resnin uv persnel liberty must come from them. That nigger," sed
be, pintin to wun wich the joyous citizens wuz stringin up to Bascom's sign-
post, "that nigger is a resnin his persnel freedom for the good of the hull.
No doubt in his heart he murmurs, and ef the cord wich is chokin him cood
be loosened, he wood regine. It is rough on him; but the sooperiority uv the
Caucasun race must be—My God! it's one uv my niggers! Stop! Bascom,
stop!" ejakilated the Deekin, but it wuz too late. The nigger wuz already
black in the face, and hed ceased to kick, and the Deekin, heavin a sigh, per-
ceeded.

"We shel scroopulously regard their rites. They shel hev the rite to buy
land, and be in all respecks like us, ez soon ez they can be trusted. Till then
they will hev to be restrained. There must be laws prohibitin em from re-
cevin more than $4.50 per month, that they may not become boostid aristo-
crats and pampered sons uv luxury—the proper development uv the country
and likewise the payment uv the Confedrit debt, requires manuel labor, wich
we wuz never edjucated to do, and therefore the good of the whole requires
that they shel resgnis their persnel liberty so fur ez to be confined to th
plantashuns, onto wich they hev engaged to laber, that they may relajusly do-
sed laber, wich is clery necessary, for yoo see ef I hire a nigger in Janooary
I must not be exposed to the chances uv his quittin me in July. But wat mor
kin they want? They are free to ez great a extant ez the good of society wil
permit. We shel give em qualified suffrage, fixin, uv course, wich is just, the
qualifishuns ourselves, and bein valyooable members of society, hereafter we
shel care fur em, so long ez they are healthy— Good Lord, why, will them
usses persist in hangin up able-bodied niggers, when there's so many old
ones around, good for nuthin but to celebrate with?" and to save another wun
uv his former servants, the Deekin closed abruptly.

It is onecessary to recount the further doins uv the rite. There wuz a
skool-house and church, recently erected, burnd, with some skore or sich a
matter uv young niggers in em, wich wuz too young to be of any yoose, save
one girl, wich wuz neerly white and almost fifteen, wich ought to hev bin res-
kood, and five, ef I counted correctly, able-bodied men and wimin wuz hung.
Bascom sold out his stock entirely, and by 3 a. m. the entire inhabitation uv the
Corners wuz a layin around the square, in festoons.

There wuz a bitter awakenin to this scene uv festivity. At a little after
7, while the Deekin, the Elder, and myself wuz in Bascom's tryin to get an
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MR. NASBY ESSAYS A SERMON, BUT IS INTERRUPTED BY A NIGGER.

(In the message of Governor Bramlette, of Kentucky, in 1867, the language given in the text was, singular as it may now seem, actually used.)

Post Office, Confederid X Roads,
(wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
January 10, 1867.

I wuz rekested a week ago to preech a discourse from the text wich the noble and high-minded Guvner Bramlette used with sich crushing force in his last annual message, to wit: "Kin the Leopard change his spots, or the Ethiopian his skin?" and alluz feelin anxious to do wat I kin for the cause, I did it last nite, or rather essayed to do it.

And here, let me remark, that there ain't a more devoted people in Kentucky than them lambs ez compose my flock. It wuz a techin site, and one wich filled my sole with joy, to see em pour out uv the groceries at the first tooth uv the horn, and to see Pennebacker, wich owns the Distillery, stoppin work to come; but the most cheerin and encouragin sign to me wuz to see Jekkin Pogram, who wuz playin seven-up for the drinks with Elder Slaters, at Bascom's, lay down his hand when he hed high low and jack in it, and hed only three to go. "Elder," sed he, his voice tremblin at the sacrifice he wuz a makin, and a teer stealin down his cheek, "Elder, them's the horn. Let us to our dooties. 'Ligion must take the front seat uv temp'ral matters," and, siggin ez he cast a partin glance at his hand, he strode out resloutly to the sinktooary.

I opened by readin the follerin from Guvner Bramlette's message:

"The nigger is the inferior uv the white—he lacks the power to rise. Ountil the Leopard kin change his spots, or the Ethiopian his skin, all efforts to repeal or nullify God's laws will be unavailin."

"My brethrin, these words is words uv wisdom, and for em let us be thankful. The skin uv the Ethiopian wuz inflicted on him for the express purpose uv distinguishin him from his brethrin, whose servants he wuz condemned to be, for all time, ez a punishment for the sin uv Cain or the improodence uv Ham, wich, Democratic divines hevn't settled on. With the black skin he wuz given all the other marks uv inferiority. He wuz cust with long arms, immense hands, flat nose, and bowed legs, and that ther nite be no mistake in the matter, he wuz given wool instead uv hair. Halleloogy! Wat a blessed thing for us is this Ethiopian! Wat a consolation it must be to yoo all to know that ther is a race below yoo, and how blessed the reflecksun that they can't change their
skin, and by that means git above yoo! That's the comfort we draw from the skripters. Wat a horror it wood be for Deekin Pogram, suorin so peacefly, ef when the Soopreme Court decides the Abishin amendment unconstoooshn, and he gets his niggers back agin; ef ther shood be a new dispensashun, and niggers shood be permitted to change ther skins! Wat sookority wood we hev for our property? Some mornin he'd wake up and find em all white persons, wich it wood be unconstoooshn to wallop.

"My brothin, ther has bin many efforts to change the skin uv the Ethiopian, or rather ther hez bin many who wanted to. The Boston Ablishinists hev tried it, but wat hez bin the result? Ain't they niggers yit, and ain't they still the de格eed wretches they alluz wuz? I paws for a reply."

I made this latter remark becoz it sounded well, not that I hed any idee that anybody wood reply. Imagine my surprise at seein a gray-headed nigger, wich hev bin, doorin and after the frattistole struggle, employed in the Freedmen's Burow, rise, and remark that he hed a word to say on that pint. There wuz a storm uv indignashun, and the impudent nigger, who wuz so sassy ez to presoom to speak in a white meetin, wood hev bin sacrificed on the spot, hed not Joe Bigler, who wuz half drunk, drawd a ugly-lookin navy revolver, and remarked that he knowd that nigger, that he hed more sense than the hull bilin uv us, and he shood hev his say.

"Ef," sed this recklis Joe, "of he beats yoo, Perfesser, trooth is trooth; let's hev it. Ef he don't, why it's all the better for yoo. Ef yoor Websterian intelleck kivers the ground, all rite; of his ponderous intelleck gets the best on't, jest ez rite. 'Out uv the mouths uv babes and sucklins.' Elder, I go my bot- tom dollar on this sucklin. Speak up, venerable; there won't none uv em tech yoo;" and he cokct his revolver.

"Beggin pardon," sed the nigger, "I agree with yoo, Perfesser, that the Ethiopinan can't change his skin himself, but does the Scripter say that it can't be changed for him?"

"Anser the venerable babe," sed Joe Bigler, pintin his revolver at me.

"I can't say that it does," sez I.

"Very good," retorted the nigger, "hezn't there bin a change goin on in Kaintuck from the beginnin? My mother wuz as black ez a crow—I'm consid- erable lighter—my wife's half lighter than I am—my gal's children is a half lighter than their mother, and I want to know wat Guvner Bramlette's got to say to that. The white man ain't go no cuss onto him, beez he?"

"Speak up, Perfesser—the sucklin wants yoo to be prompt," sed Joe Bigler.

I answered that "he hed not—that it was piled onto Ham or Cain and ther descendants, and nobody else."

"Very well, then," sed the nigger, "as I am only half Ham or Cain, then uv course there's only half a cuss onto me, only a quarter onto my wife, only an eighth onto my daughters, only a sixteenth onto my daughter's children, and there's lots uv niggers in this vicinity wat hezn't got the t. ty-second or sixty- fourth part uv it hangin to em. Guvner Bramlette also sed suthin bout niggers bein degraded coz twuz their mother, didn't he, and that edducashen woodent do for em?"

"Perfesser," sed the tormentin Bigler, wich hez just whisky enuff into him to be ugly, "I must remind yoo that the partikeler babe and sucklin, out whose mouth yoor bein immensely condemned, expe prompt ansers."

I ansered that sich wuz the tenor uv the Guvner's remarks.

"Ef that's true, why don't the mulattees come up faster? Ef it's the na- tural stoopidity uv the nigger, the white man ain't affected by it, and the mu-
lately only half. I am 'quainted with the heft uv the people afore me, and I'll bet my last year's wages, wich Deekin Pogram ain't paid yet, that half uv em can't read any morn' I kin. 'Pears to me I'd like to hev Guvner Bramlette make the load off us for a year or two and see whether we'd rise or not. We mou'tn't and then agin we mou't. But I ruther think its a leettle too much to put a mill-stone on top uv a man and then kick him for not gettin up."

"Bully!" sed Joe Bigler. "Go on! go on!"

"It ain't square playin to make laws agin our risin, to flog us for hevin spellin-books, and to make it a penitentiary offence to learn to read, and to burn our skool-houses and then because we ain't just ready to enter college, to insist on' that we are naturally incapable. And above all, ain't it presoomin a little to charge it onto the Lord? Ain't you mistaken your own work for hizzen? Praps of Guvner Bramlette's father hed bin flogged for wantin to learn to read, and Guvner Bramlette's mother hed bin brought up ez a feeld hand, and the same strategy hed bin practised on Guvner Bramlette's grandfather and great grandfather, and great, great grandfather, and great, great, great grandfather, and his great—"

"Hold on, venerable," sed Joe Bigler, "don't enumerate. Jest say his ancestors, back to the identicite time they wuz slaves to them Normans, wich held his progenitors jist ez closely ez you've bin held, and it'll be sufficient."

"I plead guilty to the big hands, flat nose, and bowd legs. Possibly the first nigger hed em—possibly not. Ef Guvner Bramlette's ancestors hed bin kept at the hoe, his hands wuz ez big ez mine; ef they'd done burdens forever his legs wuz be bowed, and ef their noses hed bin perpetooally smash't, hissen wood be flatter than it is."

"Hev you eny more questions to put to the Perfesser?" sed Joseph.

"No," replied the Ethiopian, "I hev sed my say."

"Then," said this Bigler, "I dismiss this congregashun, with this remark, that that nigger is under my protectin care, and ef a single lock uv his wool is disturbed, I shol feel it a sollum but painful dooty devolvin upon me, to put a wall into the carcass uv each uv the offisble uv this church, commencin with the Paster, and continuin all the way down to the scribe. Git!"

And pell-mell the congregashen piled out—one over another.

It will be necessary to dispose uv Joe Bigler somehow. He lost wat propery he hed in the war, and is becomin exceddinly loose in his talk. He can't be tolerated long.

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MR. NASBY TRIES TO CONCILITATE THE AFRICAN.

Post Offis, Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
March 28, 1867.

I hev made many sudden and rather 'straordinary changes in pol'tix—some so very sudden that the movement perdoest conjection uv the consheence. I rekollect wunst uv advokatin free trade and high protective tariff, all within twelve hours (I made a speech in a agricultural deestrick uv Noo York in the forenoon, at 10 a. m., and in a manufacturin town in Pennsylvania in the evenin, our platform bein so constructid that both sides cood find a endorse-ment in it), and hev performed many other feats uv moral gymnastiks; but this last chango I hev bin called upon to make is probably the suddemst. Last week Toosday, Deekin Pogram, Captain McPelter and I wuz engaged in riddin the Corners uv niggers. We hed endoord em ez long ez we that possible,
and determined on standing it no longer. Selectin three, whic wuz satisfied
bed too much spellin-book into em to be enslaved agin, wuz preparin
notices to be served unto em, orderin em to leave in twenty-four hours, when I
received in the northern mail a letter marked "Free—Alex. W. Randell, P. M.
G." I knowd it wuz offished to-wunst—that blessed signatoor is on my com-
mission, and I've contemplated it too often to be mistaken in it. Its contents
wuz brief, and run thus:
"To all Postmasters in the Southern States: The niggershev votes—con-
sidishments is our best helt. See to it."
This breef the not hard to be understood order wuz sealed with the offished
seal uv the Post Offis Department, stampt into putty insistid uv wax, to wit:
a loaf uv bread, under a roll uv butter, with ten hands a grabbin at it. I com-
prehended the situation at site, and set about doing my dooty with Spartan
firmness. "Deekin," sez I, tarin up the notices, "these niggers we hev misun-
derstood. They are not a inferior race—they are not descendants
uv Haim and Hagar—it wuzn't Paul's idea in sendin back Onesimus to condemn him to servitood—we hev misunderstood the situa-
tion, and must make amends. The nigger is devoid uv smell, and is trooly a
man and a brother!"
"Wat?" sez the Deekin, tippin back in amazement.
"Jest wat I say," sez I. "Read that," and I flung him the letter.
The upshot uv the conference whic folled wuz the callin uv a meetin the
next nite, at wich all the Ethiopians uv the Corners wuz invited and urged to
be present.
The trouble wuz to git the niggers to attend the meetin. The fust one I
spoke to laff in my face, and askt me how long it wuz sense I hed helped hang
a couple uv niggers, by way uv finishin off a celebrashen. Pollock, the Illinois
storekeeper, got hold uv it, and told Joe Bigler, and Joe swore ef the niggers
hedn't any more sense than we give em credit for, in sposin we coud bamboozle
em so cheep, he shooed go back to the old believe, to wit: that they wuz only a
sooperior race uv monkeys, after all; and by nite every nigger in the vicinity
wuz postid thoroughly, and out uv all uv em I coud only git four who wood
promise to attend, and them the Deekin hed to pay $2 apiece to. To give it
eklaw I promised one uv em $5 (to be paid at the close uv the meetin) to sit
on the stand with me, wich, bein a very poor man, and hevin a sick wife in a
shanty near by, who wuz sufferin for medicine (wich he cooden't git without
money), he accepted.
At this plit an idee struck me. I remembered Philadelphy, and determined
to hev a scene rivallin the Couch and Orr bizness. "Another thing, Cuff. Un-
derstand that it's a part uv the bargain that when in my speech I turn to yoo
and stomp, yoo must rise and embrace me."
"Wat?" sez he.
"Fall into my arms, lovin-like—yoo understand—just as tho we wuz long-
lost brothers!"
"Sense me," sez he. "Ise mitty low nigger, and wants to buy de old woman
some quinine, and wood do most anything foah dat; but, golly, dat's too
much."
"Not a cent," sez I, sternly, assoomin my most piercinist gaze; "unless
this is included!"
"Well," returned he, sulkily, "ef I must, I speck I must; but, golly—"
The nite arrived, and the meetin-house wuz full. We thot fust uv holdin
it in the chapel uv the college, but give up the idea ez impracticable, ez, owin
to the dilatoryin uv our Northern friends in forwardin sich subscripshens as
they hev raised, we hevn't got no further with the bildin than layin the cor-
ner stum. In the front wuz the four niggers, all in clean shirts, and on the
stand wuz the nigger I hed engaged. Over the platform wuz the fellerin mot-
toes:

"In Yoonion there is strength—For President in 1868, Fernando Wood.
For Vice President, Frederick Dougis."

"In the nigger, strength—In the Caucasian, beauty—In the mulatter, who
is trooly the noblest uv the human species—both."

In addishen to these, we dug up all the old mottoes wich Jefferson writ, about
yooniversal liberty, and sich, wich hedn't bin quoted in Kentucky for twenty
years, and postid em up; in brecf, hed Wendell Phillips' blessed spirt been bower-
erin over that metin-house, it wood hev smiled approvlin.

I spoke to em eloquently on the yooniversal brotherhood uv man, holdin that
whatever else cood be sed, Adam wuz the father uv all mankind, and that the
only difference between a white man and a nigger wuz, the nigger wuz sun-
burnt. The nigger, I remarkt, wuz, ondoubtedly originelly white; but hevin
bin, since his arrival in this country, addicted to agricultooral persoots, he
hed become tanned to a degree wich, tho it marred his physikle beauty, did
not interfere with his sterlin goodnis uv heart. Ther hed bin differences be-
tween the races—at times ther hed bin onpleasantmises wich no one regretted
more than I. The whites uv the Corners hed not alluz bin ez considiz ez I
wood hev wished. They hed flogd sevral uv em, and hung many more, and in
times past hed held em in slavery and sich; but that shood not be thot uv at
this happy time. It wuz constooshnel to do these things then, and Kentucky
wuz eminently a law-abdizin State. "Here," sez I, "on this platform, with the
flag uv our common country over me, I declare eternal friendship to the col-
ored man, and to seed the declarashen I thus embrace—"

The obstinitt nigger didn't stir a step.

"Come up and fling yoor arms around me, you black cuss," sed I, in a stage
whisper. "Come up."

"No yoo don't, boss," sed the nigger, in a loud voice, wich wuz audible all
over the church, and holdin out his hand. "I can't trust yoo a bressid minit.
Hit me de $5 fuss. Yoo owe dis chile foah dollers now fo' sawin wood fo' yoah
post offis, and ef we's gwine to hab our rites de fus yoose I shel put mine to
will be the gittin dat money. Pay up fus, and de brace afterward. I can't
do sich a disagreeable ting widout de cash in advance."

This ruther destroyed the effect. The unities wuzn't preserved. The nigg-
gers in front bust out in a torturin' laff, and Pollock and Bigler rolled in convul-
shuns uv laughter, in wich half uv our people joined. Me a standin petrified, in
the attitood of embracin, and that cussed nigger standin with his hand
extended for the money, with the Deekin and Bascom horror-struck jist behind,
formed a tableau wich wuz more strickin than pleasant.

The meetin wuz to-wunst adjourned, for it wuz evident to the dullest com-
prehension that nothin more coodent be done that nite. Es yoesual, I failed
for want uv capital. Hed I bin possessed uv the paltry sum uv five dollers, how
different wood hev bin the result! Perchance we may, thro that defishenzy, lose
Kentucky. It must never occur agin—my salary must be raised. I can't make
brixF without straw.

Joe Bigler met me next mornin, and remarkt that he regrettid the occurr-
ence, ez he ardently desired to see the two races a pullin together. "The
fault, Perfesser," sed he, "wuz in not managin properly. The next time yoo
want a spectable nigger to sit on the platform with yoo and the Deekin, or
kiss or embrace yoo—git him drunk. He'll do it then, probably—I know he will.
If he's drunk enuff he'll hurrah for Johnson, and it's possible to git em down to the pint uv votin with yoo. Lord! how whiskey drags a man down. See wat it's  brot yoo to!'' and the insulatin wretch rolled off, laffin boisterously. "Git em drunk, Professor!" he yelled ez long ez he cood see me.

We don't intend to give it up. Bigler's advice wuz given in jest; but, nevertheless, I shel act upon it. Whiskey is wat brings white men to us; and ef a white man kin be thus caperchered, why not a nigger? The Afrikin hezn't got ez far to fall to git down to our level, and it'll take less to bring him. Bascom ordered five barrels to-day, wich I spose the Administrashen will pay for. We heav yet the Noo York Custom House, and more uv the perkesits must be roosed for politike purposes.

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THE RUSSIAN PURCHASE.

(The President was overrun by the seedy place-hunters who joined his faction in hope of attaining positions they never could get otherwise. The Blair family were candidates for almost every prominent position in the government.

Washington, April 14, 1867.

It's done! Seward did it—him and me! The American eagle hez coz now to scream with redoubled energy. If the Noshnel bird wuz a angel, I shood remark to it, "Toon yoor harp anoo," but it ain't, and therefore sich a reket wood be ridiculous. This rapsody hez reference to the Rooshen purchis.

The idea originatid in these massive intelection. When I wuz here afore, the Blairs, all uv em, wuz a crowdin the sainted Johnson for a mishun. Cowan wantid a mishun, and so did Docktitle; and that day pretty much all uv the dele gates to the Cleveland and Philadelphia Convensions had bin there, wantid some kind uv a place; wat, they wuzn't partikeler. One gentleman, whose nose (wich troody blossomed as the lobster) betokened long service in the party, urged that he hed bin a delegate to both convensions. "Thank God!" sed Johnson. "Wood that both them convenshens hed bin made up uv the same men. I woud then hev bin bored for places only half ez much ez I am."

I wuz a helpin him out in my weak way. When the crowd wantin places became too great for human endooren—e, I woud say in a modrit tone, "Let's go out and git suthin:" and to-wunst fully half wood exclain, "Thank yoo, I don't keer ef I do!" It wuz a great relief to Johnson, but wuz pixen on me. With the most uv em, the angush, anxiety, and solisitood in the gittin uv offices and free drinks wuz about an ekl thing. The offices they wantid wuz merely the means to that partikeler end; and so long ez they wuz gittin the latter without the trouble uv the former, they wuz content. A good constoo shen and a copper-lined stumpick carried me thro this tryin ordeol, until I came across a Boston applicant, who, In consequence uv the perhibitory law, hed bin for some time on short rashes, and wuz keen set. Napoleon hed than met his Wellington, and I succemd. Tho man's talent wuz wonderful.

Sekretary Seward wuz in trouble about the Blair family. He hed did his level best for em. He hed appointed em to collectorships and furrin mishuns; but the crood Sent, wich hed no respeck for us, took deltie in fastening uv em onto us by perpetoeally rejectin em. Jest after a long siege by Montgomery and the old man, I sejesid the purchis uv the Rooshen Territory, to wich not only they cood be sent, but a thousand uv others wich we hed on our hands; and the Sekretary wuz so pleased with the idea that he wept like a child. He set immedlity about gittin testimonials ez to the valyo uv the territoy, to influnce the Sent in ratifyin the treaty he wuz a goin to make. He
wrote to a naval officer about it, who answered more promptly than I ever knewd a naval officer to do, ez follows:

"It's trooly a splendid country! The trade in the skins uv white bears kin be, if properly developed, made enormous. There is seals there, and walruses so tame that they come up uv their own akkord to be ketch.

"P. S.—In case the purchis shold be made, a naval stashen will be necessary. May I hope that my long services on the Floridy Coast will prove suffisent recommendashen for the command uv the depot? May I?

"I hev the honor to be," &c.

A distinguished Perffessor wrote:

"The climate is about the style uv that they hev in Washinton. The Gulf Stream sweeps up the coast, causin a decided twist in the isothermal line, wich bez the effeck uv making it rather sultry than otherwise. Anywheres for six hundred miles back uv the coast strawberries grow in the open air. I recommend strongly the purchis.

"P. S.—In case the purchis is made, a explorin expedishen will be necessary. May I hope that my scientifick attimensions are suffisently well known to yoo to recommend me as a proper person to head the expedishen? May I?

"I hev the honor to be," et settry.

The President wuzn't favorably inclined. He wuz full uv the old fogy ide that it wuz rather chilly there than otherwise. He hedn't faith in the Isothermal Line, and wuz skeptick about the Gulf Stream. It wuz his experience that the further North yoo got the colder it wuz. For instance, he remarkt, that while the people wuz warm toward him in Virginny and Maryland, last fall, they became very cold ez he got North. Wher wuz the Isothermal Line and the Gulf Stream then?

Randall, who will hev his joke, remarkt that the isothermal line twisted. He notis that the people made it ez hot for em ez he wantid it ez fur North ez Cleveland; to wich Secretary Welles replied, that it only confirmed him in the opinion that for platin vessels uv war, iron wuz preferable to pine plank any time.

Seward removed the President's objections to-wunst. He read his letters, wich set forth the beauties and advantages uv the country twict over. Here wuz whales, and walrusses, and seals and white bears, and pine-apples, and wheat, and sea-lions, and fields uv ice the year round, in a climat ez mild and equable ez the meridian uv Washinton. The isothermal line wuz more accommodatin ther than in any other part uv the world. It cork-screwed through the territory so ez to grow fine peaches for exportation to the States, and ice to the Sandwich Islands, side by side. He drawd a picter uv the white bear a rushin over the line, and dissporin hisself in fields uv green peas! Imagining, he remarkd, the delicacy uv polar bear meat fattened on strawberries; thint uv the condishen the sea-lions must be in which leave their watery lairs to feed on turnipswich grow above the 60th parallel; think uv—

"It won't do," sed the President.

"Think uv," retortid the Secretary, with a quicknis uv intellek remarkable, "think uv gettin rid uv the Blairs forever!"

"Will Ablishn Senit ratify the treaty?" askt Johnson, eagerly.

"I convers with many on the subjick, and they sed ef we coud promise that the Blairs would accept posishens ther, they wood do it cheerfully. For sich a purpose, sed one uv em to me, $7,000,000 is a mere bagatelle."

"I'll do it," sed Johnson. "I agree with the Senators for once. Rather than hev it fail, I'd pay it out uv Mrs. Cobb's share in our jint speedlashen.
Freedom from the Blair family! Good Heavens! kin one man be so blest? Is ther sich in store for me? $7,000,000! Fish!"

My opinion being askt, I give it. Ez hesty ez the vecher is from a commercial stan-pint, in a politikle pint uv view, the advantijes will be still heftier. The Rosshen territory will finally be the chosen home uv the Dimokrisy. Ther is already a populashen there adaptad to us, who kin be manipulatid without trouble, and the climit is favorable to a strickly Democratic populahsen. The trouble with us here is that the amount uv likker necessar-ty to the manufakter uv a Democrat kills him afore he hez the opportoomity uv votin many times, wich keeps us in a perpetooal minority. Our strength is, for climatic reasons, our weakniss. Far diffrent is it in Roosha. Ther the happy nativ may drink his quart ped day—the bracin atmishphere makin it ab-solutly nessary for him. Ther is the truo Democratic paradise. How offen her I sighed for sich a country. Then, agin, ther are posishens uv profit. The delegates to Congress will, ef I hev figured it rightly, draw about $15,000 per session, mileage, wich is $30,000 per year, $90,000 per term. He cood afford to serve without the paltry $5,000, wich wood be cheap legislation, indeed.

And so it wuz agreed upon, and the treaty wuz made by teleegraph at a expense uv $20,000. Before it wuz finely conclooded, some other little incidentals wuz incloed by the Zar, wich run the price up to $10,200,000, but that wuz nothin for us. Seward went at his work with great energy. The purchis wuz divided into six territories (for the number uv delegates to our conventshens wuz large, and they all had to be provided for), wich wuz named, respectively, Johnson, Seward, Cowan, Doolittle, Randall, and Welles. For the one in the extreme North, the furthest off, Frank Blair wuz appointed Governor; for the next, Montgomery; and the next, the old man, and the other threewuz held in reserve for the pure but unfortunate patriots wich might be hereafter rejected for the Austrian mishum. A list wuz prokooed uv the delegates to our various conventshens, and them ez he had bin martyred by the Senit; ther names wuz put into a wheel ez at Gift Enterprises, and the Judgeships, Marshalships, Clerkships, et settry, wuz drawed by lot. This ijee waz sejestad by Postmaster General Randall, ez bein the easiest way uv doin it. He stated that the appintments from his department hed al-luz bin made in this manner, ez it saved time in eggsaminin petitions, cirrifikets uv fitnis, and sich. In this way, about ez near ez I kin estimate, two per cent uv those claimin posishens at our hands hev bin provided for.

The idea is capable uv unlimited extension. The Administration feelin the relieef it hez gin em, are already negotiatin for the British Provinces. This territory kin, by makin uv em a little smaller, be divided up into—say, forty—which, by makin a few more offices for each, and bein liberal with explorin expedishuns and sich, will be suffisent to give places to all who really have claims upon us and who are pushin us.

The President breathes easier, and the Secretary is placid ez a Summer mornin. He hez cut the Gordian knot; he hez relieved tissel uv the boa constrictor wich wuz crushin him in its folds. Happiness pervades the White House.

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THE TRIP TO RALEIGH.

(Senator Wilson, of Massachusetts, Representative Kelley, of Philadelphia, and other prominent Republicans, in 1867, made the tour of the Southern States, delivering addresses in the principal cities. To neutralize the effect
of their speaking President Johnson determined to follow them, and the laying of the corner-stone of a monument, to the memory of his father, who died in Raleigh, N. C., many years before, was made the occasion therefor. Mr. Nasby's account of the trip is but little exaggerated. It was as exquisitely absurd as the great Chicago excursion.)

Post Offis, Confedrit X Roads, (wic is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
June 10, 1867.

I accompanied the President to Rawly. The President doesn't feel safe at goin anywhere without me to arrange the details, and do the nice financeer-in wic is necessary.

The Rawly trip wuz the occasion of a serious truble in the Cabinet. The President wuz in favor uv it. Ez he said, he wuz essenshelly uv a filial persuasion. He had alluz experienced a most consoomin love for his parents, particular for them on his father's side. He hed swung around the entire circle uv officshel honor, and hed found traitors on all sides; but he cood lay his hand on his heart and say that he hed never known a troo man but who, at some period uv his life, hed a father. Why, then, shood we not honor our fathers? How cood it be better dun than by layin corner-stuns? His father decces in 1812, and it wuz time that this dooty wuz attended to. Besides, at this crisis in the countrv uv the country, with Wilson and Kelly a snortin through the South, he felt it woud be a good thing to show ourselves.

Seward felt that it wuz well to go. Filial love wuz charmin. Shakspeer, who wuz ez justly celebrated ez a dramatist ez one he cood menshun wuz for diplomatic telegraffin, remarkt, "How sharper nor a serpent's tooth it is to hev a thankless child."—the truth of which he hed experienced, ez he hed been styled the father uv the Republican party; but that wuz not to the pint. It is the dooty uv every son to lay corner-stuns. In this case it woud, perhaps, hev bin more creditable hed it bin dun fifty years ago; but wat difference is it? It is natural ez we are about being gathered to our fathers, that we shood re-member em. Besides, he hed a little speech wich he felt he'd like to deliv. He wanted to bear testimony to the patriotism uv the son uv Jacob Johnson—particularly to our colored brethren in North Caroliny, who hev bin listenin to Kelly and Wilson.

Randall didn't bleeve in it at all. He made bold to say that ez the decces Johnson hed slept without a corner-stun for fifty-five years, he'd manage to git along without it for a while longer. It wuz rather late in the day. He bleeved in feelin sorrowful over the decease uv our relatives, but he didn't go much on doin it fifty-five years after date. It wuz too much like bustin into tears over the suffrins uv the last illaess uv yer wife's great grandmother. The speeches he didn't bleeve in at all. He hed seen some uv it—he hed accompanied one tour uv the kind. He hed bin on it. He wuz at Cleveland, at Indianopolis, and Springfield, Illinoy. He beggd to be excossed. He didn't keer about tellin sich a kite agin. Ef the people uv the South shood receive us ez corjelly ez the people uv the North did, he preferred to consult his feelins, and be absent. He wuz a sensitive plant, and disliked sum things. Ef his memory served him rite, the demonstrashens coodent be considered flatterin. The people didn't fling dead cats at us, but they did wuss. Where they wuz cold, they wuz rather too cold. Where they wuz in a volatile humor, they wuz rather too lively. He hed about made up his mind that it wuzn't uv anyoose to fite it out on that line ef it took all summer. Success is a dooty; but when success is as impossible ez water in the great Sahara, wat's the noose? Wherefore struggle? Let us go slow, draw our salaries to the end uv
our 'spective terms, and so live that when the summons comes to move the innumerable caravan that moves out uv Washington to 'ards their 'spective homes, we go not like the dusty slave at night, what's bet his all on two pair, but soothed and sustained by what we saved—go like one who's got the where-withal to live. It wuz a source uv comfort to him to know that the worst men wuz soon forgotten. Who ever speaks uv Tyler, or Peerce, or Buxannon, now? Benedict Arnold is only spoken uv on Fourth uv Julys, and Judis Iscariot on Sundays. It will be so with us in time, for which thank the Lord.

But it wuz determined to go, and I wuz sent to Rawly to find where the grave uv the honored father uv our honored President wuz reely locatid, and to make other arrangements. I had difficulty in locatin the grave, and ain't jest shoar that I found the right one. The people uv Rawly wuz anxious to have it come off, ez trade wuz dull in the retail line; and for fear that I wood report that the grave coedent be found, and thus nip their buddin hopes, they giv me the choice uv fifteen. Selectin the most eligible, I made the other arrangements and returned.

The eggscurzion contrastid very favorably with the one we took last fall. The people received us at every stassen with the most affection demonstrashen uv luv. "Johnson! Johnson! Johnson!" they yelled at each stoppin place, wich sounded sweeter in his ears and mine than the damned iterashen of "Grant! Grant! Grant!" wich greeid us at every pint North. But the wuz drawbas to our enjoyment. No sooner wood the President commence, "Fellow-citizens!" than Randall wood pull the bell-rope, and off the trane wood start. He wuz determined that the President shouldent speak, wich put me to a grate deal uv trouble, ez after we arrived I hed to write out and telegraph to the papers the speeches the President wood hev made.

At Rawly, General Battles welcomed the Presidential party, and the President responded. He remarked that in Rawly he first opened his tender eyes, a penniless boy. Here is the scene uv his childhood; here is everything to bind man to his fellow, and to associate him with that with wich he is associated; here is wher the tenderness uv heart hev taken hold upon everything so wich it hez attached itself. But he wuz wandrin from his subjick. His mind went back to the day he left this city a penniless boy. Where is them ke left behind him? He begged to inquire where is the scenes uv his childhood? Where's the Haywoods?

"Killed at Antietam!" shouted a returned Confedrit. "I wuz by William's side when he wuz shot."

"Where is the Hunters?"

"Runnin a distillery at Waxhall's court house," sed the same fellow, who that the President really wantid to know. He wuz choked down, and the President proceeded:

"Wher is the Roysters and the Smithses, the Brownses and the Joneses? Wher is the long list uv men that lived at that day, and who, like me, command respect for constancy of devoshen? I feel proud uv this demonstrashen—I feel proud uv any demonstrashen. Ez alloesion hez bin made to my boyhood days, when I wuz a penniless boy, I may say here, ez pertinent to that subjick, that I hev adhered to the fundamental principles uv the gov'ment, and to the flag and Constooshen. But to return to my subjick. When I went out from among yoo a penniless boy, I adoptid the Constooshen ez my guide, and by them I hev alluz been guided. To the young I would say that they will be safe in takin me ez a model. Leavin here a penniless boy, it is not for me to say whether or not I hev succeeded. I am no longer a penniless boy, nor is them wich are round me. Mrs. Cobb ain't a penniless boy; nor is—"
But this is wanderin' from the subjeck. For the encouragement uv the young men afore me, I wood say, that I hev enjoyed all I care for. I am no aspirant for nuthin', and therefore the way is now open for em. All places uv honor is now before em. I thank yoo for this corjel welcom. North Carolina sent me out a penniless boy, and did not afford me sich advantages ez, considerin' my merits, I ought to hev had; yet I luv h'r. It's better ez it wuz. Goin' out a penniless boy, and returnin' after holdin' every offis, from Alderman uv my adopted village up to President, shows my qualities to much better advantage than ef I hadn't gone out a penniless boy. I thank yoo for this tribute to my many good qualities."

And he startid to go down, when Randall whispered suthin in his left ear. Risin promptly, and drawin out his hankerchief, the President assooned a look uv subdood greef, and resoomed.

"I hev come among yoo to participate in the dedicashen uv a monument to a man wich yoo all loved, tho it hez taken suthin like fifty years for yoo to diskivir it. He wuz poor and humble, wich akcounts for my goin from among yoo a penniless boy; but uv him I am proud—for hed it not bin for him, I woodent hev returned the shinin example to yoo young men wich I am."

The corner-stun wuz laid, and the monument set on it. It is uv red lime-stone, ten foot high. It's ez good a ten foot uv stun respeek ez ther is in North Carliny. Ez the monument wuz elevated, ther wuz appropriate speeches and then my little arrangements cum in. A rigger woman I hed took with me from Washington rushed for'ard, and sed, "Bless de Lord, I've bin a waitin' for dis day to see the President—our President!" at wich a squad uv niggers I'd picked up and drilled, hollered "'Rom!"

This little affectin seen over, two quadroons, wich I'd also bro't with me in a privit car, cum for'ard with a expression uv profound greef, at wich the President wept, and tand'-ly slung bokays uv the choicest flowers we good buy in Washington, upon the tomb.

It wuz reely a techni tableau. The ancient nigger woman a holdin the President's hand; the young quadroons a sluing the bokays; the President with his head bowed, apparently a dreamin uv the days uv his boyhood; me with an expression uv thankfulness that the niggers hed at last recognized their Moses; Seward with a saintly smile on his face; Welles tryin to look ez near like Seward ez possible, but fallin miserably to look like anything but the eggregious old ass he is, and Randall with his handkercher to his eyes ez ef onmanned by the movin seen, but keepin one eye cocked over the handkercher to see how it took among the niggers. It wuz a seen easier to be imagined than described.

Ther wuz incidents which occurred wich did not appear in the telegraph. When His Excellency wuz speekin uv himself, and remarakt that his race wuz nearly run, a unregenerated nigger yelled out, "Tank de Lord!" And when the quadroons wuz a strewin flowers on the grave uv His Excellency's father, I observed rather more titterin among the niggers than I approved uv on so solemn an occasion. I askt Randall what he thought uv the speckelashen, and his answer, "It don't pay!" struck me ez havin a vane uv trooth runnin through it.

On our return, the President wuz allowed to speak more, for Randall got tired of watchin him. We returned in good health, and some wuz in good spirits. Seward feels well, for he hez an abidin faith that the mere showin uv hisself alluz hez an effecz for good upon the people, and ez a matter uv course Secretary Welles thinks so to. 

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AN AMNESTY PROCLAMATION.

(The liberal and shrewd use of patronage was all that saved the President from impeachment. There were Republican Senators who were opposed to it on legal grounds, but there were others who were too deeply indebted to the President to vote for impeachment.)

Post Offis, Confedirit X Roads,
(wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),

September 10, 1867.

I wuz brnt to Washintont by a despatch. His Eggleslncy hed at last de
ternmed to put his foot down—to assert his power, and to take measures sich ez wood bring to the top, where they properly belong, that large class uv the citizens uv the Republic who wuz engaged in the little unpleasantness, whic the Agitators took advantage uv to deprive em uv their rites, and to keep em from exercisin the influence in the government they are, and alluz wuz, enti
tled to. In short, ez Congress wuz adjourned, and coodent, by no means, be got together till November, the President wuz convinced that it wuz his dooty to improve his time, and be really President.

The consultation over the Proclamation wuz long and painful. Binckley, who is now runnin the government most and written the whereass,wich is the most uv the document. Seward hanzed onto em the Proclamation proper, wich wuz so small ez to give it a mid-pole appearance, and it wuz to be discussed. All uv em wuz in favor uv it but me. Ez anxious ez I wuz for the liberashen uv our friends in the Southern States; ez anxious ez I wuz to give that blessid saint, Deekin Pogram, a chance to wallop a nigger again afore he died, without being interfered with by a bloo-coated hirelin, I still hed a dread. “Dare yoo,” sed I, “go further in this business? Isn't impeachment at the end uv it, ef yoo stir up this matter? And with Wade in the Presidential chair—my God! Pollock wood hev my post-offis! My liege, I hed a dream last nite. Methawt—”

“Go on with the dream,” sed His Eggleslency. “Go on, and I will be your Joseph to interpret it.”

“Kin yoo assoom the character uv Joseph, and carry it out,” sed Randall, “with Mrs. Cobb in Washintont?”

This interrumpshen preventid me from narratin my dream, so I resoomed at the pint at wich I wuz interruptid. “And my opinion is the opinion uv all your appointees. The offis-holder is naterally a Conservative. Agitashun, my liege, mite shake us out uv our places. On yoo we hang—you are our hope, our anker and our chiefest trust.”

And my remarks, wich I delivered with a tremblin voice, and with tears rollin down my furrowed cheeks—I felt the solemnity uv the occasion, for what could I do ef turned out into the cold world at my age?—wuz receeved with peals uv laughter.

“My dear sir!” sed A. J., “your innocence surprises me. Impeach me! Never, so long ez filial and family love is a distinguishin caracteristic uv the leedin minds uv America—never, so long ez a Senator hez a nephew to provide for, or a brother who wants a place. Ah! that love uv blood relashuns! Wat a beautiful thing it is! And how strong is the marriage relation wich prompts a man, when he hez promised to love, cherish, and protect a wife, to go cherish-
in and protectin all her brothers' and sisters' children—the love goin frekently, like leprosy, to the third generation! Thank the Lord for it! It's my only hot! Set yoor mind at eeez by peroozin these,” and he tost me a bundle uv letters, neatly done up, and labelled “Letters from Radicle Members uv the House and Senate.”
A light dawned on me ez I opened the first one. It wuz from a distinguished Senator, and read, ez near ez I kin remember now, thus:

Senit Chamber, March 6, 1867.

"To the President: Notwithstanding the slight difference uv opinion that may exist between us on certain questions uv public policy, and despite the unguarded expressions I may have indulged in in the heat uv debate, I kin trooly say that I hev ever cherished the most endearing faith in the rectitude uv your inten'shuns, the honesty uv your purpose, and the purity uv your motives. I hev a nephew in my State who desires the posishun uv Assessor of theInternal Revenue. He is capable and honest; and while he hez alluv voted the Republican ticket, he hez dun it so mildly ez not to obfuscates him to those who differ with him. Indeed, last fall he wuz accossed, and per horps justly, uv votin for a candidate for Congress who wuz a supporter uv yoo policy, whic, tho I do not in all respecks accept, hez. I must acknowledge many pints in it to recommend it to a discriminatin people. I shood esteem his nominashen a personal favor.

"With sentinence uv the most profound respect and esteem,

"I remain admirably yours,

[P.S.—It is, I trust, ononecessary for me to state that I regard all projecck of impeachment ez wild, visionary, ononecessary, and dangerous; and no siq projecck kin ever receive my support. I forget to menshun that a brother uv mine who hez never taken a part in politics, and hez, therefore, his opinyns to organize, wood gladly accept and posishen under the government, and a brother-in-law woodent be averse to similar employment. It’s a matter uv no concelence to you, uv course, but I shod oppose the reassemblin uv Congress till the regler time in December. I am inflexibly opposed to establishin dangerous precedents. Shood yoo make the appointments I desire, I kin git em confirmed by the Senit, ez well ez an ekal number uv yoo own appointments. In matters uv this kind ther must be compromises."

In my surprise I uttered a prolonged whistle. "Them appointments wuz made," sed His Egglency, with a sardonic smile. "Them appointments wuz made. Read another—there’s a varied and well-selected assortnment uv em.

"The Senit is my fish-pond. I drop uv hook therein, baited with a Assessorship and bless me, how they bite at it! Go on!"

"Senit Chamber, March 7, 1867.

"To the President: I am, ez yoo are aware, known ez a Radical; but between generous foes there kin be none of that terrible spirit uv blind hate which characterizes some uv my associates, who sheld be here nameless. I will say, however, that ef the Senators from Massachusetts, and some others I good menshun, wood resine or die, they wood confer a favor upon the country. I oppose yoo becoz I differ with yoo, ez does my state; but that opposishen hez never lennessed my high admirashen uv your patriotism, yoor even temper, or the many good qualities uv yoo head and heart, wich shine out so conspicuous. I hate you ez a worthy successor uv the first A. J. I shed not intended to mix things personal to myself in this friendly trisboot, but will do violence to my feelings by observin that the posishun uv Collector at — is admirably adapted to a cousin uv mine, whose talence ez a lawyer hez never bin appreciated by those who know him best. He agrees with me that impeachment is not to be thot uv, and that sessions uv Congress, other than reglar ones, is useless. Shood yoo be pleased to make the appointment, I shed be proud to return the favor in any way possible. Ef it wuznt be askin too much, a son uv mine wood be glad to serve his country ez a Inspector uv Revenue. Inheritance from me devoshun to our common country, he burns to devote himself to her service.

"With sentinences uv profound respect,

"I am, yours, as ever,

[P.S.—Them appointments wuz made also," sed the great man, "and three or four more throwd in when he found how cheep he cood get em. He visited me after I had given him all he asked for, and we had a friendly interchange uv viewes. He persisted in differin with me; but ez we parrt, I askt him of ther
wuzn't just one more appointment he wanted? Jist one more? Throwin' himself on my neck, he exclaimed, 'Not one! Not one! My brothers, my brothers-in-law, my nephews, and the doubtful members uv the Legislaacher wish finally concluded to vote for me, are all provided for.' Bless the Lord for the appointin power! The biznis uv tradin birth-rites for messes uv pottage begun with Esaw; but, thank Heven, it didn't end with him!"

It wuz unnecessary for me to read more. I had seen enuff to satisfy me that the integrity uv one third uv the Senat wuz rather honey-combed, and, like a rusty muskit, not strong enuff at the breech to bear a severe trial without danger uv bustin. I saw precisely wat wuz the rock on wich we stook, and what a citadel it wuz. Kin these men, with these letters in the hands uv our respected cheef, and ther relatives all a drawin rashens, turn and read the hand wich feeds em? Cood I do it?—and ain't they even ez I am?

So the proclamashen wuz ishood, and I went home a feelin good. We shat yet wallop niggers in Kentucky; we shel yet redoose em to ther normal speer; our afflicted brethren in Tennessee will yet vote, and them not amnestied wuz be speekshly pardoned ez ther superior merits deserve, and withal ther will be a impeachment. For wher the carkis is, ther will be the buzzards also, and wehev the control uv the carkis. Some uv the buzzards are so gorged with carkis that their eyes is shut—enuff uv em to inshoour our possishen till the end uv our term. It is well with us.

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THE OHIO STATE ELECTION, 1867.

(Ohio, the most radical of the Western States, voted down the Amendment striking the word "white" out of her constitution by an enormous majority. The result was as mortifying to the liberal men of the United States as it was gratifying to the rebels and their Northern coadjutors.)

Post Offis, Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
October 12, 1867

Feelin that the time hed arrived which wuz to decide whether 7,000 degraded niggers wuz to gränd 500,000 proud Caucashen into the dust, I felt that ef I shood fail in my dooty now, I shood be forever disgraced. Accordingly, I put in the eleckshun day at a Dimocratic town in Ohio—the battle-field—the Ideaal place into wich I made a speech doorin the campane.

I arrived ther on the mornin uv the eleckshun, and found that compre-
hensive arrangements hed bin made for defeatin this most nefarious and dan-
gerous propishen. Paradin the streets ez early ez 7 a. m. wuz a wagon contain-
ing 25 virgins, runnin from 27 to 30, the most uv em rather wily in tex-
ture, and over their heads wuz banners, with the followin techn inscriptions: "Fathers, save us from Nigger Ekality!" "White Husbands or None!" It wood hev bin better, I thot, hed they bin somewhat younger. Ther wuz sultan preposteres in the ijee uv females uv that age callin upon fathers to save em from anythin', when in the course of nacher their fathers must hev bin a lyin in the silent tomb for several consecutiv years, onless, indeed, they mar-
rried young. Ef still livin (I judged from the aged appearance uv the dajisels) their parents must be too far advanced in years to take an activ part in biznis In another wagon wuz a colleckshun uv men wich hed bin hired from the rail-
rode, twelve miles distant, whose banners read, "Shel ignorant Niggers vote
beside intelligent Wite men?" Hangin over the polls wuz a broad piece uv
white muslin, onto which was painted, in large letters, "Caucashuns, Respeck yer Nos'es—the nigger stinks!" Then I knowed it wuz safe. That odor hez never yet bin resisted by the Democracy, and it hez its influence over Republikins.

I never saw sich enthoosiasm, or more cheerin indicashuns uv the pride uv race. Ez evidence uv the deep feelin that pervaded that community, I state that nine paupers in the poor-house demanded to be taken to the polls, that they might enter their protest agin bringin the nigger up to a ealkality with em, wich wuz nine gain with no offsets, ez ther wuzn't a Ablishmist in the institooshun. Two men in the county jule for petty larceny, wuz, at their own reket, taken out of doorence vile by the Sheriff uv the county, that they mite, by the ballot, protest agin bein degraded by bein compelled, when their time wuz out, to acknowledge the nigger ez their ekal. One enthoosastic Dimkrat, who cost us $5, hed to be carried to the polls. He hed commenst early at one uv the groceries, and hed succumbed afore votin. We found him sleepin peacefully in a barn. We lifted the patriotic man, and in percession marched to the polls. We stood him on his feet, two men supportin him—one on either side. I put a straight ticket into his fingers, and takin his wrist with one hand, held his fingers together with tother, and guided his hand to the box. Ez it neared the winder, he started ez ef a electric shock hed struck him, and, straightmen up, asked, "Is it the sibrate ticket? Is Constooshnel Amend-ment No! onto it?"

Ashoorin him that it wuz all rite, he suffered me to hold his hand out to the Judge uv Eleckshun, who took the ballot and deposited it in the box. "Thank Hivin!" sed he, "the nagur is not yet my ayquall!" and doublin up at the thigh and knee-joints, he sank, limber-like, and gently, onto the ground. Ez he hed discharged the dooty uv an Amerikin freeman, we rolled him out to one side uv the house, wher the drippin uv rain from the roof wood do suthin toward soberin him off, and left him alone in his glory.

The amendment got but a very few in that locality. The Republikins placed us in repudiatin it, mostly upon ethnologilde grounds. One asserted that he hed bin in favor uv emancipashen in time uv war, becoz the Afrikins cood thereby be indoost to fite agin their Southern masters, and it wod hev the efieck uv makin the drafts come lighter in his township. He wuz a humanitarian likewise. He opposed crooelty toward em. He wept when he heerd uv the massacre at Fort Piller, becoz in the army the nigger wuz ez much a man ez anybody, and sich wholesale slaugh- ters tendid to make calls for "500,000 more" more frekent. But when it come to givin em the privilege uv votin beside him, it coodenst be that uv. He cood never consent that a race whose heels wuz longer than huzen shood rode Ameriky. "My God!" sed this ardent Republikin, "ef yoo give em the ballot, wat kin prevent em from bin Congrismen, Senators, Vice Presidents, and even Presidents? I shudder when I think uv it;" and he hurried in his vote.

I didn't quite see the force uv his objecshen, for it never okurred to me that bein sent to Congris wuz the natural consequence uv votin. I hev voted for thirty years, at many elections four or five times, but I hev never bin to Congris. Wher is the constituency wich wood elect me? But it wuzn't my biznis to controvert his posishen. It made no difference to me wat his reason wuz for votin ez I desired him to vote.

The nigger-lovers beat up one man to vote for the Amendment, wich, I saw by his dissatisfied look, hed bin over-perswadid. "Sir!" sed I, "do yoo consider a Afrikin sufficientiy intelligent to be trustid with so potent a weapon ez the ballot?"

Bustin away from them wich hed him in charge, he exclaimed, "No, I
don't! I can't vote for it. They ain't intelligent enough. Sir, scratch off the
'Yes' from my ballot, and put onto it 'No!'"

"Here is a pencil," said I.

"Do it yerself," said he; "I can't write."

And I did it. Sich is the effect uv a word in season. Words fitly spoken
is apples uv gold. set in pictures uv silver.

One man woodent listen to me, but votid the Amendment. He hed bin a
soldier, and for eleven months partook uv the hospitality uv the Confederats at
Andersonville. Escapin', he wuz helped to the Federal lines by a nigger, who
wuz flogged almost to death, in his site, for not betrayin' when he wuz hid.
I mite ez well hev talked to a lamp-post, or whispered Gray's Elegy into the
ears uv a dead mule, witch is the deadest thing I ever see. Ez he shoved in his
ballot, he remarkt suthin' about he'd rather see a nigger vote than a d-d rebel,
any time. From the direckshun uv his eye-site, I persoom he referred to
me.

I left for home ez soon ez the votes wuz counted, and the result wuz made
known, an', waitin' till the poll-books wuz made out, and the judges uv elect-
shun hed got ther names written by the clerks, and hed made their marks to
em. On my way home I wuz gratified to see how the natural antipathy to the
nigger hed revived. At Cincinnati, the nite uv the electshun, they wuz bangin'
uv em about, the patriotic Democracy goin' for em wherever they cood find
em, and the next day, ez I saw em at the raleroade steshens, they hed, gener-
ally speakin', ther heds bandaged. It wuz cheerin' to me, and I gloated over it.

Full uv gladnis, I entered Kentuck, and joyfully I wendid my way to the
Corners. I wuz the bearer uv tidins uv great joy, and my feet wuz pleasant
onto the mountins. Ez I walked into Bascom's, they all saw in my face suthin'
uv importance.

"Wut is it?" sed Deekin Pogram. "Is it weal' or woe?"

"Is the proud Caucashen still in the ascendent in Ohio, or hez the grovelin'
Afrkin ground him into the dust?" askt Issaker Gavitt.

"My friend," sed I, takin' up the Deekin's whisky, wich, in the eggscite-
ment uv the moment, he didn't observe, "the Constitutooshenal Amendment, givin'
the nigger ekal rites, hez bin votid down by the liberty-lovin' freemen uv Ohio.
Three cheers for Ohio."

They wuz givin' with a will. The wildest euloogism wuz awakened. Bas-
com put a spigot in a fresh barl, and the church bells wuz set a ringin'. The
niggers wore a dismayed look, and got out uv the way ez soon ez possible. A
meetin' wuz to wunst organized. Deekin Pogram felt 'hat this wuz a proud day.
Light wuz breakin'. The dark clouds uv fanaticism wuz breakin' away. We
hed now the Afrkin in his normal posisheen in Ohio, and we will soon hev him
likewise in Kentuck. He moved the adopshen uv the follerin' resoolooshens:

"Whereas, Noer eust Canan, and condemned him to be a servant onto his
brethren, thereby clerly indikatin' the status uv the race for all time to be
one uv inferiority; and,

"Whereas, To further show to the eyes uv the most obtoose that a difference
wuz intended, the Almighty gave the nigger a different anatoomicl struckter, for
full particlers uv wich see ther speeches uv the Demokratc stumblers doorin'
the late campaign; and,

"Whereas, The attempt to place the nigger on an ekality with the white in
votin ez well ez taxashun, we consider the sappin uv the very foundashun uv
civil liberty, ez well ez uv the Crischen religion; therefore,

"Resolved, That the Constitutooshenal and Biblikle Democracy uv Kentuck
send greetin to their brethren uv Ohio, with thanks for their effectual squelchin uv nigger superiority.

"Resolved, That to the Republikins uv Ohio, who voted agin suffrage, our thanks is due, and we congratulate em that now they, ez well ez us, are saved from the danger uv marryin niggers; and likewise do we ashow em, that in a spirit uv mutual forbearance, we care not wat particular creed they perfess, so long ez they vote our principles.

"Resolved, That the will uv the people havin bin clearly indicated, we demand the insershun uv the word ‘white’ in the Constituoshun uv the Yoonitid States.

"Resolved, That we ask the colored voters uv Tennessee, and other States where colored men hav votes, to observe how they are treated in Ohio, where the Ablishnists don’t need em. In them States we extend to em a corjel insershun to act with us."

The fakulty uv the Institoot met next mornin, for the purpus uv revisin the Scripeters. It wuz decided that the word “white” should be inserted wherever necessary, and that that edishen only be yoosed by the Democracy and Conservativ Republikins. We made progress, the follerin bein a few uv the changes:

"’So God created a white man in his own image.’

"’Whosoever, therefore, shall confess me before white men,’ &c.

"’Suffer little white children to come unto me, for uv sich is the kingdom uv Heaven.’"

Wich last is comfortin, ez it shows that the distincshen is kept up through all eternity. I give these merely as samples. We sho hed it finisht in a few days, and, ef funds kin be raised, sho publish it. Sich a vershun uv the Scripeters is needid.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M.
(wich is Postmaster).

THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS, 1867.

(The hope of the Southern people that they would finally get pay for their negroes did not leave them till after the election of General Grant, in 1868. Every Democratic victory in the North revived it.)

Post Ofs, Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
November 10, 1867.

The Corners wuz prostrated with joy last nite at the recect uv the news uv the November elecshuns. Ther wuz nothin demonstrative about their joy, ez there hed bin on occasions uv less interest. No! the result wuz too great, too overwhelmingly great! Our nachers wuz filled with joy, and it bubbled up to the eyes, and slopt over in floods uv teers. Deekin Pogram’s dawter Mirandy borrered a tamborine, wich wood answer for a timbrel, and attempted to dance down the street, after the fashion uv Miriam, singin, “Shout the glad tidens,” et settry, but we rebookt her. Sich exultashen seemed to us inadekate. The Deekin met me, and fallin onto my neck, wept perfoosely down my back, wich I stood ez long ez I cood bear the moisture. Gently disengagin him, I led him to Bascom’s, fearin that so great a waste uv floods wood cut short the old saint’s life, unless that waste cood be repaired. We supplied the defficiency to wunst. Never saw I sich a picter. The blessed old man sittin onto a bench, a glass uv hot whiskey in his hand; his white hair a fallin scantily about his temples, and tears a runnin in rapid succession adown his frost-bitten
The citizens met that evenin, not to rejoice, but to adopt such measures for turning the victory to account ez the occasion seemed to demand. The Deekin wuz there, and I believe every white male citizen uv the Corners wuz in his set afore the glad peals uv the bell hed ceased pealin. I assumed the chair, and stated the object uv the meetin. Noo York hed spoken, and Noo Jersey, the blessed State uv wich I hed the honor to be a native, hed returned to her first love. I wuz not now ashamed to own that I wuz a nativ uv Noo Jersey. I am proud uv it, and were it not for the fact that I owe nearly half uv her cizens, in sums rangin from a half dollar up to eighteen, I wood return there to-wunst. But I won't. It wood awaken expectations in their buzzuns wich wood never be fulfilled, and I'm too tender-hearted, too considiruv the feelins uv others, to lasserate them feelins. I can't properly express my emo- shuns. Thank Heaven the nigger is ours. The Northern States hev spoken, and in thunder tones. The Ethiopian wunst wuz on the top wave, but wher in he now? Two years ago he wuz needed—but now wher is he? The Abolish- nists don't need him no more to fill up their quotas, they don't need him so more to take ther places in the next draft,' and thank the Lord he's the same old —d nigger he alluz wuz! The stink uv the nigger hez overcome ther gravtohl to-him—ther good feelin hez bin swamped by ther prejodids. The Dimocras uv the two sections uv the Yoonion hez rusht into each other's arms, the nigger wuz between em, and consequently is under our feet. Wat happidis for Ken- tucky! The nigger can't go North with the elecshen returns starin him in the face, and ef he stays here he must stay on our terms. Thank the Lord!

Deekin Pogram sed that he hednt felt so good sence his first wife die'd. He felt too good to speek, and the brethren wood excuse him ef he's remarkly shood be breef. (We will! We will! with great yoonanimity.) Four week's ago, when we heerd from Ohio and Pensylvania, he hed to-wunst drawd up a skedule uv the loss that hed bin inflicted onto him by the tyrannical edict uv the Illinoy Goriller, a copy uv wich he wood read:

**YOONITED STATES UV AMERIKY,**

In Account with GABRIEL POGRAM, Dr.

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This bill he determined to put in, becoz uv this prop- erty he hed bin robbed. Last nite he heerd uv the re- sult uv the Noo York and Noo Jersey elecshuns, and he felt that more yit wuz due him from the unconstitutooshned government under wich we are forst to live. He wanted pay, not only for his twenty-four thousand dol- lars' worth uv nigger, but legle interest on the amount, from Emancipashen to
date, incloclin wat he paid to hev the calculation made, and the interest figgered onto it, and he wanted it in gold, ez he considered greenbar just ez unconstitooshnel ez emancipashen.

Issaker Gavitt remarkt that he hed a claim on the oppressors. He hed made out no bill ez yit, ez the nigger wich alluz did the figgerin for his father got to be impudent, and woodent do it no more. But he shood get somebody who codd write to copy the Deekin’s bill, wich wood answer, ez the two farms workt about the same number uv hands, tho uv fancy stock his father hed alluz kept the most, wich accountd for his bein more bald-headed than the Deekin.

Kernel McPelter wanstid no pay. He wantid his niggers. To accept pay wood be to acknowledge the right uv the Illinoi goriller to realease em, wich he wood never do. He hed one—he saw her to-day—wich he wood hev back agin. Her and her husband, wich hed bin married sence they wuz torn from him, hed purchist ten akers uv ground up towards Garrettstown, and wuz livin onto it. Uv course, ez the emancipashun wuz illegal, the produx uv their labor sence that time wuz hizzen, jest the same ez though they remained in their normal condishen. The ten akers woodent make him good, but they hed two children born to em sence, wich, ef niggers brot any price, wood do suthis-teards it.

Bascom preferred to hev Government pay ther valyoo, and let em stay free. They all hed some property now—leastways they cood do wat they pleased with their money. Troo, the heft uv the proceeds uv their labor went to Pollock for dry goods, and groceries, and sich, but he bleeved that they wuz a imitative race. Ef they followed the eggsmple set em by their white sooperiors, they wood, in time, leave the heft uv it at his bar. He hed a few uv em under trainin now, and he notist that they wuz better customers then the whites, ez they didn’t swaller their rasshens and tell him to “jist chalk it down.”

A sense uv the meetin wuz then taken, and a majority voted to fuss try to redoos them to their normal condishen, and ef that wuz decided to be impracticable, then we cood, with still better grace, demand their valyoo uv the Government.

“Yes,” exclaimed Kernel McPelter, “and for this great work ther is no better time than now. “The Yoonyun ez it wuz!” Foller me!”

And forthwith the entire congresashen piled out, rushin toward the nigger settlement on the Garrettstown road.

Arrivin at the settlement, a consultashen wuz held. It wuz desided that 1 shood advance to the doors uv the houses and demand surrender, but I de-clined. Kernel McPelter volunteered, and we all waitid the result. Ho knocked at the door uv the first house.

“Wha’ d’ye want?” exclaimed a voice.

“I want yoo,” sed the Kernel.

“Wa’ foah?”

“My friend,” sed the Kernel, impressively, “if I recognize your dulcet tone, your nigger. Four years ago you wuz set free, you sposed, by Linkin; but we’ve done away with that. Come forth, and give yourself up; you shel, ef you go peaceably, hev your old quarters agin, and be treated ez uv old.”

“Go away, white man, and stop your foolin. Dis nigga’s in bed.”

“Break down the doors!” yelled the Deekin, “and hev done with it!” and a rush wuz made.

The doors wuz broke down, and in a mimit the nigger and his wife, and two children, wuz out in the street, bound and the Kernel hed the furnitoor
The result demonstrated to me the impossibility of the two races living together in harmony. There is a natural antagonism between them which must result inevitably in a war of races, unless their status is fixed by law. So long as they are among us, so long shall we be tempted to subdue em, and such solemn scenes as that which last night will result. Ez I hear the groans of the prostrated saint. Deekin Pogram (this is written at his bedside in the intervals of feedin him kkker with a spoon). I feel ez tho I must vindicate my birth by goin out and killin a nigger. Nothin but the uncertainty ez to who wood be killed restrains me. Thank Heaven, next year, when Seymore is President, and the unconstitooshen acts uv a Rump Congress is done away with, all this will be fixed. It is this that soothes the Deekin, and enables him to endos his sufferin.

P Petroleum V. Nasby, P. M.
(wich is Postmaster.)

Mr. Nasby Regulates a School.

(A zealous Democratic school trusted did thrust the daughter of a Democrat out of school in Monroe county, Ohio, supposing her to be the daughter of a negro, the real object of his dislike sitting quietly in her seat meanwhile.)

Post Offis, Confedrit X Roads, (wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky), November 25, 1867.

When the Almighty made niggers, he ought to hev made em so that mixin with the sooperior race would have been an impossibility. I rite these line propped up in bed at my boardin house, my face beaten to a jelly, and perfectly kivered with stickin plaster; my nose, alluz the beauty and glory uv my face, is enlarged to twict it fair proporshens; my few remainin teeth he bin knockd down my throat, my lips resemble sausages, my left ear is foreve no more, and wat little hair wuz a hangin about my venerable temples is gone my head is ez bald as a billyard ball, and twict its normal size. It come abou thus:

There wuz trouble in one uv the Southern counties uv Ohio. In a reliable Democratic township in that county is a settlement uv niggers, who, in th old time, ran away from Kentucky, and settled there where they could be hid without, which wuz jest so much swindled out uv Kentucky. U course comin from Kentucky, these niggers are, many uv em, ez near wht ez they can be. One uv em, who carried with him the name uv his master and, ez he says, father Letts, is ez near a white man ez may be, and ez h married a wench who wuz a shade whiter than he, their children are jest touch whiter than both uv em. Uv these he had three daughters, rangin fror sixteen to twenty.

Now this Lett is a disturber. He hed a farm uv perhaps 200 akers, an wuz taxed heavy for skool purposes, but his children wuznt uv course allowe
to attend the school. None uv the nigger children were. But Lett got the ijoe into his bed that there wuzn't no propriety in his payin taxes without enjoyin the benefits arisin from em, and aided and abetted by other niggers, who were wicked enough to complain uv payin taxes to the support uv white skools, he sent his daughters to the skool, directed them to present themselves boldly, take their seats quietly and study perseveringly. They did so; the skool-marm, who wuz a young huzzy, with black eyes and natural curls, from Noo Hampshere, where they persekoot the saints, not only assented to receivin em, but gave em seats and put em into classes—think uv that—with white children.

There wuz trouble in that township. I wuz sent for to-wunst, and gladly I come. I wuz never so gratified in my life. Had smallpox broken out in that skool, there woodent hev bin half the eggsctement in the township. It wuz the subject uv yooniversal talk everywhere, and the Democracy wuz a blin like a pot. I met the trustees uv the township, and demanded ef they intended tamely to submit to this outrage? I askt em whether they intended to hev their children set side by side with the descendants uv Ham, who wuz condemned to a posishen uv inferiority forever? Kin you, I asked, so degrade yourselves, and so blast the self-respeck uv your children?

And blin up with indignashen, they answered "never!" and yoonanimously requested me to accompany em to the skool-house that they might peremptory expel these disgustin beings who hed obtrooded themselves among those uv a sooperior race.

On the way to the skoolhouse, wich wuz perhaps a mile distant, I askt the Board ef they knewed those girls by site. No, they replied, they hed never seen em. "I hev bin told," said I, "that they are nearly white."

"They are," sed one uv em, "quite white." "It matters not," sed I, feelin that there wuz a good opportuniity for improvin the occashen, "it matters not. There is suthin in the nigger at wich the instink uv the white man absolutely rebels, and from wich it instinktively recoils. So much experience hev I had with em, that put me in a dark room with one uv em, no matter how little nigger there is in em, and that unerrin instink wood betray em to me, wich, by the way, goes to prove that the dislike we hev to em is not the result uv prejudice, but is a part uv our very nacher, and one uv its highest and holiest attriboots."

Thus commun, we entered the skoolhouse. The skoolmarm wuz there, ez brite and ez crisp ez a Janoary mornin; the skolers wuz ranged on the seats a-studyn ez rapidly ez possible.

"Miss," sed I, "we are informed that three nigger wenchis, daughters uv one Lett, a nigger, is in the skool, a minglin with our daughters ez a ekal. Is it so?"

"The Misses Lett are in the skool," sed she, rather mischeevaiously, "and I am happy to state that they are among my best pupils."

"Miss," sed I, sternly, "pint em out to us!"

"Wherefore?" sed she.

"That we may bundle em out!" sed I.

"Bless me!" sed she, "I reely cooident do that. Why expel em?"

"Becoz," sed I, "no nigger shud contaminate the white children uv this deestrick. No sech disgrace shud be put on to em."

"Well," sed this aggravatin skoolmarm, wich wuz from Noo Hamshire, "you put em out."

"But show me wich they are."

"Can't yoo detect em, sir? Don't their color betray em? Ef they are so poor white that you can't select em at a glance, it strikes me that it can't hurt very much to let em stay."
I wuz sore puzzled. There wuzn't a girl in the room who looked at all niggery. But my reputashun wuz at stake. Noticein three girls settin together who wuz somewat dark complected, and whose black hair waved, I went for em and shoved em out, the cussid schoolmarm almost bustin with lafter.

Here the tragedy okkered. At the door I met a man who rode four miles in his zeal to assist us. He hed alluz hed an itch in to pitch into a nigger, and ez he cood do it now safely he proposed not to lose the chance. I wuz a puttin on em out, and hed jist dragged em to the door, when I met him enterin it.

"Wat is this?" sed he, with a surprised look.

"We're puttin out these cussed wenches, who is contaminatin yoor children and mine," sed I. "Ketch hold uv that pekoolerly disgustin one yonder," sed I.

"Wenches! You d—d scoundrel, them girls are my girls!"

And without waitin for an explanashen, the infooriated monster sailed into us, the schoolmarm layin over on one uv the benches explodin in peels uv lafter.

The three girls, indignant at bei mistaken for nigger wenches, assisted their parent, and between em, in about four minits I wuz insensible. One uv the trustees, pityin my woes, took me to the nearest railroad stashen, and somehow, how I know not, I got home, where I am at present recooperatin.

I hev only to say that when I go on sich a trip again, I shul require an amdishen president that the Afrikins to be put out shul hev enuff Afrikin into em to prevent sich mistakes. But, good Lord, wat hevent I suffered in this cause?

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M.
(wich is Postmaster).

THE PENDLETON THEORY IN KENTUCKY.

Post Offis, Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
February 1, 1868.

A few days ago Bascom come into the offis, and remarked that he thought at wuz time the Corners spoke.

"Onto wat pertikeler subjekc wood you hev the Corners speek, my sherub?" sed I. "The Corners hez exercised her throat onto almost everything wp to date."

"Troo," sed G. W., "but there's one subjekc onto wich the Corners hez'n't sed her say, namely, the crushin wate uv taxashen, and the question uv payin the bonds in greenbax."

"That's probably becoz," remarkt I, "the Corners pays nary tax; and becoz, also, not hevin any bonds nor greenbax, she don't care, to speek after the manner uv men, a d—n about it. Isn't that the case?"

"Probably it is, but at the same time we ought to extend a helpin hand to our brethren North, who are makin a valyent fite on this thing. Parson, we must hold a meetin on this question and resolve."

Willin to accommodate Bascom, I called the meetin, and last nite it took place. It wuz an enthusiastic gathrin. Skasely hed the horn tooted afore the church wuz filled. It wuz curiosity wich brot em. None uv em but Bascom, Captain McPelter, and myself, knowed wat a bond wuz, and they wantid to find out. I wuz called upon to state the objekc uv the gathrin. I opened with a movin appeal to the people who wuz groamin under a load uv taxashen, for the benefit uv the lordly bond-holders uv the country; whose very life-blood wuz a bein sucked out uv em by the bond-aristocrats uv the country.
At this pint Joe Bigler, who wuz uv course in the anjence, commenst weepen perfosely, but disgustumly loud. He fairly bellered, and displayed altogether too much emoshun.

"Mr. Bigler," sed I, "woodeat a little less violent sorrer anser?"
"Parson," sed he, "never havin paid a cussid cent uv taxes in my life, I never knowd afore how much I wuz bein oppressed. But I'll contane myself if I kin. I'll cork up my woes if they bust me."

I then went on to explain the Pendleton ijee. First, the Government owes about four hundred thousand millions uv dollars, more or less, wich is borrarred. The Ablishn ijee is to pay this off ez it falls due, in gold, and in the meantime to pay interest onto the bonds ez per agreement on the face uv em. But this is oppressive. This payin interest is wat's eatin us up. Therefore, Pendleton proposes to pay these bonds by suin four hundred thousand million uv greenbax. When these greenbax wear ut, so that they ain't passable no more—so that Bascom won't take em for drinks, for instance—why, then we'll print more greenbax and give em new ones. I don't see that the debt is paid off any, but we git out uv the interest. We ishoo a non-bearin interest note with the greenback is, for an interest-bearin note wich the present bond is, and compel the bond-holders to take em, thus relievein us, the tax payers, uv the weight uv taxation we are now compelled to carry. This ijee is not, however, original with Pendleton. He's bin a steelin my thunders. I subsisted many years in Noo Jersy by the same expedient. Whenever I owed a man I gave him my note, and felt that a great load wuz off my mind. When it became doo, ef it made the creditor eny easier in his mind, I took it up by givin him another, and so on, pervided he wuz willin and hed faith enuff to pay for the stamps. It wuz an easy and simple method uv gittin on in the world without unpleasantnis.

Captain McPelter, late uv the Confedrit army, wantid to know ef the greenback wuz good enuff for the soljer, ef it wuzn't good enuff for the bondholder? Bascom endorsed all that hed bin sed, and demandid resoluoshens, movin ones, wich he presentid, and they wuz passed.

At this pint occurred within wich wuzn't down in the bill. Skaseby led the esolooshens passed, when Joe Bigler stepped forward and remarkt that he hed voted for them resoluoshens becoz he believed in em. But he wantid the ijee carried forord to its logical concluden. He owed Bascom eighty odd dollars, wich wuz bearin interest, and hed bin for some time, and wood, probably, for some time to come. Now, what is justis in governmental matters, is ekally so n privit life. He demanded uv Bascom that note, and that he accept in its stead one wich bore no interest. He hed borne this burden too long, and it wuz high time that he be releved.

Deekin Pogram felt that he must agree with Mr. Bigler. Bascom held his note for $400, wich hed bin runnin on interest, for a long time, and he felt hat he cooden't stand it no—

"Why, blart yer eyes," sez Bascom, "I lent yoo that money to save yer farm from bein sold out from under yer feet!"

"Troo, but there's a principle in it. I can't toil to pay interest to yoo no more than I kin to the Government. Let us be consistent, G. W., whatever we are."

At this juncter every man in the buildin rose to his feet very excidedly, all uv em in korious commenst:

"Bascom holds a note uv mine, wich bears interest, and I—"

And Bascom, badgered ez he wuz, flung himself out uv the church in distrust. The anjence who hed, however, got an ijee, wuz not disposed to give it
up. They furred him without any formal adjournment to his grocer, but he hed anticipated that, and hed locked it. But all nite they hung around the place yellin, “Give me my note! Give me my note!” and they hed faith that they finally wood bring him to terms.

But along about seven o’clock the people began to change their sound. It wuz time for their mornin bitters and they exclaimed ez one man, “Bascom! why don’t yoo open out? Let us in!”

All uv a sudden the door wuz flung open, and there wuz reveled to the gaze uv the Corners the most impressive tabloa ever witness. In the centre uv the room stood Bascom, with a burnin pine knot in his hand, wildly wavin it over his head; afore him stood a bari uv whisky, on end, with the hed out. We growd pale.

“Ha! ha!” laft he, with the most malignant and feendish expression upon his countenance, “it wuz your turn last nite; this mornin its mine. Ther ain’t a drop in the Corners cept wat is in this bari, and not a drop uv this shel yoo hev for love or money! Ha! ha! who han’t the inside track now? I’ll burn it the minut the first one crosses the threshold.”

“Make a rush,” yelled Bigler; “it won’t burn, coz he’s bin a waterin it for a week.”

“Ha! too troo! but I hev yoo yit. I’ll overturn the bari!”

I seed the pint to-wunst. A cold chill crept over me, and Deekin Pogram shook like an aspen leaf. None coud bo prokoored this side uv Louiville, three days at least! Spose the recklis man shood carry out his threat!

The Deekin and I threw ourselves into the breech. We saw that Bascom wuz in dead earnest. The crowd saw things ez we did, and softened down. It wuz finally proposed ez a compromise that the rekords uv the meetin shood be destroyed, and that the ijee uv exchangin notes with Bascom shood be abandoned, and Bascom, on his part, to go on ez yoosul. This settled, we all took our regeler stiffners, and thus the Corners bridged the greatest danger that ever threatened her. Ther is peece here now.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M. (wich is Postmaster.)

POLLOCK vs. BIGLER.

Post Offis, Confedrit X Roads, (wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
April 2, 1868.

The Corners is continyoally eggisited. Scarcely does one fever git her self allayed afore another is set again, and the result is the community is kept a bilen perpetoally. Pertickelerly does this occur when Bascom runs short. His barrels contain the troo oil which flows onto the troubled waters uv our passions, and when them is out, there’s a minatoor Tophet to-wunst.

The last excitement wuz probably the most pekoolyel that ever happened to enny people, tho it wuz nothin more than coud be expected to grow out uv the altered redashes uv the races to each other. It wuz one uv the legacies left us by the tyrant Linkin, and by no means the least uv em.

Under the old patriarchle system, it wuz the custom uv the niggers to go by the name uv their trooly patriarchle masters, wich wuz necessary, and not only necessary, but proper. Onto every plantashen ther wood be Ceesers, Hannibals, and Pompeys, and the only way to distinguish em wuz to call em Ceeser Pogram, Hannibal Gavitt, et settrry. This ansered very well ez long ez they wuz in a state uv skriptooral servitood; indeed, the proud Caucasion masters rather liked it, ez the freency with wich their names wuz called.
Deekin Pogram and Issaker Gavitt pertiklerly chafed under it. They
mourned and lost flesh under the inflickshen. "To 'think," sed the Deekin,
"uv a hundred free niggers bearin the honored name uv Pogram!" "To 'think," 
sayed Issaker Gavitt, "uv a hundred niggers bearin the illustrious name uv 
Gavitt!" And so they petishened the Legislaelor at Frankfort to relieve em,
by passin a law permittin niggers from bearin the name uv white men wich
wuz their former masters. The fact leaked out, and this imbroylo wuz the result.
Pollock, the Illinoy store keeper, wich is a disturber, immeljitly sood Joe Big-
ler for a store debt, and hed him hauled up afore Squire Punt. Joe immeljitly
subpoenaed all the citizens uv the Corners ez witneses, and hed em all in the 
Court room. "Come," sed Deekin Pogram, "sware me and let me go. I 
don't know nothin about this matter anyhow."

"Not yet," sed Bigler; "I hev other testimony wich I shel put in. Mr. Con-
stable, call Hannible Pogram." The Deekin started ez ef he hed bin shot.

"And ez we kin save the valyocable time uv this court by swearin uv em 
in a lump, you may call also Pompey Joolius Pogram, Ceesser Pogram, George
Washington Pogram (so named becoz, like the first G. W., he cooden't tell a
lie, wich is proof conclosive that he is a pure black, and haint got no Pogram
blood in his veins), Melissy Pogram, Abslum Pogram, Cleopatra Pogram, Paul
Pogram, Marie Antynett Pogram, Bonaparte Pogram, Charles Wesley Pogram,
Abel Jackson Po—"

"Wat does this mean?" shreeked the Deekin, ez they filed into the court
room. "Wat do yoo mean by bringin into this yer court room all these d—d
niggers?"

"Wat do I mean? Wat difference is it to you? They'r my witneses—by
these intelligent freemen I purpose to prove that yer Pollock a perjered villain
and a most unconshusable swindler."

And he grinned at Pollock, who winked wickedly at him in return.

"And I," sed Pollock, "to save time, mite ez well hev my witneses swore.
Issaker Gavitt, stand up."

Issaker arose.

"Now, Mr. Constable, call Pompey Gavitt, Melindy Gavitt, Augustus Ga-
vitt, Petronella Gavitt, Lycurgus Gavitt, Abslum Gavitt, Moses Gavitt, Je-
ferson Gavitt, Adam Gavitt, Martha Washington Gavitt, Parker Gav—"

"Am I to be swore with all these niggers?" roared Issaker, red in the face.

"Reely," sed Squire Punt, "I can't permit this."

"But yoo must," sed Bigler. "Ez desprit a wretch ez is this Pollock, ez
deply ez he hez wronged me, ez much ez I loath, hate and despise him, he
shel hev fair play in a court uv justis. Even shood he beat me and crush
me neath his iron heel, I insist that he shel hev his rites. But the Square hed
better sware mine first."

And ez they generally don't like trouble with Bigler, the Square, pale ez a
gost, for he didn't know wat wuz comin, swore the pile
"Now," said Bigler, "Ceeser Pogram, stand up. Ceeser, do you know the neccher uv an oath?"
"Yes, sah."
"Who wuz your father, Ceeser?"
"Don't know, sah."
"Is your mother in the room, and hez she bin sworn?"
"Yes, sah."
"Yoo may set down for the present. Will Melissy Pogram arise?"
The wench got up.
"Now, Melissy, state to the court the paternity uv your son?"
"I object," shrieked the Deckin. "Wot hez that to do with your owin Pollock a store debt?"
"Is this your case?" retorted Bigler. "Are yoo defendant or plaintiff here in? Melissy, anser. No, Melissy, on second thots, to spare the blushes uv the Deckin—to cast the mantle uv oblivion over the pecaddilloes uv his youth—yoo needent anser. Do yoo want to cross-examine the witness, Mr. Pollock?"
"No!" returned he.
"Lyourgus Gavitt, stand up. Wat right hev yoo to bear the name uv Gavitt?"
"It wuz my fadder's name."
"To wich pertikeler Gavitt do yoo alllood?"
"The lately deceased Elder."
"Then yoo are half-brother to Issaker?"
"I is."
"Yoo may sit down. I will state to the court the object uv these question, which, without explanashen, may appear irrelevant. Mr. Bigler and I agreed unanimously ez to how this soot should be conducted. Niggers alone know the cause uv difference that unfortunitly ariz between us, and knowin that the pure African wuz unworthy uv belee, we determined to yoose only sich ez cood show indisputable descent from good, trustworthy, Caucasien citizens. Hence this preliminary eggsaminashen. We hev hev the niggers uv mixed blood from every plantashen in the naberhood, and we shel reject all who can't show mixt blood. Their evidence must be taken, for to doubt the word uv the sons and daughters uv sich men wood be the heighth uv presupmashen, and an insult which wiz wood be justified in resentin."
"Certinly," sed Bigler, "and let's git at it. Bonaparte Pogram, stand up."
"Hold!" shrieked the Deckin, observin that Mrs. Pogram had just step into the room; "how much is at ishoa in this yer soot?"
"Ninety-one cents, and the costs that hev accrued," sed Pollock.
"I'll pay it," remarikit the Deckin, nervously, "rather than hev this farce go on. Don't call no more uv em—don't. Here's the money."
"It can't be," sed Bigler; "I'm bound to crush that Pollock."
"Don't perceive—don't," yelled Punt, McPelter, and every other white man in the room, ez they notist their wives droppin in one by one, "it's realloc too small a matter—relily it is."
"Well," sed Bigler, "ez there appears to be sich a yoonanimus desir therefor, I hev no objeckshen, on them terms, to forgive Pollock;" and th cussas embraced in open court, while the Deckin, McPelter, and the rest uv ez wuz a payin the niggers their witness fees.

Ez they wuz a leavin the Court Room, Bigler sung out:
"Deckin, ef yoo send on that petishen to Frankfort, I shel send on a protest, provin that evry one uv the niggers who bear yoor name hev a natures
rite to it. Let it alone, Deekin. If the niggers kin stand the name, you ought not to object."

And he and Pollock rolled off together, laughin vociferously. It wuz a plot between em to annoy the Corners. Wood, O, wood that we cood be delivered from em!

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M.
(wich is Postmaster.)

THE CHICAGO CONVENTION, 1868.

Post Office, Confedrit X Roads, (wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
May 28, 1868.

I wuz at Chicago one day. My ears wuz stunned with 'rors for Grant; the bands wuz all playin the Star Spangled Banner and sich. and even the street organ grinders had attoned their lyres to the same Ablishun melodies.

On my arrival I askt a visibus boy (wich I knowed wuz Dimekratic, front the fact that his little shirt wood hev hung out uv his little pants (he'd hev any shirt), ef he cood tell me where the Ablishun Convention wuz a holdin itself.

"Certinly I kin," sed he. "It's in that yer bildin," pintin to a ruther gorgus edifice with a steeple to it.

I entered it. and wuz surprised at the fewness uv the delegates on the floor, and at ther pecooleyer appearance. They didn't look like delegates to any Convenshun I had ever attended. Ther noses wuzn't uv the color I had bin accustomed to. They wuz all solenn looking chaps, with gold spectacles, black coats, high foreheads, and white neckerchers.

At this pint I turned to a man sittin beside me, and in an undertone askt wicch wuz ahead on the last ballot, Colfax or Wade?

"Sir," sed he, "are yoo a Johnson postmaster?"

"I am," sed I, defiantly. "How didst determine that pint?"

"By yoor breath," sed he. "Yoor mistaken in the place, my friend. This is a Methodist Conference."

That wicked and perverse boy had intuitional deceived me.

Unable to obtane admision into the Opera House, I whiled away the rosy hours a visitin the delegashen rooms. The ingeany delegashen offered me water when I intimated I wuz athirst. The Ohio delegashen knew me on site and rekusted me to dust, and the Californy delegashen, uv wich I had expected better things, hed the impudence to offer me wine! Wine! Wine! to feed sich a nose ez I carry about. Wine to satisfy the cravings uv sich a stubbick ez mine! Faugh! Disgusted at the thinness uv the beverages, I retired into a friendly hostelry kept by Dennis O'Shaughnessey, and at his hospitable bar solace myself with three fingers uv Kentucky sustenance.

There wuz no enthuisiasm among the citizens uv Chicago wich I naterally fell among. The saloon keepers, wich in remembrance uv the Democratic convenshun uv 1864 had made extra preparashuns, wuz gloomy, sad, and disappointed. These places, garnisht for the occasion, wuz sad and lonely. There wuz an entire absence uv that gentle gurgle wich to me is so pleasin; there wuz none uv the generous noses and faces lighted up with the radiance born uv the bar! wich I am co so accustomed to.

It's the last Republican convenshun I shall ever attend. 'Tis the idee uv a conference sittin in the same city with a convenshun! The idee uv minglin politics with religion! Will there be conferences in Noo York in Jooky?
On my return, we wuz a settin in Bascom's a discussin the nonmasheenz. Deekin Pogrom wuz indignant. "Good Heaveens!" said he, with horror in his sainted face, "kin it be that men perfites-in nashnel views wood offer sich a in suit to Kentucky ez to nominate sich a man ez Grant, who, sword in hand devastated her fertile fields, and piled the bodies of her nootral sons who resisted his advance mountains high? Kin it be that—"

"Easy, Deekin," replied I; "stiddy! stiddy! Don't take a posishen rashly It ain't improbable that we may hev to nominate Hancock, or some othe soljer. In that event—but I've sed enuff."

"Well, at all event," sed the Deekin, 'tis a most hoomiliatin thing to be thrown in our faces a infamous proposishen to pay a debt inkurrd in an infamous attempt to subjoagate us—to pledge our labor to pay a debt uncor stitooshnally inkurrd, and un—"

"Deekin," sed I, "your zeal I do admire, but your trealy indiscreet. I may be found necessary in order to carry Noo York to nominate Belmont man, who will be pledged to this very thing. Go a little slow."

"Well, however that may be, it's a bermun shame to throw into Kentuck' face a Ablishinist—two uv em in fact—and—"

"Deekin" (I spoke this time severely), "your very indiscreet to-day. It possible, and I may say probable, that that noble patriot, Cheef Justice Chase who hez bin a friteful Ablishinist, and who, ef he runs, will, for obvious reason, make us swaller at the beginmin a porshen uv his heresies, may be our cand date. Say nothin, Deekin, that you'll hev to take back."

Feelin that rite here wuz a splendid chance for an improvin discourse o the nacher, objicks, and aims uv Democracy, I opened out onto em.

"Dimocrissy," I remarked, "is distinguished cheefly for its elasticity i adaptin means to ends. One wood suppose that Postoffs is its cheef end. I one sense it is. Dimocrissy is willin to sacrifice anything wich it hez for Pos offis. It mite raise Deekin Pogrom's ire to sejest the nominashen uv Hancock, on akount uv his stawterins, or Belmont's candidate on akount u his insistin on payin off the Nashnel debt, or Chase, who hez bin in his day sus pected uv bein tainted with Ablishinism. But, my brethrin, let it be reme bered that success is the main objick. Success is wat Bascom wants, that bein contiuoed in offis, may hev the means to pay for the likker I conso and to avoid the necessity uv bein contiuoally rekeated to chalk it down, which practis he esteemss disgustin, and one wich greatly increases his labors. Cap tain McPeltor wants success, that he may continyoo to hev Assessors, Col letors and Revenoo officers with wich he kin divide the profits uv the $2 ta on the whisky he makes, and Deekin Pogrom wants success that he may he his niggers again, or at least that he may hev the privilege uv hirin em for $ per month, deductin 25 cents per day for each day's absence, withou no Burro officer or other military satrap hangin about to molest or enke afraid. Succ ess is the main pint, and ef Hancock is the way, walk ye in it; ef Chase o Seymour is the way, walk ye ditto, for with either uv these men all these things we'll hev. When they come to us they leev their former selves b hind.

"But methinks I hear one say, Hancock, is a soljer, Seymour a anti-repub ator, and Chase a Ablishinist! Wat uv that? They may be wat they lill when they go into offis—associashen with us fetches em sooner or later. Th road down is a easy one to travel. It's easier to slide down than to climb, which is the reason so many more are damned than saved. Democracy, like Bascom new likker, holds a man when it gits him. Johnson wuz a good enuff Ablish mist till he called onto us for help, and then he wuz lost. Let Chase sta
with us a week, and he'd forgot all his old ideas, you bet. Shood you poke that silver pitcher as him the niggers give him at Cincinnati, for defendin a fugitive, and he'd swear like Peter he never saw it—only different from Peter in that he's stick to it. And ther is no goin back for the principal ones. Ther remorse kind o' drives em deeper and deeper, till they finally are worse than ez tho they originally wuz of us. Let us, my brethren, never reject any help we kin git. Let it come in any shape and from any source, it'll finally assimilate to us and be uv us."

Ez I concluded my remarks, my circle all agreed that it wuz safe to take whatever we cood git from the enemy, and we retired, I feelin that whatever other localities nite do, the Corners wuz safe. Wat an outrag it is, though, that the Ablishnists nominated such a man for Vice President ez to make Grant perfectly safe from bein removed ez Linkin wuz. Ef he's elected he'll serve out his time sure.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M.
(wich is Postmaster.)

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, 1868.

Post Offis, Confedrit X Roads.
,(wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),

November 5, 1868.

Bad news travels fast. We hev heerd from enuff uv the states to know that the butcher Grant—hewich wunst afore stood in the way uv the Confederacy—hez been elected President, and that Seymore and Blare, our gellorious standard bearers, hev bin defeated ignominiously.

This ends it! This finishes it! There is no longer hope for Democracy. Our star is set in gloom. Never shol I forgot the gastly appearance uv Deekin Pogram's face ez the fatal noose wuz told him. A single tear rolled from his left eye, down his furrowed cheek; it glittered for a brief moment on the tip uv his brilleyent nose, and plunged off into space! How like our hopes! Never a word sed he, but sadly beckoned me to folier. Sadly he walked to the square, mournfully he pulled down the Confedrit flag wich hez waved from the pole in front uv Bascom's, tenderly he folded it, and placed it under the barl uv whisky in the bar. "Thar let it rest," gasped he in a husky tone; "it will never kiss the breezes no more." And overcome with emoshun, the good old man busted in a flood uv tears, wich saved his life. The drain uv moisture from his system made it necessary for him to take suthin to fill its place, and that suthin wuz strengthin. To save him I took suthin strengthdin too.

I won't say a word as to the causes uv this terrible defeat. Seymore wood make speeches, wich hez alluz bin fale to Presidenhshul aspirants, and Blare wood rite terrible letters, wich is just as bad. Besides, Blare fairly repesents us, wich druv off all the decent people, and Seymore rather prides hiself on bein a gentleman, wich chilled the ardor uv our party. The nominashuns were unforchunat, but I don't reproach em. It's fate.

I hev reason to sigh. For Pollock will git the Post Offis after all. The iz hands are contaminated by bein taken into the hands uv niggers—his hands wich handles kaliker and draws molasses, and iz consequently degraded by earnin his own livin—his hands will pass out to Deekin Pogram the paper wich the Corners takes! The Deekin, ez he thot uv this, bust into teers agin. "I shel top that paper," sez he, "and the Corners shel go back into the darkness uv ignorance. I shel never go agin for a letter, nor will I hev one written for
me to anybody. When a Ablisian face is at the general delivery, I shal step
patermonize the Post Offis!"

Will the new Administrashun deprive a whole community uv a paper mere-
yly to giv one uv its supporters a posishun? We shal see.

But I cood endoor the loss uv my posishen; for principle I can look mar-
terdorn squarely in the face; but I see other and more terrible results followin
the catastrophe.

Wat uv the niggers? Wat uv us? We shal hev niggers votin at the Cor-
ers! We shal hev, at our poles, all uv the black cusses who live between here
and Garrettstown, a votin ez regler ez though they wuz white men. We shal
hev em defflin the sakred ballot-box ez tho they wuz not uv a cussid race.
I see dark lines afore our poor State. They will hereafter hold the land
wich they hev bought, and wich they live on, by a sure tenure, and they will
increase and multiply. Pollock will buy ther prodoos, and they will work and
git money. This money they will lend to us—for we must hev it to sustain
life—and they will take mortgages onto our land. (When I say our, I mean
Deekin Pogram and sich.) Ez we never work ourselves, and will not hev, un-
der the present arrangement, the means uv compollin the labor necessary to
our support, we kin never pay; and the result will be, this beautiful land uv
ourn wich we so deeply love, will pass out uv the hands uv the stronger and
better race into the control uv a weaker and less powerful people. The Dee-
kin wuz remarkin suthin to this effect, when Joe Bigler remarkt in reply,
that the Deekin hed better throw himsell onto the sympathy uv his sons.

"Why, they can’t work any more than I kin," sed the Deekin.

"I don’t mean your white sons!" sed this terribel Bigler. "They ain’t uv
no akount. But in the nigger settlement at Garrettstown yoo hev more
than twenty who wood—"

The poor Deekin rushed out uv the room, while Bigler laft his most feend-
lish laff.

The people will be deprived uv their innocent amoosements. This Grant will
send on armed hirelins, clothed in ojus bloo, with muskets and sich, who
will prevent our shootin niggers, and whv will protect on ther farms and in their
houses the ojus Northernners who hev settled in our midst. We shal see the glo-
rious Southern system decline stiddily and shoourtly. The whipping posts will rot
and the stox will decay; the yelp uv dorgs will no more be heerd, and the cheer-
ful crack uv the pistol and the shreek uv the man wat has got his gruel wud
no more be heerd in the land. Bascom, after he hez the few farms still un-
mortgaged in the vicinity, will close, and go to LOuisville, and embark into
the wholesal groserie trade and jine the church, and give liberly to Sunday
skoold; his groserie will fall into decay, and the sine will hang by one hinge.
We shal see churches and skool houses, factrys and villages everywhere. The
Pogram place uv 2,000 akers will be divided up into twenty farms, and onto
them will be the bustlin Noo Yorker, the cool, calculating Yankee, the stiddy,
hard-workin German, who will display his grovelin nacher by workin himself
inside uv forcin niggers to do it for him. We shal be run over with skool-
marms, deluged with academies, plastered over with newspapers, stunned
with machinery, drove crazy by the whirr, crash and clash of movin machines
and reapers. And there will be cheese made at the Corners. Pennibacker’s
distillery will be turned into a cheese factery, and weak whiy will run wher
now the generous high wines flash along the troughs. Ther will be no recti-
fyin at the Corners; the hog pens will be abolished, and in ther sted will be
skool houses. And methinks I see in my mind’s eye, Horasho, the speerit, the
ghost uv the departed Pogram (for he won’t survive it long), a hoverin over
the scene, ez Hamlick's father did. The blessed shade will look in vane for his house—on the spot when it stood will be an academy. He will turn to Bas- com's, but ther he will find a deestrick skule.

"To Pennibacker's!" he will gasp, in a speeritoal whisper, and with a spereitoal nod wiz his spereitoal lips he will hover over it, but the smell uv cheese in the place uv the strengthenin odors in wiz he delites, will send a spereitoal shudder thro him. A ghost uv a tear will run down his spereitoal nose, finger for a minit at the tip, like a dew drop on the rose and fall!

Then will the dissatisfied ghost demand to be taken back to purgatory, a place less tryin to his nerves.

All is up with me and us. I shel stay in Kentucky for the present, tho wat may become uv me the Lord only knows.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M.

(wich is Postmaster.)

MR. NASBY LOSES HIS POSTOFFICE.

On a Farm, Three Miles from Confedrit X Roads, (wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),

June 29, 1869.

The die is cast! The guilloteen hez fallen! I am no longer Postmaster at Confedrit X Roads, wich is in the State uv Kentucky. The place wich known me wunst will know me no more forever; the paper wich Deekin Pogram takes will be handed out by a nigger; a nigger will herv the openin uv letters addressed to parties residin hereabouts, containin remittances; a nigger will herv the riflin uv letters addrest to lottery managers, and extractin the sweets ther-from; a nigger will be— But I can't dwell upon the disgustin theme no longer.

I hed bin in Washington two weeks assistin the Caucasens uv that city to put their foot upon the heads uv the cussid niggers who ain't content to ac-
cept the situashen and remain ez they alluz herv bin, inferior beings. To say I bed succeeded, is a week expresheen. I organized a raid onto em so effectooal ez to drive no less than thirty uv em out uv employment, twenty-seven uv wiz compelled to steel their bread, wich give us a splendid oppor-toonity to show up the nateral cussidness uv the Afrikin race, wich we improved.

On my arival at the Corners, I knew to wunst that suthin wiz wrong. The bottles behind the bar wiz draped in black; the barrels (wuz festooned gloomily (wich is our yoosual method of expressin greef at public calamities), and the premises generally wore a funeral aspeck.

"Wat is it?" gasped I.

Bascom returned not a word, but waved his hand towards the Post Offis.

Rushin thither, I bustid open the door, and reelid almost agin the wall. At the general delivery wuz the grinnin face uv a nigger! and settin in my chair wiz Joe Bigler, with Pollock beside him, smokin pipes and laffin over suthin in a noosepaper.

Bigler caught site uv me, and dartin out, pulled me inside them hitherto sacred precinks.

"Permit me," sed he, jeerinly, "to interdoose you to your successor, Mr. Ceezer Lubby."

"My successor! Wat does this mean?"

"Show him, Ceezer!"

And the nigger, every tooth in his head shinin, handed me a commishn dooly made out, and signed. I saw it all at a glance. I hed left my biznis in the hands uv a depotty. It arriived the day after I left, and Isaker Gavitt,
who distributed the mail, gave it to the cuss. Pollock made out the bonds and went onto em himself, and in ten days the commissions come all regler, whereupon Bigler backt the nigger and took forceable possession uv the office. While I wuz absent they hed hed a procession in honor uv the joyful event, sed per-century consistin uv Pollock, Bigler, and the new Postmaster, who marched through the streets with the stars and stripes, banners and etc. Bigler remark that the procession wuzn't large, but it wuz talented, eminently respectable, and extremely vassitled. He (Bigler) carried the flag, and played the sife: Pollock carried a banner with an inscription on it, "Sound the loud timbrel o'er Egypt's dark sea," and played the bass drum; while the nigger bore aloft a banner inscribed, "Where African's sunny fountains roll down the golden sands," with his commission pinned onto it, playin in addishen a pair uv assorted cymbals. Bigler remark further that the procession created a positive sensation at the Corners, which I shood think it wood. "It wuzn't," sed the tormentin cuss, "very much Like the grand procession wich took place when you received your commission. Then the whites at the Corners wuz elated, for they spectid to git wat you owed em in doo time, and the niggers wuz correspondingly deprest. They slunk into by-ways and side-ways; they didn't hold up their heads, and they dusted out ez fast ez they could git. At this procession ther wuz a change. The niggers lined the streets ez we passed, grinmin exultingly, and the whites wuz deprest correspondingly. It's singler that at the Corners the two races can't feel good both at the same time."

My arrival hevin become known, by the time I got back to Bascom's a all my friends had gathered there. There wuzn't a dry eye among em; and ez I thot uv the joys once tastid, but now for ever fled, mine moistened likewise. There wuz a visible change in their manner towards me. They regarded me with solisitood, but I coud discern that the solisitood wuz not so much for me ez for themselves.

"What shel I do?" I askt. "Suthin must be devised, for I can't starve."

"Pay me wat you owe me!" ejakelaatid Bascom.

"Pay me you owe me!" ejakelaatid Deekin Pogram, and the same remark wuz made by all uv em with wonderful yoonanimity. Whatever differences uv opinion ther mite be on other topics, on this they wuz all agreed.

"Gentlemen!" I commenced, backing into a corner, "is this generous? Is this the treatment I hev a right to expect? Is this—"

I shood hev gone on at length, but just at this minnit Pollock, Joe Bigler, and the new Postmaster entered.

"I hev biznis!" sed the Postmaster; "not agreeable biznis, but it's my of-fishel dooty to perform it."

At the word "offishel" comin from his hips, I groaned, wich wuz ek-koed by those present.

"I hev in my hand," continyood he, "de bond uiben by my predecessor, onto wich is de names uv George W. Bascom, Elkanah Pogram, Hugh McPelter, and Seth Pennibacker, ez suredies. In dis oder hand I hold a skedool ob de property belongin to de apartment wich wuz turned ober to him by his predecessor, consistin of table, chairs, boxes, locks, bags, et settry, wid sundry dollars worf uv stamps, paper, twine, &c. None ob dis ollis property, turned ober to my predecessor by his predecessor, is to be found in de ollis, and de objick ob dis visit is to notify you dat ouless immejtit payment be made uv the amount thereof, I am directed by de department to bring soot to-wunast against the sed sureties."

Never before did I so appreciate A. Johnson, and his Postmaster General.
Randall. Under their administrashen what Postmaster wuz ever pulled up for stealin anythin? Eko ansers. This wuz the feather that broke the camel's back.

"Wut!" exclaimed Bascom, "she'll lose wut yoo owe me, and then pay for wut yoo've stole?"

"She'll lose the money," sed Pogram, "wich I lent yoo, and in addishen pay a Ablishen government for property yoo've confiscated?

"But the property is here," I remark to Bascom; "yoo've got it all. Why not return it, and save all this trouble?"

"Wut wood I hev then for the whiskey yoo've consoomed?" he ejakelated vishusly. "It's all I've ever got from yoo; and I've been keepin yoo for four years."

"Didn't that property pay yoo for the likker?" I asked; but Bascom wuz in no humor for figgers, and he pitched into me, at wich pleasant pastime they all folleered soot. But for Joe Bigler, they wood hev killed me. Ez it wuz, they blackt both my eyes, and rolled me out onto the sidewalk, shuttin the door agin me.

Ez I heard that door slam to, I felt that all wuz lost. No offis! no money! and Bascom's closed agin me! Kin ther be a harder fate? I passed the nite with a farmer, three miles out, who, bein sick, hedn't bin to the Corners, and consequently knowd nuthin uv the changes.

I heard the next day the result uv the ruckshun. Bascom returned sich uv the property ez hedn't been sold and consoomed, wich consisted uv the boxes. The chairs hed bin broken up in the frekent shindies wich occur at this place; the locks hed bin sold to farmers who yoozed em on their smoke houses; the bags hed bin sold for wheat, and so on. The stamps, paper, twine, and sich, figgered up three hundred and forty-six dollars, wich wuz three hundred more dollars than there wuz in the Corners. Bascom advanced the forty-six dollars, and the three hundred wuz borrered uv a banker at Secessionville, who took mortgages on the farms uv the imprudent bondsmen for sekoority. Uv course I can't go back to the Corners under eggstisn circumstances. It wood be uncomfortable for me to live there ez matters terminated. I shel make my way to Washinton, and shel see if I can't git myself electid ez Manager of a Labor Association, and so make a livin till there comes a change in the Administrashen. I wood fasten myself on A. Johnson, but unforchnitly there ain't enuff in him to tie to. I wood ez soon think uv tyin myself to a car wheel in a storm at sea.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

(wich was Post Master.)
“CUSSID BE CANAAN!”

A LECTURE DELIVERED AT MUSIC HALL, BOSTON,
DECEMBER 22, 1867.

We are all descended from grandfathers. Nearly a century ago the grandfathers of some of us, in convention assembled, uttered as doctrine, which they believed could not be gainsaid, these words: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

Thomas Jefferson was the particular grandfather who wrote these high-sounding words, and, as a consequence, he has been ever since hailed as the father of the only political party which never believed in them. My particular mission is to show that Jefferson was a most shallow person, which opinion of Jefferson is very general in the South. True, the Democracy claim him as its father; but when we remember that the same party claim Jackson, the stranger of secession, as another father, we can easily see how that can be. We have claimed these men as ancestors only since they departed this life. Should they rise from the dead, and be blessed with a view of their reputed sons, particularly the branch of the family that has taken up its residence in the city of New York, they would, I doubt not, hold up their hands in horror, and exclaim, “It’s a wise father who knows his own child.”

It was well enough for Jefferson to assert the equality of men before there was profit in inequality; but had he been really a prophet, he would have done no such thing. In his day Slavery was unprofitable, and, consequently, not the holy thing it has been since. The slaves were burdens instead of aids, for the planters were compelled to provide for them. The hogs ate the corn, and the negroes ate the hogs, leaving the poor owners only what they left. But happily there came a change. An ingenious Yankee invented the cotton gin, slave labor became valuable, and, presto! the doctrine of the equality of men was consigned to the limbo for worn-out and useless rubbish, and Jefferson went out of fashion. Had he been really desirous of being held up as the prophet of the people who afterwards claimed him as such, we should not have had the forcible sentences I have read. He would have diluted them into something like this: “We hold these supposed truths to be tolerably self-evident, that, as a rule, all white men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with divers and sundry rights, which may be considered inalienable; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of — niggers!”
It will be observed that the two Declarations differ somewhat. One is as Jefferson wrote it, and the other is the version we use at Confederate X. Roads. Jefferson was at fault in his lack of appreciation, and strange omission of the word "white." The same omission is painfully observable in all the literature of the world. I have searched faithfully the realms of poetry and history, and am compelled to acknowledge that nowhere outside of the Constitutions of certain States is the word "white" made a necessary prefix to the word "man." And against this I protest. Literature should conform to law, and to the great Caucasian idea. The term employed to designate responsible beings in the Constitutions of our States being "white male," I insist that we go through all our books, and substitute "white male" for "man" wherever the word occurs. Thus we shall make Sir Walter Scott say:

"Breathes there a white male, with soul so dead."

Addison shall say, in Cato:

When vice prevails, and impious white males bear sway,
The post of honor is the private station.

In Macbeth, the murderers shall say:

"We are all white males, my liege."

And Macbeth shall answer:

"Aye, in the catalogue ye go for white males."

And Othello, before the Senators:

"She swore, I' faith, 'twas strange—'twas passing strange;
'Twas pitiful: 'twas wondrous pitiful.
She wished she had not heard it, yet she wished
That Heaven had made her such a white male."

But in the Bible the improvement would shine out in a clearer and stronger light. In our Caucasian—our white men's Bibles—we shall have such words as these:

I Samuel 13:14—

"A white male after his own heart."

2 Samuel 12:7—

"And Nathan said unto David, Thou art the white male."

Psalms 37:37—

"Mark the perfect white male, and be hold the upright; for the end of that white male is peace."

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and thy white male fellow-citizen as thyself."

And in the mouth of our Saviour we shall put these words:

"Suffer little white children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

This passage would be especially grateful to us of Kentucky, showing as it would that the distinction between the races would be kept up through all eternity. But, unfortunately, the Books do not so read. The American people, when slave labor became of value, forsook Jefferson, put the word "white" into their laws, and painted the word "nigger" on their banners, which word has been a political Shibboleth ever since. It is this Nigger which we shall investigate to-night. I am the more anxious that the people shall understand the ma-
tire of this being, and the absurdity of the attempt to elevate him to manhood, for the reason that an effort to that end is now being made. The insane agitators, who deny the truth of Kentucky theology, are resisting us in our efforts to put him in his old place. In the face of our desires, they insist upon deluging the country with Massachusetts, and making of the South a second New England—factories, farms, churches, school-houses and all.

Upon the 957th page of the Dictionary you will find the word "nigger" defined as follows: "One of the black, woolly-headed, thick-lipped, flat-nosed race of men inhabiting Africa." The Negro of the Dictionary is not the individual of which I shall speak. The Negro I know nothing about; the Nigger I have spent much time in investigating, and flatter myself I understand it thoroughly. I say it of the Nigger, and him of the Negro, for there is a wide difference between them. The Negro is a man, born in Africa, or descended from natives of that country; the Nigger is an idea, which exists only in the imagination of persons of the haughty Caucasian race resident in the United States. It is an idea which sways men, and influences their action, without having being; a myth, which influences the world, without possessing form or shape. It is possessed of many attributes, is many-sided, many-shaped, vastly endowed, and fearfully and wonderfully made. To clear up as I go, I may as well specify some of the peculiarities of the Nigger: For instance, it is firmly believed that he could never provide for himself; but those so contending, also declare that the wealth of the country is dependent upon him, and that without him weeds would grow in the streets of our cities. It was asserted that he would not labor; at the same men undertook the large job of conquering the North, that they might continue to enjoy the fruits of his labor. He was said to be so stupid as to be incapable of receiving even the rudiments of an education, and yet we found it necessary, in our States, to pass stringent laws, with fearful penalties attached, to prevent him from doing it! It was held by eloquent speakers that he would invade the North, and, as he was too indolent to work, he would fill our almshouses and jails; and the same speakers would assert a moment later, with equal eloquence, that accustomed as he always had been to labor, he would work for less pay than white men, and throw them all out of employment. This last assertion, I have noticed, was always made by gentlemen in the vicinity of bar-rooms, whose nose were soberino-hued, whose hats were crownless, and whose wives, for amusement probably, took in washing to feed the children. It is an unfortunate fact for us, that men who labor in earnest have never been afraid of the competition of the Nigger. Lower down in the scale of creation than the baboon, they were fearful he would, if not restrained by law, teach their schools, sit as judges, and be elected to Congress; so repulsive in appearance had they painted him, with his thick lips, black face, and kinky hair, that the very thought of one would make a white damsel shudder; nevertheless they demanded the enactment of laws in States where women may choose their husbands unrestrained, to prevent these same white damsels from marrying them. Immeasurably beneath them in every particular, they felt called upon to perpetually cry, "Protect us from nigger equality!"—and so on.

Jefferson's fault was the result of a lack of knowledge. He knew all about the Negro, but nothing about the Nigger, and it was well for him, therefore, that he lived in the year of our Lord 1776. Had he lived ninety years later, and enunciated the same doctrine, we should have shot him, as we did Lovejoy. Were he alive now, he could not have been elected to Congress in the district represented by the Hon. John Morrissey! No, indeed! The gentlemen who left their native soil because of the sanctity of this equality (and of potatoes),
the men who would have been carpet-baggers but for the lack of carpet-bags—those who have kindly taken charge of the politics of several of the Atlantic cities—these men are the sharp sticklers that the distinctions between man and man which drove them from the land of their birth be kept up here. Their motto is, "One man is as good as another;" but when their eyes rest upon a black man, they very properly add, "and better too!" This class have cultivated such a delightful hatred of the Nigger that they won't even drink with one, unless, indeed, the Nigger pays for the fluids. This makes some difference. And that this distinction may be kept up, we have interpolated into Jefferson's Declaration the word "white," and assert, vehemently, that both Scripture and science, of which we know much, justify the interpolation. In Kentucky, we don't take the Declaration of Independence as we do our whiskey, straight, but we sweeten it to our taste. We have all the passages of Scripture relating to it at our tongues' end. At the Corners, you can hear at any time those whose appearance hardly denotes erudition, whose noses blossom as the lobster, whose hair asserts impatience of restraint by protruding itself through the corners of their hats, whose toes manifest themselves through their ventilated shoes, and to whose perpendicularity posts are necessary, exclaim, unctuously, "And Noe planted a vineyard, and drank of the wine, and was drunken. Cursed be Canaan."

Having dwelt as long as is profitable upon the attributes of this interesting being, I pass to an examination of his origin. It is found in the 9th chapter of Genesis. The world, sunk in wickedness, was destroyed by a flood. But it was not the design of the Almighty to exterminate the race. I will not stop here to argue whether it would have been better to have made clean work of it or not. I was in New York, a few weeks ago, and thought, perhaps, it would. Be that as it may, one family he preserved in the ark, and when the tempests that had wrought His judgments had subsided, and the purified earth was again fit for the occupancy of man, this family left their floating home, and went out upon its face. The Book gives a short, though satisfactory account of what followed. Noah, six hundred years old at the time, having seen nothing but water for nearly twelve months, wanted a change. He planted a vineyard, pressed the grapes, drank the wine therefrom, and was drunken; which was a very indiscreet performance for one at his age. Had he been a mere infant of one or two hundred years, it wouldn't have been so singular, but a mature man of six hundred ought to have known better. It has always been a mystery at the Corners how Noah could become inebriated on so thin a drink as new wine. Deacon Pogram remarked that Noah wuzn't a seasoned vessel. In that condition he lay down in his tent with insufficient clothing upon him. As it was in the beginning, so it is now, and ever shall be. To this day the man who drinks will sooner or later get down with too little clothing upon him. Ham, his youngest son, saw him, and laughingly told his brethren. Shem and Japheth reproved Ham for his levity, and took their garments upon their shoulders, and going backward, laid them upon him. When Noah awoke, he knew what Ham had done, and he cursed him in these words: "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren."

Upon this one act of our common father hung momentous results. That one draught of wine set in motion a succession of events that affected the fate of the greatest nation of the world, in all conceivable ways, from the election of constables to the fighting of great battles. For in that cup of wine was Democracy—then and there it was born, and that cup of wine gave that party its Nigger—all the capital it ever had. The temperance tell us that in
every cup of wine there is a devil; in this cup you will acknowledge there was a large and particularly lively one.

The drinking of this wine, and the drunkenness that it produced upon the inexperienced Noah, was the cause of a division of the human race into two classes—white men and negroes. Under the head of white men, we class the red men of America, with his aquiline nose, coppery complexion, and straight hair; the Mongolian, with his olive-colored skin, black hair, and flat nose; the Caucasian, with his fair complexion, hair of all colors, and features of all shapes; the Celt, with his variable features; and—Democrats. A Democrat is counted a white man, no matter what his complexion may be; no matter what the color of his hair—or nose. All the rest of the human family—and Radicals—we set down as Niggers. To the white race we ascribe all the glory of the South—to the others nothing.

This elevation of the white race, and consequent degradation of the black is justified by the few of us who read the Bible, by the sin of Ham; though, by the way, we have nothing to say in particular of the sin of Noah, which preceded and led to it, Noah's sin being one that we are compelled, for obvious reasons, to look upon with much leniency.

To be frank, I have never believed that poor Ham was fairly dealt with. I have always pitied Ham. He was, doubtless, a great, good-natured fellow, with a keen appreciation of the ludicrous, and was vastly amused at the condition of his sire. Drunkenness was not so common in that day as to excite disgust; and as he saw the old navigator on his back, his face twisted with inebriety, his snores waking the echoes, and the walls of his tent swaying from his hard breathing, he doubtless thought he had, as the slave-owners of this day would say, "a good thing on the old man."

But if it was a laughing matter with the foolish Ham, it was not so with the shrewd Shem and Japheth. They pierced the future. To get into the good graces of their father, they turned their backs upon his sin and folly (as we do nowadays upon the sin and folly of those from whom we want favors), and, precisely as we do, cast over his sin their garments. The only parallel to this we have in modern times occurred in Washington a few years ago. Andrew Johnson was very much in the condition of Noah upon one memorable 22d of February, and a small army of patriots, who had assessorships, post offices, and collectorships in their eyes, made haste to cast their garments over him. But they did not succeed in covering him. Noah awoke, and in the ill-humor which always follows excess, cursed poor Ham, and condemned his son Canaan to be the servants of his uncles forever. This was the beginning of Democracy. Drunkenness brought exposure, exposure shame, shame a curse, and thus cursed, Ham went out a Nigger. Drunkenness made Nigger, Nigger made Democracy, and the two have been running the machine ever since.

We have now plainly before us the origin of the Nigger, and have, therefore, a starting point for our investigations. Here were three brothers, Shem, Ham and Japheth, with a curse upon Ham, condemning his children to serve the others. We, the whites, claim to be the descendants of the other two, and consequently assert the right to own and work the children of our unfortunate uncle. The claim is a comfortable one. Labor is something all men dread; and if it can be positively fixed that Noah did curse Ham, and that he spoke by authority, and that the negro is really the descendant of Ham, and we are the descendants of Japheth, we have really a good thing of it. We of Kentucky have always desired to fulfill the great law of labor, as our particular friends at the North served in the army—by substitute
One cup of wine, and a curse after it, made a difference in the history of the world.

How differently history would have been written had Noah started a temperance society at the beginning, or had the Maine liquor law been in operation in that country. Or had he taken up any other branch of agriculture! Had he planted corn instead of grapes, or gone into sheep or poultry; had a frost blighted his grapes, or a mildew struck them, or had the screw of his press broken; had any one of these things happened, he would not have become inebriated; Ham would not have seen him; there would have been no curse, no Nigger, no Democracy. For who can imagine a Democracy without a Nigger to be kept in subjection! Or suppose that all of Ham's children had died of diphtheria! Had any one of these things happened, the whole course of political events would have been changed. We never should have seen at political meetings in the West, wagon-loads of ancient females, with banners over their venerable heads, and inscribed thereon this agonizingly touching appeal: "Fathers, protect us from negro equality!" as though they were not old enough, as a rule, to protect themselves. Or this heroic declaration: "White husbands or none!" which, taken in connection with their age and single condition, would indicate that if they had ever had offers they must have come from black men. In the East, the gentlemen who sent the Hon. John Morrissey to Congress from New York, would have been spared the crimes of arson and murder, for there would have been no nigger orphan asylums to awaken their righteous indignation; no adult male niggers to hang to lamp posts. But as any one of these things would have changed the complexion of affairs, and prevented the unfortunate change in Ham's complexion, and as they did not happen, we are bound to admit that Providence intended the negro to be kept down, and in the eternal fitness of things, arranged for an organization to keep him down.

This curse is the great pivotal fact upon which American politics have turned for years. But we found many difficulties in it. The first difficulty which occurred to me, is the fact that all of Ham's children did not suffer in consequence of their father's little indiscretion. It ought to have fallen upon all alike, but it did not. Nimrod was a descendant of Ham, but he was not the servant of anybody, very much. On the contrary, quite the reverse. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; and mighty hunters have never been servants: The man strong enough to struggle with the lion and to overcome the tiger, and brave enough to dare the dangers of the chase for the fierce delights it affords, is not the man to humbly hump his shoulders, and to a mere man say that most hateful of all words, "Master." Besides, Nimrod built cities and established kingdoms, which is not the work of servants. We are forced to the conclusion, therefore, that the curse held to Canaan only; that Nimrod's children mingled with the sons of Shem and Japheth, and that their descendants are to-day white men. This troubles us; for, counting it a truth, we were associating with those having the blood of the cursed Ham in their veins; and besides, if one of the descendants of Ham escaped the curse, may not others get out from under it at the same place? Again, if the Negroes of Africa, from which country we procured the stock we are blessed with, are really the descendants of Canaan, the son of Ham, the curse which Noah imposed upon them lost its adhesive power for many centuries. The brethren separated, and each went about his business. I have spent sleepless nights upon this question, but I must confess that I can find no proof that Canaan, or any of his descendants, were, until a comparatively recent date, the servants of anybody! Can it be that the curse was as temporary in its effects as the wine that produced it? Did it evaporate with
the fumes thereof? Did it pass away with Noah's headache the next morn ing? Did Noah make over to Shem and Japheth property for which he had no title?

Unfortunately Shem's descendants are said to have stayed in Asia, Ham's went to Africa, and Japheth's peopled Europe. Here is the difficulty that besets me. How could Ham's descendants serve their brethren, they staying in Af rica, while the brethren were comfortably established in Europe and Asia? It may be answered that they went after them; but, alas! they had no need of that. The strong Shemites found enough weak Shemites to enslave without going after their cousins, and the same is true of the Japhetites. The Tartars made servants of the Chinese, the Normans of the Saxons, and the Romans had a cheerful habit of gobbling up all the weaker people within their reach. Among these, I regret to say, were the ancestors of those before me—your fa thers and mine. The curse was in existence, and had power, but somehow it was demoralized. When Noah fired it off it missed its aim. It scattered like a poor shot-gun, and hit where he did not intend it. For in all ages of the world slavery has existed. There never has been a time when strong men were not too lazy to work; never a time when there were not brutes and imbeciles—the two classes necessary to the system. The strong enslaved the weak without regard to Noah. They did it in a manly way, too. The enslavers did not ask the person they wished to enslave for their family record; they did not attempt to ascertain whether or not he was descended from Canaan. Not they. If they wanted a servant, they sought out a man weaker than they; they knocked him down, in the old fashioned way, with a club; they beat till the original man was pretty much pummelled out of him, and then, reduced to the condition of a beast, he was the individual they desired. History is full of these instances, and Jefferson had this kind of history in his mind when he wrote the Declaration; which would have been well enough had he put the word "white" in its proper place, that there might be no doubt as to his meaning.

As he left it, it applies to black as well as white, and strictly construed robs us of our Nigger.

We could never find any testimony in the Scriptures that the dusky sons of Africa were the descendants of Canaan; and this is another difficulty. To be a servant, as our people understand it, one ought to be an inferior; and we held that the negro was our inferior, and ought to be our servant, because of the curse. Behold the snare upon which our boat runs. Our conservative breth ren oppose the conferring of any rights upon these people, because we dread the supremacy of the negro! That sweet boon to an oppressed people, Andrew Johnson, in his annual message, always devoted a chapter to the danger of this race taking possession of the government, and conducting it themselves; and I am not certain but that I have seen the same fear expressed in the reports of Secretary Welles, as he said regularly whatever the President has said. Seward once dwelt upon it at length, but I do not like to quote him. The distance from Abraham Lincoln to Andrew Johnson was so great, that the leap from the one to the other broke his moral back. He has never stood upright since. The friends of the race jeeringly say that if the negroes should take the government in their own hands, they hope they will conduct it to better advantage than the late President has, for if they do not, it would prove to the satisfaction of everybody that the curse was a reality, and that they are not fit, as yet, to be intrusted with political rights.

Now we have in the United States four millions of these people, all told, and thirty millions of whites. It is as certain as the multiplication table that if
It may be well here to consider briefly the question of color, which has worried and perplexed all of us. We are white, or copper-colored, and the negroes, such of them as stayed at the North are black. The question is, "Why black?" One theory is, that color is the result of climate, diet, habits of life, and other conditions, which, persevered in for many generations, will change the appearances of families of men. The people of my state know better. They ascribe it to the curse of Noah; that Ham, being the brother of Shem and Japheth, was originally white, even as they were, but that he went out from the presence of his father with this mark of displeasure, not only upon his face, but spread all over his body. The very name to us is significant of color. The curse changed at once his physical nature, and the change took place suddenly. When Ham got to his room that morning, and gazed at himself in his mirror, he called, in astonishment, for Shem and Japheth, that he might be introduced to himself.

Noah, when he changed Ham's style and shape, had doubtless a glimpse of the future, and he made of him precisely the kind of man that the future required. As he was to be the menial of his brethren for all time, he considerably gave him a complexion suited to his condition; one that would not show dirt. To further fit him for the discharge of the duties that were to be his, his nose was flattened, that it could never be turned up in scorn at anything; his arms were elongated, his shoulders were broadened, his forehead was driven backward, and his hair, long and straight like ours, was converted into wool, that he should write no time in dressing it, and also that we, his masters, might have a better hold for our fingers. These are the physical characteristics of the race in America, and we affirm that the negro must and ought to be a slave, because the Almighty, working through Noah, made him exactly of the shape and style necessary to that condition.

There may be a mistake here. It is possible, as I once heard a philosophical son of Ham say, that those who hold these views have been all along mistaking their own work for the Almighty's. He had the impudence to say that it was possible that when the first negro was landed on our shores he was neither flat-nosed, long-heeled, nor large-handed. He was, however, forthwith
set at work grubbing land in Virginia; his nose was being continually flattened by the fist of his chivalrous master; his shoulders were broadened by the burdens piled upon them; his hands were widened by constant holding of the hoe, and his heel was providentially lengthened to enable him to maintain his equilibrium under the loads he was compelled to carry. Had they been shorter, he would, when overloaded, have fallen backward. His receding forehead he accounted for in this way: "Of what use," said he, "would a head shaped to hold brains be to one who had no brains to hold? and why should he have brains who has no occasion to use them?" But I noticed that this particularigger, who had learned to read and write, had a head shaped very much like the ordinary people of intelligence, and that his children, who could not only read and write, but cipher, were still more so. He had put out his one talent to usury, and it had become ten in his descendants. We of the South feared this. We would not fly in the face of the Lord on any account. Zealous to fulfill His word, and determined that for His glory Canaan should forever be a servant unto his brethren; and fearful that if they should gain knowledge they might give the Lord the slip, and be their own men, we withheld our knowledge from them. Piously, therefore, we enacted laws making the teaching of these foreordained slaves to read the sacred word of God a penitentiary offence. And in our determination that they should not be unfitted for their destiny, we did hang very many meddlesome Yankees who doubted it all, and proposed to do something towards elevating them above the condition of beasts. In those happy days, south of the Ohio river, it only required twenty minutes of time to arrest, try, hang, and divide the clothes of a Northern schoolteacher. And when one of these Noah-cursed men demonstrated, by opposing the will of his master, that he had brains, the matter was pleasantly and peremptorily settled by knocking them out. A great deal of brain has been thus disposed of in the Southern States.

Another trouble that besets us, is the fact that the curse remained inoperative and in abeyance for centuries after it was pronounced. The children of Ham, it is supposed, occupied Africa all by themselves. They fell, as did their cousins in Europe and Asia, into vice; their vices being just as much more detestable than those cultivated by their cousins as the climate of their country is hotter. Vice, like vegetation, attains its greatest perfection in hot climates. The farther south you go the less orthodox you find mankind. Vermont, where man wrestles with Nature, and wrests a subsistence from an unwilling soil by main strength, has never faltered in her devotion to humanity. Louisiana, on the other hand, where Nature yields her treasures at the asking, is as true to the Democracy as the needle to the pole, or the Kentuckian to his whiskey; two examples of fidelity equaled by nothing else in this world. Where man find a living ready-made, they have too much time upon their hands to be good. The Ten Commandments have but little chance where labor is unnecessary. Had South Carolina been blessed with a month of sleighing each year, she never would have passed an ordinance of secession. No climate less hot than that of Mississippi could develop such a man as Jeff Davis; and Salisbury, Andersonville, Belle Isle, and General Forrest were only possible where the thermometer stands at one hundred for months together. It may be, indeed it has been said by a few soldiers who survived Andersonville, that the heat in which the men I have mentioned, exist, was not meant to affect the moral natures, but was intended by a kind Providence, who foreknew their destination, to prepare them in some slight measure, for the still greater heat to which they are certain to be subjected in the future.
The Japhethites harried, murdered, and plundered each other in Europe, and the Shemites fell to a still deeper depth of barbarism, as did our African brother.

In Europe the Japhethites built large castles, and rode about upon horses, clad absurdly in cast iron, with inverted pots upon their heads, killing each other with iron spears, and the Africans were doing the same things, on a smaller scale, with spears pointed with fish-bones.

But the sons of Canaan had not as yet been introduced to the curse, unfortunately. There were slaves in Africa, but they were slaves not unto Japheth's children, but unto themselves, precisely as the children of Shem and Japheth enslaved men of their own race. When Caesar conquered a nation at war with Rome, he made slaves of his captives; and when Gumbo Quashee, prince of Borrioboola Gha, led his hosts of warriors against a neighboring king, he dragged back captives in his train, who were at once enslaved. If Gumbo met defeat, the only difference was, he took his turn at the mill. The enslaved have always been the victims of a curse, not of the drunken Noah, but of that more terrible curse, weakness.

There is another ugly point in this matter of the curse that is hardly worth referring to, but it may be as well. The fact is (and this hurts us), the Africans, the woolly-headed, thick-lipped, dark-skinned Africans, of whom we have made slaves under the curse, are not the descendants of Canaan, upon whom the curse fell, at all.

Unfortunately for us, who have risked our all upon this, the Scriptures are explicit upon this point.

Canaan begat Sidon and Heth, and their descendants were the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Gergashites, and—sites of other tribes. The Book tells us precisely where they are located.

Too lazy and too shiftless to move any distance, they pre-empted the ground upon which Jerusalem stands, their territory including those New Yorks of the old world, Sodom and Gomorrah. They were not nice people to have for next door neighbors. They had many disagreeable habits. They were a compound of Brigham Young and Kidd the Pirate, and it is supposed that Salt Lake City and New York were modeled after their principal towns as near as may be. It will be remembered that these two cities, Sodom and Gomorrah, came to a sudden end.

Notwithstanding the love I bear the metropolis, because of its politics, the reading of the account of the destruction of these cities, and knowing what has been may, for the same cause, occur again, has deterred me from investing very largely in real estate in New York. But these Canaanites did not go to Africa; they stayed in Asia; and as we have been enslaving only Africans, it is clear that there has been a mistake somewhere, and that we have been inno-cently enslaving the wrong race all this time. You all remember the venerable story of the tub. An old woman brought suit once upon a time for the value of a tub which she had loaned, and which had been returned to her, piece by piece, the hoops having all dropped off. The defence set up by the borrower was comprehensive. First, and to begin with, the defendant never borrowed the tub. Secondly, she returned it with the hoops all on it, and thirdly, the plaintiff never had a tub.

It is about so with this pet curse of ours. It wasn't good for much at best, it didn't stick to the people at whom it was levelled, and the Africans, upon whose shoulders we have piled it, are not Canaanites. Our ancestors did not believe this, however. They believed in this curse, with the childish simplicity of a pawnbroker. It is very easy for us to believe in anything that holds
The promise of personal benefit. Men whose love for gain cannot be satisfied with six days of labor, very generally question the sanctity of the Sabbath; and we all insist that laws shall be made to fit our desires, rather than to bring our desires to fit laws. These ancestors of ours were a gallantly set. They hungered after a life of no labor, and they believed, therefore, that the Lord directed Columbus across the untried wastes of water that rolled between Spain and America solely that this long retied and almost forgotten curse might be revived and put in force. It had been a failure thus far; but as they looked out upon the new world, and saw how magnificently they could live, if they could only get their labor for nothing, their faith in it revived. They found here field and forest, gold and water, everything but labor.

The emigrant might, it is true, have done the labor himself, but then this cherished curse of ours would have been still floating around the world, like the dove of the eminent navigator who uttered it, with no place to rest the sole of its foot. Besides, they did not want to do the labor. The first settlers of Virginia, from whom the chivalry of that state claim descent, never labored at home, and why should they here? The settlers of Carolina were men to whom labor was as distasteful as it has ever been to their descendants. The negro was precisely what they wanted. The original decree was, "In the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread." They were determined that the decree should be fulfilled, but they wanted the dividing of it.

They were perfectly willing to do the eating, but they wanted the negro to do the sweating; and had he been content with this division of the decree, all would have been smooth to-day.

They prayed, "Give us this day our daily bread;" but they added to the petition, "and furnish us a nigger to feed it to us."

Of course they believe in the curse. The planter on the banks of the James felt the convenience of an arrangement which would obviate the first curse of labor, by a second curse; of having the sin brought into the world through the agency of the apple, done away with by another sin which had its origin in the grape.

They found it a blessed thing to have a being rich in muscle to perform their share of the penalty of the first curse, giving them wasteful summers at Saratoga, and ample time and means for the cultivation of the Southern Christian graces—gambling, horse-racing, pistol-shooting, and the like. It was a glorious life they led! Did the proud Caucasian master have an ill run of luck at cards? a nigger on the block made it all right the next morning. Did madam, his wife, mourn, and refuse to be comforted, because a thousand dollar shawl was not? the matter was easily arranged. The tearing apart of a husband and wife, and the sale of one; the condemning of a quadroon of her own sex to a life of shame, was all that was necessary. Did they desire to entertain their friends sumptuously? Why should they not? There was no sordid counting of cost, as it was farther North; for were there not niggers to sweat? Virginia hospitality was celebrated. Vermont hospitality might have been, had Vermont fostered this curse, and partaken of its benefits. It's easy enough to be hospitable with a hundred negroes, more or less, sweating for you gratis. We did not invent reapers or sewing machines, for we didn't need them. Flesh and blood was to be bought in any market, and it was cheaper than iron and steel. We down South were happily circumstance. We had black slaves at home to do our labor, and white serfs up North, just as humble, to do our voting. Nature kindly furnished us a race white enough to vote, and low enough to be owned.

Interpreting the curse to include all Africa, our pious fathers set about
bringing as many of its inhabitants as possible under its operations. They sent out missionaries, whom a censorious world was wicked enough to stigmatize as pirates and slavers, clad in red skirts, with pistol at belt and cutlass by side, bearded like parrots, and full of strong oaths. These evangelizers, full of zeal and rum, sailed up the rivers of Africa, and surprised villages of these accursed people, killing the accursed men and women too old to work, and the accursed children too young to work, but selecting out carefully the able-bodied ones of both sexes. Packing these in the holds of their vessels, like herrings, they turned their prows homeward, throwing overboard from day to day, the bodies of those who had so little regard for the curse of Noah as to die on the way to the fulfilment thereof. And so at last the curse was fulfilled. On the cotton plantations, in the rice swamps, in the cane and tobacco fields, the supposed sons of Ham toiled on, expiating the stupidity of their supposed father, who, a great many centuries before, hadn't any more sense than to look in upon his father when he was drunk.

But just as this convenient and comfortable curse got into good working order it was killed.

Abraham Lincoln smote it under the fifth rib, and it died the death.

The nation, in deadly peril, called upon our black cousins to aid in its deliverance, and it gave up the ghost. The sons of Ham, inferior as they were in all other respects, were discovered to be able to pull a trigger or push a bayonet with anybody, and to the astonishment of those who stood before them, they had the will to do it. They dared to stand in battle array before the chivalry of the South. We very soon accounted for the daring.

When Lincoln put the musket in the hands of the Southern negroes, it was Greek against Greek, brother against brother. The blood of the old cavaliers, which gave courage and daring to the Beauguards, Lecs, Masons, and Hamptons, made cavaliers also of Scipio, Pompey, and Caesar, their half-brothers; and why not? The Federals turned against the Confederates twenty thousand men having the best blood of the South coursing through their veins, and inspiring them to high, chivalrous deeds.

Then the struggle became literally fratricidal. Another thing made these fellows fight. They had treasured up that old saying of Jefferson, and they rejoiced when the firing upon Sumter gave them promise of the glad day when it should be a reality. When they were satisfied that the nation was really divorced from slavery, they flew to arms to prove themselves worthy of the future they hoped for. We must confess that they fought bravely and died grandly.

The swart hero in the death-trap at Petersburg, on the plain at Port Had son, and in the enclosure at Port Pillow, showed an example of heroism that any people might be proud of.

The slave who remained on the plantation, who risked life to feed, nurse, and guide the flying fugitive from Andersonville, showed a devotion the like of which the world never witnessed before. We of the South were whipped, and by their aid.

I do not say that we would not have been beaten had they not thrown themselves into the breach, but it was done the easier because of them. They stopped bullets at least. The bullet that let out the life of the negro soldier at Nashville, might, had he not stood in its way, made life-long sadness in your home; and many a son of a Northern mother who came home laurel-crowned, owes his life to the unknown black man who lies in an unhonored grave upon the fields from which he plucked honor.
These poor deluded Canaanites, as we shall term them, believed that they had earned their promotion to a higher rank, and really expected it.

But we know better. Down in Kentucky we held a consultation on this very question. That blessed saint and keen observer of men, Deacon Pogram, remarked sagely, "that men and women was the most ungrateful members of the human family." Said he further on this head, "The sense of gratitude the Federals feel will die out with the peals of the bells which celebrate the victrix the nigger allies helped to win. They endured the nigger because they needed him; but now, thank the Lord, they don't need him no more, and, hallelujo! he'll be the same cussed nigger he alluz wuz." I use the Deacon's exact words.

He was right. The wholesome prejudice against color swallowed up gratitude, and the pride of race swallowed justice. The negro stepped one foot upon the threshold of the Temple of Liberty, but we rudely pushed him back. They wanted not only freedom, but the elective franchise, the ungrateful wretches not being satisfied with what we had given them.

They had been provided for generously. We of the South accepted the situation, and acknowledged their freedom, but we felt that it was necessary that they be regulated. And so we decreed that they should not leave the plantation on which they were employed without passes from their employers, under penalty of being shot on sight.

They should have the right of suing any one—of their own color—if they could give white bail for costs; and here was a privilege—they were to have the unrestricted right of being sued the same as white men. They should not purchase or lease real estate outside of any incorporated city or village; and as large bodies of them were considered dangerous, they should not purchase or lease real estate within any incorporated city or village. As we fixed their wages at four dollars per month, they boarding themselves, these laws relating to the purchase of real estate might seem unnecessary. But we wanted to be on the safe side. And we proposed to give them the ballot in time. Of other men we required no preparation, but we felt it necessary of them. We only required them to pass a creditable examination in Greek, Latin, embroidery, French, German, and double-entry book-keeping, and to facilitate their acquiring these branches we burned all their schoolhouses.

These regulations were made in Mississippi. In my state of Kentucky it was not necessary to do anything in the matter, for Kentucky did not rebel. We preserved a strict neutrality. That estimable pillar in the Church at tly Corners, Elder Gavitt, who has since gone to his reward, remarked that "no one could be more nootraller than he was." He loyally stayed at home all day, and bushwhacked Federal pickets all night, and after battles he robbed the dead and wounded of both sides impartially. For thus remaining neutral we have been permitted to manage our niggers in our own way.

The curse was by this time abandoned, but the hankering after cheap labor remained. We found at once a new reason for degrading the race—a new theory for keeping them down. We discovered, just in the nick of time, that they were not men at all. And this suited our friends of the North. They had always objected to the theory that the negro was a man, and that he was enslaved because of his inferiority. They murmured to themselves, "If the stronger shall own the weaker, if the intellectually superior shall hold in slavery the intellectually inferior, God help us! We might as well select our masters at once."

When Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House, we felt that all was done. We felt as grateful as men of our stamp could feel, that our lives were
not forfeit, that we had yet our property, save and except our niggers. But this feeling wore off. Andrew Johnson became suddenly tired of the role of Moses, or rather he changed his Israelites. He led the astonished Africans into the Red Sea, and left them there; and putting himself at the head of the Egyptian pursuers, he pulled them out of the troubled waters they had fallen into. We were not slow to take advantage of this changed condition of affairs. There is a modesty in the Southern character, but it does not crop out very much. We began to talk of our rights; our niggers, and our system. We felt that all was not lost so much as it had been. True, they were free, but had we not Legislatures? Congress, in its wisdom, left them in our hands after all. They could vote by law, and by law some of us could not; but what of law, so long as we had the executing of it? We were admitted to the Georgia legislature, and we at once expelled enough of our black enemies to give us the control of that body. Elsewhere force—the rifle, the pistol, the knife—gave us the control we wanted, and by a liberal use of these peculiarly Southern agencies, the doomed sons of Canaan were practically as far from freedom as ever. They were by law competent to vote in Louisiana, but of what avail to them was that privilege so long as the power was in the hands of our people, who by force controlled one election, that they might use the power thus gained to disfranchise them forever, and reduce them to the old status?

It was necessary to satisfy our friends of the North that we were right in this matter. We had no trouble to do it. Our learned men measured their arms, legs, hands, and skulls, and finding a difference, held it was right and proper that all political rights be denied them. Smelling committees were appointed, who discovered that the nigger was possessed of an odor not perceptible in the white, and forthwith that odor took the entire conservative part of the people by the nose, and led them at its own sweet will. It was not as agreeable as Night-blooming Cereus, and it was decided that therefore he ought not to vote. His odor was next critically considered, and in a new light. It was not like ours; and should a man presume to exercise the rights of freemen whose complexion rivalled charcoal? Their heels protruded more than ours, and therefore they must be deprived of all privileges save that of living, and that only by suffrage. This rule we find to be weak in some respects.

The first objection that occurs to me to this method of determining a man's qualifications for the exercise of the great privilege of a freeman is the uncertainty of its application. We will suppose a white man to have arms, legs, and skull, of the average negro shape and measurement; does that unfit him for the ballot? We must admit this if these measurements are to be the test. Or, suppose, from inattention to personal cleanliness, he should carry with him an odor unpleasant to persons of refined sensibilities, would that unfit him? The adoption of this rule would require boards of election to smell of each elector who offered a ballot; and that there might be uniformity in the matter, which is necessary in a republic, the government would be forced to establish a bureau of perfumery.

Ignorance we would urge as a disqualification; but alas! we have a most excellent reason for sailing clear of that. A very large per cent of those who oppose giving the ballot to the negroes, because of their ignorance, put a cross to their names when they sign a promissory note, and accomplish that simple feat with much difficulty and running out of tongue.

Fielding, the great English novelist, gave a most amusing picture of a terror occasioned in a small English village on the coast, by a rumor that the French had landed at a time when the pugnacious Gauls were threatening an invasion of that country. At the grated window of a debtor's prison appears
the face of a person who had been incarcerated for many years for a debt which he could never hope to pay, and whose imprisonment was therefore like to be perpetual. With an expression of the most earnest indignation upon his faded face, he exclaims, from behind the bars, "Zounds! are the French coming to deprive us of our liberties?"

Even so. I must admit that the men who tremble the most for their country, when they contemplate the ignorant negro possessing the ballot, are those who cannot read, and the patriot who sells his vote for a drink of rum, is the identical fellow who talks the loudest of the danger of giving the ballot to a mass of people whose votes can be so easily influenced.

Several other reasons prevented us from making all that we hoped for out of the ignorance of the negroes, particularly of the South. Did we point to the ignorant field hand, and ask triumphantly if such as he was fit to vote? Forth-with our opponents held up, as an offset, the degraded brutes of our Northern cities. Did we point to the vicious negroes? They could and did point to the roughs of New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore. And they rather troubled us when they asserted that the ballot in the hands of ignorant white men was just as dangerous as in the hands of ignorant black men; that the ballot, ignorantly or viciously cast, is what hurts us, not the color of the man who casts it. They asserted that he who says "Stand off" to the colored man because he cannot read his ballot, ought to say "Stand off" to the white man equally ignorant. There is no denying this. Were intelligence made the test, it would scarcely be worth while to open polls in half the districts of New York city, and one fourth of our entire strength would fade out like frost under a May sun.

Finally we adopted as ground upon which we could stand, the theory that there were many creations instead of one; that Adam was not the Simon pure, original man; that the nigger is a different being altogether from us—a beast, a sort of superior baboon; and being a beast, that we have the right to own and work him, as we have the horse or ox.

The position seemed to many of us impregnable; but it didn't stand a minute. Miscegenation or amalgamation knocked the support out from under us. Up stepped a pert abolitionist, and asked, "What will you do with the mulatto—he who is half man and half beast?"

And here is a difficulty. If we count them as beasts, we do the man that is in them an injustice. If we count them as men, we profane manhood, by elevating with it the lower creation.

And when such a one dies, what then? Does the man half, for whom Christ died, claiming its inheritance in his blood, go into the next world on an equality with us, dragging with it the half that is beast? Or should there be even so slight a preponderance of beast, does the hybrid topple over in a lopsided way into the limbo for departed animals, dragging with it the half that is man? If so, O, my Kentucky friends, how much of Kentucky soil and Kentucky spirit is there in that limbo, held in solution by the animal surroundings into which your gross sensuality has condemned it?

That unmitigated wretch, Joe Bigler, it will be remembered, reproached that old saint, Deacon Pogrom, for walloping one of these nearly white negroes who had the Pogrom nose. "Deacon," said he, "how kin yoo bear to thrash so much Pogrom for the sake of walloping so little nigger?" Another objection to this theory is the fact that while treating them as beasts in the matter of voting, we treat them very much like men in the matter of tax-paying. I have known men who grew furious at the idea of being jostled at the polls by a negro, do violence to the theory by standing side by side, quietly and without a murmur, with a very black one in the rush to pay taxes at the treas-
urer's office! And during the late unpleasantness, what men of all our people objected to having the name of the blackest and most offensive negro in the township or ward written just before his own on the draft enrollment? That was what hurt us, for during its continuance we heard nothing of that hatred of race. The nigger of 1861, when we didn't want him, softened down wonderfully into the "colored man" in 1863, when we did want him. The negro's face, black as it was, looked well to our friends of the North under a blue cap, and he was a very Apollo in their eyes when they wanted their quotas filled. Ours was a white man's government; but we were all wondrous willing that black men should die in our stead.

If I remember aright, I have, in the course of these remarks, referred to the Democracy once or twice. I cannot avoid making mention of their competitors, the Republican party, and here acknowledging the assistance it has been to us. In 1856 that party got hold of an idea that for many years was too large for it. They grasped it by the tail, and they have been trying to manage it from that end ever since until this minute. They never dared to look it in the face. The crusade upon, slavery, squarely made years ago by Wendell Phillips, Lovejoy, Garrison, Giddings, and the few terrible agitators who were bent upon turning the world upside down, which they did, was entered into by those who followed them afar off, only when they were compelled to. And how feeble their assent! They endeavored not to pierce its center, its weakest point, but to flunk it. They commenced the movement against it by declaring their willingness that it should continue to exist in the States—that the slave-pens under the shadow of the Capitol at Washington, should continue to show forth the beauties of a republican form of government, and that they themselves, free men, should continue to be used as bloodhounds, with United States marshals to set them on, to hunt down the fugitives from bondage. They made haste to announce in advance their determination not to interfere with it where it existed, and they never did till they were compelled to. They flittered away the first two years of the war before they were manly enough to tie themselves to what they believed to be a truth, and permit it to drag them to victory. Forced by circumstances they could not control, they mustered up courage at last to declare the only friends they had in the South free; but what followed? They started in affright at the spectre they raised. The Republican party was brave enough to face the armies of the rebellion, but it was not brave enough to face a prejudice. From the close of the war up to this winter, in the very flush of the victories they had won by the aid of the strong hands of their black allies, they coolly betrayed them. So magnanimous were they, so generous were they to their enemies, that they forgot their friends. They gave us, their late masters, the right to disfranchise them at any time. They gave Southern legislatures the power to reduce them again to serfdom, and even those in the Northern States were denied their rights. How much these foolish people have made by their motion, how much they have of safety, how much of the rights they have earned, how much they have of citizenship, let Memphis, New Orleans, and the Georgia legislature answer. The Republican party lacked the courage, and we knew it would, to follow to its logical conclusion the idea upon which it was based. Too many of its members shuddered at the Nigger as soon as the Nigger was of no use to them. And there is reason for this. It is a soothing thought to too many men that there is somebody lower down in the scale of humanity than themselves. Such men have an uncontrollable desire to look down upon somebody, and hence their desire to keep the negro down, as that is the only portion of the race they can, with any show of truth, claim to be above. And feeling the
danger of his rising above them if let alone, they seek to keep him down by piling upon his head the dead weight of unfriendly legislation. It is a philosophical truth this. The more despicable the man, the more anxious lie is to have it understood that somebody is lower still. The most ardent defenders of slavery eight years ago were those who hadn't a particle of interest in it—those who, if negroes had been selling at five cents apiece, could not have raised money enough to have purchased the paring of one's finger nail; and today those most bitterly opposed to Nigger suffrage are those whose stolid ignorance and inwrought brutality makes any attempt at further degradation a hopeless task. They can be got lower—by digging a hole.

How shall we dispose of the negro? He was ever a disturbing element in American politics, and ever will be so long as left in the position he has occupied. The curse theory is worthless, and the beast theory leaks like a sieve. If there ever was anything in the curse it has all faded out, and if he is not a man, he is a most excellent imitation. We have abandoned the Nasbyan theory, and have fallen back upon Jefferson. Now that the government is in a transition state, now that we can make of it what we will, suppose that we rebuild upon a safe and sure foundation. Suppose we ever haul the laws of the country, and strike the word "white,' leaving standing alone the all-sufficient word man. We are trying now the experiment of being a genuine republic. Suppose that there may be no longer a dispute upon this head, that we insist upon incorporating into the Constitution—the supreme law of the land—the Jeffersonian declaration, that all men are equal. I want, and insist upon it, that the Declaration of Independence shall be no longer a "glittering generality," as that means of all mean things God ever created, a Massachusetts pro-slavery man, once said, but a living, robust truth, possessed of as much vitality as any other truth which has blessed the world.

What stands in the way? Prejudice! Only this, and nothing more, and that may be overcome. New England did it, and New York, years ago, took one step in that direction. In New York, the negro who owns a mule worth two hundred and fifty dollars, votes, no matter what his other qualifications may be, while he who lacks that, does not, no matter how well he is fitted for the exercise of the right in other respects. This is not well, but it is something. By this rule the mule votes, not the man; and the late election in that state shows the mules to have been largely in the majority.

Until this principle is adopted our republic is no republic, and our boasted freedom is a hollow sham. We must have no more of this inequality. We must have all men before the law equal. We must not leave the rights of a single citizen in the hands of timid legislatures, interested oligarchies, and slaveholders. The rights of the negro must be secured by law, above the reach of ex-slaveholders; men who, to live a life of luxurious idleness, would garrote the Goddess of Liberty for the white robes she wears. We must not only make him free in name, but in reality, and must give him that potent weapon, the ballot, that he may maintain and defend his freedom. I want all distinctions based upon color wiped out in all the states. I want all the roots of this bitterness eradicated. I want the great principle upon which a republic should be founded incorporated into the Constitution. If, now that it can be done, we do less than this, we are cowards and faithless men.

I want them to have all the privileges enjoyed by other classes. "Do you want niggers in office?" shudderingly asks the member of Congress, who sees in his mind's eye one sitting beside him. I answer, "Certainly, if the people desire it, not otherwise." and they are a part of the people. I have no par-
ticular care in the matter; I only insist that they shall be eligible. Whether they are elected to official position or not, is something that is entirely within your control. If you return a man a horse that is his, it does not follow that you must give him also silver-plated harness and a carriage. If you pay a debt, it does not follow that you must likewise marry into the family of your creditor. You have in this city an overwhelming majority of whites—it is for you to choose. Where they have a majority, I presume they will do as we have done—elect men of their own race; and I should advise them to. But there is no law to compel you to elect black men or men of any other color, to official position. You have a right to vote for whom you please. I am not certain but that the good of the public would be subserved by substituting some negroes I know of for some white officials. For instance, were I a citizen of New York, I would most gladly exchange John Morrissey for Frederick Douglass, and rather than spoil the trade, I would throw in Fernando Wood and his brother Ben, and esteem the bargain a most excellent one at that. But our conservative friends do not see it. "My God!" said one of them, with horror in his countenance, "think of my beard tried afore aigger jury for hoss-stealing!"

The people elect, or ought to elect, men to office to serve them. If you desire whitewashing done, do you look at the color of the artist to whom you intrust the purifying of your walls and ceilings? No; you select the man who has the most skill. Why not so in official positions? If you have among you negroes who have ability superior to the whites, if you have those who can better fill the offices, you as tax-payers, do yourselves gross injustice by not electing them. It does not follow that you must therefore take them to your bosoms as social equals. You have, under the Constitution of the United States, the blessed privilege of choosing your own associations. We do not care to associate with all white men, but all white men vote nevertheless.

I would not make them superior to the white. I would do nothing more for them than I would for other men. But I would not prevent them from doing for themselves. I would tear down all bars to their advancement. I would let them make of themselves all that they may. In a republic there should be no avenue to honor or well-doing closed to any man. If they outstrip me in the race, it proves them to be more worthy, and they are clearly entitled to the advantages resulting. There is no reason for this inequality. Knowing how deep the prejudice is against the race, knowing how low down in our very natures its roots have struck, I demand, in our renewed and purified republic, the abrogation of all laws discriminating against them. I demand for them full equality with us before the law. Come what may, let it lead to what it will, this demand I make. I make it as a worshipper of true Democracy; as one who believes in the divine right of man—not white man, red man, or black man, but man, to self-government. I make it as one who will be free himself; and that he may be free himself, would have all others free. I demand it, not as a gracious gift to the colored man of something we might, if expedient, withhold, not as a right he has earned by service done, but humbly, and with shame in my face at the wrong we have done, I would give it to him as returning a right that was always his; a right to which he has a patent from God Almighty; a right that we had taken from him by brute force, and the taking of which by us was almost the unpardonable sin. I demand it, for until it is done, our boasted freedom is a sham, and our pretence of republicanism a miserable lie. I demand it, for I would have no privileged classes in this government, for fear that some day my children may by force be deprived of the rights I enjoy by a class arrogating to themselves superiority. I demand it, because I believe governments were instituted on earth for the protection of the weak
against the strong, and that in a republic the ballot is the weak man's only protection. I demand it, because we cannot afford to give the lie to our professions; because we cannot afford to say to the world one thing and do another.

What shall we do with the negro? Do by him what enlightened Christianity commands us to do to all. Let us square our action in this, as in all other matters, by that sublime precept, "Do unto others as ye would have others do unto you."

Casting behind us, as unworthy of a moment's serious consideration, the miserable sophistries of the false teachers who have well nigh ruined the republic, let us dare to do right. Let us declare and crystallize our declaration into unchangeable laws, that under the flag all men shall be men. Let us build an altar, the foundation of which shall be reason, the topstone Justice, and laying thereon our prejudices, let them be consumed in the steady, pure flame of Humanity. The smell of that sacrifice will be a sweeter savor to the Father of all races than any since Abel's. Let us raise ourselves from the low, dead, flat plane of self-interest, and demonstrate our strength, not by trampling upon the defenceless heads of those weaker and lower than ourselves, but by lifting them up to us. And then, when the flag has under its shadow only free men, when all men are recognized as men, we can look the world in the face, and repeat without a blush that grand old Declaration, that Magna Charta of human rights, that Evangel of Humanity: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."
NASBY AS A BANKER.

THE CORNERS DECIDE FOR INFLATION—THE UNLIMITED TRUST AND CONFIDENCE COMPANY.

Confedriet X Roads,

(wich is in the State uv Kentucky,)

Sept. 23d, 1875.

The Corners hev red the speeches uv Honest Ole Bll Allen and that other gileless patriot, General Samyocel Cary, uv Ohio, ez well ez the Pennsylvania platform, on the momenclus subjick uv More Money, till they hev ban worked up to a state uv absboot madnis. The Corners are jist the same ez all other impocemious people—they want More Money, and the idee uv Honest Bll Allen, that, to git it, all yoo hev to do wuz to ishoo it, filled our ideas uv finanse egg-suckly. It's simple and ezily understood.

I determined to put the idee into practice, and to that end sejested to my friends the organizashen uv a Bank uv ishoo, under the name and title uv "The Unlimitted Trust and Confidence Company uv Confedriet X Roads."

I had some trouble to git the citizens into it, but I finelly succeeded. I explained to the people that more money wud be an advantage to the debtor class, w.ch ez nine-tenths uv em is in debt to Bascom, the grosery keeper, settled em. They hailed with joy any movement that wood wipe out their scores and give em new credit at his bar.

To Bascom, and them ez I intended to hev in the management, I showed that more money meant increased trade, and ez the money woodent cost any-thing but the printin we cooden't lose anything. So the Bank wuz started. I wuz made President, Issaker Gavitt, Cash.er; Bauscom, Vice-President; with a Board uv Directors consistin of ourselves, with Kernel McPeljer, and the venerable Deekin Pogran. We put the Deekin on becoz he is bald-headed, and therefore respectable. His biznis is to sit in the front window readin an inf passionate paper. It nspires confidence. You have to watch him to keep him from hevin the paper upside down, but in this community that don't matter, ez very few know the difference more'n he does. Our bankin room is tokustid immede-iety under the printin-offs, so we kin let the prunted notes which we ishoo down to the President's desk by a rope. This saves labor, wich is a great pint in a instoooshen like ours.

The theory on wich our paper is ishoo is very simple. The Company ishoo it and the people take it. We hev no time fixed for redemption, for the beauty uv the biznis is that we don' t never intend to redeem. Our notes reede:-
The Unlimitted Trust and Confidence Company uv Confedrit X Roads (wich Is in the Stuite uv Kentucky) promises to pay the bearer One Dollar."

We don't say when, where, or how it is to be redeemed, and therein is the strength uv the enterprise.

Our first sho wuz resesved with some hesitashen.

"Where is our secority?" demanded one farmer to whom we offered it in payment for a load uv wheat.

"Faith in the Company!" I ansered, lookin at him pityingly. "Gaze onto that face," I resomed, pintin at Deekin Pogram, who ruther spiled the effek by brushin off a fly that hed lted on his nose; "Look at that face and then ask for secority."

"When is it to be redeemed?" askt another.

"It never wants to be redeemed," wuz my anser. "We shel be liberal, and when a note wears out we will give you another. Wat do you want it redeem fur? Money ishood on faith needs no redeemspshun. We buy your pro- doos with it—you roose it to buy your goodes, and so it goes round and round in a circle, dispensin blessins wherever it ittes. Ez long ez you take it, wat do too want uv anything else?"

Another remarkt that it wuz his idee that paper money wuz all to be re- dedeed in gold.

"Gold," I promptly replied, "is played out. Gold is merchandise. Our Democratic brethren in Ohio theyt desired that money is simply promises to pay, and that it don't matter on wat material that promise is stumpt—whether gold, silver, iron, shells, or copper. We shel put ourn on paper, coz it's the cheapest. We shel hev no extravagance about this bank."

Pollock, the Ill.inoy disturber, in the most brootal manner, refoozoed to tech it, and consequently his biznis suffered. One shoemaker from Ohio followed hunt and undertook to argoo agin so much money. He asserted the heresy that addin to the volum uv currency didn't add nothin to its power. Sed he:

"I will illustrate so the Corners will comprehed. Yoo take a gallon uv whiskey and add to it three galions uv water. Well, yoohev four galions in the bari, but there ain't but wun gallon uv square drunk in it, after all."

I ansered thim by readin copious extrax from Cary's speeches, shovin that roo prosperity goes hand in hand with plenty uv money.

They finelly wuz convinst and took our money for their grain, sho we hed to pay them at the beginin twenty cents a bushel more for this wheat than other money wood hev got it for. But we d.din't care, for we knew we cood make all uv it we wanted.

It wuz astonishin waz a era uv prosperity set in on the Corners to wunst. Money became ez plenty ez blackberries, and everybody hed their pockets full uv it. Land went up in valyoo two hundred per cent. in a week, and the price uv the neessaries uv life raised ekally. Bascom put up his new whiskey from 5 to 25 cents per dram, and sicch wuz the run uv trade he hed that his wife and his oldest son, Jefferson Davis Bascom, both hed to stand in the bar to wait on customers. The bank bought all the wheat and other produkshuns, and paid for 'em in its own money, and we paid sicch prices ez happened, for money wuz with us no objeckt. The high prices brot all the trade for twenty miles around to the Corners, and all the dealers who wood take the money, stood up to their middles in it.

Then my turn come. Pintin to the crowds uv people in Bascom's, I sed to the doubter:

"Wuz trade ez brisk ez that afore inlashun?"

Improvements are bein projected every day. We hev organized a company
to build a branch road from here to Secessionville, another over to Bloody Fork, and still another to Little Andersonville. Five turnpike companies have been organized, and three factories have been commenced. The water power on the Run just above the village is to be improved to wrest, and Bascom is already at work on a wing to the back part of the grocery. Town lots are double in value every day, and new additions are being perpetually laid out. Everybody is speckled, and everybody is gettin' rich. There is flush times here. The people are all inflashionists.

I am President uv all these companies, and I see no reason why I can't put'em through. It is trow the price of everything has gone up. The commonest nigger labor is now up to $8 a day, and a pair of pegged boots is worth $20, but what difference does that make? So long ez Sampkins, the printer, kin work his press, we kin manufacture all the money we want; and ez long ez we kin manufacture money, there must be prosperity.

Pollock and Joe Bigler we had to git red uv, for they, wuz prejudisfen the people agin us. Pollock's stock uv goods, and his store wuz wuth, in the old times, before the era uv inflation, about a thousand dollars, and Bascom and me and Deekin Pogram went to him and offered him that sum for his property.

"Things bez raised," sez he, "and I won't sell for less than $2,500."

We promptly accepted that price, and I sent a boy back to the bank with a bushel basket to bring the money. When it came Pollock refoosed to take it.

"I want greenbax," sez he.

"Our money is jest ez good," sez I.

"I know it," sez he, "but I hev a prejudis for other money."

There wuz a crowd about, and it wood never do to acknowledge that any money wuz better'n ours. I took Bascom one side.

"G. W.," sez I, "here is a golden opportunitie to do two things. First we get red uv a disturber, and second we give confidence in our shoos. Raise up greenbax and pay him in em."

G. W. consented, and it wuz done in the presence uv the people.

"Yoo see," sez I, "my friends, that we'd jest as soon pay greenbax ez our own money."

The crowd wuz re-ashoored and took our bills ez readily ez ever. Pollock and Bigler gave up the property, but they didn't leave the village. On the contrary, they went to the tavern to board and jeered at us wuss than ever. They sed they hed made more money by this transusshkhan than they hed ever made in the Corners since they hed landed there.

Deekin Pogram, Capt. McPeltier and Issaker Gavitt hev all paid off mortgages on their farms, and I hev bot a farm and am gettin' up plans for a manshun beft in my new position. I am happy and contented. I hev struck my gaft. Bank Presidentin soots me—I wuz born for it. Ef I wuz religusly inclined I shoud pray for Willyum Allen until I had corns on both knees.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY.
President of the Unlimited Trust and Confidence Company.

P. S.—There's a triffin, but still em barmat, trouble akkurred. The on-precedented run on Bascom in consequence uv the plentifulness uv money exhausted his stock uv likkers yesterday, and he sent to Louisville for more. The likker merchants uv that mersenary city, ez a mere matter uv form, generally require Bascom to pay for goods afore they ship em, to avoid mistakes. He sent on a thousand dollars uv our money, and they refozed to take it! Ez he paid all the greenbax he hed to Pollock, he can't get supplies, and
the Corners is parched. Wait to do we don't know. We don't see why our money shouldn't go in Louis ville.

It will take two weeks to ship enough grain to Louisville to exchange for the likker, and then comes another terrible quandary. Bascom demands the grain uv the Bank and wants to pay for it in the Bank's shoes! And he insists on havin' it at wat its worth in Louisville in greenback! Finanseerin' ain't the easiest biznis in the world. Our money startid well enuff on the cirkle, but there seems to be a break in it. If we let Bascom hev that grain and take our own money for it, were is our profits? If we don't let him hev the grain the Corners will die uv drouth! And ef he gibs it our money must be taken for it, for it's all he's got. I cood cut the Gorjen knot by failin', but then the wheat wood be attached. I shell hold on and see wat a week will bring forth. Providence never deserted me yt.

P. V. N.

THE FURTHER PROGRESS OF THE UNLIMITED TRUST AND CONFIDENCE CO.—ITS CONTINUED SUCCESS.

Confederat X Ronde,
(wich is in the State of Kentucky,)
Sept. 30, 1875.

Ef life ever wuz a rose tinted dream to me at any time doarin' my mortle pilgrimage, this is the precise time. I am thoroly happy—so happy, indeed that the priashens and troubles that I hev been thro are fade'n out uv my memory entirely. I hev paid Bascom's account wiz hez bin runnin' for so many years, and hev his receipt in my safe—my safe, I say. Proudly I write them words. My safe! Who—thirty days ago wood hev supposed, that I should ever say my safe! Then I hev two soote uv cloze—good ones—wich is one and a half more than I hev hed sence I was Postmaster under Johnson—Heaven rest his sole—I hev two shirts for the first time in my life, and I am wear'n stockins! I hev but one pare ez yet, but one can't rise to the summit uv hooman grandjer at wun bound. I shell buy another pare in a week or two. I think every Bank President ought to either hev two pare uv stockins or return to the stern virgoos uv the Republic in its better days, and go barefoot. Goin' barefoot or hevn a change, is necessary to the keepin' uv a Bank President's office in a sweet smellin' condition.

But this a disgrenshen. Suffice it to say, I am clothed. I pade three dollars and a half a pare for them stockins—wich is cotton—wich is three dollars and a quarter more than they wuz worth in the old money, but what difference does it make? That three dollars and a half wuz made by four pulls on Simpson's printin' press, and when money kin be made in that way wat difference does it make wat I pay for cotton sox?

At the beginning we ishoood 10, 20, 25 and 50 cent currency, but we hev quit that. Prices hev gone up so, under the general prosperity, that there aint anything in the Corners that sells for less than a dollar, and the frack-shnel currency wuz desided to be yeossed. Besides, it costs jest ez much to print a ten cent note ez it does a dollar, and we bleeve in economizin.

Simpson, the printer, is makin' us a little trouble. At the beginn I pseed to pay him for printin' our bills by jest aignin' enuff uv em ez they come from the press to make his amount, but lately he hez refoosed to take our money, and insists on greenback. We tried to overawe him, but when he threatened to publish the finansheil condisheun uv the President and Direktors, it wuz considered advisable to bumer him. It is singler that sich men throw impediments in the way uv progress.
The obstacles in the way uv the Bank that hev thus far developed themselves, hev bin happily and easily removed. Bascomb demanded wheat uv us to ship to Louisvile to git more whiskey, and we hev to let him hev it, and take pay in our own money. And ez he demanded that we take our own money jest the same ez greenbax, that bein the standard in Louisvile, we met a heavy loss. The account stands ez follows:

1,000 bushels uv wheat cost us in our own money, at $4.50 per bushel $4,500.00
Sold it to Bascomb at Louisvile greenbax prices, which is $1 per bushel, takin pay in the same money we hed paid for it $1,000.00
Loss (which is easily figured) $3,500.00

We hed one more trouble, wich we got on easier with. Pugsby, the shoe-maker, who took our money, run out uv leather, and when he sent to Louisvile for more, the merchants there, ez in the case uv Bascomb, refuezed to take our currency. Pugsby knowd uv Bascomb's experience and he came up unlinil to hev us sell him wheat enuff at greenbax prices to renoo his stock.

"Wait kin we do?" I demanded in dire distress, for really I didn't see why Pugsby shoosden hev wheat to renoo his stock ez well ez Bascomb, ceptin that whiskey is more necessary to the Corners than lether.

"Do!" said Issaker Gavint, with a expresshun uv shorn on his classick feechers. "Do! and yoo claim to be financeers! Hez Pugsby a safe? No? Well, wher does he keep the $12,000 uv our money? In his desk? Yes? And that is wooden? And his bldin is wood? Very good. Tell Pugsby to come to-morror and we will give him wheat at a dollar a bushel for all uv our money he hez got. We hev twenty-four hours, and banks, ez well as marshens, kin be saved in twenty-four hours."

And Issaker put some matches in his vest pocket—about $3 worth. Matches hez gone up $4.50 a box—our money.

That nite Pugsby's shop burnt up and the fire broke out jist under his desk. The next mornin that unforahnit man came to us and insisted on hevin the wheat on the score uv the money he hed uv ours.

"Bring us the money," said Issaker, beamin sweetly onto him, "and we'll give yoo all the wheat you want."

"But yoo know that I hed yoor money, and that it wuz burnt up last nite."
"I persoom you hed some uv our money, but I don't know it," replied Issaker. "No well regulated bank kin live if they shood take every man's word, ez you want us to. How kin I tell but wat yoo hev that money concealed, and that the burnin of your shop was a skeem to defrod your creditors? I am not shoo that it isn't my dooty to investigate the matter."

And Issaker looked so stern that Pugsby left the bank with a howl of terror.

Issaker is developin so great a genius in financeerin that I'm reely jealus uv him. He is the master-spet of the institooshun.

At the Board meetin last nite we discust wat we shood do in eich cases ez Pugsby's hereafter, but arrived at no definit conciosition. There is several uv em, and they will hev to be met. Issaker bleeves in the style uv treatment he yoosed in Pugsby's case, but I can't consent to it. Its heroic, I admit, and good enuff for a temporary expedient, but it won't do for a reglar system. Ef our money stimulates a man's biznis to the pint of his bldin a new house, we hev benefitted him, and the commodity ez well. But ef to avoid the inconvience uv redeemin that money we hev to burn the house, wat good hev we accomplished? None. We hev got to find some other way. I don't see any
other way, but no doubt it will rejeet itself to me in time.

It is aston.shin how the Corners is boomin, now that it hez money enuff. Five new ruderodes are bein built, twenty new turnpikes, one hundred and twenty-eight celiers for new houses is bein dug, and last week the corner-stuns for eight facultys wuz late with approprit ceremonies. The gradin is bein dun on the raderodes and turnpikes, and that part uv the work will be pushed to an early compleshon, for the labzros furnish their own shovels and picks and take our money for wages. The labzros buy their livin uv the farmers along the line with that money, and then the farmers come to the Corners with it, and cheer ther soles at Basoom's.

So far, all is serene and sweet. So far the money sheds blessings ez a skunk does perfoom. But at this pint comes worry. Wat is Basoom to do with it? The Looisville merchants refooz to tech it for likker, and we can't afford to give him wheat at Looisville prices agin. We wood build a distillery, but, alas! we can't pay for the nails, the glass and the stilkin apparatus in our money, and we ain't got any other. But, thanks to an overukin Providence, Basoom hez enuff likker to last two weeks, and sustin will turn up afore that is gone.

Prices hev gone up so that it takes a vast volume uv currency to transact the biznis uv the Corners. Simpson's hand-press won't anser the demands made onto it, and he hez purchased a power-press, wich will print 1,000 sheets an-hour. And to facilitate biznis, and to make it perfectly show that we hev all the currency we want, I hev hed my name and Issaker's engraved, so that it kin be printed in, thus saving us the trouble uv signin em with a pen.

Prices uv things is still mountin up, and general prosperity prevails. Pugsby gits $40 a pare now for pegged boots a great deal easier that he yoost to git $4, and Basoom hez put drinks up to 50 cents for new whiskey, and 75 when you take sugar in it. Lots in the corporashun hez quadroopled in valyou within the week, and real estate is changin hands lively. I coo'd wsh, however, that the ishoos uv the Unlimted Trust and Confidence Com- pany cood hev a wider circulashen. I took a brief vacasshun this week, wuz at the Glauber Salt Springs, and wuz beaten out uv $200 at cut-throat low. The gamblers refoozed to take my money, and I was compelled to leave my watch with em; that is, Captain McPeters' watch, wich I hed borrowed, to make an impossin appearance. But it wuz all the same to me, ez I paid him for it in our own currency. I wuz sorry to lose it, for I had depended on that watch to help us out when we got into a very tite place.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

President uv the Unlimted Trust and Confidence Company.

P. S.—Another trouble is loomin up on the horizon. Perkins, the blacksmith, is out uv iron, and Sampsel, the carpenter, hez to hev a jack-plain and two augers, all uv wich hez to be got in Looisville, and they demand uv us sich money ez Looisville will take. Then another mortifyin circumstance happened yesterday. The Directers uv the Bank hed determined to lay the corner stun uv our new bankin edifs, wich he hev commenst, but after announsin the ceremony we coodent lay it. A bigger rope than any in the Corners, wuz nessary to lift the massive stun to its place, (we hed it massive ez an emblem uv our solidity,) but we coodent rafe up enuff currency that they'd take in Looisville to buy one. So that corner stun ain't laid, and the work on the buildin, I spee, will hev to stop till we kin turn up susthin. Ther's a crisis approachin.

P. V. N.
THE PROGRESS OF INFLATION—THE TROUBLE THAT PERKINS STARTED—THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE GREAT IDEA.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Oct. 5, 1876.

I hev had trouble enuff with the unenlitened people uv these Corners, for the past week, to nearly drive me mad. Indeed, I sho'd hev bin in a looniac asylum ere this, hed I not bin sustained and soothe'd by an unlimited faith in the correcums uv the doctrines uv the Ohio Dimocrisy, ez regards money. And feelin' that I wuz assistin', n my humble way, in puttin' them doctrines into practis, I determined not to go mad, but to persevere even unto the end.

But the perverse people are doin' ther level best to drive me crazy, and I am not shoer that they won't succeed. I bought a pare uv horses uv one uv our friends, for $8,000, and paid him in our own money. He thot he'd rather not tech it.

"When will this be redeemed?" he askd, innocently.

"Any time you want it," I replied.

"In want?" he retorted.

"In other notes onto the same bank," sez I.

"And how will you redeem them notes?" sez he.

"In jest the same way," sez I.

"Then all ther is uv it," sez he, "you go on takin' up one note by givin' another, and all uv em without interest nor nothin'."

"That's at eggsackly," sed I. "You see, cant yoo, or are yoo an idiot? that money means faith. Now ef the proud finaneshel instooshin' in wich I am the hed, isoos its note, yoo must hev faith that it will pay, and so long ez yoo hev that faith, and everybody else hez that faith, so that they take it for money, yoo never want the money on it. So long ez money is taken, yoo don't want it redeemed, for it is good enuff, yoo see! Our money is made good by faith—and ez long ez it is sustaned by faith it will go. When the notes yoo hev now wears out, come to us and we will redeem em with new ones. But everybody must hev faith. Cant yoo see it? Everybody must hev faith! Faith in the isoos uv this bank uv ourn's necessary to its success and stability. Faith in our money is, ez it is in Religion, the substance uv things hoped for, and the evidence uv things not seen, only more so. Wait till I git $8,000 from the printin' offis, and take em for your hoses, and go your way. Hev faith!"

Perkins, that wuz the farmer's name, took the money and went his way, ponderin' ez he went. He walked down to Bascom's with deep lines uv that onto his face, wich resolved itself into a expresshun uv stern determinashen ez he went in.

"Kin yoo sell me a bari uv whisky to-day—a entire bari?"

"Certainly," sed G. W., smilinly, "certainly, Mr. Perkins. It's only worth $40 a gallon, or $1,680 per bari this mornin'."

"I take a bari," sed Perkins.

"All rite," wuz G. W.'s response. "I'd ez soon sell a bari to-wunst ez by the single drink."

So G. W. and his wife, and his oldest son Jefferson Davis, rolled a bari up into Perwinesses wagon, and Perkins remarkt that he wanted to pay for that likker ez the spot. Bascom smiled pleasantly. There wuz nothin' so pleasant,
Perkins continyood, ez payin for things wen yoo get em, ez it saves book-keepin and vexashus troubles uv all kinds.

"Give me pen, ink and paper, G. W.," sed this Perkins.

Nonplussed, Bascom did so mechanically, and Perkins ran his tongue out, ez people do in the Corners when they attempt writin, and after thirty minits uv intense labor, with sweet a rollin from his brow fearful, he handed Bascom this docketment:

Confedrit X Roads, Sept. 1, 1875.

I promise to pay G. W. Bascom sixteen hundred and eighty dollars.

JEBIAL PERKINS.

"Wats this?" askt the astonished Bascom, with an expresshen uv intense disgust usurpin the place uv the smile.

"Pay for that likker," replied Perkins, calm ez a Joon morfin.

"But this ain't pay—it's yoor promise to pay, and yoo ain't got time nor place fixed for payment—yoo ain't got no interest exprest, nor nothin. Wen do you purpose to pay it?"

"Never, G. W., never. Under the noo dispensasihen, promises to pay is money. All you want in faith. So long ez yoo bleeve that that paper is money, wat do yoo want uv money? With faith enuff that paper is money, I hew bin figgerin this matter out in my intellek ever sense I hew bin takin your bank money. It's all the same. Ef I haw' faith in your money yoo must hew faith in mine. Wen this note wears out come to me and I will write yoo a new one. And don't keep it too long—I shed take pleasure in writin yoo notes often, so that they will alluz be new and pleasant to look at. How pleasant it is, Bascom, to pay ez yoo go! How much better I feel to pay on the nale, and how much better yoo must feel to hew your cash wen yoo deliver your goods."

And Perkins drove off with the likker, lite-hearted, leavin Bascom dum-founded in the door uv the grosery, gaspin with astonishment and blind with rage.

Perkins didn't stop with a bari uv likker. He bot a pare uv pegged boots for $80, and pade for em in the same way, and a lugg uv nalls, and two soots uv cloze, and calico dresses for his wife and dauwers, and a box uv paper collars, and a neck-tie, things he had never dreamed uv hevin before, and he got so eggascated at his success in finanseerin that he went home ez drunk ez a kiled owl.

But the misery uv all this is, every cuss within five miles, seein Perkins's success, is doiin the same thing, and an immense volooym uv wat I may call indiviijle currency is aflout. And they is seriously threatnin to vote to hew the corpmsashen take the stuff for taxes! The idee uv takin money for taxes that aint printed, and that heznt got no President and Casheer and Board uv Di-rektors! There is such a thing ez carrying this thing too fur.

But prosperity continoaas her stimulatin rain. We ishooed thirty thousand dollurs uv our money last week, and the benefisile effeck is visible. Wheat is now $12 a bushel, likker $1 a drink plain, and $1.50 to them ez take sugar in therein, pegged boots is $80, cotton sox $4, and town bots—well, any price that one chooses to ask for em. The diggin uv cellars is goin on satisfactorily, ez is evything else that we kin pay for in our own money. But I tremble with apprehensions. Wat will happen when they come to want the lumber, and nales, and glass, and other things wich hev to come from Louisvile? That's the cost that hants me.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
President uv the Unlimited Trust and Confidence Company.

P. S.—The most wonderful effeck uv inflashen wuz showd this mornin on
Deekin Pogram. The old saint made his appearance at the bank in a new suit of clothes with Mirandy, his daughter, got for him. The old man tried to keep up under it, but finally broke down. He refueled to stay in his seat unless we'd take off the coat, pull off his boots, and "them d-d stockings," ez he expressed it, and drip some tobacco loose over his buzzin. He swore that he rather resile his posheshen than to wear boots and stockings in the summer time, and ez for paper collars he'd wear none uv em. He wood hev gone insane ef we hedn't striped him and got him back to his normal style. Wait a difference there is in men! Now I took to stockings when I got to be President uv this bank ez naterally ez tho I hed aluz wore em. But I hev moved in better society than the Deekin hez. He is trooly a child uv Nacher.

P. V. N.

FURTHER INELATION—FOUR NEW BANKS—AND FINALLY EVERY MAN HIS OWN BANKER.

Confedrit X Roads,

(wich is in the State uv Kentucky.)

October 12, 1875.

The man wich undertakes to benefit his fellows loads up a very heavy contrack. Half the citizens uv the Corners are a-goin back in the most ongrateful manner onto the Unlimitted Confidence and Trust Company. They are a gettin $19 a bushel for wheat, and about the same for oats and corn, and men now talk uv thousands wich never before knowed how to pronounce the word, but yet they ain't happy. They hev a hankerin after redempshun uv some sort—they demand to know when this money of ourn is again to be redeemed in surthin else—some other kind uv money—ez tho our money, backed by faith, wuznt ez good ez any in the world. Ef these malcontents wood only take it and look pleasant, there wudnent be any trouble about it.

But these men are not the worst we hev to contend with. The citizens wich are the stanchez supporter uv the noo money hev determined that, ef we hev the rite to ishoo money, they hev the same rite. And so four noo banks hev bin started this week.

Mackey and Burns started one, with Mackey ez President and Burns ez Cashier, with them and a nigger carpenter ez the Board of Directors. They hev got the drop on us by requirin the officers to give bonds, wich they accomplished by hevin Mackey sign Burns', Burns sign Mackey's, and both sign the nigger carpenter's. Then they hev another advantage over us, for they bought their own press and print their own notes, wich, ez we hev to pay Simpson, the printer, a profit, enables em to make money cheaper than we kin. They call their institooshun "The Nashel Benefit Assoshashen," and hev their tankin offices in Mackey's bed-room in the Pogram House.

Scarsely wuz this bank histin out money afore Squire Pettus and Gedney the shoemaker started another wich they called "The Essin Diffusin Bank uv North Ameriky," with the offices in Gedney's shoe shop, and they got ahead uv us by printin their notes in two colors, wich, I must say, gives em a solvent look.

By this time wheat went up to $25 a bushel, and ease at that.

Then Parkins and Barney, the plasterers, who hed made a great deal uv money since instbashen set in, they hed to start a bank, wich they called "The Ekitable and Insassashable Bankin Company uv the Yoounited States," and they isbroad their bills by the bushel.

Wheat went up immediatly to $38 per bushel, and a noo era uv prosperity set in.
Before these financeers hed got fairly under way, Butts and Busted concluded they'd go into banking, and behold one mornin' the boys uv the "Labor Scumooiatin Company—I. Butts, President"—made their appearance. They didn't hev any offs; for Butts sed he didn't see no yoose uv an offis. He cood pay out money on the street all he wanted to ef the people wood take it, and ez it never wuznt a goin' to be redeemed, wut did he want uv an offis? He wuznt a goin' to any sich expense, for he bleed in economizin'. To go to yoose-lis expenses wuznt to show a culpable disregard uv the interests uv the people.

Wheat went up to $45 per bushel, and there wuz more prosperity. Then trouble set in in chunks. The people who wuz not interested in bankin' refoozed, pint blank, to take any uv their ishoos. Banks wuz a gettin' rather too frequent. A reckshen okkured again our money wich we who wuz interested determined to crush to-wunst.

The offishes uv the five banks in the town met and decided to hold a meetin' uv the citizens, at wich steps shood be taken to legalize our ishoos.

The meetin' wuz held, and uv course we kirriied it without any trouble, for seven-tenth uv em hed our money in their pockets, and they wuz very favorable to any askeshan that wood keep it a blin'. To that end we past the followin' resooshens:

"Waras, The Democracy uv Ohio and Pennsylvania, with a singlerly just apprehension uv the wants uv the citizens uv the Cross Roads, hev demanded more money, and

"Waras, Piye compaines hev kirriied out the idee uv the Democracy uv Ohio and Pennsylvania by furnishin' the people more money, and

"Waras, Notwithstanding the unparalleled prosperity that hez resulted from the increase in currency, centin men in th' commonmity, by refoozing to take it, decline to be benefited; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That this meetin' uv citizens demand uv the Town Council that it to-wunst convene and pass an ordinance makin' the ishoos uv the five banks legal tender for everything from drinks down to taxes, and that any citizen who refoozes to take it, or murmurs at it, or in any way discrredits it, shood be held ez a public enemy and be inmejitly hung."

The wareases and the resooshen wuz passed to-wunst, and I felt easier. With the power to bang all wich refooz to take our money, I rather think I kin make it current. A rope over the limb uv a tree is a persuader of rare merit, and it is the best endorsement uv our paper that we kin possibly hev.

So far so good. But jist ez I wuz feelin' good over my success, that unmitigated cuss, Jebail Perkins, the man wat give his note to Basecom for a bar of uv whisky with wich distinguished success, rose and sed he hed a series of wareases and a resooshen to pass. He went on to say th' hed given this question of finance a great deal uv study. He endorsed fully the posishen uv the Democracy uv Ohio and Pennsylvania. He bleed in more money—money enuff for everybody. He pinted with pride to th development uv the Corners since the crashin' uv more money, and he bleed that still more money would make still more prosperity. The idee wuz correct. The Government shood ishoo promises to pay and faith shood make em good, without any sich nonsense ez redeemin'; and if the Government shood do it why shoodat banks; if banks why not individjules? That's what he wanted to know. Ef ther wuz any sich thing ez redeemin' uv it in gold or anything else the people mite hev the rite to ask if them ez ishoo the money hed gold or anything else to redeem em with, but ez ther ain't no redeemin' perposed why that question dont come in. The people hev to hev faith, and that's all the hevin ther is in the transackshen. He wuz a bleen in more money and he perposed to hev more money, and he bleed that them ez hev the greatest need for money shood hev the privilege uv
Isboodn it, and so long ez the people took it from each other it ansered all the purposes uv money. Therefore he perposed the yoonanimus adopshun uv the followin whereass and resoloooshen:

"Wareas, Ef you'v a good thing you can'thev too much uv it; and
"Wareas, The increase uv currency in the Corners hez bin productive uv prosperity sith ez we never dreamed uv; and
"Wareas, It is the dooty uv all earthly governments to diffoose its blessins okally, thereby inlinitin the doo of heaven, wich falls alike on the just and unjust; and
"Wareas, The manufakter uv money shood not be confined to the few, but shood be the privilege uv the many; and
"Wareas, We rekognize the justis and propriety uv compellin the people to take sich money ez may be ishood; therefore, be it
"Resolved, That every man may ishoot his notes uv hand, in sich sums ez may sooT his interest or convenience, and that sich notes shud be legal tender fur everything, the same ez notes ishood by our five bankin institoooshuns."

And the d—d ideots absolootly passen the resoloooshen without a mimit's delay, and they demanded that the Council meet that very nite and pass the ordnance, wich it did.

Ez every man uv em commenst writin notes to wunst, and buyin all sorts uv things with em, we're liable to hev enuff money at the Corners immediutly—ez much ez our brethren in Ohio and Pennsylvania wish desire, even.

Everything in the shape uv labor hez abandoned, for everybody hez gone into the manufakter uv currency, that is, everybody who kin write. Thank Heaven that they never favored skools here—the inability to shed ink is the only limit to our inflashen.

One singler result hez followed this ordinance, viz: Nobody hez nothin to sell. I went into a shoe store yesterday, thinkin to treat myself to a pare of boots, but the dealer hadn't any to sell.

"But I see a hundred pare on the shelves," sed I.

"They hev all bin bought by people over in the next county," sed this villin; "they wuz bought for gold. Possibly ef you hed gold I cood get one uv em to sell you a pare hisself."

And he sed suthin about bringing a horse to water; but yoo coodent make him drink.

It is plain to me that more legislashun is a goin to be necessary. Up to a certain pint they took our money, but somehow them ez aint a makin it are a fain shy uv it.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

President uv the Onlimited Trust and Confidence Company.

P. S.—More trouble. Bascom sez he's got to hev something to go to Louisi-ville with beside our money, or he'll hev to close. And all the mechanics in the village, who hev to buy things in Louisiville, are clamorin for suthin they kin buy with, and threaten, ef they don't get it, to bust things. Wun uv em impudently sed that afore the inflation period they didn't hev much money, but they cood do suthin with wat they hed. And the people applanded the disturber.

2d P. S.—Bascom hez jest come in. His likker is neerly gone, and he swears he'll close his bar ef we don't do suthin to-wunst. I hev called a meetin of the Direkters. Ef Bascom closes we are lost for ever. The Corners kin get on with any thing but that. I kin get on awhile, for I hev a jug in reserve, but Heaven help them who is not proviced.

P. V. N.
THE END OF THE "UNLIMITED TRUST AND CONFIDENCE COMPANY."—THE FINAL SMASH-UP.

Oomfdrin' X Roads,  
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky,)  
October 20, 1875.

There is gloom onto the Corners! Our sun uv prosperity is sot, and my hopes is blasted. The Unlimited Trust and Confidence Company is not egg-sackly no more, but it's near enuff dead to make it safe to bury it on a vancher. Its eyes is sot. After a brilliant career uv five weeks, coruscating along the sky uv finance, shedding a perfect rain uv blessings at every jump, its kite hez gone, its brilliancy hez departed, and it don't coruscate worth a cent.

We hev't suspended, nor failed, nor closed our doors, nor nothin', for the simple reason that the bank wuz constructed on an ijee that made fallin impossible, and the closin uv doors unnecessairy. Ez we don't hev to redeem, wat shel we fail for? Ez we don't purpose to pay nothin', wat shel we close our doors for? Ther aint nothin hide-bound about this bank. The people is welcome to come in and discuss finance, and put thier feet up on the benches, and split terbacker juoce all ov'r the floor, jest as friendly as they choose, and they may do it ez long ez they choose.

No, the Unlimited Trust and Confidence Company ain't failed, but it's kinder petered out, ez it were. It is expirin uv dry rot. Its notes, wich is its blud, ain't hevin any circfleshen. The people don't take em with that cheerfulness nessary to a proper bankin bizness. Legislashen don't fetch em. The ordinances, wich made death the penalty for refoosin our ishoos, only worket so far ez takin uv em for taxes. The corporashen did take em for taxes in pursuance uv their own legislashen, and here wuz where the trouble begun. The taxes wuz levied on a greenback basis, and the entire levy amounted to $8,000. Well, the taxes for the first time in the history uv the Corners wuz all pade up in full, and with great promptness. A more prompter set uv taxpayers I never seed.

The treasurer hed $8,000 uv our ishoos when it becum nessary to buy a plow and four spades to do some work on the roads. In vane he tried to git em. The dealers at home, knowin wat currency he hed 'to pay in, suddenly got out uv plows and spades, and when he went to Louisville it took $1,000 in our currency to pay his fare, and he offered the hardware dealer the other $7,000 for the implements he wanted, but it woodent go. He hed to come back without em.

Then he came and demanded some currency uv us wihch heood yoose, wihch uv course we hedn't got none, and he becam an opponent to our system. Two shoemakers, each with $70,000 uv our money, coodent buy a side uv sole leathar to continyoo ther biznis with, and hed to stop; our ralevodes and turnpikes hed to stop, becoz, hevin got to the pint when we hed to hev iron and nales and wihch things, we coodent go on. So all the labrers hed to be discharged, wihch made a desprat populashen, all howlin agin us.

But the wust wuz yet to come. We cood hev wethered all this, but alas! Bascom failed.

This wuz the finishin blow—the great staggerer wihch the Corners cood not possibly recover from.

Bascom made a manly fite, and I must say did all that he cood to stand up for us. He raised the price uv drinks to $2 a drink, and when he saw his bars rapidly failin he tried to keep the Corners again, by waterin his likker ez we hed watered the currency.
But these expedients didn’t work. The higher the price he put on his likker the more the people seemed to want to drink uv it. It seemed to be a delite to em to pay out our money ef they got anything whatever for it. But they woodent do wat Bascom most desired—that is to say, they woodent stand his watered whiskey. They sed to him, “Ef $2 a drink ain’t high enuff, charge $4. It’s all wun to us. Set em up again.”

And the bar-room full wood step up and take subthin, and the man who askt em wood throw down on the bar a peck of our currency for likker, and tell Bascom to help himself.

Bascom come to us and begged that we shoud let himhev subthin that he cood yoose to re-stock his bar. He sed the dealers in Louiville laffed in his face when he offered em our money for likker, and he had but two bars left.

And them two bars wuz vizibly shrinkin every minit. It seemed ez though the populis got insane for likker at the very time when we didn’t want em to hev it. For the first time in my life, I wanted the Corners to be templit, for every drop drunk from those bars brought our bank that much nearer its end. I sot opposite Bascom’s, and saw the crowd go in ,with a sinkin sensaschen that wuz akin to death. Drink by drink it went, and ez ef they coodent eggausst it fast enough by the single drink, they got to comin for it in tin dippers.

“How does it hold out?” wuz the message I sent him at 10 a. m.

The answer come prompt;

“10:05 a. m.—Wun barl untuthched, twenty gallons in the other and sinkin every minit.”

Then I sent this:

“10:10.—Fill her up with water. Keep Jefferson Davis a pourin in. Hold the fort.”

And the answer come:

“10:15.—Jefferson Davis is a hitin in water ez fast ez he kin carry it. Mrs. Bascom is a rinsin out old barls, to which she adds kyan pepper and camfene. Ef I hed some Scotch snuff it wood help. Wll hold out ez long ez it’s possible. But it’s terrible. A man jist come in and demandid a gallon.”

Twenty minits thereafter Bascom sent this:

“Hev jist put a spiggit in the last barl, and the Corners is a howlin. It won’t last an hour.”

Then an expedient segested itself to me. I sent this note:

“Time is everything. Bust the spiggit.”

Wich he did, thus keepin the wolves at bay for an hour, while it wuz beln repaired.

But why harrow the public buzum with the details uv this painful story? The end wuz inevitble. Drop by drop, drink by drink, pint by pint, that likker wuz ebbin away, and each drop weakened the bank. That likker wuz our life-bud, and ez it flowed we wilted.

Waterin the barl wuz merely a palliative; and it wuz with a feelin uv relief that I saw Geo. W. throw up his hands and exclain: “It’s all gone but a gallon, wich I shef keep for my own yoose. It’s all gone, and I can’t get another drop in Louiville.”

And he dropt his head despondingly on a pile uv about $12,000 uv our currency, wich he didn’t taken off the bar, and wept despondingly.

“Why can’t you get more?” demanded the excited populis.

“Becoz I ain’t got no money but this, and you coodent get a barl uv whiskey in Louiville for a car load uv it.”
I attempted to reason with the people. I told 'em that one reason uv our wealth wuz that we held it in a currency that we coodent send away from home, thus keepin our capital within ourselves, but they refooze to listen to me. They d—d my bank, they d—d me, and they went for the bank, swearin that ef ther wuz anything there that cood be converted into likker Bascum shoed hev it. It is unneccessary to remark that they didn't find anythin. Antissipat an unpleasantnis, we had removed the valuooables to a place uv safety, with wuz the underside uv my bed at Deekin Pogram's.

They they demanded that the money they held be redeemed into within them cood yooce, but uv course we declined to discuss the matter, referrin them to the terms uv the ishoo ez expressed on the notes, ez well ez ther own endorsement uv the skeem.

But this didn't satisfy em. They deliberately brought out $675,000 uv the ishooos uv the various banks, and pilin uv it up on the street, not tire to it, thancin a demonic dance around it. This ammoozed me, for uv course I had no earthly objeckshen to ther redeemin uv it in that way, but when I seed em riggin ropes to the trees in the visigity, I remarkat to my fellow-officers: "Gentlemen, yoor President hez pressin biznis in yonder forest," and I got out ez rapidly ez my poor wastid lims wood permit. I flatter myself that I made tolerable time for man uv my age, whose strength is mostly in his stumick. Indeed, wen I turned and saw ten or a dozen uv the foremost men uv the Corrers dest behind me, and all shoutin "Hang the d—d thief!" no gentle gazelle that I ever heerd uv ever skimed the plain ez I did. I did not cease runnin till I got into the middle uv the big swamp.

Wat become uv the other drekters I don't know. The last fond look that I turned towards the bank I saw Issaker Gavitt and Deekin Pogram strugglin in the hands uv the mob, wich wuz playfully forcin uv em to sit down on a burnin pile uv ther own currency.

I am in a deserted hut in the swamp, wich wuz yooced by runaway niggers in the old times, and am fed by a nigger farmer, who hez nit heerd uv the collapse, and consequently takes his pay in the Unlimited. Of the nooze ever gets to him uv the reel condishen uv things and he shets off supplies, or re-veels my whereabouts, I am a lost man.

Wat changes ther is in life? A week ago a successful financeer, and the pet uv the populis—the Saviour uv the Corrers! To-day a hunted fugitive, livin on hoe-cake furnished by a nigger. One needs to be a filosopher.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

Late President uv the Unlimited Trust and Confidence Company.

N. B.—I hev heerd from the Corrers. The ungrateful people, after half killin the officers uv the bank, passed resolootshens that we wuz all a pack uv theevs, and that them ez had sold land and sich for our money shoed soo for recovery thereof, and that they'd hang any judge wich woodent deside agin us. Bascom hez gone back onto us, and hez sold back to Pollock and Bigler the store we bot uv em, and hez got greenbac enuff to git a few bars uv likker, and hez re-opened. He hez put the price uv likker down to five cents agin, and refooze to take anything for it but nickels and postal currency. He sez he ain't gittin ez many cart-loads uv money ez he did in the inflasen period, but he's satisfied. The most uv the citizens is bankrupt, and room is evrywhere. Oh, why did their faith give out at the wrong time!

P. V. N.
MR. NASBY'S PROPOSITION IS NOT ACCEPTED.

In a swamp near Confedrit X Roads, (Which is in the State uv Kentucky),
October 27, 1875.

I felt that ef I had to stay another week in this infernal cabin I shood die. With nuthin but hoe-cake to eat—with infrequent and onreliable drinks, with no society whatever, life didn't seem to me to be wuth hevin. Therefore I sent a note to the citizens uv the Corners askin for a promis uv safety, that I mite make em a proposishen, wich ef they wood accept, wood enable the Bank to go on and become ez permanent ez time herself.

The Corners met and decided to receeve me and appointed a committee to heer my proposishen, and on seeevin ther answer I made my way thither.

The meetin wuz held in the Church: It wuz an impressive scene. On the platform in front of the pulpit sat the committee—the auditorium in front wuz crowded with citizens, the must uv whom hed baskets uv my currency, and ther wuz an expectant murmur ez I entered. I wuz delited to see that ther wuz a winder just back uv where I wuz to stand, and also that it wuz open; that it wuz only three feet to the ground, and that the woods wuz only about 80 rods to the rear. Old ez I am I kin make fairly good time for 80 rods.

I wuz respectfully invited to make my statement.

Ez I rose a most anxshus silence pervaded that assemblage. Yoo cood hev heerd a pin drop ef anybody hed dropt one.

Wipin my streamin brow I remarked that I hed never intended that the Corners shood loose a cent by our bank, nor did I now so intend. I confess that lookin simply to the idee uv infleshun, follerin the ideas of the Democracy uv Ohio and Pennsylvany, I hed not given sich careful attion ez I shood hev done to the matter uv redempshun.

At this pint the awjence seemed to be visibly pleased.

I hed hed a week uv solitood, and I hed employed that time wrestlin with the question uv finance, and I wuz happy to say that I hed finally mastered it. I hed matoored a skeem for redempshun wich I wuz willin to present.

"Go on! go on!" the people shresked delitedly.

"I propose to redeem the lshoos uv the Onlimited Trust and Confidence in the bonds uv the Company."

Their faces resoomed a expresshun uv stolidity wich I did not like.

"Will them bonds bear interest?" they all askt in korus.

"Certainly they will. We shel be generous. You may fix the rate of interest at wat yoo choose."

"That seems fair," they exclaimed.

I congratulated myself on havin got through tollable easy, and wuz steppin off the platform to go over to Simpson's to hev the bonds printed when that feend, Joe Bigler, who wuz sittin with Pollock, rose and remarke that he, ez a bill holder, hed a question to ask.

"Go on!" sez I.

"Yoo'll give interest-bearin bond for yoor notes, will yoo?"

"Certainly, Josef," sez I; "uv course we will."

"Wat do yoo purpose to redeem the bonds in?"

"Why, our notes, uv course. Wat else hev we to redeem em in? Our notes, with the privilege uv convertin uv em into bonds at any time—and faith is the best money in the world."
"Then wat'll yoo redeem the notes in?" persisted Josef with feendish pertenassity.

"Why, the bonds uv course," was my response. "Wat kin eny wun want better than intrest-bearing bonds, and wat currency kin be better than that wich yoo kin convert at pleasure into sich bonds? My friends, whenever yoo want bonds for yoor currency don't hesitate to come for em—don't be afraid of givin the officers trouble. It is our pleasure to serve the public, and we'll go to any lengths—"

"But wat did I understand yoo'r goin to redeem them bonds in?" askt Josef agin.

"Our notes!" I answered, out uv pashence with him.

"And yoo redeem the notes with yoor bonds?"

"Certinly; jist ez our friends uv Ohio purpose to pay the nashnel debt."

"And this goes on for time and eternity?"

"Certinly, Josef. A finanshel institoooshen, constructed ez ours is, kin go on from time to eternity, becoz it is convertible—one species uv paper into another, and another into one. You see—"

"Yes, I see, but citizen Bascom, when yoo hev sold all yoor likker agin for this paper, and yoo turn around and convert it into bonds, hev yoo any ashoorance that they'll take them bonds in Loolsville for more likker? Did they take the notes afore? How much better does the bonds make em? Fellow citizens uv the Corners—(Josef spoke impressively)—Fellow citizens uv the Corners, the Corners, uv the Corners, uv the Corners, uv the Corners, uv the Corners. In?" Josef went on, agin, uv a system agin if yoo choose, but I feel it my dooty to warn yoo that in a week there won't be a drop uv likker in the Corners, and wat's more; yoo won't be able to git a drop. Yoo are standin on the brink uv a presslpis. Haul off before it is everlastinly too late."

The people seed it to wunst, and with a glare like so many infroilated tigers they riz and went for me. The winder wuz open, and I sprang thro it, and made for the woods, wich I reeched jist in time. Hed they caught me, they wood hev hung me out uv hand.

I am now in the cabin, In wich I hev spent the last week, sick and sore. Does finanseerin mean perpetooal skootin for the woods? Am I alluz to be escapin with my life? Oh for a quiet, sekoo post offis!

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

President of the late Unlimitted Trust and Confidence Company.

P. S.—The nigger who owns my hidin place hez diskivered who I am. He went to the Corners to get pervlshens with the money I give him, and then the cat wuz out uv the bag. He sed hed he knowd who I wuz and wat I wuz hidin for, he never wood hev took me in. He thot I wuz merely a hunted and distrest hoss-thief. Ez I hed nuthin to pay him in, he came in while I wuz asleep and took my coat and boots, wich he sez I kin hev when I give him good money for that wich I paid him in. He bieves I hev some good money about me somewhere. How I am to git away from here the Lord only knows.

P. V. N.

(It may be proper to remark that after this letter Mr. Nasby kept silence for several months, and when he again resumed his pen, his letters were dated from Confedrit X Roads, as formerly. It is to be inferred, that the means by which he extricated himself from the dire predicament so graphically described in the above postscript were so painfully humiliating that he could not bear to make them known to an unsympathizing world.)
LATER LETTERS.

The letters following are now embodied in book form for the first time. They are taken from the files of the Toledo Weekly Blade, in which alone they were published. The selection embodies the greater number written from 1869 to 1887, and embraces all that are of permanent value; that is, those letters only have been excluded which were based on local subjects, or suggested by comparatively trivial occurrences, which have now passed out of the public mind, and were not important enough to become part of our political history.

MR. NASBY SETTLED AT LAST IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

In the 6th Ward uv Noo York, Dec. 10, 1869.

The dove which Noah sent out come back to the Ark becoz the waters kivered the land; when the dove found a dry spot it come back no more. I am a dove. I wuz sent out from the Corners, but the prevalence uv water druv me back, time and agen. Now, thank Heaven, I hev found a spot wher ther is no water (at least I've never seen any used here for any purpose), and here I stay. My foot hez found a restin place.

I am the sole proprietor uv the "Harp uv Erin" S'loon. The original proprietor uv the "Harp uv Erin" died the evenin uv the last eleckshun, much regretted by his politikle assoshates. He hed only voted thirteen times, when In argyment techn the merits uv his candidate, ez compared with his opponent for the nominashen, he wuz hit with a brickbat, and died with his day's work half done. The man who struck him wuz expelled from the society to whch he belonged for killin an able-bodied Democrat before the closing uv the polls.

How I got possesshen uv the s'loon I shel not state. Suffic it to say it became mine, and the stock likewise, and that I shel never hev occa-shen to leave it. Here I shel live, and here I shel die. Uv course I've decorted it to soot the tastes uv my patrons. I took down the portrate uv Jackson, and cut off uv the bottom the words, "The Yoonyun, it must and shel be preserved!" and substitooted, "He serves his party best who votes the most," wich I read to those who drop in ez the the last words uv the Hero uv Noo Orleans. I hev an Irish flag turned round an Irish Harp, over the bar, and portrates uv the Head Centres uv the Fenian Brotherhood, properly wreathed, all about the room. On the end uv the bar, in the spot where in other neyborhoods the water pitcher stands, I hev a box with a hole in the top uv it, inscribed, "Contribushens for the benefit of our suffrin brethren in English Basteels may be dropped in here." That box more than pays my rent. Then I hev quite a cabinet uv
sakred relics. I hev a pheece uv the rope whic hung John Brown; the
Identicle club whic killed the first nigger in the riots uv Jooly, 1863; a bullit
fired at the Triboon offis at that time, with other sooveneers dear to the
Democratic heart, whic attract many. These hang onto the walls, and
underneath them, I hev the prices uv drinks inscribed, with the storn, cold words, "No Trust."

I inoggeratid my establishment last Wednesday nite. Rememberin the
terrible endin uv all my other inoggerashens, I declined at fust to make
any formal openin, but my friends insisted that it wuz the custom uv the
ward, and that I must do it.

"Nobody will buy your likker," sed one, "ef yoo don't make a regler
openin."

"Ef I make a regler openin," sed I, "I won't hev a drop to sell em.
Stay—I hev it. I'll go before a Justis ov the Peece and take a solemn
oath not to drink anything myself that nite."

"Twn't do," sed my frend; 'oaths don't count in this ward."

Various plans wuz rejectid. One gentleman proposed that I shood bei
tied down so that I coodent git at the likker, and that he shood do the hon-
ors. His nose wuz agin him, and I declined his proposishen. Finally
hit upon the plan. I calkilated that twenty gallons wood anser, and put
that amount in a barrel. The balance uv the stock I locked in a room, and then put the key away in a drawer.

"There," sed I, triumphantly, "afore that twenty gallons is eggaustrid
I shel be too far gone to know where the key to the room holdin the bal-
ance uv the stock is. Saved! Saved!"

It resulted ez I anticipatid. At first we hed speeches, and toasts. Mr.
O'Rafferty replied to the toast, "Our adoptid country." He sed the term
"Our adoptid country" wuz a happy one, for so far ez Noo York waz con-
cerned the sons of Erin hed adoptid it. He hed bn charged with a lack uv
love for this country. He repelled the charge with scorn. Why shoodn't
he love this country? In wat other country wuz votes worth a dollar speece? Where else cood sich a man ez he hev so high a posishen ez an
Alderman, and only two years on the ground?

Mr. O'Toole jined in the sentiment. Where else under the canopy cood
a man like hisself who coodent read be a skool director? He hed often
bn thankful that he turned his face toward Ameriky the minit his time
wuz out in the prison at Liverpool. Ther wuz less risk in holdin offis
in Noo York, than in burglary in England, and the results wuz shoorer.

Ther wuzn't much more speech-makin. The drinkin went on fast and
furious tho, and ez I antissipated, before the twenty gallons wuz egg-
austed I wuz very drunk, and incapable uv any effort, mental or phys-
ike, and the others were in very much the same predicament. Four or
five uv em dld try to rouse me, to git more, but it wuz uv no use; they
might ez well hev whispered Gray's Elegy in the ear of a dead mule. The
most uv em slept, ez I did, on the floor till the mornin.

I shel be happy here. I hev the steddy patronage uv two aldermen,
three skool directors and four contractors, and when the Mayor git the
appintin uv the poleece there will be twelve poleecemen whose trade I
kin count on. Ther in my back room is where the preliminary caucusses
for the ward is held, and I shel be paid for wat the managers drink till
I git an offis myself. At last my lines is cast in pleasant places.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Wich wuz P. M.)
MR. NASBY RECEIVES A LETTER FROM DEACON POGRAM.

6th Ward, City uv Noo York,
January 10, 1870.

Yesterday I received the follow in letter from that old saint in trowsers, Deeklin Elkanah Pogram. It was delayed a long time, ez the Deeklin directed it to "Rev." Petroleum V. Nasby. The letter carriers hedn't any idee that there wuz any man in the 6th ward who hed any title to that prefix. But I finally got it. I need not say that after readin it I closed my bar and hung crape onto the door. Oh, the demoralization of this cussid age! But it wuz a comfort to hear from him. "Ez In water face ansereth to face, so the heart uv man to man." The tex shood reed, in Kentucky at least, "Ez in whiskey," &c., but I take no liberties with skripture. This is the Deeklin's epistle:

Confedrit X Roads, Ky.,
Dec. 2, 1869.

My Dear Friend:—I avail myself uv the presence uv a young man from Injeany, who kin rite, to inform yoo ez to the condishun of things in you old home. Things is bad here and is rapidly growin wuss. Sence yoo left us it seems to me ez the kaos hed come agin, and that confooshen wus bein wuss confoundid. The first families hev lost their grip; niggers and ablishnists hev come in, and hev takin controle, and Confedrit X Roads is no longer a place in wich a gentleman uv refinement and culture kin decently live.

That infamous wretch, Joe Bigler, and that onmitgated pest, Pollock, is in partnership, at least Joe is sellin goods for Pollock, and his store is the resort uv all uv their class fur miles around. The old settlers hev nothin watever to do with em. We wuz disposed to patronize em, but when Pollock refoozed to let goods wich we hed bought go out of the store till they wuz paid for, and the next minit give credit to niggers, we indignantly declined to deal with him. That indignity we wooted submit to. We inoost two merchants from Lousville to start bizns here, but they didn't stay long. They give credit, and their trade wuz conseketely brisk, but they hed difficulty in renooin their stocks. When one uv em presented his bill to me, I told him indignantly that ef that wuz the way he purposed to do bizns, he mite ez well close. "Why," said I, "I mite ez well deal with Pollock." He remarkt, insolently, that he wished I hed dealt with Pollock, and flung hisself out uv my presence. Merchants are, ez a class, disgustinly mensenary.

Bascom threatens to close down and leave us. He hez alreddy mortgags on all our land to its full valyoo, and sence the offises are all in the hands uv men who don't drink likker at all, he sez there ain't no money within his reech, and he can't carry us much longer. He sighs for the good old times under Johnson's administrashen, when all the money recieveed by the Postmaster, the Collector and Assessor pourid into his drawer. He is morose and gloomy, and waters his likker fearfully. I allez hev to take five or six drinks before I experience any sensashen.

But these things is not the worst or most gloomy uv the signs uv the times. There's rooin ached uv us. The chivalry uv the Corners hev lost all spirit. Only last week ther wuz a temperans leeterer advertised to make a speech in the hall over Pollock's store. "Shel this be permititid?" askt Bascom Indignantly, bringin his fist down onto the bar till the glasses rattled.
"Never!" shouted Issaker Gavitt and the others in the bar-room, who scented drinks ahead.

Bascom sot out the bottles; we all took suthin, and rusht toomulch-usly to the hall. Yoo remember with wat eagernis we formerly mobbed obnoxious speekers? We wuzn't at all eager that nite. We only run a rod or two; our pace got down to a slow walk afore we reached the spot, and when we got into the hall we meekly sot down and listened to the herdlike cuss, and went away without heavin a stun at him. When Bascom reproached us for our lack uv spirit, I told him that wuz no yooze. Men cooden't mob anybody on sich likker ez he furnisht. It won't do to diloot when yoo hev sich biznis on hand.

But that wuz not the most alarmin sign uv the degeneracy uv our people. Within a month two Methodist preachers hev held forth in this village, and neither uv em were hung or shot! What hope kin there be where such things occur? And wat is wuss two uv our old friends atten-did their meetins, and imjelitly they quit comin to Bascom's, and I notist their children yesterday with shoes on. Bascom sighed ez he seed it.

"It's a mystry to me," he sez.

"What is a mystry?" sez I.

"Why, so long ez them men stayed with me all day, they hedn't no money to spend—now that they don't come no more, they hev money, but they waste it on shoes and I don't get it. Why didn't nacher make men capable uv workin all day and drinkin all nite?"

Ther ain't no change in me or mine, cepin that my house is somewhat smaller. At the beginnin uv the winter, we wuz compelled to yoose our kitchen for firewood, ez me and Jethro, my oldest son, cooden't procour the labor to cut the winter's fuel. The niggers won't work for us. Next winter I spose the sittin room will go, then the wing wich we yoozed for a spare bed-room will follow, and ef I am not gone hentz by that time, I don't know wat we shall do for more. The coil uv fate is titenin about me.

The niggers up towards Garrettstown are akkoomulatin property rapid-ly, and they pay their taxes promptly, but wat good is that to Bascom? The offishls is all ablishnists, and that money is diverted into other than legitim-ate channels. These vandals hev macadamized a mile uv road between the Corners and Garrettstown, and built a bridge over the Run. Kin yoo blame Bascom for wantin to leave here?

I hev heard uv yoor success, and am glad uv it. Wood that I cood git into suthin uv the sort! Wood my fate wuz different. But we can't all keep grosery. I shel stay here, and when all the people is gone I shel go down. Thank Heaven the time is not far off.

Yoor friend,

ELKANAH POGRAM.

P. S.—Ef yoo cood send me a two-gallon jug uv likker wich hez life into it I shood alluz remember it gratefully. After Bascom's watered stuff it wood be a gleem uv sunlite after a long and tejus nite.

E. P.

I laid down the old man's letter affected to teers. Water in the whis-key! Children with shoes, while old men lack sustenance! Macadam-ized roads! Bridges! Methodist preachers! Temprans lecturers! Ablishnism, these is thy work! Thank Hevin, I am ankered where none uv these things kin be. I shel send the old man his jug. It will put him out uv his misery quicker, and smooth his pathway to the toom. Besides, when he's gone wat I owe him is settled.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

(wich wuz Postmaster.)
A WAIL OVER THE ADOPTION OF THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT BY THE OHIO LEGISLATURE.

6th Ward, Noo York,
Jan. 24, 1870.

The passige uv the 15th Amendment by the Ohio Legislachere created a profound sensation in this immelit visinity. The news reached us in the afternoon, and that evenin a large meetin wuz held in the back room uv my groserie to express our views on the topic, the elect uv the Democracy uv the ward bein present. I wuz uv course called to the chair, and Tommy Mick Farland, who wuz wunst a reporter, till an overpowerin fondnls for likker preventid him from dischargin his dooties, and who, ez he kin write, hez since made a livin by actin ez Sekretary uv Dimekratic meetins in this ward, wuz made Sekretary.

Terence O'Grath, who is an under waiter at the Astor House, remarked that his sole wuz filled with woe. The passage uv the Amendment by the Ohio Legislachere, settled the question uv nigger suffrage. From this time forward a menial race, only fitted by nacher to do menial offices for others, wood be placed on a ekality with him. It wuz degradin to the race uv freemen to whic he belonged, and for one he wood never, no never, submit. Mr. O'Grath wood hev continyood his remarks, but he wuz cut short by the entrance uv the head waiter, who cussed him viggerusly for bein away from his place, and ordered him instantly to leeve. "Who's brushin the gentlemen's coats, and pullin on their boots, and sich, while yooy here blatherin?" Indignantly ejackilated the head man, ez Mr. O'Grath meekly left the room.

Timmy Brannon, a drayman, remakrt that he wuz entirely discouragd. Only last week he hed bin arrested and fined for beatin his hoss over the head with a dray pin, and now can nothin be dun to check these outrages?

Thomas Patterson, Esq., a gentleman known in pugllistic circles ez "Patty the Lifter," wantid to know whether he wuz to be compelled to go to the polls twenty times a day beside niggers? "Blast my heyes," remakt Mr. Patterson, vehemently, "I'll go back to hold Hingland first!"

Mr. Phelim Malloy remakt that so far ez Noo York wuz concerned he didn't know ez 'twoed make any difference. He wuz entirely shoor that no nigger wood ever vote in the Sixth ward, anyhow, ez we don't allow only sich white men to vote ez we want to hev vote. But—"

"But spoxn they'll all vote the Democrathic ticket?" sung out the Al-derman.

"That wooded't do us any good," retorted Mr. Malloy. "So long ez we kin repate ez often ez needs be, and stuff into the boxes ez many votes ez we want, wat do want uv more voters? Wat he wuz about to say wuz, that while it wooded't affect us in Noo York, his sole run out in pity towards the Democracy in the Abilishen Distrikls who wood be, if he wuz compelled to vote with niggers, compelled to stan by helpls and see the ballot-box degradid."

At this pint there wuz a genral expresshun uv joy, okkashund by the entrance uv Mr. John Sykes, who hed jist arrived from Sing Sing, where he hed bin encarcerated two years for burglary, whic wuz complicatid with shootin the indivldjooel whose house he was burglin. His been convicted and sentenced wuz owin to the fact that he hed opposed the nomina-shen ov the Judge afore whom he was tried. Mr. Sykes wuz uv course in-dignant, at the unfair treatment he hed experienced, but he wuz more pro-
foundly affected at the politikle sitooasien than he wuz at his privit wrongs. "Thunder! To think," sed he, "uv such a mass uv ignorance, vishusness and crime bein elevatid up to us. Ef 'twant for some little matters connectid with a half dozen house-breakins in Lunnun, I'd go back on the next steamer ez sails."

And Mr. Sykes actilly wept.

At this pint an unfortunit diffrence occurred. Alderman O'Fallon wuz offerin a reslooshen protestin agin the assoshatin uv free men with the lower and more vischus classes ez tendin to corrupt the sanctity uv the ballot, when Mr. Patsey Carney entered. "Pay me the money ye promised me for the ten votes I brot ye off the emigrant ship last fall, ye spalpeen!"

ejackeled Carney. "I've paid it twice ye blaggard, and be gorra there wuz only nine uv em, and one uv em wuz a legal voter, for wich ye hed no rite to ask pay for!" retortid O'Fallon.

"To the divil wid yez!" remarkt Carney, goin for him. Uv course the entire meetin jined in the scrimmage. It lasted twenty minits, resultin in the breakin uv every chair in the room, a two-gallon jug, and twelve or fourteen heads. That relic uv Ablishen misrule, the Metropolitan poleece, kum in and stopt the row, takin away ten men, nine uv wich I knowd hed money in ther pockets, wich, hed they stayed an hour, I shood hev got. It wuz exasperatin.

Two uv my stiddy customers who hed bin overcome early in the afternoon, and who hed jist got up out uv the straw wich I keep in a room for the acmodashen uv sich, insisted that they'd never consent to givin uv politikle power to the degraded wretches. They felt that the very proposishen was an outrage. "Besides," one uv em remarkt, "wat effect will the makin uv sich an army uv new voters hev upon the price uv votes? Ef they vote at all in this city they'll hev to vote with us. Will they immejitly demand their share uv the offises? Imagine my beln arrestid for vagrancy by nigger poleecemen!"

And the bare thought so shockt him that he rusht out into the bar-room, and took a whiskey straight, forgettin in his exctiment to pay for it.

Resolooshens were introduced and passed, denouncin the ackshen uv Ohio, and exhortin Noo York to stand firm in her rescindin uv the ratification. Addishnel resolooshens wuz passed, demandin uv the Legislacher uv Noo York a strikly Dimokratic government. We insisted upon the immejit repeel uv the Excise law, the Metropolitan Poleece laws, the laws preventin croolty to animals, the health laws, the dividdin uv the skool fund among the Catholic churches, and all the laws wich tend to keep Ablishenists in offis to the injoory uv the s'loon keepers uv Noo York. This last menshund clause wuz added at my instance. Ef the poleecemen on this beat wuz all taken from my patrons, ex they will be when the change finelly comes, wat a good thing I wood hev uv it! Imagine twenty or thirty men, all on good salaries, and with power to arrest and go through jest sich ez they pleese, and all uv 'em spendin half or three-quarters uv their time in my bar-room! Majestic prospeck! Governor Hoffman wood insist upon hurryin' up this thing ef he realized how much we who elec-tid him are losin by his non-ackshen.

My biznls is tollable only. My customers are gettin into a habit uv remarkin to me, "Jist mark it down," after takin a drink, wich, sence I stand on the inside uv a bar, I find to be a most disgustin thing. And then my custom is bein divided. Sence the Democritc victry in Novem-ber makes a change in the control uv the city certin, five stores in the
immeasurably vicinity uv my place hev bin changed into s'loons, and each one draws suthin from me. But yet I make no doubt I shel git along. My landlord will be a candidate for Alderman next spring, and he can't afford to bother me much for rent, and I am busy establishin a credit at a half-dozen wholesale likker stores. I shel worry along.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz Postmaster.)

ANOTHER LETTER FROM CONFEDERATE X ROADS.

Harp uv Erin S'loon,
6th Ward, Noo York, Feb. 27, 1870.

The followin letter wuz receeved yesterday from that long sufferin old saint, Deekin Pogram:

Confedrit X Roads,
(which is in the state uv Kentucky),
February 20, 1870.

My Dear Nasby:—Wunst more hev I come to greef, wich is wat I hevlain doin with wonderful regularity ever sence you left this part uv the heritage. The afflictin circumstances ez follows:

You remember wat an eggcitemt the ackshen uv Ohio on 15th Amendment perdoosed in Kentucky. Here wuz two states contiguous to each other, the same river lavin both uv their banks, one on one side and 'tuther on the 'tuther—and which wuz connected by other holy and tender ties and sich—and one of these states had gone and ratified an Amendment which placed the niggers uv 'tuther state on a level with her white citizens. Uv course Kentucky wuz Indignant, and no part of it more so than the Cross Roads. Our citizens biled over when they got the news, and ez we alluz do when we effervess, we called a meetin.

I need not say that we missed you. We hev never hed a competent chairman sence you left us, and consekeintly our biznis goes slip-shod. But after speeches by myself, Capt. McPelter, Bascom and others, we finally passed the followin resoloshens:

Wareas, Our sister state uv Ohio whose banks are laved by the same river wich laves the banks uv Kentucky, hez degradid herself by elevatin the nigger to a level with her white citizens, and

Wareas, By this ackshen Ohio hez assistid to degrade the white citizens uv Kentucky, by forcin them onto a level with niggers, and

Wareas, Kentucky hez alluz contribbited uv her means to support Ohio, by buyin uv her goods and sich; and

Wareas, Kentucky hez self-respect, therefore be it

Resolved, That Kentucky to assert her self-respect declares that henceforth and forever, she will never hev intercourse with Ohio, in any shape, either ez buyer or seller.

The wareases and resoloooshens wuz passed with more enthooaslasm than I ever saw manifested. The aujence riz ez one man, and cheered vociferously. O, how I wisht that that cleerood hev reached Cincinnati! How the bloatid merchant princes uv that aristocratic, city wood hev quaked hev they heard it!

To give the ackshen doo effect, McPelter, Bascom and myself wuz appinted a committee to go personally to present the wareases and resoloooshens to the merchants uv Cincinnati, each delegate bein empowered by the convenshun to pay his own persnel, and sich other, expenses ez he mite contract.
"Go!" said Issaker Gavitt; "go, and be the horn which'll batter down the walls uv that Ablishein Jericho!"

"Go!" sed all the rest, "and return to tell us how their cheeks blanced ez yoo red to em their doom!"

We went, with the proceedings of the meetin neatly written. Ez we approached Cincinnati McPelter's heart softened towards her. "Perhaps," he sed, "we're too severe. Shel we hold all uv Cincinnati 'sponsible for the ackshen uv a porshen uv her citizens? Shel we hold Cincinnati 'sponsible for the ackshun uv the State? There are Dimocrats in Cincinnati—shel we crush them with the others? Shel the innocent suffer with the guilty?"

I was disposed to side with McPelter, but Bascom wuz inflexible. He wood never go back an inch. This insult wuz put upon Kentucky by Ohio, and Cincinnati wuz the commershel capital uv Southern Ohio, and the only way to reech Ohio wuz to crush Cincinnati. The thunderbolt we had in our pockit must fall in Cincinnati, no matter who it crushed. Ef the Dimocrats in that city don't want to be crushed, let em git out.

McPelter yeelded with a sigh, and we entered the city, Bascom smilin a grim smile ez he put his foot on its pavements.

"Reel estate will be cheaper here to-morrow!" he remarked, glancin at the buildins on either side uv the street. "I may possibly conclood to invest to some extent myself. When Kentucky refooses to trade with Cincinnati, its days is numbered. We'll buy it up and re-popilate it with Kentuckians."

The next mornin we commenst our work.

"We will begin," sed Bascom, "on the likker merchants, they bein more intimitly connectid with us. We'll crush the likker merchants first by refoosin to trade with em, from this time out." And we entered the first rectifyin establishment we come to. We didn't go very far into it. The proprietor advanced to meet us—Bascom glanced at him—he glanced at Bascom—the proprietor turned red, Bascom turned ez white as a sheet, and darted for the door, McPelter and I follerin soot, without knowin precisely wat for. Down the street we rushed, the proprietor close behind us, till finally by dartin down an alley we eloded him and leaned up agin a wall to breathe.

"Why this foot-race?" I askt uv Bascom.

"I owe this cuss a bill for likker bought the year afore the war," returned he. "I didn't notis his name over the door or I shoodn't hev gone in."

McPelter whissled a long, low, soft whissle, and I coedent avoid thinkin uv several things connected with our mishun ez he spoke them words.

After breathin ourselves, we resoomed our raid onto the merchants. We entered another store, a boot and shoe concern, wich we perpoossed to crush by declinlin to buy uv it. McPelter's eye rested onto the proprietor, and he glided out uv the store like a startled fawn. Uv course Bascom and I follered, and the proprietor after us. There wuz another chase, and more dodgin, wich resultid ez before.

"Why is this?" I asked uv McPelter.

"When I bustid in the boot and shoe trade, two yeers ago, this villain wuz my principal creditor. He thought I wuz dead, but ez he's seen me in the flesh, I shel never agin hev any peece."

The next place we essayed wuz a genral dry goods store and mosheu
house. Jist ez we pulled the resolooshen from our pockit to read it to the proprietor uv the store perdoosed a note uv Elder Gavitt (Issaker's father), on wch I wuz ball, and we tried to dust out uv that place. But by this time Bascom and McPelter's men hed found out wher we wuz, with a skore or more uv others who hed heerd uv our bein in the city thro these, and the thing got so hot that we hed to run for it, and run we did. Fearin all sorts uv legal annoyances about obtainin goods under false pretences, et settry, we didn't stop till we hed got well out uv the city, and the next day we hailed a boat and sailed for Louisville.

I can't say that our visit resultid in accomplisin wat we desired. We didn't git a chance to read our resolooshen at all, own to the coopility uv the merchants who, with a grovelin, mersenary spirit wich I never saw ekalled, appeared to be more anxious to git wot we already owed em than to listen to resoloshens declarin to trade with em, or to open new accounts and Cincinnati don't know to this day the doom wich hung over her.

We sed very little uv the result uv our trip on our return. McPelter did intimate that radicalism hed reseved a stunnin blow from wich it wood never recover, but we declined to go into pertikeleres. I shel never go on sich a mishun again. Is there an openin for me too in Noo York? I'm weary uv life here.

Faithfully,

ELIJER POGRAM.

Blessed Saint! Almost marter! Hed bein arrested in Cincinnati for obtainin goods under false pretences, and hed died in a Basteel, wat a fittin climax to a life so crowned with beauties! And hed he so died my debt to him wood hev bin cancelled. But we can't expect to hev every-thing arranged to soot us. I shall write the aged saint a letter uv con gratulashen on his happy escape.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz P. M.)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.

Harp uv Erin S'loon, 6th Ward,
Noo York, April 2, 1870.

The proclamation uv the President announcin the ratification uv the Fifteenth Amendment perdoosed a profound sensation in this Ward.

It wuz told to our people by a reporter uv a daily paper at 11 o'clock this mornin, and it got pretty well around among us by 3 this afternoon, wich wuz tollably rapid, considerin that intelligence in this Ward hez to be conveyed orally. In the afternoon it was resolved that a meetin be held in the evenin to consult ez to wat aksheen the Dimocrisy shood take in the matter, wich wuz akkordingly so done. I hed the back room lit up, the barrels moved into a safe place, under the strongest kind uv locks, and the bar closed, and draped in mournin in token uv the hoomillashen wich I felt had fallen onto the people in consequence uv this outrage. I hung crape unto the door; I put crape around the portraits uv Jaxon, Chief Justis Chase, Bookannon and Fernandy Wood, and likewise around the bottles and over the red-headed barrel, wich gave the establishment a highly funereal and mournful look, wich wuz entirely satisfactory.

In the evenin the Dimocrisy assembled, and a more enraged gatherin I never saw. They wuzn't jist clear as to wat the President hed
done; indeed the most uv em wuz labrin under the exprshn that the enfranchisement uv the nigger wuz the work uv the Democratic Legislacher at Albany, and ther wuz indicashens uv a deter-
minashen to go thro some of the houses uv the Democratic members in this
city, but I stopt em by tellin em the strate uv it.

I asoomed the chair, uv course, and hed, in addishen, to do the dooties
uv Sekretary, bein the only one then in the meetin who cood write.

Teddy McGinnis remarckd that he felt a hoomilashen wich wuz actoo-
ally beyond exprshen. The dirty nagur wuz now his ekal. The only dif-
ference between em hed bin removed by this infamus law. Does any one
spose that he'd iver contisnt to vote all day beside niggers? Niver! He
called upon the Dimocracy to jine in a croosade agin em. “Follow me,”
sed Teddy, “and in Noo Yorrick, at least, we won’t be bothered with nagur
suffrage, be gorra.”

Pat McAulgin held simlar views. Sooner than vote beside nagurs
he'd relinquish the biznis uv votin altogether, and go to sawin wood. Re-
peetin is a good enough biznis, and the small contratc wich he hed ez a re-
ward therefor wuz better, but he coodent stand nagurs, nor woodent
His voice wuz for killin uv em.

The others made simlar specches when Sandy McGuire offered a reso-
looshen that the offerin uv a vote by a nagur be considered ez a declar-
ashen uv war agin the Democracy uv Noo York, and that they then be
immegtily be exterminated. Sandy wuz for no half-way measures. He re-
membered the glorious Jooly days in 1863, when the Democracy uv Noo
York asserted itself. He hed assisted in destroyin the nagur orphan asy-
rum; with this good rite hand he had beat out the brains uv two nagurs,
to say nothin uv the wimin and children wich he didn’t consider worth
countin. He longed to git at em agin.

The meetin be all so yoananimus in their feelin, I wrote the follerin
resolooshens:

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy uv Noo York considerin and beleevin,
the nigger to be a beast, a burlesk on hoomanity and incapable of dis-
chargin any uv the dooties uv citizenship, do hereby protest agin his bei-
give the ballot on an ekality with white men.

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy uv Noo York ruther than submit to this
degredashen pledges itself to the exterminashen uv the accusid race.

The resolooshens wuz adoptd without a dissentin voice, and the en-
thosiasitc McGuire, brandishin his shillala, rusht out and attackt a couple
uv niggers wich wuz passin, and knockin em down, stamped onto em
vigrously with his boots, exclaimin the while, “Want to vote, do yez?”

The meetin wuz about to break up, when Tim O'Grady, a man uv
Fernandy Wood's, come rushin in. He hed heard uv the meetin, and come
immejitly to see about it. I told him in a breath wat hed bin done.

"Thunder!" he remarckt to me in a whisper, "this won't do. Yoo eggrejls
old ass, the niggers hev votes, and will vote now in spite uv us. We must
git em, for without em, with all the rebels disfranchised, wat kin we do in
the Southern States? Call the meetin to order agin."

I didn't like the tone uv his alloosion to me, but I called the meetin
to order onct more.

O'Grady remarcked to em that there hed bin a misunderstandin. He
felt ashoored that the Dimocrisy uv Noo York, alluz the friends uv the
oppressed and down trodden, wood now genrously extend a helpin hand to
our colored brethren jest elevated to full citizenship. The Dimocrisy hed
not assisted in their elevashen, but they hed no feelin agin our brethren uv color. When our colored brethren come to analyze the matter they wood love the Dimocrisy the more for not doin uv it. He wood move the substiutooshen uv the follower resolooshen for the one wich hed bin unadvisedly passed:

Resolved, That the Democrisy uv Noo York hall with a feelin uv pleasure wich wehev no words to express, the elevashen uv our colored fellow-citizens to full citizenship, and that we pledge ourselves to perfect em in the enjoynment uv their newly found rites.

The meetin didn’t want to pass it. The feelin agin em wuz too deep got to be rooted out in a minit, but O’Grady wuz determined. O wat a minit wuz that! Wuz the niggers to be killed by us, or wuz they to be taken to our buzzums? Ther fate hung tremblin in the balance. Finally it wuz put to vote, and the niggers wuz safe. By one majority the resolu-when wuz passed.

At that minit a groan wuz heard outside.

“What is that?” asked O’Grady.

“Some nagurs Jist now bate!” remarks McGuire.

“Beatn niggers!” sed O’Grady. “Good Lord! bring em in!”

And he rushed out and brought in the two unfortunates. They were badly banged up about the face, and breast, and stumick, and legs, but O’Grady wuz ekal to the emergency. He washed their wounds and revived em with whiskey, and bound up ther sores, and finally set em on there feet.

“McGuire!” sed he, when he hed the work finished, “McGuire, embrace em.”

McGuire hed his shillala in his hand. Never did I see a man so torn with tender emoshens. Natral instinks impelled him to drop that shillala on their heds ez usual, but politikle considerashens restrained him. Twict under O’Grady’s eye he lowered it, until at last he dropt it, and fell sobbin with emoshen onto their buzzums.

I took the crape off the door, bottles and picters, and Immejitly illoomined in honor uv the event, and the next mornin I put up a placard on my door, “No distinkshen at this bar on account uv color. Ekal rites!”

The ward committee is takin prompt and vigorous ackshen to sekoor this vote. They hev adoptid the same means they yoose to control ther other vote. They hev already startlid ten s’loons. run by colored men, to wich they give all the profits, and are arran gin for ten more. There will be a nigger or two put onto the police to wunst. The force will be increased enuff to make room for these new ones, ez we darsn’t discharge any uv the Irish. I’m goin for em also. Those wich I kin git to drink my likker will vote my tikket. It will fetch em sure.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY.

(wich wuz Postmaster.)

THE CHINESE QUESTION CONSIDERED.

Harp of Erin S’loon,

Sixth Ward, New York, July 6th, 1870.

I saw in a noosepaper that seventy-five Chinese hed located theirselves in North Adams, Massychoosits, and therein I saw a gleem uv lite for the Dimocrisy. Here, sed I to myself, is richnis! Here is wat will wunst more fire the Democratic heart and rouse Dimokratic indignation. The
Dimocrisy must alluz hev an inferior race, and now that we've lost the nigger, Providence steps in at the nick uv time and furnishes us the Chinese.

I sought out the Democratic Central committee uv our ward, and called a meetin uv "all labrin Amerikans uv the 6th Ward opposed to the Interduckshen uv forin pauper labor into Ameriky." Teddy O'Ryan, who runs the Shamrock S'loon next door to mine, and Dennis O'Shaughnessy, and Pat O'Flynn, and Jimmy O'Fallon, and Terrence McCoole, and Jimmy O'Brien, all uv em runnin S'loons in the block the Harp uv Erin is located in, entered into the matter with spertit. We're rivals in biznis, but, thank Heaven, in politics we kin act together ez a unit. Our interests are identikle.

We tried to git some shoemakers and brick masons and sich to at- tend the meetin, but they all insistid they wuz too bizzy.

In the evenin the meetin wuz convened in the back room uv the Harp uv Erin, Teddy O'Ryan in the chair, and Dennis O'Shaughnessy (bar tender for Pat O'Keefe), secretary. A committee on resolutions wuz appoint- ed, consisting uv Jimmy O'Fallon, Patsey McShane, and Jimmy Sheeney.

The chairman remarkt that the comin uv the barbarious Chinese to the Eastern States hed filled him with profound alarm. Ez a labrin man he sollumly protested agin bringin forin pauper labor to these happy shores to compete with us. With all his sole he protested agin this importashun uv poverty-driven furinners to Ameriky. He hoped the meetin wood do its dooty in this matter. He wood Interdooce to the meetin Mr. Jean Jacques La Tourette, a gentleman uv North Adams, Massychoosets, where this outrage agin Amerikin labor wuz bez perpetrated.

Mr. La Tourette riz and addressst the meetin in French, ez he coodent speak English, he hevin bin in this country only ten months. We pro- coored a Frenchman who cood speak English, who translat- ed him for our benefit. Mr. La Tourette remarkt that the principal thing labrin men hed to contend with wuz Importid pauper labor. The Chinese wich hed bin adventid in North Adams wuz a inferior race wich cood live on nothin, and cood consequently work for nothin. They hed none uv the habits and tastes uv civilization. They did not drink likker; in fact one uv em, Ching Choy, didn't know what likker wuz. (Expresshun uv disgust from the entire assembly.) One hundred uv his people hed bin indoost ten months ago to come to the Yoonitid States from Low- er Canady by the promise uv ekal rites. Them wich emigrated with him from Lower Canady hedn't anythin in partikeler to eat in that country and still less to wear; in fact half uv em wuz bez supportid by the parish authorities. We come to the Yoonitid States, the manufacturers pay- ing our fare on the railroads, expectin to find a land uv good wages and plen- ty. Wat hez bin the result? Why jest ez we hed all jined the Crispins, and established who shood and who shood not labor in North Adams, and likewise wat wages shood be paid, and how they shood be paid, but before we got control uv the books uv the concern, we are confronted with forrin pauper labor brought from a forrin shore, and we are out in the cold. Mr. La Tourette remarked that when he sed "we" he spoke uv his associates. He didn't labor hisself—he wuz a friend of humanity, whose biznis it wuz to organize laborin men agin the encroachments uv capitol.

Dennis O'Shaughnessy, our secretary wanted to know wat wages wuz paid them ignorant Chinese.

Mr. La Tourette ansered about 23 cents a day, wich anser, ez it wuz
considered essenshel to put on record, I wrote down, ez Mr. O'Shaughness-
ey's early educashen hed bin neglected. 'Good Lord!' ejackilated Teddy
Ryan, 'that's only two drinks and a fifth! We want no sих labor ez that.'

Father McGrath, after givin notice that next Sunday a beautiful &t
image of St. Boniface, wich hed bin presentid his church, wood be
displayed for the adorashen uv the devout, demanded that the most string-
gentest laws should be passed preventin the immigrashen to this country
uv heathen and idolators. He believeed in religious tolerashen, but the
lhee uv a jess-house being erectid in Noo York filled him with alarm, and
he wood prevent it by all the power uv the law.

Jemmy O'Fallon reportid the followin resolothens:

Werea, Certain blotid aristocrats in Massychoosits hev importid ign-
erant and degraded Chinese to take the place uv the laburers in that
state, and

Werea, The leaders uv the Dimocrisy uv Noo York is the espeshl
champions uv labor, therefore by the leaders uv the Dimocrasy uv Noo
York be it

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy hez alluz held that free labor is the safe-
guard uv Amerikin liberty, 'ceptin South uv Mason & Dixon's line, whe
hez alluz seemed to us that labor shoed be owned by the most dominant-
est class.

Resolved, That the importashen uv forrin pauper labor into Massychoo-
sits is an invashen uv the rites uv the Amerikin labrin class, which shoed be resistid to the death. (Cries uv "Good for yez, Jemmy!"
"Bedad we'll all vote for that!" "Let Jemmy O'Fallon alone for puttin a
thing nately!" And under the excitement uv the moment the assemblage
all jined in singin "The warin uv the Green," 'ceptin La Tourette, who
bust out into the Marseillaise hymn.)

Resolved, That to the end that labor in this country may be free and
unrestrictid, we counsel our friends In North Adams to imejitly kill all the
Chinese, and all others who consents to work with em.

Resolved, That Ameriky hez bin the refuge uv the opprest uv all na-
shens, and ez we are determined that it shall alluz be such, we protest
again any Chinese comin in on any terms whatever.

Letters endorsin wat we shoed do for the coz uv labor wuz reseeved
from Hon. John Morrissey, Hon. Benjamin Wood, Hon. Fernandy Wood
and other distinguished friends uv labor.

Patsy McShane commenst a speech on the heenousnis uv importin pau-
per labor, wich wood hev hed a good effek, but Johnny McQuade, wich
don't like him, interruptid by askin him how long ago it wuz that he and
all his brothers and cousins wuz taken out uv a work-house in Ireland
and hed their fare paid to this country by a raleroad company, and wheth-
er when he landid he hed a decent rag to his back or a cint in his pockit.
Mr. McShane retorted by wantin to know ef the McQuades, ivery mother's
son uv em, hedn't bin in the same fix. The argument wuz concloobed by
the two clinchin, and in a minit the entire assemblage wuz indulgin in ez
boothful a fite ez I hev ever seen in Noo York. Nevertheless good wuz ac-
complisht, ez we hev this labor movement fairly on its feet.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz Postmaster.)

MR. NASBY LAMENTETH OVER THE ELECTION OF 1870
IN NEW YORK.

Harp uv Erin S'lloon,
6th Ward, Noo York, November 12, 1870.

The electshun in Noo York is over for wich Heaven be praised. My
sole sinks within me when I look back and think uv the alarmin progress
our wunst free country hez made in the direckshun uv despotism—how gradually but how shoory our rites are bein wrested from us. The last eleckshun in Noo York wuz conducted in a manner wich calls a blush to my cheks whenever I think uv it.

The tyrant and despot who sit entrenched in state in Washington per-
tected by bayonits hez persoomed to attempt to control an eleckshun by military power. Bayonits at an eleckshun! Bloo coated hirelins sent to a city to infloence an eleckshun! Noo York votin—not ez she pleases—but according to a law uv Congress, sed law being enforced by a debased and degraded soljery! Ez an Amerikin citizen I shudder at this and so does Teddy O'Rourke and Tim O'Shaughnessy, wich wuz judges uv the eleck-
shun with me in our deestrick in the 6th Ward.

We hed bin notified by the chiefs uv Tammany the day before the eleckshun that soljers hed bin sent to the city whose biznis it wood be to see that everybody voted who wanted to, and that we musn't refoose no-
boddy. We took our seats in the mornin in a state uv mental depressun wich may be imagined, but can't be described. From time immemorial this deestrick hed bin yoonanimusly Dimocratic, and it wuz the pride uv the Dimocrisy to keep it so. They hed a simple rool by wich it wuz managed. Ef a man offered a vote whose name didn't begin with an O' or a Mc ha wuz requested by the challengers to show his tickit to them. Ef he re-
foosed, or, in the event uv his complying, ef it wuz anything but the strate Tammany ticket, he wuz clubbed about the head till he came to the conclooshun that he didn't care about votin, and got away ez soon ez possible.

But all this was to be changed by the exercise uv broot forse on the part uv the tyrant Grant, and we hed bin notified to yield to it! O'Shaughnessy and O'Rourke wept like children. There is in the deestrick some thirty niggers, and the boys hed procoored clubs uv sooperion strength and length, expressly to meet the exigencies uv that case. The polls bein at my place, I hed procoored three barrels uv a pecoolyer whis-
key with red pepper in it to inflame em to the proper pitch for sich an emergency, and our other preparashens for a fair eleckshun were made in a most complete manner.

We sat behind the ballot-box—me and O'Rourke and O'Shaughnessy. Before the box stands Patsy Farrel, Timmy O'Ryan, Jimmy Donahue and a score uv others, all with a dozen drinks in em and new clubs in their hands. Up comes a man and offers a vote, givin his name ez Thompson. Last year the man by the name uv Thompson wood hev bin pounded into a jelly before the word hed escaped his mouth, for he wuz born in Con-
necticut, and sich hez never bin allowed to vote at these polls. I see by the ticket wich he hands me that its a Republican ticket. Patsy Farrel raises his club, but I warn him by a look not to strike. I take the vote, put it in the box, with a sinkin sensashun at the pit uv my stomick, and Thompson goes away unhurt. The knowledge that the poundin uv Thomp-
son wood bring down upon us the bloo coted hirelins uv the military des-
potism under wich we live, subjects the deestrick to the disgrace uv re-
celvin a Republikin vote from a Connecticut man! Good Lord! are we in free Ameriky or Austria? Free Ameriky, forsooth!

But it didn't end with Thompson. Niggers came up and voted. The inferior race hed the impoodence to fall into line with white men, and vote after them and before them. This cost us at least one hundred votes. Teddy O'Donnel hed voted twice on a contract he hed to vote eight times
at this polls. It so happened that each time he came up there wuz a nigger before him in the line, and one behind him. The third time he came up to vote the third name on his list, it wuz ez before—he wuz sandwiched in between two niggers. Indignant at this (and who kin blame him?), Teddy askt me ef this thing wuz to go all day? ef he wuz to be compelled to put in his other five votes behind a nigger each time, and be perverted all day from killin one uv em?

I soothed Teddy all I cood. I told him how it wuz—the situashen we wuz in, and begged him to be pashent and endoor wit he coodent help.

But he woodent. The chivalric nacher uv the man wuz so stirred up that he refoozed to vote agin. Rather than hev him lose his day's work I took the five votes at wunst and certified for him that he hed voted en ez per contract, that he mite draw his money. I wuz not altogether disinterested in this either. The entire sum will be in my till in less than a week, for Teddy's wife manages to keep the children clothed, wích leavés him entirely free uv the more grovelin cares uv life.

But I want it distinctly understood that this interference uv the oli-gark at Washington didn't affect the general result a particle. We didn't count the votes till late at nite, after Tweed hed heard from the rural deestricks. A messenger come into the room and announced that everything wuz ready now to be counted.

"How much majority do you require uv me?"

"Lemme see," said the messenger, running his finger down a list, "this is the sixteenth districk uv the 6th Ward. You are set down for 312 major-ity. Did you pole that number uv votes?"

"No! only 270, and uv that number probably 40 wuz for Woodford."

"That don't matter. Count em 312, and all for Hoffman. We hev bin loosin in some uv the roorial deestricks, and in some uv the wards in the city, and it must be made up."

This is perhaps ez shoor a way uv doin it ez the other, but it isn't ea satisfactory to the people. It does away with the services uv a great many repeeters, wich hev alluz made a livin by votin, and ez ther ain't no fight-in at the polls, a great many shoulder hitters lack employment. Then agin, it is open to another objeckshun. We made the vote in this deestrick yoonanism for Hoffman. There hez more than thirty men of the deestrick who hev come out in the papers statin that they voted for Woodford with a view uv makin trouble. Uv course, it won't amount to anything for we run the courts and everything else in the state, but it's onpleasan; and disagreeable. Ef these fellows hed bin knocked on the head when they offered their votes, ez hez bin the custom, they wood not be able to say now that they actilly voted for Woodford.

But all this trouble results from the apathy and cowardls uv the Dimocrisy themselves. Hed we hed the nerve to hev shouldered muskiks in 1864, and rescood Richmond from the grasp uv the Ablishnists—ef we hed establisht the Confederacy ez we shood hev done, we never shood hev seen our rites goin from us one by one. But we didn't do it, and we are drift-in into a worse than despotism. In Noo York alone hev we any rites, and them is bein assailed perpetooally. I shoodent wonder ef at the next eleck-shun a Federal officer shood hev the countin uv the ballots!

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (wich wuz Postmaster.)
The Harp uv Erin S'loon is no more! The fire on its harth hez gone out—there is ashes there now—the lamp is lit no more, and in the place uv pleasant lite there is darknis. The bar is closed and the cheerful gurgle uv the bottles shel be heerd no more forever.

The owner uv the bildin, Mr. Patrick Donahoe, in wich the Harp uv Erin S'loon wuz locatid, wuz a candidate for Skool Eggsaminer, and he expected to get the posisishen confidently. He hed bin in this country three years last Joon, and hed prospered. The eggstraordinary feet uv votin, twelve times the first eleckshun he participatid in brought him into notis and gave him a contract for fittin up an armory, on wich he made enuuf to purchis this bildin. To widen his politikle influence and to sekoor a place ez Skool Eggsaminer, Mr. Donohoe fitted up the room in wich I started the Harp uv Erin, and leased it to me, reservin to himself the directshun and control uv the voters wich the bar controlled, and also the privilege uv his own likker at cost. So long ez his prospecks wuz brite he did not ask me for rent, but after the late eleckshun there wuz a change Tweed give the place he wanted to another man who hed adoptid this country sence, who controlled two corner sloons and conseqently hed more influence, and the enraged Mr. Donohoe came down on me for rent immejitly. I coodennt pay. Owin to the fact that the tyrance Federal Government preventid repeetin at the last eleckshun by broot force, there wuz absolootly no money among my people, not a dollar. They hed all depended on receiving their yoosusal pay for their fall's work, but their hopes wuz blasted. When I shoved my bills at em, they left me to skorn.

"Present it to the tyrant Grant wich preventid me from earnin any money on last eleckshun day!" wuz the invariable reply.

Then I flew to my books, to see wat prominent workin Dimocrats owed me besides those wich I hed seen. I took my memorandum and called off the names, and my assistant, wich knows everybody, informed me uv their whereabouts as follows:

"Patsey McGrath?"
"In the State's Prison."
"Dinnis McFadden?"
"He's in the State's Prison."
"Peter McGinnis?"
"In the State's Prison."
"Timmy McShane?"
"In the State's Prison."
"Tom Barker?"
"Beln tried for a State's Prison offence."

And so on through the entire list. The half of these men were servin out their time for various offences, siah az house-breakin and highway robbery, and tother half, I ascertained, for violashens uv eleckshun laws. That last fact decided me that Noo York wuz no place for me, and that there wuz nothin worth livin for. When Tammany can't, or won't perfect its friends, I hev no heart to stay and work for her.

While in this deprest condishun Donahue come in agin.
"Pay yoor rent!" sez he.
"Base is the slave wich pays," I retorted.
"You hev the rent w Ich is doo me ready by to-morrow mornin, or I'll bundle yoo out of this, neck and crop!" he returned, flingin hisself out uv the room in rage.

"Ha! Ha!" I laffed, sardonically. "Will yoo bundle me out—will yoo? This property is yoo's—this bar and these fixters. Ha! ha! Yoo come to-morrow mornin, and see wat yoo will see."

My mind wuz very promptly made up. I determined to make a holo-cost uv myself—to commit sooicide—and to do it in such a way as to make my endin more glorious than my life had been. I determined to burn the bildin and expire in the flames. Calmly and deliberately I proceeded to construct my funeral pile. The counter and shelves I tore down and broke them up ez fine ez I cood, and piled the fragments into the middle in the floor. I took from the wall my lithograffed portrates uv Andru Jackson, J. Davis, Salmon P. Chase and Geo. H. Pendleton, and remorselessly mashed them over the pile. The five glasses belongin to the establishment followed soot, and the three decanters and the box uv pipes were involved in the ginal rooin. The stove I upset and broke, and the pipe I mashed ez flat ez I cood with my heels. To complete the pyramid, I rolled out the red-headed barel from under the bar, and up-ended that upon the top uv the pile uv rooins, my intenshun bein to seat myself on the top uv the barrel, and settin the pie on fire, go up amid appropriate surroundins, like Sardonapulis, who died amid the blaze uv the emblems uv his lost empire.

Ez I rolled the barrel, I heerd a gentle swash inside. Thank Heaven! there wuz still likker inside uv it! Cood I lose that? No, indeed! I drawd it off into a bottle; there wuz just a quart and a half uv it. I mounted the barrel, sung two verses uv the last campane song ez my dyin dirge, and puttin the bottle to my lips, swallered the contents, intendin to touch off the pile with a match.

It wuz fortunate for the insurance companies that that bottle contained jest a quart and a half. That quantity is jest a pint over my load, and to that fact the bildin owes its safety. I tried to strike a match, but falled miserably. I lost control uv my muscles. My brained reeled, my unsteddy hand grew powerless, and I sank back over the rooins insensible.

I wuz awakened in the mornin, by a seres uv vishus, vigrus and well directd kicks. M. Donohue stood over me administerin uv em, with a will and a unckshen that wuz wonderful in one so aged. He hed suspected that suthin wuz wrong; hed bustid in the door, and hed found me on top uv his wreckt property. I respectid his greef, and left his premises without reproachin uv him—I did not even resent his last kick whic he gave me to assist me off the doorstep. I simply picked myself up out uv the gutter and walked slowly and with dignity away.

I shel work my way back to Kentucky; indeed I never shood hev left there. I shel throw myself on the tender mercies uv Deekin Pogram and Bascom, and ef they refoozed to take me to their buzzoms, I shelf find me another Cross Roads where I shelf set up my tabernacle. Ef I kin git a strate Democraaic congregashen to preach to, I shelf do it, for I prefer the clerical perfeshen; ef not, I shelf start a grocery In some strictly Democratic community where the soil is strong and rich enuff to perdoose good crops without any work but plantin, whic the wimn can do.
I leave Noo York forever. I bid Tweed and his servis adoo. I go never to return no more.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz Postmaster.)

MR. NASBY RETURNS TO THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
January 8th, 1871.

"Home again! home again! from a furrin shore!" Thank Hevin. I'm wunst more on familier ground—among the people wich I know thoroly, and who know and appreciate me. "My foot is on my native heath, and my name's McGregor!" Thank the Lord for Kentucky, and pertikeley thank the Lord for that pertikeley village in it—Confedrit X Roads!

I arrived here last night at percisely eight o'clock, from Washinton Rite here I desire to express my opinion uv the railroad offshels betwixt Washinton and Louisville. There isn't a man among em wich is actooated by humane impulses—not one wich has the finer feelings uv humanlity. The brootality with wich the conducters wood order two uv ther min-yuns to seeze me and drop me off ther tranes becoz I didn't have the reksit funds to pay my fare, wuz hidju in the extreem. And I can't say much more for the passengers—pertikeley them witch sat in sects contiguous. The irate conductor would frown—the brakemen ez they seezed me wood wear a pleased expression, but the passengers wood laff outrite. Sich triflin with one's poverty is inhuman. But the soulless corporashens coodent pervent me from walkin on ther tracks—nor cood the conducters git me off ther train till I hed rid a haff dozen miles. Joodishus and vehement swearin that I hed a tikit about me somewhere—and a protracted search for it wunst saved me 9 miles uv tejus walkin.

Foot sore and weary I at last hove in site uv the Cross Roads, and made all speed for the Centre. All wuz still! The houses on each side uv the street wuz dark (for they won't yoose coal oil and sense they hev bin bereft uv ther niggers they hev'n't raised hogs enuff to afford lard for lamps), but jist ahed, shinin like a beekon lite, wuz the cheerful winders uv Bascom's, all ablaze. Ez I seed them winders I cood realize the feelins uv the tempest-tost mariner makin harbor, or a traveler on the great desert approachin an oasis in witch ther wuz a gushin spring uv water.

It was Bascom's! Ther wuz the two winders all aglow! ther wuz the familier clap-board a hangin by one nail! there wuz old Evans a bein histed out becoz he took a drink without havin the money to pay for it. Everythin wuz nateral and normal. Neerer! neerer! I cood gaze throu them winders! Ther wuz Bascom behind the bar a leenin on his elbows; there was Deekin Pogrom a sittin on a cheer by the fire with a glass uv hot whiskey in his hand—ther wuz McPelter, Issaker Gavitt, 'Pennibacker—all, all uv em a sittin by the fire, and all of em with hot whiskey in ther hands. I entered, but none uv em recognized in the travel-worn stranger the once rosy Nasby, and none uv em moved.

"Don't yoo know me—Nasby?"

"Git out, yoo imposter!" sed they all in korious.

"It is—no, it isn't—and yet!" sed Bascom, "I'll test him. Whisky, did yoo say?" and he set out the familier bottle.

It wuz a critikle moment—my identity wuz at stake. Assoomin the
blank old expression, I poured the glass full, and drank it off without a wink. "G. W.," sed I with my old majestic wave uv the hand, "G. W., mark it down."

"'Tis he! 'tis he!" ejacklitated Bascom. "No other man livin kin do that in that way. Take another."

Wich I did.

The delite uv Deekin Pogram at seelin me wuz techin. The old man threwd his wast'd arms about my neck, spillin his likker down my back inside uv wher my shirt collar ought to hev bin, and wep for joy. The stream uv hot whiskey meandered slowly down my body. "I wood prefer it shood go down inside," I sed; "but never mind. It's not all wastid—I shell absorb some uv it." Kernel McPelter, Elder Pennibacker and Issaker Gavitt crowded up and congratulatid me on my return in the most corjel manner.

"We knowd yood come back!" sed Issaker, "no one ever leaves the Cross Roads wich don't come back."

"Troo! too troo!" remarkt that cuss, Joe Bigler, who entered at that moment; "the man wich lives six years with sich ez yoo, and acquires woer habits, can't live anywhere else, that is within the bounds uv civiliza-" I found things at the Corners very much ez I hed left em. My pertik-lar friends wuz all livin, and go'n on percisely ez they alluz hed. Joe Big-ler wuz still alive, and wuz recognized ez the leader uv the niggers at the Corners, and Pollock wuz still retailin goods to em.

They hed hed several exciting seasons. Pollock hed bought, a year ago, a water power on Buck Creek, neer the village, and a farm adjinin, and he made a strenuous effort to start an iron works on it. The innovatin wretch hed gone on to Massychoosits—hed enlisted a passel of Yankee capitalists in the enterprise, and they hed abslootly gone on and built the buildin and got in the heft uv the machinery, and wuz gatherin up operatives in the East to set it in operashen. Issaker Gavitt diskivered one day that the few mechanics they hed read noosepapers, and Bascom found that there wuzn't a Democrat among them. The Corners felt out-vaged uv course and a meetin wuz called to take measures to stop it rite when it wuz. Pollock and Joe Bigler sneaked into the meetin, and undertook to talk em out uv it.

"It'll double the price uv yoor land!" sed Pollock.

"And give the Ablishnists more valuashen to tax us on!" sung out Issaker Gavitt.

"I shel never leev my land—" commentst Pogram.

"It's leevin yoo devilish fast, owin to yoor chronic thirst," interrupted Joe Bigler. "Deekin, wats the yoose uv yoor speekin in the land interest? Ef yoor venerable billers hold together a few short months Bascom will hev wat few akers yoo hev left. Let him represent it."

"Ez I shel never leev my land," continyood the venerable Deekin, "wat do I keer wat its vallyoo is?"

"It'll break up our customs," sed Pennibacker. "They'll git turnpikes and ralerodes and skool-houses in next, and then wat quiet will we hev?"

"But, Bascom, it'll make more customers for yoor bar," sung out Bigler.

"Troo, but ther'd be more groceries to supply em. No! I hev all that I kin take keer uv, and I don't want no more. Down with these inter-"
"Down with the interlopers!" sang out all uv em, and headed by the venerable old Pogram they went for the works.

They hacked down the corner-posts—they tore off the roof, they ripped out the machinery that wuz in it, and broke it up, and wuz about to throw it into the Creek, when Bascom shouted in a loud voice:

"Old iron is worth two cents a pound at my bar!"

Deekn Pogram stood with a seckshun uv a wheel uplifted ready to hurl it into the water, but at these magic words he held his hands.

"G. W.," said the agid saint. "G. W., will yoo give us likker at regla rates for sich iron ez we bring yoo, or will yoo mock our yernins by takin' the iron and givin' us credit for it on account? G. W., speak!"

"I'll give likker for it!" exclaimed Bascom. "I'd rather do that than to keep on chargin."

"Immejitly there wuz a scramble for the iron—it wood buy likker, and wuz at wunst a preshus metal. In ther zeal to gather it they come to blows. Issaker Gavitt and Kernel McPelter fought over a piece that weighed ten pounds, and that old ass, Elder Pennebacker, neerly drowned hisself divin for a seckshun uv a balance wheel that he hed previousl; threwd into 15 feet uv water. He wuz pulled out neerly dead and weepi: perfusely.

"It weighed 300 pounds," he gasped. "Ef I cood hev raised it, I cood hev kep comfable four days."

They laft at him, but it wuz wrong, and hed I bin there I shood hev rebooked em. I know wat it is to go without any reglar rashens, and wat cruel disappointment it is to see four days' supply within sight, but jes out of reach. I shood hev gone for that iron myself.

They made a clean thing of the works. They tore down the bldin, and tore up the dam, and destroyed the cabins uv the workmen. The compan and Pollock became disheartened, and wisely concluded not to rebld, and so the Corners wuz saved.

The Radicals hed attempted to hev the niggers vote and a mishnary society hed undertook to bld a skool-house. The niggers did vote, for Joe Bigler stood at the poles threatenin to shoot the judges ef the vote uv single one uv em wuz refoosed, but it didn't amount to anything. Th judges took the box to a quiet place, where Joe coodn't get at em, and threw out every one uv ther votes. The skool-house wuz more easily disposed uv. Ez fast ez the mishnaries wood bld a bldin, it wood mysteriously take fire at 3 a. m. and quietly consom. The Sosity got tired uv tryin to revolutionize the Corners and abandoned it.

Ez these things wuz told me, I wept teers uv joy. "Yoo hev kept the faith," I sed, "jest ez well ez tho I hed bin with yoo. Bless yoo!—bles yoo!" We didn't break up till late in the nite. In honor uv my arriva Deekn Pogram squandered the last piece uv cast-iron he hed left—a part uv a lathe wich he hed bin savin for some desprit emergency. I went home with him, and am yet domicilled under his hospitable roof.

Wat I shel finally do ain't settled. I may organize a church—the people wanted me to start a grocery in opposishen to Bascom, but whe I askt em to advance the capital they askt wherefore? "Ef I hed capital, they all exclaimed in unison, 'I'd start a grosery myself.'"

And then I found that the reason why they wantid a new grosery wuz Bascom's growin indishposishen to give long credit, with the Cornet must hev. I kin see nothin in it. Bascom hez alreddy a first mortgage o all the land for five miles about, and ez they ain't got no niggers to work
uv course they get no crops uv any akkount. Bascom sez ef they want a church organizashen, he will keep me in likker, that is modritly, pervided the others will give me wat little I want to eat, and I spose that's wat I shel hev to do till suthin better turns up. But thank Heaven I am here, and it will be singler ef I don't find enuff to drink, and to eat, and to wear.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M.,
(wich wuz Postmaster).

THE CORNERS ACCEPT THE "PASSIVE POLICY."

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
November 24, 1871.

We hev heard uv Ohio, Pennsylvany, Noo York, and a number uv other states, at the Corners, and are satisfied that suthin hez got to be done for the Dimocrisy. The entire yoonanimitly with wich the country hez permounst agin us, is one of the most remarkable things wich ever oc- curred to me. I endoorred Ohio; I stood firm under Pennsylvania, but when Noo York went agin us, I felt that all wuz lost, when the Dimocrisy uv Noo York lose confidence in Tweed to the extent uv jinin hands with the Ablishnists. I felt that it wuz uv little difference wat happened there- after, and I took my drinks mechanically, like one stunned. So dazed wuz I that for a week after the elections, I didn't accept invitashuns to drink over half the time.

I notice that the Noo York World and other leadin Dimocratic papers are urgin the policy uv not nominatin a Dimocratic candidate for President in 1872, but uv allowin the Dimocrisy and all the elements wich don't like Grant, to yoonite and run a Independent candidate. I agree with the World. I am satisfied that the Dimocrisy kin never elect a Dimocrat in 1872. It seems clear to me that the Indicashens are that the people don't want no Dimocrat to fill that posishen, and I am content to bow to the will uv he people. The Dimocrisy alluz bow cheerfully to the will uv the people when 'they can't possibly rebel, and that appears to be our situashen just now. Therefore accept the passive policy, and am convinmt that the Dimocrisy shood not, as a party, nominate a candidate for the Presidency, but shel, to save the country from impendin rooin, relinquish their party organizashen, and co-operate with ich uv the Republikins ez are dis- satisfied with the Administrashen, to overthrow the present tyrannical Ad- ministrashen and inoggerate a reign uv purity. My noshen wuz emi- nently strategical. It wuz to make a platform, wich sed nothln In per- likeler, and put onto it a man nobody ever heerd uv, and depend for the fucher upon the fact that he hed bin elected by Dimocrats, and wood hev to take his tone from them.

I communicated this idea to the Dimocrisy uv the Corners, and a neetin wuz held to give shape to our thought on this subject. I opened the ball by introdoisin the folleren resolooshen:

Whereas, It seems tolably certin that ef 'we, the Dimocrisy, shood nominate a candidate, he wood, in all human probabilities, be whaled out uv his boots, and

Whereas, While we ought to be somewhat yoosed to the whalin process by this time, we hev never yet got to likin it, therefore

Resolved, By the Dimocrisy uv the Confedrit X Roads, that in their opinion, the Dimocrisy uv the Yoonited States, in a sperit uv liberality,
and actuated solely by a desire to rescue the country from impending danger, shook decline to make nominashens for the offices uv President and Vice President, but shet jine hands with dissatisfied Republikins, Labor Reformers, Temperance men, Civil Service Reformers, and sich other people ez object to Radicalism, on the basis, solely, uv opposishen to Radicalism.

Here the thing shook hev ended. This resolooshen shook hev passed and the meetin shook hev adjourned. But Deekin Pogram hed got a mag-got in his head, and he wantid a resolooshen added ez follows:

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy will not ask for the nominashen uv a Dimocrat, but they must insist that the nominee pledge hisself to undying hostility to the 14th and 15th amendments, and to all the measures uv reconstruckshen, inventid and enforced by the Republikin party, and in short the entire Radical policy concernin the nigger, from the Emancipashen proclamashen down to date.

And the idiots passed it yoonanimously, and before the Deekin hed sunk into his seat, Bascom, to my horror, moved the adoptshen uv that resolooshen:

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy will not ask the nominashen uv a Dimocrat, but the nominee uv the jint allies must pledge hisself to the repudiashen uv the unholy nashnel debt, and to all the finanshel measures uv this administrashen and that uv the late A. Linkin. Ef is is considered advisable not to go the whole figger uv repoidiashen, the nominee shud pledge hisself to at least make the debt worthless by adoptin Pendleton's greenback dodge or suthin equivalent.

That wuz adoptid with loud cheers, despitall I cood do, and immejitly Capt. McPelter arose. He sed he wuz pleased at the perceedins. The liberalty uv the Dimocrisy in surrenderderin their organizashen, uv layin it he mite say, on the altar uv their country could not be too highly commended. He wood sejest, tho, that the nominee, whoever he might be shook hev to be repledge hisself to prokoor the repeal uv all Ku Klux legislashen, to never in any way interfere with the whites uv the South to wat they might desire to do, and partykularly to hev to wusin the tax on whisky and tobacco repeeled.

There wuz no yoose of trystin to stop it and I didn't. Elder Punniback wuz satisfied to nominate some one not a Dimocrat, but the convenshun wich nominated him should put him on a platform in which Free Trade, opposition to National Banks, and State Rites shood be the principal planks. It wuz be a severe trial for him to vote for a man who wuzn't a Democrat, but on these condishuns he wuz willin to make the sacrifice.

Issaker Gavitt then sprang to his feet and remarkt that he hed a word to add; he hed been in the valley and shadder so long that he wuz willin to make a sacrifice uv his feelins. He wuz vote for a man who wuz not a Democrat, but—on this pint he wuz inflexible—the Post Offices must be in the hands uv Democrats, and not only the Post Offices but the other offices ("Hear! hear!" from every man in the room who had lent me money, Bascom's voice being heard above the others.) This wuz his ultimatum. I, the nominees of the allied forces will accept the condishuns laid down tonight, and pledge hisself fully and unreservedly on this pint, he wuz his man, but not otherwise. He wuz not too proud to say that he wanted his collectorship back, ez McPelter wants his assessorship, and our beloved parson his post office. Without them uv wat wuz iz triumphs? Paul may plant and Apollos may water, but uv wat waz is the plantin and waterin unless we get the increase?
I lay back in my seat, gaspin with rage, when Joe Bigler, the especial pest uv the Corners, ariz. He remarkt that he hed never in the whole course uv his life, seen sich a self-sacrificin body uv men. The spectacle of a Kentucky Democrat who cood voluntarily purpose to vote for a man who wuz not a Democrat, wuz one calculated to make saints weep with joy and angels shout “glory.” He knowd the Dimocrisy uv the country wood accept the acksden, for ef they didn’t happen to like the nominee, the resolooshen passed, wich the sed nominee wood hev to accept, wood kiver him like a cloak. It wuz a wise policy, and one wich wood win. The Democrats cood vote for the platform, and the others for the man, and so all cood be satisfied. But he wuzn’t agoin to allow the Dimocrisy to be so severely tried. Ther wuz but one man in the Yoonitid States fit to stand on sich a platform, and he insisted that that man shood be declared ez the choice uv this meetin for the nominashen. That man he wuz proud to say wuz Jefferson Davis.

I sprang to my feet to stop this, but it wuz too late. The Cross Roads hev bin so long in the habit uv hurrahin at the bare meshun uv that name that the wildest shouts rung through the meetin-house, and when Bigler moved that his resolooshen be added to the others and they be adoptid ez a whole, the vote wuz emphatic and yoonanimous, and the meeting immediately adjourned.

It wuz no use to abuse anybody, and I didn’t. Wat does Bascom, Gavitt, Deekin Pogram and McPelter know uv the country outside uv the Corners?—wat do they know uv politikle strategy? I did intimate to Joe Bigler wat business he hed in a Democratic meetin, to wich he replied, “Bless you, Parson, I thought it wuz a meetin uv dissatisfied Republikins ez well ez Democrats.”

The resolooshens, Davis and all, will, I suppose, be publisht all over the North, wich, uv course, ends my hopes uv a independent party move-ment.

Will it be any better in the Nashnel Independent Convension? Kin we nominate sich a man ez Chase, for instance, without so kivrin him with Dimocrisy ez to make him smell jest ez fragrant ez tho he hed alluz bin with us? Ain’t our party run by Pograms and Bascoms and Gavitts? I fear so.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz Postmaster.)

AN APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE.

Beet Station,
(Wich is in the State uv Illinoy),
October 4, 1873.

I hev appealed to the people a great many times in my day, generally with very poor success. The people hev a most disgustin habit of payin to attenshun watever to my appeals—in fact, ef they notis them at all, it is generally to go and do precisely the opposite uv wat I want ’em to do. But I’m goin for em agin.

Men and brethren: Only about two weeks elapse afore the eleckshuns take place in several uv the States, and in November the balance uv em list their ballots. The question wich I put to yoo is, how are yoo goin to discharge this momenchus dooty?

I implore yoo ez yoo love your country, to restore to power the an-ant Democracy, for wich I urge the following reasons:
1st. The Democratic party is an honest party—that is so far as the Nashnel Treasury is concerned. Since 1861 the Democratic party hez no robberies uv the Nashnel Treasury to answer for, unless it may be a few millions dooorin that oasiss, Androo Johnson's administrashen. Our hands hev been clean for twelve yeers—and our pockets likewise. Ef yoo ask why our hands are clean—I shil refooze to answer. Ef yoo remark that we haint stole nothin coz we didn't hev a chance, I shil pint proudly to the fact that for twelve yeers—cepton dooorin Johnson's administrashen—our hands hev been clean, and shil demand that we be recognized ez the party uv purity.

2. In the Democratic party ther kin be no starvashen for the want uv principles. We hev the largest stock uv principles and the most diverse that wuz ever offered by any party since parties wuz inventid. We can accommodate the most fastidyus and soot any taste. To the farmer of Illinoys and Iowas who is sufferin frm the extorshen uv railroads, we hesitashen sympathisers with labor ez Ignahus Donnelly, and me, who extend our callused hands and jine with em in the name of Dimocrisy in demanding relief from the monopolies wich is eatin em up. In Noo York and the East, where we are somewat interested in railroads, we offer the people Vanderbilt, Jay Gould, and me., who hev no hesitashen in sayin that ez railroads is the very foundation uv the prosperity uv the country, he who wood lift his hand agin em is an agrarian disturber. We offer the farmers uv the West free trade with our rite hand, and the manufacturers uv Noo England and Pennsylvanla, a high protective tariff with our left. We accept nigger suffrage in the North, and damn it in the South, doin both with a vehemence that sometimes surprizes me. In Noo York we demand addishnel banks—in the West we want hard money—on the lakes and rivers we alluz will demand internal improvements—on the broad prairies we denounce any sich swindlin uv the people at large to build up pertikla seckshuns.

In short, like a second-hand clothin store, we hev an assortment uv everything, which enables everybody to pick out eggssackly wat soots him.

Doth the capshus critic observe that there is a loosens in this? Not at all. Ef A. B. wants to go to the legislasher or to be county treasurer it is A. B.'s bizness to ascertane wot the people believe, and then proceed immejtly bleeve it hisself. That's wot A. B. wants to do. And that is wot we are a goin to do. We want to go to the legislasher in Ohio to elec Thurman to the Senit, and in the other States we want the offisses, and th'j ust dooty we owe to ourselves is to find how to accomplish them ends.

We can't afford any other polisy. We hev bin eatin grass too long. We hev bin in the Nebuckednezzer bizness too long. We want the oats and corn uv the public crip—we want to hev and hold offisses. I want th' Postoffis at the Corners agin. Capt. McPelter wants to be Assessor, and Issaker Gavitt, Collector. Bascom desires this, that once more he kin he's money paid him for the likker we drink. Insted uv bein compelled to hear day after day, the disgustin sound, "chalk it down." Sence we wuz pu out uv them places by the tyrant Grant that man's outlay for chalk he been fearful.

The time hez come for a change in the administrashen uv public af fairs. We want a complete, sweepin change. We want Reform—that's wot we want. Boss Tweed sez so, and so does John Morrissey, Oak Hall and Lew Campbell. We want purity in place—if yoo don't believe it ask any one uv the crowd that went out with Johnson. Doolittle, uv Wis
**Petroleum V. Nasby,**

*(wicht wuz Postmaster.)*

**THE OHIO ELECTION—1873.**

*(The Ohio state election, October, 1873, resulted in the election of William Allen, Democrat, as governor, by a plurality of only 817 over Gen. Edward F. Noyes, Republican, and a Democratic legislature as well. This was the first Democratic victory in Ohio after the war, and Mr. Nasby, as will be seen, was enthusiastically and characteristically happy thereat.)*

Confedrit X Roads,

*(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky.)*

October 16, 1873.

I am back again in my old home, and onct more, thank Heaven, in my proper character uv a Democratic. The minute the election in Ohio wuz over I dropped the Grange biznis, never to take it up again, onless, that is, the necessities uv the Democracy are sich ez to make it necessary. In that grand old coz I kin do anything—suffer anything—bear anything.

The result uv the election in Ohio filled us with joy onutterable. To think that the State uv Ohio, wich persekooted the saints durin the war, wich sent out soljers agin the South by the hundred thousand, wich refoosed to accept the sainted Johnson, and wich give the tyrant and the butcher Grant sich enormous majorities both times—to think uv that state electin a Dimocratic legislacher, is enuff to make one's blood bile with ecstacy.

Deekin Pogram, Kernel McPelter, Issaker Gavitt and Bascom jined in the general rejolcjin. Bascom, in pertikeler, was enthoooastic. He made his bar free for that nite, or wat wuz the same thing in effect—he give us unploote credit.
To say that this result fills me with ecstasy is to very mildly express my feelings. I cast a prophetic eye forrerd, and wot do I see? Under twelve glasses uv Bascom's newest and wildest, I set me down and see many things:

I see a revival uv the Democratic party uv the olden time, rallied under the old principles uv that great organization, wich is not dead, tho it wuz amost.

I see Noo York a follerin Ohio back into the Dimmecratic fold.

I see a legislacher in Albany wich shel hev therein anybody that Tammany selecks, and the great old Empire State shel pass agin under their cool.

I see Boss Tweed, and Connolly and Okey Hall dragged out uv obskoo-city and brot to the front.

I shel see the Catholic vote fastened to us with hooks uv steel; for the priests and bishops shel hev all that they ask for, and the O'Shaughnessys, and O'Toole and MickFaddens shel hev all the minor offises, ez uv old.

I see the Dimocrisy uv five years ago controlling all the boards in Noo York, and them wich wuz expelled from power, put back agin, stronger than before.

I see in 1876 a Democratic President, backed by a Dimmecratic Congress, which the same will make it lively for the Ethiopian.

I see the old Confedrit heroes restored to ther former places, and the revenge they want accomplished.

I see Kernel McPelter assessor, Issaker Gavitt collector, and my old quarters in the Post Ofis, wich know me not now, shel know me forever.

I see Bascom smilin behind his bar—for he shel be paid for his likker.

I see Davis, Dean and sich In the Senit, and them ez hez bin waitin given the places they hev hungered for.

I see the British Importers furnishin us with money, and the hauty manufacturers uv Noo England, and Pennsylvania, grovelin in the dust.

I see the patronage uv the government is safely in our hands, never to be disturbed till we hev made our respective piles.

I see unlimited plunder for the faithful, and a sufficient multiplyin uv offises to give us all one.

I see the nigger disfranchised, and the Northern man hustled out uv the South ez tho he wuz a pestilence.

I see the Dimekratic papers filled with government advertisin, and the mouths of their editors stopped with sinekures.

I see a Dimekratic ring in each custom house, and every officer thereof clothed in purple and fine linen, and drinkin only shampane.

I see the South restored to her former posishen, a dictatin the policy uv the government, and a runnin uv it ez she did in the pammy days afore she wuz crushed under the iron heel uv of despotism.

I shood hev gon on seein things hed not Bascom remarkd, "Now, boys one more drink to the old party;" a remark, I may say, that wood stop me from a dream of immortal glory. That drink finished me, and I fell out uv my chair and on his floor dreamed till mornin of Democratic triumphs.

May my fond antissipashuns be realized. Dimocrats of Noo York, it rests with you.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz P. M.)
MR. NASBY RECEIVES AN APPOINTMENT.—TREACHERY.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
January 24, 1874.

The Corners wuz wild with deUte last week at learnin that I hed recevved the appointment of freight and passenger agent at Secessionville, the nearest railroad pIint to us. There ain’t no freight ever shipped from Secessionville, and the passenger traffic is limited, but a agent is necessary, and I wuz surprised that I wuz appointed ez sich. In this case, for the first time in my life, the offis sought the man, and not the man the offis, for I knowd nuthin about it till it wuz done. The fust idee I hed uv it, wuz receivin a letter thro the mail, from the president uv the company, givin me the place, and directin me to take possession within a week.

I immediately segestod to Deekin Pogram, Bascom and Issaker Gavitt, that ez I wuz to leave the Corners for a noo field of yoosfulness, it wood be ez little ez they cood do to give me a public dinner or sum sich recognishen. The Deekin and Bascom refoosed pint-blank. Whereupon I postively told em that ef they didn’t give me a public complimentary dinner, I woodent go!

That fetched em. Bascom turned pale at the threat, and remarked that one year more of my patronage wood rooin him, while at Secessionville there wuz a rich grosery-keeper who cood afford it, end he consented. Deekin Pogram remarked to wunst that, rather than hev me stay away from a field of labor when I hed sich an opportonity for dooin good, and where I cood git doubtills better board than I cood at his humble home, he wood consent.

The dinner came off last nite at Bascom’s. There wuz present all the leadin citizens uv the Corners. The Deekin okkipied the chair, and Capt. McPelter the other end uv the table.

After the cloth wuz removed, the Deekin rose and remarkt that this wuz the happiest minit uv his life. He wuz filled with supreme joy. Trov, our friend who wuz about to leave us wood no longer grace his humble board, but there wuz left the great consolation that our friend’s bill fur board wuzn’t growin any bigger. Then, agin, our friend wuz goin into the servis uv a railroad, wich filled every citizen uv the Corners with hope fur final payment. Our friend wuz goin to sell tickits and collect money fur freights, and, uv course, he wood be able to pay his debts in the Corners. The railroad wuz a rich and bloatid corporashun, and cood afford it. He wood, in conclushion propose the health uv our friend with the wish that he may live long enuff to die without the stingin remorse weiging on his mind that he owed anybody.

Bascom follerod the Deekin. He remarkt that this wuz the happiest moment uv his life. Patronage wuz a good thing, but it wuz possible for a grocery to hev too much uv it. A chronic thirst shoold alluz be backed up with a plethora pocket pocket book to make things pleasant. Our departin friend hed a thirst sufficiently cravin to delite the most exactin bar-keeper—but alas! Nine yeers repeetIn them terrible words, “Chalk it down,” hed made em somewhat monotonous. But wat he wanted to say was this: Uv course our friend will yoose every means in his power to liquidate the debts he has made here. In order that these payments shel be made ez soon ez possible, he wood urge upon the citizens uv the Corners to give the road in whose employ our friend goes the preference over
the rival line. And pertikelerly wood he urge that citizens uv the Corners when they travel, take the cars at Secessionville, and also to alizu buy tickits uv our friend, the new station agent, rather than to pay' on the cars. No conductor owes us anything. Ez he understood it, the company settles with its agents wunst in three months—he believed that in that time our friend ought to get enuff funds in his hands to clear him here. May he prosper in it!

I respondid. I remarked to em that this wuz the happiest moment uv my life. I hed bin honored with the confidence uv the people uv the Corners. (Deep silence when they ought to hev cheered.) I hed' lived among yoo for years (more deep silence), and hed okkepted posishens uv trust. I wuz now goin away (cheers) and, ef I knowd myself and my oppportunities, shood pay my debts. (Loud and vociferous cheers.) I hed no doubt uv my ability to do so. I hed held offis under various Dimokratic administrashens too long not to know all about how to make a place profitable. So much for that. But I wood not take my seat without remarkin that I feel great encouragement. I see nothin but good in the signs uv the times. I shel wunst more be Postmaster at the Corners—I shel wunst more take my old familiar place at Bascom's fireside, and shel in that congenial place spend the last end uv my life. I hev good reasons for the hope that is in me. I see a lite. Our anshent enemies, the Republikins, are in sore trouble, and the Democrisy wuz never—

At this pint, ther wuz a commoshen in the lower part uv the room. There wuz Pollock, Joe Bigler and the sheriff uv the county, and they didn't lose no time in maken their bizness knowd. Two weeks afore I got a soot uv close uv Pollock on tick, tellin him some little, pleasant story, whch he hed the audacity to claim wuz a fraud. He hed charged me with gettin goods under false pretences, and hed established his case, and he selectid this ez the occashen to enforce his claim. I wuz immejitly arrested, and the sheriff told me to git my hat and accompany him to the jail.

"But I can't go," I sed. "I take my new place to-morrow mornin, and ef I am not there I lose it."

"That is troo," retortid Pollock, "but you'll never see that place till you pay me $63.25. That's my little game."

Ther wuz a hurried consultashen.

"Ef this claim ain't satisfied, he can't go," said Bascom. "Good Heavens, and he will continue his account with me."

"This must be fixed," shrieked the Deekin. "Else he will stay at my house."

So they held a hurried consultashun whch resulted in Bascom and the Deekin puttin up he money and gettin a receet in full and the withdrawal uv the soot, and Bigler and Pollock withdrew in great glee.

Now comes the sekel to this outrageous transaction. Bascom harnessed his mule and took me over to Secessionville the next mornin where I wuz to take my new place. The stashen agent wuz there ez yoosual, and he perposed to stay. I showed him my authority. He laft.

"The name at the end uv that letter," sed he, "don't happen to be the name uv our President."

"Then this letter uv appintment is a——"

"Hoax, I guess. Somebody hez bin imposin on yoo. It ain't the honest handwritin uv anybody connected with the road."

It wuz too troo. We returned sadly to the Corners. Bascom never
spoke a word to me till he reached his bar. Then he sent for the Deekin, and told him the bad news. Then Issaker came in, and told em that it had all leaked out. Pollock and Joe Biglor hed put the thing up to enable em to get their money out uv me—and they succeeded. They wrote the letters uv appointment and carried out the serious joke to its disgustin end.

The sorrow uv Bascom and the Deekin wuz technin.

"Sixty-three dollars and twenty-five cents in cash in addition to wat he owes us!" sighed they.

"And he is still on our hands," they yelled, glarin at me.

I take it philosophically. I shel stay here and labor for these people till a change in the politikkle world puts me in ofis agin. The joke is onto them, not me.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz Postmaster.)

MR. NASBY ASSISTS AT A JOINT CONVENTION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Feb. 10, 1874.

I hev bin anxshusly scanin the politikkle horizon thro the telescope uv hope, to diskiver in the sky the bow uv success. I thot that at last my faithful search hed bin rewarded. My rainbow wuz reflected onto the clouds uv the immijit fucher by the corrupshuns uv the leaders uv the Republikin party, and the consekent dissatissfackshun uv the rank and file uv that organizashun. Cood we only yoose this ez a wedge to get that cussed party to split, and cood we hook one fackshun onto our party, then we shood hev a clean majority, and woodent give ten cents to be in-shoored the Post Ofis at the Corners, wich is the Alpha and Omega uv my hopes.

I heerd uv one town in Ohio in wich the Republikins hed trouble on ther hands, and, ez an experiment, I determined to go ther, and see, for myself, whether or not a coalishen cood be made between the Democrisy and the anti-corrupshen Republikins. I argood that ef it cood be done in one town, it cood be done in a thousand, for human nacher is the same everywhere.

I broached the idee to Deekin Pogrom (at whose house I hev bin vis-tin for three years, and to Bascom, who immejitly figgered what the railroad fare wood be, and they unanimously consentid to, advance it, ef I wood agree to stay away two weeks. These men are gettin to be disgustinly calkelatin.

But I went, and found at New Babylon the yoosual state uv affairs.

There wuz there a dozen Dimocrats who never drank nothin, and who follered legitmit biznls. Then there wuz the great mass uv the party made up uv the doggy keepers, the doggy haunters—that vast mass to whom clean shirts is only seen on twict in their lives, viz., when they are married and when they are buried. The Dimocrisy wuz in a minority uv perhaps fifty.

Two yeers ago the Republikins in Noo Babylon hed electid two rather scaly fellows with whom they hed hed trouble. The auditor and treasurer hed bin diskivered connivin with contractors, and the village hed, between em all, bin swindled out uv about $100. Ez the Republikins hed bin cussin the Credit Mobiler and Back Pay in Congress up hill and down-dale, uv course, to be consistent, they hed to denounce corrupshen at home with skil vigger.
Becoz uv the misconduct uv these offishels, a large number uv the Republikins swore that the Republikin party hed outlived its day, and that the time hed come to bust it and make a new organizashen, and they called upon wat they wuz pleased to call the decent Dimocrisy to unite with them.

Thompson, Brown, Jones and Smith, the decent Democrats uv the village, agreed with em, and a People's convenshun wuz called to nominate a ticket on the basis uv reform, wich wuz to be supported by the oppo-

rents uv corrupshen, irrespective uv party.

It wuz that convenshun that I went to Noo Babylon to attend.

The hall wuz crowded. Immejitly Bill Rag, wich kept the largest mam-mill in the village, sprung to his feet and moved that Lawyer Swipes, his cheefest customer, be made chairman, wich wuz carried. Then Johnny Tag, wich keeps another doggery, moved that Sam Bobtale, his principal customer, be secretary, and that the convenshun perceived

immejitly to nominate a ticket to be supported by all the citizens uv Noo Babylon who wuz opposed to corrupshen in the present administrashen, in village, state, and the general government, wich moshen wuz carried.

The Reform Republikins tried to git Squire Broadacres on the ticket for mayor, but it woodent work. Rag and Tag hed emptied their groseries into that convenshun, and they wuz voted down ten to one. Lawyer Swipes wuz nominated with a whoop. Then Sam Bobtale wuz nominated for treasurer, and Rag hissel for recorder, and five uv the same stripe uv men for aldermen.

"Good Hevius!" exclaimed the Reform Republikins, "this ain't wat we expected! We can't stand this—yoo can't expect us to."

"My dear sirs," replied Thompson, one uv the decent Dimocrats, "it is unfortunate, I confess, but yoo see these men control the majority uv our vote, and we reely can't help ourselves."

"But ef yoo are reely for reform, why don't yoo leave a organizashen wich is controlled by sich men? Smikey, the Republican defaulter, is bad enough, but ez compared with Bobtale, he's an angel uv lite. We didn't leave the Republikin organizashen, ez bad ez it is, to git into a wuss one. We want to git out uv the hands uv the Smikeys, but we don't want to drop into the keepin uv Rag, Tag and Bobtale. That ain't wat we bargained for. Ef the decent Dimocrisy can't control that organizashen, watin kin be done?"

"I reely don't know. Smith, Jones, Brown and myself moan over the power wielded by these men, but we can't help it. Ef we split with them, I may lose the nomenashen for Congress next fall, and Jones may not go to the legislashen. We can't break our party lines—we can't, indeed."

"It's about the same in Nashnel matters, ain't it?" queried the unreasonable Republikin, who wuzn't satisfied with the kind uv reform he wuz gettin. "Spozin we leave the Republikin party and jine the Democracy? Do we leave Credit Mobilier only to take Tammany to our buzzums? Do we emancipate ourselves from Back Pay to git into the keepin uv John Morrissey? Do we merely exchange a corrupt Republikin for Fernandy Wood? Ef you are compelled to trot in harmis with Rag, Tag and Bobtale, here, on wat principle are yoo to git shet uv Wood, and Morrissey, and Tweed, and them men in Nashnel convenshuns? Horatio Seymour and sich Dimocrats are powerls without em, ain't they, jist ez yoo are powerls without Rag, Tag and Bobtale?"
"It is unfortunately tooo."

"And we dissatisfied Republikins are expected to vote with you, and elect this ticket?"

"Certainly, and thereby you enter your protest again the corrupshen uv Smikey. A protest, my dear sir, is a great thing."

"I see. We enter a protest agin Smikey, by electin Bobtale, who wuz nominated by Rag and Tag. Excuse me. The fryin-pan is hot enuff—we won't jump into the fire, ef you please. I ruther think our best plan is to bust Smikey, rather than to take on Swipes, Rag, Tag and Bobtale, and then hev to bust them. And I ruther guess that the same policy will do for things outside uv Noo Babylon. I wood like to go somewhere, but you don't show me any good place to go. We kin purify our own party, but I shoedent like to undertake the job for yourn. I guess I'll make my fight a leetle closer to home. Good-bye."

And this headstrong man and his friends left the hall, with their noses in the air, and all we cood do woodent pacify em. They went and called a Republikin convenshun and they slaughtered Smikey, and put up Broadacres, and a lot uv sich Republikins for all the offses, and they will elect em. Smikey, uv course, came straight to us, but a dozen Democrats left us the mimit he jined, so we lost by the operashun.

It wood be a nice thing for us ef the Swipes, and Rags, and Tags, and Bobtales that belong to us cood be kept out uv site, but that can't be. Onless they hev their share uv plunder, they won't vote with us, and ef they don't vote with us, they keep out everybody else. The men who is necessary to us, beats us.

I am at home, sick and disgusted. This game uv reform won't work, for we ain't jest got the proper material to put forrad. Why, at Noo Babylon whenever I preached the necessity uv reform, the people jeered at the idee. My personal appearance, it seems, wuz somewhat inconsistent with that noshen. But it may come at last.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz Postmaster.)

MR. NASBY INAUGURATES A NEW ENTERPRISE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Feb. 17, 1874.

My little effort at reform in Ohio didn't work jest ez I hed hoped, but I don't despair uv gettin suthin out uv it after all. Ef we can't make reform go, wat is there for us? At the worst I purpose to make it earn me a livin. I am in the reform biznis, and I shuld push it ez a biznis.

I hev determined to start a reform noosepaper. That idee sprung full-fledged from my massive intelleck two weeks ago. When I determine upon a thing I go and do it, and so, two weeks ago, I ishood the prospectus, and with it the Massedonian cry for help to all the rich Dimocrats I knowd or cood heer uv.

I stated in my prospectus (wich I wrote in Bascom's) that the "Cross Roads Reformer and Friend uv Purity" wood be devotid to reform in its broadest sense, public and privit. I deplored the wide-spread corrupshen that hed pervaded and permeated all departments uv the public servis, sence that gilleless patriot, A. Johnson, vacated the Presidenshel cheer, ez well ez the laxity uv morals that pervadid all classes uv society, wich wuz the legitimit outgrowth uv Radikle ideas. I hed throwd myself into the
breach, and wuz determined to do all in my power to check the flood uv fraud that wuz sweepin over the land and wich bid fair to rooin the republic. To the coz uv purity and ref - m I hed devotid all ther wuz uv me.

I stated distinctly that the "C: ss Roads Reformer and Friend uv Purity" hed but one panacea for all the evils the country is labrin under, namely, the bustin uv the Republikin party and the puttin power uv the Dimocrisy. That is all there is uv it. This is the short road to politikle purity, and, by example, the promoter uv privit purity. We want to hev back in Congress that galaxy uv intellecks that shone so resplendently doorin Bookannon's administrashen, and in the places uv trust and profit, the patriots who rallied so glorious'ly around the crib presided over by A. Johnson. Some uv em are dead, alas! but there are enuff uv em left to fill all the offises, and there ain't any risk uv their declinin.

I sent an appeal for aid to various leadin Dimocrats uv the country, and receeved responses wich show that in this enterprise I hev hit the precise idea that is needed. For instance, Fernando Wood wrote me the follewin:

"I agree with yoo that the times demand a vigourous paper, wich shell oppos the corruptshens Wich are sappin the very foundashens uv our liber- ties. The crimes uv the Republikin perty cry to Heaven. Enclosed find check for $50. I wood send yoo more, but I hevn't realized on my Credit Mobilier shares yet, and me and Brother Ben find the lottery biznls dull sence the panic struck us."

Trooly,

"FERNANDO WOOD."

His brother Ben wrote ez follows:

"Enclosed find $50 to aid in establishin The Cross Roads Reformer and Friend uv Purity. I wish I cood spare more, for ef ever ther wuz a time when public and privit purity needed boostin, this is the time. We must combine to crush Republikinism and inoggerate a rain uv purity. I wood send more, but the fact is, policy sellin is dull, and faro-banks ain't more than payin expenses. But sIch ez my donashen is, take it.

"Trooly,

"BEN. WOOD."

Boss Tweed wrote ez follows:

"I write in bonds. But oppressed ez I am by crocel persekooters I take a lively interest in evrything that looks to purity in offishel matters. In my lonely cell on Blackwell's Island do I groan for my country. I hev directed my son Richard to send yoo $50 to aid yoor paper jest ez soon ez he kin collect it from the ongratelful contractors who refoozed to divide with when I got into trouble on contracks wich I give em when I wuz in power. But go in yoor good work."

Trooly,

"W. M. TWEED."

The letter I wrote to Harry Genet, wuz ansered by a friend uv his, who remarked that Mr. Genet was abroad for his health, but that he shood forrerd it to him, and that Mr. G. wood doubtless contribbit, ez he wuz, ez he alluz hed bin, a staunch friend uv reform.

From the South the responsis were encouragin, tho not profitable.

From every one of the glorious soljers uv the Confederacy come words uv cheer. They bid me go on and deal heavy blows agin the monster Radicleism, and in support, not only uv reform, but uv our common country. Four yeers more uv Radicle rool wood be suffichent, they wuz every one uv em convinst, to destroy the government bequeathed us by our fathers, and wich hed bin made sacred by their blood.

Aleck Stephens wrote me a letter approvin uv the design uv the paper that kivered sixty-eight pages uv foolscap, but he didn't enclose a dollar, wich wuz a lame and impotent conclouhesen.
One man from Alabama insisted that the motto uv the noo paper shood be, "Offis in Rite Hands, and Purity in Offis." The offis, he went on to remark, cod never be in rite hands so long ez a disgustin nigger wuz Post-master at Napoleonville, a place wich he wunst okkpeed under Johnson. He beleived in non-partisanship, and the President ought to reassure the people by showin em that he wuz not infloenced by partisan feelins. Let the President remove his appointees and put Democrats in their places. When he wuz removed and that nigger wuz put in his place, he, for the first time in his life, despared uv the Republic.

I wuz astonished at the number uv responses I got from Republikins. They cum in by the bushel. Every one uv em hed lost all faith in a Republikin form uv government—every one uv em bleeved that the government hed fallen into bad hands, and consenquetly they despared uv the republic. One pekoolarity uv this despare wuz, they all specified the date at wich they commenced desparin, ez for instance:

"On the 13th uv Jooly, 1873, I felt that all wuz gone."

Or this:

"On the 22d uv August, 1873, I felt that the sun uv Republikinism hed set forever, onless a change cod be made."

I wuz at some panes to ascertane why things went to rooin on them pertikeler days, and I found that it was July 13, 1873, that the first hed bin defeated for renominashen to Congress, and that on the 22d uv August, 1872, the second hed bin removed from a collectorship, and the others wuz in the same state uv health without excepshin. But it don't do to inquire too pertikelerly. They beleive the government is in bad hands, and that is enuff for me. These men—and all uv this class, demand reform, but they didn't enclose no material aid. How do they suppose the battle agin corrupt administrashen is to be fought, ef they don't furnish ammushen?

I got in donashens (and loans, wich is the same thing) about $600. The paper will be Ishood next week. I hev paid Bascom $40, and Deekin Pro-gram $25, on akkount, wich hez encouraged them.

Things look brighter for me. May my sky continyoo unclouded.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Editor Cross Roads Reformer.

THE WOMEN'S CRUSADE STRIKES THE CROSS ROADS.

(The famed temperance movement, called the "Women's Crusade," which started in Hillsboro, Ohio, and was the foundation of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, furnished the motive for this and the five succeeding letters.)

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Feb. 28, 1874.

When I opened my Northern papers and red uv the prayin movement by the wimmin uv Ohio and Injiana, I sed to myself, "the Cross-Roads is bound to ketch it." There ain't no trouble agoin but wat it lites onto the Cross-Roads. Misforchoon has markt the Cross-Roads for its own.

And last Monday Bascom got a postal card on wich it wuz statid that on the Friday followin a delegashen uv ladies from New Boston, a manufacturin village started by a lot uv Yankees over about ten miles from here, where they don't sell no spirits, wood visit the Cross-Roads, and
try the efficacy uv prayer onto Bascom, to see ef they cood not convert him to stop his sole-destroyin, demoralyzin bizness. Ez Bascom red the postal card (or rather ez I red it for him) he wuz a picter to look upon. His knees knockt together and his face turned a ghastly pale, and his hand trembled so that it wuz with difficulty that he cood raise a glass uv likker to his lips.

"My sole-destroyin bizness!" sed he; "my bizness sole-destroyin! Good Heavens, wat next?"

"My time is about up, I guess," remarked Deekin Pogram. "I hev seen strange things in my life-time, but when I am not allowed to take my regler drinks, it is time I wuz a goin hence."

"The idee," sed Issaker Gavitt, "that sellin likker or drinkin it is demoralizin. I hev drunk likker all my life, and—"

At this point Issaker's wife come in, and wantid Issaker to go and git some rice, and then go home and split some wood. Issaker wantid to know wat she come there for, and the unreasonnable woman bustid into tears. "A said she coodn't split wood, with no shoes and three inches of snow on the ground, and that there wuzn't a thing in the house for the sick baby to eat, and ef Issaker wood spend half the time work that he did loafin at Bascom's, and half the money on his children that he did for likker, and—"

Issaker didn't allow her to finish her unreasonnable harangue. He took her by the shoulder and shoved her out the door, and swore that he didn't know how it wuz in Ohio and Injeany, but he'd be d—d if in Kentucky woman shoodeent keep in her proper spear. He wuzn't a goin to allow no woman to dictate to him wat he shoode do with his time or his money nuther.

Captain McPelter remarkt that ef his wife ever jined in sich a demon-strashun, she'd wish she hadn't. His wife tried to stop him from takin an other drink wunst, after he felt his oats, and hed throwd a cradle with a six-months baby out uv the door, and the black eye she got wuz a warnin to her never to interfere with his prerogatives no more.

Poor Bascom wuz cast down. He sed Amerikin libberty wuz gone, when a passel uv women got to goin about interferin with a man's bizniz. But he shoode adopt vigorous measures. He'd never surrender—never.

Friday come and Bascom was ready for em. Evry wun uv our persua-sion in the Corners hed ordered his wife to keep strikly in doors, and on no akkount to venture out durin the day. Bascom asked us all to stay with him, and see him thro it. To wich we all agreed. Them. ez wuz married and kept house, went home to fix up ther doors and nail boards over the broken glass uv ther winders, so that the wimmen shoodeent see outside. It's no small matter to close up all the holes in the houses at the Corners.

Well, at 11 o'clock a percession uv women did make their appearance at the lower end uv the village, and they moved up slowly tow'ards Bascom's. G. W. wuz as pale ez a sheet.

"Wat shel I do?" asked he.

"G. W.," sed I, "there is but one thing yoo kin do. Rally your friends about yoo, and make head agin this unholy croosade. The regular fre-kelters uv the place are fretten and are not here. Bring em here! Bring em here to-wunst! Swing out a placard wich shel read:"

"Likker free to all dooor in the continyooance uv this fanatikle campane!—Ho! all ye that thirst! Come and drink, without money and without price."
"This, G. W., will fetch em in, and ez long ez the likker is free they will stay in, and give yoo ther moral support. Shel I write the placard?"

G. W. wavered. He cast one glance at his kegs, and sighed hesitantly. I cast one glance at them kegs, and wuz determined that so good an opportunoty shood not be lost.

"Ha!" sed I, "the foe! they come! they come! To hesitate now is to be lost. The hed uv the invadin column hez turned the corner. Shel I write?"

"Yes!" sed Bascom, bustin into teers; "write. Ef they shet me up I'm roolned, and ef yoo hev free drinks I'm bustid. But I'd ruther take the free drinks part uv it."

"Certainly," sed Issaker Gavitt, soothingly; "free drinks, by all means. After all, Bascom, it amounts to the same thing. It's free drinks anyhow, for yoo hev to charge em to us, don't yoo?"

And so I writ the placard and histed it up at the door. The result wuz majical. In less than ten minits the glad noozed hed reached every house in the village, and there wuz gathered together in Bascom's sich a solid mass uv liberty-lovin men ez hed never been seen togethers at the Cross Roads.

Bascom appinted two uv us to draw likker for the thirsty crowd, and then we throwed open the doors, calkilatin to greet em with sich cheers ez wood effectoal sleeve all the singin and prayin they cood do.

The wimmin approached. We cood see em. They wuz all closely velled. Ez they approached the door I directed the likker to be served out faster, so ez to get the boys tuned up to the right pitch. But alas! they didn't stop! They didn't stop to sing or to pray or nuthin. They simply passed by, pulling their valls closer to ther faces, and snickerin. I looked thro the vall uv one uv em and saw whiskers.

But with rare presence uv mind I sed nothin.

"Draw more likker!" I shouted, "they will be back in a moment."

By the time this drink wuz down Bascom wuz so far gone that he didn't know nuthin. He got lunatic, and springin from the counter insisted on everybody's not only drinkin, but that every man uv us shood fill a bottle and take it with us.

It is oncessary to state what follereds. The revelry waxed furious and by night the bodies uv the fallen were piled on top uv each other fou deep. Every drop uv likker in the house wuz gone, for wat wuzn't drunlhed bin allowed to waste, for men drawd it who wuz too tite to shet the faucets. Bascom wuz laid out, Deekin Pogram wuz snorin ez tho he hadn't slept for a week, and I, seesed vessel that I am, wuz the wust played out uv any uv em.

The next mornin Joe Bigler venchered around, and I asked concernin the wimmin.

"Wimin!" sed he; "them wuzn't wimin. They wuz boys employed in the factrys in New Boston. Nasby," sed he confidenshally, "my opinyun is that that cuss, Pollock, put this up on yoo, with a view to rooin Bascom. I heerd him talkin with one uv them factry men, who is his brother-in-law, and I heerd the brother-in-law say that it wuz too gud not to do it. I presume that is wat they referred to. But don't say that I told yoo."

Passin Pollock's an hour after, I heerd him and Bigler a laffin vociferously, and I knowd that this wuz wat they wuz laffin at.

But, thank Heaven, the joke isn't onto me. I got twenty square drinks out uv it for nothing. But I do pity Bascom. His heart is broke.
His empty barrels, his broken glasses and bottles, bear mute testimony to his losses. May Heaven forgive Pollock and Bigler.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M.

P. S.—I shall shoo the first number uv my new paper next week.

POLLOCK AND BIGLER PERSECUTE THE SAINTS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Witch is in the State of Kentucky),
March 10, 1874.

Ef Heaven's most piercin litenins cood strike Joe Bigler and that jeerin feend, Pollock, I shood think more uv the economy uv nacher. For till these demons is dead, and berried, we never shel hev peace or quiet at the Corners. It wuz a bitter day for me, and for all uv us, when that wretch Pollock come here from Illinoy, and struck hands with Joe Bigler. Either uv em is pizen—yoonitid, striknine is nothin to em.

We held a meetin in Bascom's last week Toosday to decide upon some measures to counteract the winmin's temperance movement, wich we are momentarily expectin will strike the Corners, and ravage us ez it hez the towns and villages in Ohio and Injeany. Bascom called the meetin, for Bascom swears he will defend his rites till the last.

We hed the grocery tolably full uv the men uv the Corners, when who shood march in but Bigler and Pollock, who sot down on nail kegs as sollum ez a funeral.

Various sejestions wuz made ez to the best way uv counteractin the movement, when Pollock rose and askt the privilege uv makin a remark, wich I, ez chairman, consentid to.

"I sympathize heartily with you," sed Pollock, "in thus standin up and makin hed agin this fanatikle croosade, and wood sejest that you fite the devil with fire. In Ohio the wimen go out agin the traffic in likker—lez our wimen here in the Corners, come out and enter their protest agin any interference with the rites uv their husbands, fathers and brothers. Let the wimen uv the Corners protest agin this fanaticism."

Joe Bigler riz, and I felt a presentiment that the devil hed broken his chain and wuz amongst us.

I don't often agree with Pollock," he remarked, "but there is in this sejestion so much uv good sense that bleeve I shel second him in it. By all means let our winmin enter their protest aginst this wild croosade, that the world may know that Kentucky at least stands by her landmarks. The winmin uv Ohio howl that the traffic is demoralizin to societi, and pertikelerly that it is roolin them. Now let the winmin uv the Cross-Roads meet and hist in their testimony that it is nuthin uv the kind. And that this protest may be made in doo form, I sejest that the winmin uv Confedrit X Roads meet at the church to-morrer afternoon, at two p. m., and resloot agin this this thing. Is it a go?"

"It is!" "It is!" "We will hev em do it!" wuz shouted from all parts uv the room.

Bascom wuz delited with the proposishen. He said that so far ez his wife wuz concerned, she wood jine in sich a protest heartily. It shood be done by all means.

"It is well enuff to say 'we will,'" sed Bigler, "but let us make shoor uv hevin em all out, that there may be no faleyoor. To make this a success the meetin must not only be enthusiastic, but large. Pollock, take a piece
of paper and put down the names uv those whose husbands will pledge theirselves to be present. Issaker Gavitt, will Mrs. Gavitt be shoor to come?"

Issaker blushed—wich is to say, his nose turned bloo—ez he ansered "probably not, onless the weather shood be warmer, for my woman hezn't got no shoes."

"Mrs. Gavitt can't come to protest agin this croosade agin likker, coz she ain't got no shoes," sung out Pollock.

"But, Issaker, I bought fifty bushels uv corn uv yoo last fall—why didn't yoo get your wife shoes then?"

"I hed to pay Bascom, on account," sed poor Issaker, blushin still more.

"All right," sed Pollock; "uv course yoo did. Go on, Josef."

"Squire Pennibacker, will your wife be present to jine this anti-fan-tasticism movement?"

"She'll oppose it," sed the Squire, "coz I do; but I doubt ef she kin come out to bear testimony agin it. She ain't got no cloze that she'd like to be seen in."

"Mrs. Pennibacker aint got no cloze, and can't come," sung out Pollock. Go on, Josef."

"Deekin Pogram, your wife and your dawter Mirandy will be here, certainly?"

"Taint shoor," sed the Deekin, "uv both uv em—one uv em kin come, but the other can't. Ef my wife wears the dress, Mirandy must stay, and vice versy, coz they ain't got but one atween em."

"I hev put down one from Deekin Pogram's, ez them two wimmin hev only one dress atween em. Go on, Josef. We've got to git more than these or the meetin will be a failyoor."

"Lem'l Pettus, will yoo see that your wife will be present to protest agin—"

"Stop! I yelled, seein the drift uv these wretches; "this hez gone far enuff. I pertsed—"

"Easy, Parson, easy," sed Bigler. "We must hev the wimmin out. The wimmin uv Ohio pertsed that likker roolns em—our wimmin must bear testimony that it don't. I confess that the prospeck isn't encouragin, for we hevn't found a sufficiency uv dresses, and shoes, and sich, among our wimmen to enable them to take part in a public demonstrashen, but—"

At this pint Bigler stopped, for Mrs. Bascom, G. W.'s wife, opened the door uv her sittin room, wich wuz jist one side uv the bar-room, and looked in. It wuz an unfortini movement ez ever wuz—in fact, it seems ez tho the devil alluz helped Bigler and Pollock. There stood Mrs. Bascom with a black moire-anteek dress on, with gold rings onto her fingers and a fur concern about her shoulders, and reel gaiters onto her feet, and a buzzum pin onto her, and everything gorgeous. Ez she drawd back into her own room, Pollock broke out—

"Mrs. Bascom kin go and enter her protest agin this onwomanly croosade, can't she?"

"Uv course she kin," sed Bigler. "She's got shoes and cloze enuff."

"Too troo," sed Pollock, "and singler ez it may seem, she's the only one in the Corners that hez. What shel we do about it?"

"I pertsed agin this thing!" shrieked I, for I seed wat it wuz leadin to.

"Wait till I make my sejestion," sed Bigler. "I wuz a comin to it. It strikes me that Bascom's wife hez got all the cloze that belongs to the
wimmen uv the Corners, and that it is likely to continyoo so jist so long
ez Bascom keeps the grocery, for the reason that it takes all that the
men kin git hold uv to keep em in sustenance. Now, woodn't it be an
ekitable arrangement ef the male citizens uv the Corners shood take turns
at keepin the grocery? Let Issaker Gavitt keep it a week, wich wood en-
able him to get Mrs. Gavitt a pare uv shoes—a week's profits wood enable
Pennibacker to get his wife a calikker dress, and so on around. It seems to
me that it's unfair—"

Bigler didn't git no further with his Incendiary harangue. Bascom
bled over and threwed a bottle at him, wich Bigler dodged, and he and
Pollock went out a lafflin vociferously at the fix they hed put us in. That
bottle broke up the meetin. I thot it a pity that it shood be wasted, and
went for it, and so did every man in the room, and we struggled for it on
the floor like madmen. Issaker Gavitt got it, and dusted out with it.

I am fearful that our efforts to stem this tide will result in a fallyoor.
I can't help confessin that there is suthin queer in the fact that Bascom's
wife is the only woman in the Corners who hez decent clothes, but Joe
Bigler and Pollock hed no biznis to make that fact so cussedly apparent.
If it ever gits to the ears of the wimmin it ain't onpossible that they'll
commence a raid on Bascom theirselves. I woodent hev Lucindy Gavitt,
Issaker's wife, git hold uv where that fifty busheles uv corn went, for no
money. It's a cold world, and a hard one to git thrro with easy.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz Postmaster.)

P. S.—This excitement hez delayed the ishow uv my new paper. But I
shel git it out.

MR. NASBY AND HIS FRIENDS PREPARE FOR A PRO-
TRACTED DROUGHT.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 22, 1874.

The weather is gittin milder and milder, and there is no possibility uv
our stavin off an attack upon Bascom's, wich is our fortress. Joe Big-
ler and Pollock, ever sence the faleyoor uv the last crossade (wich wuz
postponed on account uv the weather), hev bin perpetooally and persist-
ently inflamin the minds uv our wimmin, till they hev their rage worked
up to a degree that is terrible. Mrs. Pollock and Mrs. Bigler hev bin
puttin on all their store cloze, and goin out all day callin on the wives and
dawters uv our citizens. For instance, they'd go to Lucindy Gavitt (Issa-
ker's wife), all rigged up in silks and furs and dollar jooelry, and sich,
and tell Lucindy that ef Issaker wood only save his munny insted uv
spendin it at Bascom's, she cood hev all these things jist ez well ez not.
And then all the woman in Lucindy wood be stirred up, and she wood
more than howl. When Lucindy saw that these two wimmin hed actoo-
al stockins on, she swore that she wood never rest till Bascom wuz bustid.

We knew uv all this, and trembled. The frost wuz gittin out uv the
ground; fair, warm days wuz a comin, and the raid onto us cood not be
much longer postponed. Our wimmin cood get out ez soon ez it wuz warm
enuff for em to go out without shoes, and we knowd that when they
cood get out they wood.

"Will they come in and smash in the barrels?" asked Bascom.

"Precisely so."
"Wat kin we do?" groaned Deekin Pogram.

"Wat kin we do?" was the ekkoin anser uv every wun uv em.

"This is wat we kin do," sed I promptly. "Let G. W. take the barrels this afternoon, and roll em out into his barn, where these cussid winmin can't possibly find em, keepin a single demijohn—an hour's supply—in the bar. Ef they come and smash, why they kin only smash a gallon at a time, and the enemy kin never git at our magazeen. Hev I spoken well?"

"Like a sage—like a sage! It is well—it is well!"

Bascom consented, and we all turned in to help him roll the barrels out. Never did men work with such zeel. It seems ez tho there is suthin inspirin in the rollin uv barrels. I cood work at it forever.

We got em all safely in the barn, Bascom drawd out a demijohn, and we felt comparatively safe, no matter wat shood happen.

Night came on, and at ten p. m. I left Bascom's to go to my humble bed at Deekin Pogram's. Ez I approached his dwellin I fell into a trane uv thot. I hed only hed five drinks, and I felt a langin for more. I wanted to be filled up for wun—to hev, for one time, all that I cood lay to. I shot to myself, there is them barrels in Bascom's barn. Wat is to prevent me from gettin a bottle and goin there, and draw it full, and for wunst in my life hev a self-satisfyin fullness? 'Nothin. I hed marked the location uv them barrels, and I cood go in the dark to em ez well ez in the glare uv the broad day.

I determined to do it. I went to my room and got a bottle and went into the alley on wich the barn stood. Caushusly scalin the fence I crept to the barn, and crawled up to the barrel wich hed the fawcet in. I wuz enveloped in Cimmerian darkness. I reached out keerfully to find the fawcet, when I heerd a rustlin sound ez tho somebody else wuz neer. I laid still on my abdomen till the sound ceased. "It is nothin," I sed to myself, and crawled up closter.—Confoosh'n! My hand struck a livin, human body! Drawin back hastilly, my boot struck an obstacle, wich, ez of the exclamash'n wuz wrung from it, remarked, "Thunder!" Jest then a match wuz drawd, a candle wuz lighted, and—Tabloo!

There stood Bascom erect, with a pained expression onto his count'nance, and on their abdomens, each with a bottle in his hand and crawlin towards the barrel, wuz Deekin Pogram, Capt. McPelter, Issaker Gavitt, Elder Pennlbacker, and evry wun uv em wich wuz in Bascom's when the arrangement wuz made to move the barrels, and wich assisted in movin em.

The thot that hed okkured to me hed likewise okkured to all the rest. I wuz the only one who hed presence uv mind. I dropt my bottle afore I riz, and springin to my feet, I denounc em for the breach uv faith they wuz committin.

"Wat are yoo here for?" demanded Deekin Pogram. "Didn't yoo come here for jist wat we come for?"

"Did I come here with a bottle?" I replied. "Did I come here like a thief in the night, to pilfer our good friend's sustenance? Oh, yoo vipers! Can't yoo wait till the mornin, or ef yoo must hev yoor nip, can't yoo an like men to the bar, and hev em charged to yoo? I blush for the corners."

They all sunk out, leavin me and Bascom alone.

"It's all very well, Parson," sed he, his eye glittrin croelly. "You apt yoor bottle skillfully. Did yoo spose I wuz sich an ljeot ez to leeve
all this likker all alone doorin a nite? Not any. Go too, yoo hoary-headed deceever."

And he turned me out, and put a padlock on the barn, and I went sorrowfully to my home ez dry ez a lime-kill. Better for me wood it hev bin ef I hed never that uv it. Better never hev a hope than hev it fail. But there remains to us jest wat we hed before. This escape don't dry up any uv our sources uv supply, and we hev it so fixed that all the wimen in the Corners can't interfere with gotten our regler drinks. Thank Heaven for so much.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,  
(wich wuz Postmaster.)

THE QUESTION OF TAXES AT THE CORNERS.  
Confedrit X Roads,  
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),  
March 29, 1874.

The taxes at the Corners hev bin for some years terribly high, and this spring when the time came to pay em, the people murmured. We sed it is too bad to waste so much money on taxes, when there is so much likker in the land wich money wood buy; and the niggers and others at the Corners wich don't stimulate sed it wuz a pitty that so much uv their substance should be taken in taxes uv wich they got no good.

Bigler and Pollock, onto whose hed lite cusses, ez yoosual, took up the cry and ekkoed it. Ef we hed the sense uv a yearlin calf we'd hev dropt it the moment Joe Bigler pickt it up, for when did he ever jine us except to bring us to confooshin?

But we did ekko Joe's words—Bascom in pertikeler—and we determined to hev a meetin to consider the question uv taxes, and to ascertaine whether or not we coodn't redoose em in some way.

And George Washinton Bascom, the idiot, furnished the wood to heat the hall, and the taller candies to lite it; thus furnishin the whip with which to scourge hisself.

We met at early candle-litlin, and I wuz made chairman, uv course. I stated to the meetin that taxis hed risen to a pint that crushed us. I felt myself that ef they cood not be lessened I shoud be compelled to quit the Corners—

"Thank Hevin!" involuntarily ejackelated Deekin Pogram.

"Not that I pay taxis myself, but they so grind the citizens ez to make keepin me a serious matter."

And I continyoed by invitin any one to say wat they hed to say.

Bascom rose and remarkt that taxis hed got to a rooinous pint, and he pledged hisself to yOOSE all possible diligence in ascertainin the coz uv the high taxis, and unrelentin vigilance in rootin out the coz when he hed found it. He moved the adopshen uv the follerin resolooshen:

Resolved, That it is the sense uv this meetin that the increase, year by year, uv taxashen in the Corners, hez bin so great ez to eggsce the most serious alarm, and that we pledge ourselves to yoose all possible means to ascertane the coz, and remove it forthwith.

The resolooshen wuz woonaanimously carried.

Then Joe Bigler rose, with Pollock behind him, a eggla him on and supportin him.

Joe remarkt that he hed notid the regler increase uv taxes each year with alarm, and he hed made some notes, feelin that he cood show how it wuz.

And the cuss pulled out uv his breast pocklt a lot uv papers.
"Here," sed he, "I hev figgered up—me and Pollock—wat the county poor-house costs us, and I find it's terrible. Six thousand dollars is the sum toto. Doorin the yeer, old Spiggins hez bin taken there, and his wife and his ideot dawter, for Spiggins spent all his time and money at the bar uv our esteemed friend Bascom till he got to be so demoralized ez to be incapable uv pervidin for hiszelf. Then Thompson's wife and children are there, too. Thompson, yoo will remember got drunk one nite at Bascomb's and fell off the bridge on his way home and wuz drowned. Then there's the Huggins children and Sammy Smith's children, all uv em pervided for by taxation. Let's see," sed this disturber, "Bascom, yoo hev Smith's forty akers, hev'n't you?"

Then Pollock he riz.

"I don't agree with Mr. Bigler," sed this hory-headed deceever, "in ascribin the high taxis to our public charities. Uv course the poor-houses costs money, but that is only a small part uv it. Its the criminals that squeeze us. I hev made a few figgers wich will show how it is. Yoo all know the circumstances uv the Mackentosh matter. Sam Mackentosh got drunk at Bascom's, and went home, and Mrs. Mackentosh not hevin supper ready, Samyooel split her hed open with an axe. Sammy wuz in jail eighteen months, wich we hed to pay for—he wuz tried three times and finally hung. It cost us on a ruff calkelashun, about six thousand dollars to hang Mackentosh, countin from the time he got drunk at Bascom's, excloosiv uv the cost uv berrin his wife and takin keer uv his children since.

"Then yoo remember the Magrath trouble. Sim Magrath and Tim Edson got drunk at Bascom's."

"Why do yoo perpetuooally refer to our esteemed friend Bascom?" shrieked I, seenin that G. W. wuz turnin ez pale ez he cood turn.

"I reely don't mean to offend nobody, but I must be historikelly correct. Sim Magrath and Tim Edson got drunk at Bascom's, and from there they went to Allen's place, and quarreled with Allen, and got his hurn on fire. The judge woodn't take into account the fact that they wuz drunk, but sent em to the penitentiary, wich cost us five or six thousand more. They sed they woodent hev done it ef they hedn't bin drunk."

"Then Sandy Johnson who drawd a knife on Pete Larkin and carved him. They wuz both a drinkin at Bascom's when—"

"I pertest agin all this kind o' talk!" shrieked Bascom, who by this time seed wat they wuz drivin at. "I pertest."

"It won't go, G. W.,” retorted Bigler, "fax is fax, and we must hev em out. I insist that our charities do cost more than the criminals, Mr. Pollock to the contrary notwithstanding. Does Mr. Pollock remember the Paddlefords? Old Paddleford wuz alluz drinkin at Bascom's; then Seth, his oldest boy got into it, and then Andy, and finally the old woman herself, and the children are all at the poor-house. I say——"

"Will Mr. Bigler pretend to say that the Paddlefords cost the county ez much ez the single case uv Artemus Jenkins, who, after he got drunk at Bascom's, stabbed Abslum Parkins?"

"Wat did that amount to?" sneered Bigler, "compared to the cost the county wuz put to in carin for John Otis, who, at Bascom's bar, dropped down in a fit, and became——"

"O bosh," retorted Pollock, "I insist——"

"But," I sed hastily, "all our taxes ain't for criminals and paupers, is they? How about yer roads?"
"We aint spent a dollar on the roads for six years," retorted Pollock.
"And the skools?"
"All that the county has paid for skools from the time the first settler
struck here aint ez much ez we paid for the hangin uv Sam Mackentosh.
We hev bin very ekonomikle in the matter uv roads and skools. I insist—"
"And I insist," said I, "that this thing come to an end. This meetin is
adjourned!"

"All rite, Parson," said Bigler, and he and Pollock walked off, laffin hi-
lariously.
After them the last gon done we re-organized, and sot some time in silence.
"Parson," said Deekin Pogram, "wat shel we do?"
"I hev written a resolooshen or two wich covers the pint," said I, and
presentid them ez follows:

Resolved, That taxes aint ez high after all ez they might be, exceptin
uv course them ez is imposed by the tyrannule, consolidated government at
Washington.

Resolved, That sitch taxes ez may result from the abuse uv the ordinar-
ary comforts uv life by our fellow citizens we shel pay cheerfully, feelin it
to be our dooty to bear our shear uv the burdens laid onto us.

Resolved, That our confidence in our fellow-townsman, G. W. Bascoii,
is unabated.

These resolooshens wuz passed yoonanimusly, and Bascom invited the
entire meetin over to his place to take suthin. Thus wuz the dangers to
the Corners, devised by them two wretches, Pollock and Bigler, happily
arrested.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Wich wuz Postmaster.)

THE WOMEN MAKE A RAID ON BASCOM.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
April 6, 1874.

The cyclone, whose wrath we hoped hed bin spent in futile endeavor,
hez finnaly smote us, and we are sufferin under the blow. The wimmes
uv the Corners riz in their mite on Friday.

The sun rose brite and smilin from the eastern horizon—the frost wuz
all out uv the ground, and the day wuz warm and balmy. Deekin Pogra-
came down the road barefoot and hilarious. "It's warm enuff," said the
old innocent, "to go without shoes! Thank Heaven, I shel not hev that ex-
pense on me for seven long months."

The Corners alluz rejoices when its citizens kin leave off shoes in the
spring.

Bascom turned away and wept.
"Why do yoo weep?" said Pogram. "Ef I don't hev to buy shoes you
will hev jist that much more for likker for me."

"Alars!" shreekt Bascom, "can't yoo see that the warm weather wch
enables yoo to come without shoes, also enables the women to walk the
streets without shoes? And hezn't Pollock and Bigler and them cusses
bin incitin em to rage, and hevn't they bin a bilin in agony to get at me,
but wuz providenshly preventid by the weather? They'll be here to-day,
shoor, and then——"

And Bascom bowed his head and wept agin.

Wat Bascom prognosticated did reely occur. At 10 o'clock perclesly a
deleghashen of wimen, headed by Lucindy Gavitt, filed around the corner
and approached the grocery. We stood on the porch in an agony of fear. "They are comin," sed Deekin Pogram, tremblin ez tho he hed ager, "ez terible ez a army with banisters."

"Can't we fool em out uv this?" sed Bascom.

"Wood that we cood," sed Issaker, "but I doubt it. Lucindy is a runnin this thing and she's akoot. Yoo can't play any vermifuge on her."

"Subterfuge, yoo fool," sed I. "In sich a time ez this, be correct what-er yoo are."

Slowly they approached. Bascom turned pale, and leevin the porch took his posishen behind the bar.

"Here," sed he, "I will endoor the shock. Here where I hev lived and bed my bein will I die."

The enemy come on, until the head uv the persishen reeched the porch. Lucindy bore a banner on wich wuz written: "Liz Bascom hez stockins—we hev'n't. Death to Bascom!" and pokin it in my face ez she passed me, she marched with the tread uv a grenadeer into the room, and took up her posishen in front uv the bar, where she looked Bascom square in the face.

"The regler thing," sed Lucindy, "ez I hev heerd, is for the winin to pray. Kin yoo pray, Mrs. Pogram?"

"Nary," replied Mrs. P. "Sich a thing wuz never heerd in our house."

"Kin yoo pray, Mrs. McPelter?"

"Nary."

"And ther can't none uv us. The fact is that we wuzn't brot up to it. don't bleeve there's a woman within four miles uv Bascom's—onless its a newcomer—who kin. But it don't matter. I hev bin lookin at Bascom for five minits, and I don't bleeve prayer wood hev any effekt onto him. its works we want here—works with him—works!"

And the infortiated woman, pullin her sleeves back, displayin an arm wich a long course uv splittin wood, and hoelin taters, and whalin Issaker sed made ez muskaler ez a blacksmith's, uttered her war-whoop: Remember, gentle sisters, Liz Bascom hez stockins, and we hain't none—our husbands sell corn wich we grow, to pay Bascom for likker! More stockins and less likker!"

With this ejacklashen, she sprang over the low counter and throttled Bascom, bearin him to the floor.

"Now, sweet sisters," sed she, "while my frail and fadin strength lasts I will hold this man uv Bellal safely—ile still, yoo broo—be it yoor work to go for them bottles and barrels! Go for em—Bascom's wife hez stockins!"

A dozen uv em drawd axe selves from under their aperns and kep us off, while the rest went inside the bar, and rolled out the barrels and jugs and split em open. The precious flood ran out on the floor and disappeared betwixt the cracks thereof forever. We cood do nothin but look on and weep.

Finally when the last barrel wuz bustid and the last bottle broken, Lucindy let Bascom up and the persishen, wild with eggscitement, marched out uv the place and dispersed. It wuz a pitiful site! Them empty barrels wuz mute witnesses uv our wo—them broken bottles hed each a tale uv distress to tell. There wuz an aroma uv likker risin from the floor and that wuz all. But who cood live on an aroma?

"Thank Heaven!" sed I, "we hev that reserve in the stable left. We kin live on that till yoo git a new stock in."
"No, you can't," replied Bascom, his voice broken with emoshun. "No yoo can't. That barrel wuz in among the rest."

"Why, oh why, did yoo do that?" I askt.

"Kin yoo ask me after the nite yoo attempted to steal it?" sed he.

"T'd sooner trust it with the wimmin than with yoo. Doopility meets its own reward. Hed yoo played fair, yoo wood hev hed a barrel to go on. Ez it is, there ain't a drop in the Corners, and none kin be hed from Louisville for six days."

At this Deekin Pogram dropped a stave whic he hed bin lickin, and fell faintin to the floor. Issaker Gavitt, Elder Pennibacker and Capt. McPelter turned away sorrowfully.

"Ain't there suthin to revive the good old man?" I shriekt in agony, feelin that Bascom must hev a privit bottle somewhere.

"Yes," sed he, "I relent. I pervided for this catastrophe. I bored a hole in the floor here, where it is the lowest. Under that hole, in the cellar, I put a tub. Go down and bring up a wash-basin full and revive him."

Droppin the old man's head, I ran. There wuz three inches in the tub. Fillin two quart bottles whic I found there and puttin them in my pockets, I hastened up with the wash-basinful and held it to his nose. He drew a long breath and fastened his lips to the edge. He swallered! he wuz saved! We are yet without likker. The Corners is ez dry ez a lime-kill. I hid my two bottles where they can't find em, and four times a day I go and take a modrit nip. But they can't last long, even yoosed ez sparishly ez I do. Deekin Pogram is askin me evry day uv my opinyun uv the hereafter, and the rest uv em wood leeve the Corners ef they hed any earthly way uv gettin out. Bascom hez ordered a new invoice, but Hevin knows when it will come. Ez I hev but a pint left, may the day be not far distant. Curses on Pollock and Bigler who did this thing.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Wich wuz Postmaster.)

MR. NASBY AND HIS FRIENDS GUARD AGAINST THE CRUSADERS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
April 25, 1874.

When the wimmin destroyed wat whisky Bascom hed on hand, two weeks ago, a gloom settled onto the entire Corners. With the excepshun uv the little saved, wich dripped thro the floor, there wuz not a drop uv anything within reach. Parched, burnt up, I exclaimed one mornin in agony, with the anshent mariner:

"Water, water everywhere.
But not a drop to drink."

Three days passed, and Deekin Pogram staggered into Bascom's, faintin and well nigh exhausted.

"Hev the supplies come yet?" askt the good old man.

"Nary!" sed Bascom, a teer glitrin in his left eye, and rolled pensively down his face, washin out a furrow for itself ez it rolled.

In one corner, on a nail-keg sat Issaker Gavitt with his face berried in his hands, the pikter uv woe, while Kernel McPelter laid out on a bench breathin heavily.
Imagine men in the grate Sahayra Desert with ther water all gone.
Imagine men on a raft in mid-ocean with no water!
Then yoo will git a faint idee uv the condishen we wuz in.
At last one mornin Bascom's oldest son, Jehial, who hed kept at the stashen at Seccessionville all the time for two weeks, with a single wagon, wuz seen ridin down the hill urjin the mule to its utmost speed.

"Hooray!" sed Bascom, "it hez come at last!"

Immejitly there wuz a change. Deekin Pogram riz, and fallin on his knees sed devoutly, "Thank Hevins!" Issaker sprang to his feet, and El-der Pennibacker and McPelter shouted, "Ha! Ha!" with ez much power ez they hed left in 'em.

Thank the Lord the mule didn't baulk. Ez ef impressed with the importance uv its mishen, it come up gallantly to the door, and backed up squarely, that the precious load mite be easily and quickly taken out. It wuz unloaded safely; the spligut wuz driv in, a bottle wuz filled, we drank the revivin draft and wuz saved!

But how to perfect our treasure wuz the question. Lucindy Gavitt had swore that she wood bust every barrel v likker that wuz brot to the Corners, and we knowd she wood keep her oath ef it wuz possible.

Issaker sejested that she be pizened, but the idee wuz yoonanimously rejected.

"Hev I no friends?" askt Issaker. "Do yoo all hate me?"
A good many other plans wuz discusst to head off this terrible female, but none uv em seemed feasible.

At last I hit it. I sed that we must guard it with our strong rite arms. Let us arm ourselves with axe-helves, and go out on each uv the four roads and stop by force every woman who appears on the street, on-less it is certain she hez no hostile intenshuns. Let us go in twos—eight will suffice. Let us be stern and inflexible.

Bascom thought the sejestion wuz a good one.

"Uv course," sed I, "the pickits will be entitled to their sustenance, gratis, while in active service?"

"Certainly!" sed Bascom, "at regler intervals, when no enemy is in ste, they may come in and get a refresher and git back to their dooty."

Then came a trouble which I hed not anticipated. Every man in the Corners volunteered to go on guard dooty. That free drink wuz a bounty which fetched em.

It wuz finally announced that we shood take turns at it. Myself, Deekin Pogram, Issaker Gavitt, Capt. McPelter, Absulm Pettus, Zach Por-geous, Elder Pennibacker and Sim McGrath, I selected for the first day's dooty. I put myself in the first day, for I wanted the first pull at the arrange-ment, hevin an idea how it wod come out.

The Deekin and I volunteered to take the post uv danger, wich wuz the south road onto wich Lucindy Gavitt lived.

We went out and took our stashuns, and looked up the road and down the road.

"There is no wimmin in site, is there?" sed the Deekin.
"Nary!" sed I; "the coast is clear!"

"Parson, the coast bein clear, isn't it time that we go down to Bascom's for the refresher he spoke uv? This is fearfully tryin dooty."

I agreed with the Deekin, that, bein old men, we needed suthin bracin, and down we went. Ez we entered the door we wuz astonished to see the other six, at the bar, all s takin their drinks.
We got ours and went back, and again viewed the field. It wuz still quiet. Lucindy wuz, it wuz evident, not yet ready to move.

"Deekin," sed I, "doth the foe appear?"

"Nary foe," sed he. "The enemy is not in site."

"England expex every man to do his dooty, Deekin, but hein't we bet- ter amble gently to Bascom's, and git a sustainer? This is fearfully ex-
haustin."

Before the words wuz out uv my mouth the Deekin hed made a dozen rods. I wuz pleased to see the old man so active. We reached Bascom's in a very short time—very short, indeed, and there, somewhat to my sur-
prise stood the other six, all crookin the pregnant hinges uv the elbow. Bascom did not hev a pleased expression on his countenance.

Agin we departed for our posts, and we peered up and down the road.

We saw suthin movin out uv Issaker's house! It wuz a female. The sec-
ond look revealed the muskeler form uv Lucindy! She hed her sun-bun-
net on and an axe in her hand!

"Deekin," sed I, "stand firm. That enraged woman is a goin for Bas-
com. Let us acquit ourselves like men."

The Deekin's nose grew blooer, but his lips closed ominously. I felt a cood depend on him. But Lucindy didn't go out the front door-yard. She hed come out to split wood, and she split, and takin an armful went back into the house. He wuz nervous with excitement.

"Parson!" sed the Deekin, "I'm all unstrung. I thought the hour uv conflict hed come. This drain on my nervous system is too much. I must hev a sooother."

And we went. I wuz frozen with astonishment. The first site that met my eyes ez we entered Bascom's, wuz the other six a standin battle from the bar and listenin to Bascom, who wuz gesticulatin wildly.

"This little game is played out," sed Bascom. "You git no more likker uv me except in the regler way."

"But Bascom," sed I, "ef we guard yoor property, its ez little ez yoo-
klin do to keep us in refreshments. Consider our arduous servis."

"Bah!" wuz the reply. "Yoo've bin on dooty an hour, and yoo've drunk four times, wic is to say thirty-two drinks in an hour. I've been exercisin a little arithmetic while yoo wuz out, tho yoo didn't stay awa long enuff to give me time to do a sum in simple multiplicashen decently. But in a barrel there is about twelve hundred drinks—at this rate yoo'd drink a barrel in two days. This looks to me as thoo wuz pertektin yoor property insted uv mine. I don't want my property pertekted on these terms. Such pertekshen may be sufficient, but it's rather expen-
sive. I——"

"But, G. W.," I replied, "do yoo want these wimmin a raldin on yoor premises? Do yoo want this precious flood a rannin all over this floor agin?"

"I wood ez soon see it a rannin all over this floor ez to see it a rannin
down yoor throats, gratis. I don't see that it makes any difference to me where it runs, ef I don't git nothin for it. Gentlemen, it's money or no likker."

And here it ended. Bascom wuz inflexible. The grocery hez no or-
ganized pertekshun. Ef we hev no money, we kin git no likker, and with-
out likker we shel git too weak to hev the power to resist. Whenever Lu-
cindy and her petticoated hosts appear, they will hev an easy victry. I am without hope. PETROLEUM V. NASBY.

(Wich wuz Postmaster.)
TROUBLE WITH THE NEGROES AT THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Sept. 1, 1874.

The nigger insurreckshun whch shook the Corners from center to circumfererence, attracted the attenshun uv the governor uv this noble state, and he come down to see ef suthin coocdent be done to arrange the matter with a view uv hevin peece spread her white wings over this distracted seckshun. He didn't order any uv us arrested, for, ez a rool, nobody is ever arrested for murder in Kentucky but niggers and paupers, and he didn't deem it advisable to arrest any niggers, unless we insisted onto it, wich we didn't, for we claim to be able to fire our own battles with our oppressors, without the aid uv the State.

But the governor did advise conciliashen and harmony. Said he:

"Why can't yoo comperrmise with these people? Why don't yoo con-cede suthin to them, and they concede suthin to yoo, and work and live together in peace? It woud be better."

Bascom swore he'd be blest first, afore he'd affiliate with any nigger.

"Ain't yoo standin in yoor own lite?" replied the governor. "Think uv it. Ef yoo wuz on good terms with them niggers, coodn't yoo hev em for customers at yoor bar?"

"I see," sed Bascom, "and hale the sejestion. They pay cash."

"And I see a politikle pint in it," I exclaimed joyfully. "Let em git to be regler customers uv Bascom's, and they'll all be Dimocrats in six months. No Republikan kin drink this likker and endoor."

And it wuz agreed that we shood ishoo a request to the niggers uv the Corners that, throwin aside all prejoodisses and all feelin that hed grown out uv the late onpleasantsnls, ez well ez the recent small ones, they shood meet the white Democrates in a People's convenshun, and yoonite in politikle ackshen, with a view to hevin hereafter that peece and good feelin without wich no community cood be reely prosperous.

I wrote the call and it wuz sent out.

The niggers consulted over it, and decided that it wuz wat they wantid, percsely. They expressed theirselves willin to forget all that hed happened, and to co-operate with us in bringin about the era uv good feelin.

Accordingly a convenshun wuz called to nominate corporashen officens, to be composed uv citizens, irrespective uv color, assurin our colored fel-low-citizens that they shood come in with us on a fair and ekitable footin, and that they shood hev an even show with us in everythin. The day uv the convenshun the niggers wuz present in full force, and for prudenshal reasons it wuz deemed advisable that the whites shood also put in an appearance to an extent to over-balance em, wich we did.

For the sake uv effec, I called a nigger preacher (who is a sort uv a leeder among em) to a seat on the platform and shook hands with him.

"I trust yoo are well," I sed corjilly.

"Tellable," sed he. "I hain't got all the buckshot out uv my shoulder yet, but de ole woman sez de balance will come out uv itself."

Issaker Gavitt hed drawd a beed on him the week afore.

After several speeches, in wich the Corners wuz congratualted on the prospec uv peece, good will and harmony, nominashens wuz in order.

Issaker Gavitt promptly nominated G. W. Bascom for mayor, wich wuz carried afore the niggers hed a chance to say anything.
Then Deekln Pogram moved that Capt. McPelter be yoonanimously nominated for marshal, wich wuz put and carried—before any discussion cood be hed.

At this pint, the nigger element in this Citizens' convenshun commenced fermentin. The preecher rose and wantid to know, afore any other nominashens wuz made, just eggsactly wat a citizens' convenshun wuz. When the colored citizens wuz invited to partissipate, it wuz presoomed that there wood be some deference paid to em, and that—

He didn't get any furder, for I called him to order, and reprimanded him mildly for interdoosin topics calculated to disturb the operashuns uv a convenshun called in the interest uv peece and harmony. Immejitly Cy¬mon McGrath nominated for constable Issaker Gavitt, wich wuz carried to wunst.

The nigger preecher rose wunst more and insistid on bein heerd. He remarkt that the colored citizens hed bin invited to jine in a convenshun that wuz for peece, and supposed that the offishels to be nominated wood be sich ez wood enshoor peece. But the perceedins didn't soot him much. Bascom hed bin nominated for mayor. It wuz at Bascom's house that the raid on the colored people hed bin decided on, and Bascom participated in it. Capt. McPelter hed bin nominated for marshell. Capt. McPelter last Toosday killed a brother-in-law uv the speeker. Issaker Gavitt hed bin nominated for constable. The speeker hed in his body that minit slugs from Issaker's shot gun. Ef the nominashens wuz to be all on one side—ef they wuz to be all Dimokrats, and all men wich hed bin perso¬kooters of the colored people, why then—

Uv course I coodent stand that kind uv incendiary talk; I stoop him with the simple statement that while we wantid peece, and quiet, and sich, and desired to do ekal and eggsact justice, we wuznt again to allow no niggers to interfere in any way that wuz unpleasant. And moreover—

I didn't git any further with my speech, for by the time I hed uttered the word "moreover," Issaker Gavitt and Capt. McPelter hed become enraged to a degree that admitted uv no reason. They went for them nig¬gers fearful. Issaker happened to be near the preecher, and he gave him one under the left ear that wuz terrible, and that ended the harmony. The rest uv the white residents uv the Corners went for them niggers, and in less than ten minits all uv em wuz out uv that room, ceptin a dozen or more, who coodent get out owin to their injoories.

Uv course the effort to bring about peece and harmony with the niggers is a faillyoor. They are unreasonoble. When they object to wat we want it riles the Corners, and when the Corners is riled there is no yoose uv at¬temptin anything. The idea! To think that these people wood object to sich men ez Bascom, Issaker Gavitt and Capt. McPelter holdin offis! Wat kin be done with sich people? Wat sense is there in tryin to co¬operate with em? Uv course we wanted peece and harmony and co-opera¬shen, but uv course we never coud consent that a nigger cood be nominated for offis, or that a white man identified with em, coud be. I hev bin informed sence, that these wretches intended to nominate Joe Bigler for marshall, and that they expected that half the ticket wuz to be made up uv their friends!

I shel never attempt to co-operate with them unreasonoble beins agin. It is impossible for em to understand the sitooashen, or to comprehend their posishen. I am disgusted with em.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Wich wuz Postmaster.)
MR. NASBY TRIES TO GET HIS PEOPLE IN AN ADVANCED POSITION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Oct. 3, 1874.

I hev bin for a long time convinst that the prinsiple trubble with the Democripsy wuz a sort uv lack uv progressivenis, of adaptability, ef I may so speak, to changes in the requirements uv the times. Dimocripsy has alluz bin in a rut, and it never kin git on to glory, in my opinyun, til it gits histed out uv it.

I determined that the Cross-Roads, at least, shood be progressive, and shood take the lead in makin Dimocripsy all that it ought to be. In short, I perposed to inoggerate a noo deparcher, and bring the old party up abreast with the live ishoos uv the day.

To this end I consulted with Deekin Pogram, Issaker Gavitt and Capt. McPelter, and they agreed with me that that wuz wat ought to be done, and that no time shood be lost a doin uv it. Ever prompt, I segestid that we git together that very night, in the back-room at Bascom's, and draw up a progressive platform, wich shood go forth to the world ez the prinsipples uv the progressive Dimocripsy uv the Cross-Roads, wich we shood live by.

But the ill-luck wich hez followed me all my life, and hez well nigh brot my gray hairs in sorrow to the grave, wuz close behind me on this occassun. At five that afternoon, I wuz sent for to go to Secessionville to serve on a joory to try a nigger for hog steelin, wich uv course cood not be put off. I told Issaker, the Deekin and McPelter to git together, and draw up the resolooshens and send em to the county paper to insert.

"Make em strong and peppery," I sed. "Avoid the musty noshens uv the dead past, and strike out suthin new and startlin. Make em progressive, and put yourselves in accord with to-day. Remember that all old things must be done away with and all things must become new. Head off the Ablishnists and Grangers and sich by goin back onto the old, and being more progressive than even they are."

With this advice I left and went to Secessionville and tried the nigger. We didn't waste any time on evidence or anything uv that sort. Nor did we leave the box. We brought him in guilty, and to save the county costs hung him at once.

I got home the next mornin, and went to Issaker's, Immejit, to see wat they hed done.

"Did yoo draw up them resolooshens?" I askt.
"We did," sed he, "and sent em off, and they are in print afore this time."

"Are they progressive?" askt I.
"Yoo bet!" sed he.
"Did yoo ignore old ishoos? did yoo draw a sponge over the past, and are they full of live, new ideas?"
"They are," sed he; "here is a copy uv em."

I took the paper and red:

"Whereas, It seems ez tho the Corners hed a call to step in the front rank uv the progressive men uv to-day, and
"Whereas, The Corners believin in progress, turns its back onto the dead past, and ignores the dead ishoos wich hez heretofore okkipped the public mind; therefore be it
"Resolved, That the Dimocrisy uv the Corners believe the war of 1812 wuz justifiable, and hereby return their thanks to the heroic soljers and sailors who so nobly sustained the honor uv the country's flag in that des- pirit struggle.

"Resolved that the resolooshens uv '98 meet our harty approval, tho we aint jest certin wat they wuz.

"Resolved that the late war agin the South wuz conseved in sin, and wuz a blow aimed at the only chivalry this country ever hed, and that the results therof wuz all brot forth in inikity.

"Resolved, That Afrikin slavery is not only justified by the Holy Skrip- ters, but is the normal thing for this or any other country.

"Resolved, That we brand the emansipashen proclamashen ez emanatin from a gorilla, and the constitushen amendment abolishen slavery ez a fraud wich we are not called upon to recognize.

"Resolved, That a nigger is a inferior bein, and that whoever asserts his rite to any ekality with the proud, sooperior Caucasian race is a fan- natic and agitator, and ought not to be allowed to live in a free country.

"Resolved. That we hold ste fastly to the doctrine uv States rites, the rite uv secession, and the rite uv each state to govern itself ez it dam please.

"Resolved, That the laws agin marrying niggers should, for the per- teckshun uv our young men be more rigidly enforced than ever.

"Resolved, That all legislashen agin the likker interest is uv——.

I coid read no longer. I dropped the paper and gnashed my teeth.

"Is this yoor idee uv suthin progressive?" I asked. "Is this yoor no- when uv buryin dead ishoos? Is this yoor idee of gettin into the van uv public opinyun and hevin some advanced noshens?"

"It's all the Democracy we knew anything about," sed Issaker, and Deekin Pogram comin up remarkt that he hed stood onto sich a platform ez that ever since he hed voted, and it wuz good enuff for him.

It wuz no use to argue with them, for they are iron-clads. I merely remarkt to em that while they wuz about it they ought to hev resolved suuthen about the stamp act, Hampden's opposishen to ship-money, the Punio wars, Alexander's invashen uv Asia, and above all things they swood hev protestid agin the Imposishen uv the Egypshens in requirl the Israelite to make brix without straw.

"The trouble with them resolooshens is," sed I, with a witherin look at wm, "the subjec is too recent."

And I strode hastily away. The resolooshens wuz in print, and will go North. Yoo cant git them old noshens out uv the head uv an old line Democrat any more than yoo kin keep em from drinkin corn whiskey. It hez alluz been my misforchoon to hev asses to deal with. Heaven help me, how much I hev to endoor at their hands.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Wich wuz Postmaster.)

MR. NASBY GOES TO OHIO ON A POLITICAL ERRAND.

(The state campaign in Ohio in 1875 involved the absurdity so graphically showed up in the following letter—of the nomination by the Demo- money man for governor on a green-back platform, and of a man who was noted as a temperance orator for lieutenant governor when the platform contained a free liquor plank.)

Pettuses Corners,
(Wich Is in Southern Ohio),
August 2, 1875.

Ther hez bin a heep uv trouble crowdidd into the seventy yeers that I hev lived onto this earth—probably more than hez fallen to the lot uv any one man now livin. Them ez hez seen ez much trouble ez I hev all died
under it. I live because a mind that laments at misfortunes, and defies fate. And besides I hev suthin to live for. So lo! ez ther's a barrel uv whisky attainable and a Dimokrat party, I purpose to exist. When they go out I shal probably succum.

I am hevin my regler amount uv trouble now. Jest ez soon ez the day come for the Dimokratic state convenshun at Columbus, I went over to Pettuses Corners, in Ohio, to assist in organize that county for the ensoon eleckshun, for I realized the fact that ez Ohio goes this fall so the next Presidenshal eleckshun goes, and that the party calls upon every Democrat to do his whole dooty. For me success next yer is...cessity. That post offis at the Corners must be mine if ever. Failyoor would break my heart.

Pettuses Corners is the most Dimokratic uv all the villages in Suthern Ohio. It hez a populashen uv say 500, wich supports six prosperous groseries, two good bars at taverns, and a small skool-house, wich hez never bin finished, and in wich the Methodists hold their meetins. It is a very small skool house, but it is large enuff for the meetins on Sunday. The inhabitants mostly devote theirselves to politics and the groseries. The county offshes pay for the likker uv the rest uv the citizens, wich makes it a soft thing all around.

Uv course every Dimokrat In the county is born with the expectashen uv, some day, holdin a county offis. To be infirmary director is glory—to be county treasurer is the summit uv earthly grandyer. Them ez is successful start in ez infirmary director, then they git to be county commishner, then the legislacher, then sheriff. At this pint most uv em goes hence with delirium tremens. Occasionally one whose stumick is glassed and backed up with fire-brick, goes on to be auditor and treasurer, but them is excepshuns. To go the whole string, a tremendous constitushen is necessary.

There ain't no money in holdin ofis there, for it costs the entire salary the first year to sekoo the eleckshun, and the entire salary and a mortage on your farm every yer thereafter to keep it; but then an offishel ain't treat a voter without drinkin likewise, so he hez a good time ef he goes rooin hisself.

Naturally, however, some of them make theirselves good by an occasional defalcashen, and by spekelatin in county improvements; but opporunities is limited in the county, and it won't do ez a reliance.

I arrived at Pettuses the nite uv the day uv the convenshun, and wuz welcomed with open arms. I got the Dimocrisy together to ratify the ominashens, that we mite go into the campane with that enthoosiasm rich is necessary to success. We waited for the nominashens impatiently, and finally they came:

For Governor—Willyum Allen.
For Lieut. Governor—Samyoool E. Cary.

"Three cheers," I sung out, "for Allen and Cary!"

The cheers wuz given with a will. The Dimokrasy uv Pettus' Corners re excellent at cheerin.

The platform adopted by the convenshen hadn't come to hand, but I didn't care. I perceeded to draft a resolooshen or two, for I knowd the candidates so well—I wuz so well posted ez to their antecedents and utterances—that I felt perfectly certin wat the platform wuz on wich they wuz placed, and I wrote the resolooshens accordin. The folleisin wuz the
text:
Resolved, That it is the yoonanimous expreshun uv the Dimokriss y Pettuses Corners, that in nominatin for governor Willyum Allen, the elc-
kent champion of hard money, the Democratic state convenshun merits th-
gratitood not only uv the Dimokriss uv the Yoonited States, but u
every honest man. That his ringin denunciashen uv dirty rag-money
and his upholdin uv the old Democratic idee uv hard money, will, in th
fucher, ez in the past, be potent for the perteckshun uv a long-sufferin an
oppressst people.

"My friends," sed I, drawin myself up so ez to resemble Dan'l Wet-
ster ez much ez possible, "before yoo take a vote on this resolooshen, I he
a word to say. Willyum Allen, Ole Bill Allen, honest Ole Bill Allen
is emfatikally the people's friend. He is the natural enemy uv monopolist
uv banks, and bankers, and the most inveterate, vindica-
tive, deadly enemy uv this flood uv rotten paper mone-
wich hez so long afflicted the kentry and blited its prosperity. Hone
Ole Bill Allen hez from hiz infancy denounst paper money ez the insidio-
foe uv the workin man, the destroyer uv the farmer, and the oppressiv
weapon uv the bloated aristocrat. In the Senlt and on the stump, b
voice and pen, Honest True Ole Bill Allen hez demandid that gold, hard
honest gold, only shodd be considered money, and that the dirty, filthy ra-
money ishoed by a black Republican Congris be stamp out. That de-
mand he renoos to-day—that demand a Dimokratic state convenshun he
made by nominatin him, and let us, the Dimokrisy of Pettuses Corner
nailin our kolors, 'Hard Money Forever!' to the mast, pass this res-
looshen."

The speech fecht em, and the resolooshen wuz passed with sich en-
phasis ez I never seed. Then three rosin cheers wuz given for Hon.
Ole Bill Allen, the friend uv the people and the hope uv the country—th
undaunted, unpurchisable friend uv hard money, and the denouncer uv ra-
money in whatever shape it come.

So far so good. They passed this resolooshen easily, for ez none u-
em ever had any money they never wuz pertikeler ez to wat pertikel-
kind they endorsed, but the next step wuz reely a deliket one. I ha
knowd Sam Cary for years, and knowd him ez the very hed and front u
the temperance party uv the state. I knowd he wuz a Son uv Temperan
and the most intolerable probabilist this state hed ever bin cust wit
I hed myself heerd him denounce the likker seller ez only fit to be hun
and it hed bin my pleaslin dooty to help rotten-egg him on several oce
shens when he wuz makin rabid temperance speeches. Hence I coode
quite understand why he wuz put upon the tickit. But I persoomed th
our leaders hed determined on a bold stroke to ketch the tem run
vote, relyin on the known characteristics uv the party to hold the whisl
vote. So to give Samyool a send-off I interdoost this resolooshen:

Resolved, That the Dimokrisy uv Pettuses Corners endorse the no-
inashen uv Samyooel Cary heartily, and likewise the principles he h
so long and ably advocated. That the likker traffic is a evil wich sho
be mitigated and finelly eradicated

There wuz some nurmurin at this, but I tld em it wuz no yoose
murmur; that we hed to carry the state, and that the end justified t
means. And the passed it with three cheers for Cary and prohibishen.

Then we adjourned to the various groseries, and the candidat
workd up a great deal uv Dimekratic enthooiaism.

The next mornin we assembled at Splidden's groseriy to get the Cinsi
papers with the full persedins uv the convenshun, wich wen they ar-

Why this palenis of face and this ghastly bloonis uv nose?" demand-
ed the sheriff.

"Run!" I exclaimed, "run for your lives. Stop the Battle-Axe uv Free-
dom (wich wuz the Dimekratic paper uv Pettus' Corners) from gittin out
the percedins uv last nite's ratification meetin."

It wuz too late; the editor hed showd enterprise for just wunst in his
life, and hed the paper out with the percedins in full, and a stunnin' editorial endosrin
the resolooshens.

"Wat is the matter?" exclaimed the entire crowd, seein that suthin un-
common moved me.

"Gentlemen, we hev made a mistake," I remarkd, with ez much cam-

The Dimekratic mind is flexible and versateel. We merely met agin that nite and passed the rite
resolooshens endosrin Allen and Cary, and the platform on
wich the convenshun put em; and we passed em with just ez
much enthusiasm ez we did em uv the percedin evenin, and everything is
serene and harmonious agin.

I shol stay in this county and organize the party thoroughly before
goin to my old Kentuckey home.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Wunst Postmaster, and now Paper-money Missionary

MR. NASBY OPENS THE 1876 CAMPAIGN WITH ADVICE TO
HIS FRIENDS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
May 17th, 1876.

Another campane is well-nigh onto and I feel the blood a bilin in my
vanes. Like the war hoss turned out to grass—wich literally I hev bin
ever sence the bustin uv the unlimited Trust and Confidence Company—
I hear the blare uv the trumpet, and I prick up my ears and tale, and cry
ah! ha! to the carnage. I smell the smoke uv the conflict, and I smell,
likewise, the plunder underneath that smoke. I see in the distance, suc-
cess, and behind that success, post-offs. Postoffs! Postoffs! Deliteful
words! Wat Democrat is ther that woodent git enthousiastic over that
prospeck! I shel go into this campane with my sleeves rolled up.

This is our last chance for a complete success. Success is wat we
must hev, and that we may attain that success, I shel throw out a few
words uv admonishen, wich will be apples uv gold set in
pictures uv silver. We hev bin pasturin on barren feelds
lo long, and the fat bottoms of offshl patronage kin only come into our
hands by acoot and skillful management.

But ther is difficulties in the way, no matter where we turn. Dim-
ersly is a curious combination—a curios and singler mixter. In the East
to be a Democrat is to be a hard money man, uv the hardest possible
stripe—in the West to be a Democrat is to be a soft money man, uv the
softest possible stripe. Tilden, uv Noo York, who wood like to carry the
democratic banner to victory, proposes to put onto its folds "Hard-
money!” Allen, uv Ohio, who wuz resurrected from his twenty years' sleep, on purpus to embarrass the party, proposes to put on the banner, ef it is given to him, “Soft-money and no end on’t.” Ef we put up Tilden and hard money, Allen and soft money kills him—ef we put up Allen and soft money, Tilden and his friends hev the sweetest kind uv a knife for his innocent throte, and when we come to tariff and banks, there is an ekally onreconcilable differens uv opinyun.

To reconcile these differences is impossible. There ain’t no yoose it tryin it, and I ain’t a goin to. Dodgin is now, ez ever, the Democratic best holt. The man wiz kin lift jist two hundred pounds shows mighty little discreshn wen he strains himself at 250, and I am a man uv discreshn. We must hev nuthin to do with the questions on wich anybody differs. Ig norin is wisdom.

Ther ain’t only on ishoo on wich the Dimocrisy kin plant itself, with any hope uv success—only one question on wich ther kin be perfect yoo nanimity—and that ishow is Reform! On that we are a yoonit—on tha we kin agree ez sweetly ez a spring mornin.

It is not my judgment alone that I depend onto in this matter. I he consultid all the leaders uv the party onto it—that is all the actooal leaders, them ez actooally control things. I writ to that gileless patriot Willyum Tweed, Esq., who is now a pining on a furrin shoar in consequence uv a corrupt joory, wich enquired ez to wat he hed done with ten millions uv the public munney, and wuz not content to take his word for that he hed spent it legally. His anser wuz so strikinly in accordance wit my noshens uv things that I give the heart ev it:

"Let our watchword be ‘Reform and Purity in Official Posishen.’ My lawyers kin git them indictments squashed in time, I will come home and help in the campane. I kin yit controle over two hundred s'loons of the lower wards uv the city, and ef I kin git back back I kin organize my old forse, and restore Tammany to its old posishen, ez the controller u the Dimocrisy. The trick uv repetin hez not bin forgotten, and I kin handle them fellers ez well ez ever I cood. ‘Reform and Purity’ is my watchword."

Peter B. Sweeney, who is yit in Paris, a livin ruther quiet than other wise, wuz still more emphatic. He sez—but I will give his own words:

"Reform is wat we want. I am tired uv livin abroad, and I want I git back to Noo York. I want a hand in the comin campane, for I hev jis ez much power ez ever, ef I kin only git the cussid Republikins out uv their way. The repeeters ain't ded yit; and ez ship-loads uv patriotic Irishmen who are willin to take offis ez soon ez they land, are a comin every day, kin help to govern Noo York ez well ez ever I did. But wat you want I do is to make this fite on reform and purity. Do this an git me and Tweed back, and we will make things hur. There is Noo York and its tax levies for the victors, and ef til currency, tariff, and all them minor questions are squelched, and the battle is fought on the simple question uv reform and personal purity is offishl posishen we kin win it. Reform is our watchword, and that is wh I insist upon. I am absent but not forgotten."

Connolly, who is residin in Belgium, where there is no extradisse treaty, and consekenly where the laws uv the United States forchnit can't reach him, wich makes him entirely independent uv the country wiz he hez adoptid, writ me a letter in wich he give me his views ez to til situashen, wich is ez fowlers:

"I heav only wun interest in the ensoon eleckshun—only wun, lonely eggsise on a furrin shoar, I cast my eyes longinly to my native lan
and yearn fur it. Sence me and the rest uv old Tammany hev left Amer- 
ky I hev observed with more disgust than I kin put language into, the 
corrupshens that hev eaten out the hart uv the country uv my adopshen. I 
earnestly hope that the Dimocrisy will take hold uv this thing in earnest 
and reform it. Wat we want is purity. Owin to circumstances—wich the 
same is indictments—I can't come back persnally to assist in the shindy, 
but I pledge to yoo the yoose of my old and stanch repeaters in the lower 
wards of Noo York, wich, ef they kin depend onto havin their expensis 
paid and their whack in the offises, and in contracks after the eleckshuns, 
kin be depended on to do the work jist ez good ez ever they did. Let the 
platform be heavy and solid for purity and reform."

Oakey Hall wants reform and purity, and in sich a coz he is willin 
to give a fourth uv the forchin he made when he was the astoot rite bower 
of Tweed.

I hev heerd from em all. The Dimocrisy uv the Sixth ward uv Noo 
York, wher I wunst run a small grosercy, are to a man for reform. Pen-
dleton wants reform, and every man wich wuz turned out of offis when 
Johnson went out is a clamorin for it.

The Southern Dimocrisy wants reform. They say in their letters to 
me, "Give us a Reform platform, and we'll put away our shotguns, and 
keep our hands off the niggers till after the eleckshuns, shoor. We 
won't insist on our rites to kill niggers, and keep em from havin anything 
to do with matters, till the eleckshun 
_uv a Demercratic President gives us the rite to do ez we please." Their 
constant remark is, "Go in heavy for Reform, and make that the one 
isnoo."

The dooty uv the party is clear. Give us a platform based entirely 
onuto reform. We kin carry it. It is a great many yeers sence we wuz 
in power, and by this time the people hev forgotten us and they will take 
us eezy. If we do this we kin succeed beyond question. The Millenium 
ain't come yit, nor hez there bin any especial change in things. We hev 
the doggeries, the Catholic church and all the lower elements. They are al-
ruz ours, and they are ez strong ez ever. Until sin' goes out uv the world 
there will be a Demercratic party. Humanity in the United States is divided 
into two classes—them ez wear clean shirts and sox, and—Demorcrats. 
And so long ez this division is observed we are sound.

It is a good time for us. Everything is in our favor. It hez bin a cold 
spring—the farmers are all behind with their work. Ther hez bin frost in 
places, wich hez destroyed the froot, and ther is a joyful prospeck uv a 
short crop uv everything. The people is dissatisfied about it, and uv course 
they will charge everything to the administrashen. A faillyoor uv the po-
tato crop is worth thousands uv votes to theDimocrisy, any time. It is 
only when things is jist ez bad ez they can that anybody ever thinks uv 
goin to the Dimocrisy for a change.

Wat we want is a good mouth-fillin platform—a platform wich looks 
well, and wich the pople will be satisfied with. Troo, wat is promised afore 
eleckshun and wat happens afterward is two things, but let to-morrow take 
care uv itself. Wat we want now is success.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Wich hopes to be Postmaster.)
MR. NASBY'S EXPERIENCE AT THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Confedrit X Roads,  
(Wich Is in the State uv Kentucky),  
Joon 9th, 1876.

I determined to hev a hand in the nominashen to be made at St. Louis, for in case we elect our candidate I hev a rather pressin desire to hev suthin to say in the distribooshen uv patronage—that division uv spoils witch is alluz so pleasin to the weary soljer who hez won his fite.

I wuzn't eggsackly pertickeler ez to wich candidate I supported, for, jest at this time I am ez flexible in my preferences ez a kid glove. I simply determined to throw my influence to the man who cood the best enable me to git square with the people uv the Corners, who hev so long and pa-shently give me credit for the food I hev et, and the likker I hev conseomed. Cloze I don't keer much for; for the summer is onto us, and people will hang linen cloze out on the lines to dry em, and ef an enterurisig man can't keep hisself comfortable at this season, it is becoz hez averse to midnite rambles.

I shan't say who it wuz or wher it wuz done, but a prominent Dem-ocrat who is anxious to be persuaded to serve one term, at least, ez Presi-dent, did furnishe me with money to go to Washington to Infloueoence sich delegates ez mite be there, in his interest.

When I got to Washington I wuz trooly sorry that I hed undertaken the work. I feared I shoud fail, and twict I seriously thought ef it woodent be best, to save my reputashen, to quietly go to Canada, and remain there permanently. But I felt that wood be a breach uv confidence and beside ther wuzn't money enuff to keep me till the affair should be for-gotten, and I cood come back honorably. So I determined that I wood be honest, and carry out my contrack faithfully.

The question with me wuz, how to do it? Wood Dimekratic delegates take money for their votes in a convenshun that wuz to decide the fate uv the kentry? Never! I felt it wood be an insult to offer it to em, and I really didn't care to. And my fer increased when I heerd a dozen on em denouncin the usin uv money to Infloueoence delegates, I felt I shoud hev to go back and refund the cash, wich nearly broke my hart. I wuz sad in hevin money to yoose among men uv sich Spartan virchoo that not wun uv em wood tech a cent uv it for their votes.

But it happened on nite I wuz standin in the bar room at Willard's, a quietly takin another wun with a passel uv Democratic friends, when under the infloueoence uv the last wun, I happened injudishusly to drop the remark that I hed money to yoose for a favorit son. I hev been leeky for some time past when I hev taken eight or ten drinks too much, and this wuz leekiness that wuz inexcusible. But I sed it, and had to abide the consecences. There wuz sich a change come over that crowd ez I never saw afore come over mortle men.

"Wat is the number uv yoor room?" askt a dozen uv em glowrin at the rest, with looks uv wrath.

"Wat hour kin I see yoo to-night?" eagerly demanded a dozen more.

"I controle the delegashen uv my state!" whispered in my ear a dozen more.

And immediate twenty delegates undertook to put their arms thro mine,
and haul me off in different direcshuns, and they pulled so vischusly that my coat, wich I borrowed uv Deekin Pogram to come in, wuz well-nigh roolned.

I got away from em, finelly, and got into my room. Then cards com- menst comin up from delegates from every state in the Yoonyun, to wich I paid no attention, for I saw the box I hed got into. In about five minits then ez sent the cards commenced comin theirselves, and I locked the door. But this did not avale. Four uv em got into a row at the door ez to wich uv em shood hev the first lick at me, and in the skrimmage they fell aginst the door and bustld it open. There wuz then no escape. The crowd poured in and I wuz pulled and hauled wuss than a stranger is by Noo York hackmen.

"I kin controle the delegashen uv my state," shouted one, "and wat yoo hev to yoose on that state yoo want to give to me."

"It's a lie!" shouted another patriot, "I hev that state in the holler uv my hand, and wat yoo hev devoted to that state will be wasted of I don't git it."

"I don't keer a cuss wat candidate yoo are figgerin for," shouted another, "yoo can't nominate him until yoo hev seen me."

"Gentlemen!" shouted I.

"Heer!" yelled they all.

And one enterprisin man pulled me to one side, and remarked that he hed the power to nominate any man he choosed, ef a trifle over four thousand dollars could be hed to fix up a few refractory delegates who wuz then in Washington.

They worried me so that I wuz well-nigh dead—at least I almost wished I were, and in despair I rushed to my burrow-drawer, determined to take wat had bin entrusted to me and throw it among em, hopin in the scramble that would ensoo to get out safe. So a Rooshn mother throws her children to the wolves to save her own life.

Frantically I rushed to that drawer, but, grashus hevins! it wuz open and the pockit book wuz gone! An akoot delegate hed stolen it, while the rest uv em wuz fitin over me. And wat wuz more aggravatin he hed taken my other shirt and a box uv paper collars that hed bin bot for me, that I mite make a decent appearance among the Washinton Dimocrisy.

The moment this wuz announced they all left me and went fn pursoot uv the delegate wat hed the spoils. But, thank heaven, they didn't catch him.

It's ruther discouraging when men who are in pursoot uv reform hev to encounter sich venality. Wat kin be expected uv a government when a party devoted to reform treats its mishunaries in this way? How I am ever agoin to meet my candidate is more than I know. I am weary and sad, and besides I hev'n't got enough money to take me home.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Wich hopes to be Postmaster.

THE DISPUTED PRESIDENCY OF 1876.

The following six letters cover the exciting period of the disputed Presidential election of 1876, the Electoral Commission, and the inauguration of Hayes:

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
January 1, 1877.

The probabilities are that we are beaten for this time, and that for four long, dreery years the Dimocrisy will hev to feed upon dry husks,
while our natural enemies, the Radikels, are enjoyin the joyce steaks uv offishl patronage. The Radikels hev bulldozed us, or ruther, our bulldozin wuzn't uv any account. Our efforts wuz useless, and our powder and buckshot wuz wasted.

My first impulses wuz to give up the weary struggle, and go out uv politix, but I can't. I hev held offis, and I can't relinquish the hope that I shel once more fill an offishl posishen, and live upon the people.

But to do this ther hez got to be a change in the polisy uv the Democratic party. It won't do any longer to depend on printid matter and speech-makin. Wat it called "appeals to reason" must be abandoned, becoz the more reason is appealed to, the less strength we hev. Reeson ain't in our line.

Neether will it do to talk uv reform. It don't anser to put up a man like Tilden, and stand him up between John Morrissey and Fernandy Wood, and try to make anybody bleeve in a pure government from them. It won't work. It didn't work and it never will. We hev tried the respectability dodge till I am tired uv it. To do that reekres clean shirts, and no genuine Democrat feels comfortable or easy in em. And besides when you git one of our fellows to go into clean linen, and get him everythin else conformin, the chances are that he goes over to the Radikels to wunst. I've knowd several such cases.

We struck for freedom, but we didn't strike rite. To wrest the government from the hands uv the oppressor, and hev a troyly republikin government—one based upon the free suffrages uv a free people—we must change our methods, and sale on a new tack.

Our natural holt is the lower classes, and if Tilden is wise he will stick where his surest dependence is, and throwin himself boldly on em, devote all his energies to strengthenin that class.

He spent this yeer three millions uv dollars and failed. Now suppose he commences to wunst with three millions more, and lays the founda-whens deep and wide for a victry in 1880! It kin be done.

Let him immeljly establish lines uv sailin vessels to Ireland, to the minin deestricks uv England, where a bull-pup is counted higher than a baby, to the poorest parts uv Italy, and bring over free uv charge all that can be indost to come. He must dodge France, for Frenchmen hev got a noshen uv liberty and equality wich unfit em for our purposes, and Germany, likewise, for Germans mostly read. He mite git some few from France and Germany, but they want to be carefully examined.

It wood require ten thousand plantid in Ohio to carry that state, six thousand wood fix Noo Hampsheer, and that gives us the electoral college beyond a peradvincher, and at a comparative small cost.

By movin out the surplus we hev in Noo York, I don't know but wat we might capcher Illinoy; at all events, we can make Injeany absoolutely shoor. Connecticut and Noo Jersey we kin alluz count on, for repeeters from Noo York kin easily take them states any time.

Ez for the South, we kin hold them states ef we commence to wunst, and foller up our work carefully. We musn't put offigger killin to the month before the eleckshun, thus glvin uv em time to prepare theirselves, but it must be commenst now, to-day, and keep up slowly but shoory, until the principle that white men must rool Ameriky shel be firmly established.

The nigger must be given to understand that onless he gits safely into the bosom uv the Dimekratic party he is liable at any minut to git into
Abraham's bosom—that unless he casts his ballot like a freeman with the Dimocrisy, he can't hev any work, and ef he owns land, he won't be allowed to work that. And they must be electioneered now, so ez to git em in the proper frame uv mind to be enthoosiastic by the time four years rolls around.

This then wood be our sitooashen:

Fifty thousand additional votes from furrin shoars, distributid through the close states, carryin them.

The nigger vote either convertid to Dimocrisy or killed.

This gives us not only the Presidency, but the Senit. The House we hev, and that wood be so strengthened that nothin under hevin good touch it.

Think uv the prospect!

Uv course all this will take time, money and pashense. These freemen will not only hev to be broth here, but they will hev to be carefully looked after. Groseries will hev to be established at proper points, the price uv likker must be put down so ez to come within the reach uv the most humble, and wher the voter isn't able to buy, he must hev it free. With groseries enuff, skool-houses and meetin-houses will languish, and all the impediments in the way uv a great Dimekratlc triumph will be removed. We knn plant Confedrit X Roads all over the country, and they are unassailabl.

One-half the money used in spreaddin out reeding matter for people wich coodent read wood hev brot enuff troo patriots to our shores to hev decided this eleckshun, and given us the postoffises this yeer. I lay great stress upon the Irish, for an Irishman knn git hisseif to be a voter, and ask for an offis quicker than any man on the face uv the globe. He is espeshally fittid for holdin offis.

The nigger vote we kin git beyond question. A moral idee is all well enuff, but it can't hold out agin a shot-gun. Insted uv havin great masses uv em to be kept away from the poles, and hevin em throwd out by Returnin boards, we will either hev em goin up gladly to vote the Dimekratic tikit, or else quietly reposin under the sod. When a nigger knn be killed for ten cents, wat is the yoose uv hevin him to bother us? Only we want to commence immediately.

I don't know that it is any yoose to bother with the niggers at all. Ef a proper disposishen is made uv the raw material wich finds its way to Noo York, we kin let em vote, and still carry enuff of the saates for nashnel purposes. Still it isn't fair to leve our Southern brethren groanin with all the state and county offises in the hands uv the Radikelis. There must be enuff uv em killed or converted to wrest lokle rule from the hands uv the Ablishnists.

Ef these suggestions is carried out, ther won't be any trouble in hevin a glorious victry four yeurs from now. Ther is just ez much material to work with now ez ever—all that is wantid is to yootilize it properly. The Dimocrisy wants to git back to its legitmit material, and work it up properly. I hev hopes uv a postoffis yit.

I am reddy to devote myself to this work now, and to continyoo it unremittin for four years. I am willing to let the nashnel comittty furnish me with four barls uv whisky, a box uv herrin, and portrates uv Tilden and Hendrix to adorn my walls, and I will take any small village in Southern Ohio, and act ez missionary for the comin four years. And I will guarantee to hev that precinct fixed, so that the waves uv Radikelism will beat agin it in vane.
The may be consined to me enuff emigrants to overcome watever Rad-
like majority ther may be, in the lokality, and I will try to find work
enuff to keep em twelve hours, that they may pay for wat likker they
want the other twelve. This makes it pleasant for them and for me, and
the coz will be strengthened.

Let the commity consider this idee, and act on it to-wunst. It is our
only salvashen. The Dimokrisy hev alluz won when they dug down— never
when they looked upward.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex-Reformer.

MR. NASBY'S VOICE IS FOR WAR.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
January 15, 1877.

Halleloogy! The Dimocrisy hev finally got theirselves nerved up to the
pint uv demandin Tilden or blood, and I am happy!

I wuz at Columbus, Ohio, the eighth uv Janocary, and I left ther feelin
better than I hev sense the eleckshun. I found ther a rampant war spirit
that more than did me good. It wuz trooly a representative convenshun.
There wuz present in that body every man in the state who wants a fed-
rel appointment—evry man who wood like to be postmaster or collector wuz
there, and in the matter uv patriots who wanted furrin mishuns the con-
venshun wuz remarkably strong and intellectocal.

They wuz all thirstin for gore, onless Tilden cood be inoggerald
peeceably, and the feelin increased ez time wore on. Them ez wuz in the
bar-rooms at the Neil and the Amerikin hotels, ez wuz for blood only ez a
last resort, at six o'clock, became aggressive at eight, sanguinary at ten,
and by twelve they wuz more than ragin for somebody's blood. Every
drink they took made em sanguinarier, and about one I carried up to
bed a dozen uv the most blood-thirsty Democracy I ever see.

I do love to assist patriots who are in that pekoolyer condishn to bed,
at about twelve at night. They never can tell the next mornin wher they
left their pocket handkerchers, and gloves, and wat loose change they hev
about em. I alluz found the good Samaritan biznis profitable.

Ef these same men hed only gone into the Confedrit army in 1861, and
talk fite half ez dangerous ez they say they are a goin to now, there never
wood hev bin no Hays elected this year.

It is singler how many ablishnists are alive and with good appetites,
wich these bold men mite hev killed twelve yeers ago. But we are alluz
missin our best opportunities.

I rejoist at the feelin in Columbus, for I hev decided that I want war,
in any event. We hev hev peece long enuff, and we must hev com-
moshen.

I notist wunst wen I wuz engaged in earnin my livin by lylin on my
back and see my mother bile soap, that when the kittle biled the scum
cum to the surfis. Wat we need now is to hev it bile, and hence all sich
convenshuns ez that at Columbus meets me hearty approval.

It don't cost nothin to resolve, and where three or four Dimocrats are
gathered together they kin resolve jst as well ez tho they wuz a hundred
or a thousand. I want em to git together and resolve to wunst. They
must resolve, first, that they know Tilden is electd, and, second, ef it is
declared by the Sent or Soopreme court, or any other power on the face
of the earth that he aint, they will inoggerate him by force. That is
what we want, and the work uv resolvin musst be commenst to wunst.

I hev made an akkerit calkelashen, and am convinst that gore is the most profitable thing for the Dimocrisy, take em ez they run.

The Dimocrisy in the lower wards uv Noo York haint got anything to lose by a war, or anything else, nor hev we of the Cross-Roads. But the rich stores uv the Republikin merchants uv Noo York, the rich factries uv the mill-men and manufacters uv Noo England, the rich farms uv the Republikins uv Ohio, and the furnaces and manufacteries uv the Republikins uv Pensilvany, and the banks uv the Republikin bankers uv the whole country, they wood make sich pickin ez the armies wich Tilden and reform wood send forth niver saw. My very mouth waters wen I think uv it.

Ez a matter uv course there are Democratic merchants, manu-facturers, bankers and farmers, who wood come in for an ekal distribution uv their effects among the sturdy defenders of the reform idee, and they mite murmur, but they ought not to. The Democratic masses, wich hev bin waitin and waitin for fifteen yeers, must hev their innins, and them. Innins must be made ez good ez possible. Cleerly the biznis Dimocrisy must not complaine when we let loose the dogs uv war. War must be made, that in the disorder fellerin it, there kin be that re-distriboonsen uv property wich men ez hev bin selfishly labrin all their lives hev inikitsusly accoomulated.

In fact, I hed ruther Tilden wood sale into the Presidency thro bloody seas, than to hev him walk to it peaceably. We shood then hev a solid South, and the North wood be dividid so that it coodont do nuthin but pay the taxes. Then we shood repoodilate the national debt, ishoo green-bax till every one uv us wood hev all we cood carry, and we shel hev flush times. I think, with the experience I hed in the last war, I cood make enuff out uv a good healthy war to keep me comfortable doornin the few days I am in this vale uv teers. It is an opporooonity wich we can't let slip. We don't pay no taxes, so that burden don't fall on us, and we git all the benefits. The idee uv livin on the enemy is deliteful.

Let us hev more convenshuns. Let us meet everywhere and resolve. Let the Dimocrisy everywhere come together and resolve for Tilden or blood. There ain't no community, however small, that hezn't got in it at least five patriots wich want places, and where there can't be any more, five is enuff. By hollerin' very loud a few men kin make consider-able noise.

We hold our convenshun at the Cross-Roads to-morrow. We hev the arrangements all made. Pollock and Bigler is in Louisville, buyln goods, the niggers darsent come near when they are away, and there won't be no trouble. We shel hev the Corners to ourselves, and we shel pass sich resolutions ez will make Noo England quall.

The prospect is cheerin, and I am happy.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex-Reformer.

P. S.—Ez soon ez war is declared, three hundred uv the solid Dimocrisy uv the Corners will rush to the front, ef the Democratic nashnel commity will send money enuff to pay their fares to the scene conflict, and git em each a pare uv pants and shoes, so that they may rush in some com-fort. This aid will be strikly necessary. Contribushens for this purpose may be sent to me now.

P. V. N.
MR. NASBY WANTS TO MODIFY THE COMMISSION:

Confedrit X Roads,  
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),  
January 20, 1877.

I most hartily endorse the plan for leavin out the Presidenshel question to a jint commishn to be made up from the Senit and the House, and the Supreme court, the members uv the latter to be determined by lot. This thing uv injectin the element uv chance into a game wher your opponent hez ded-wood on yoo, is pleasant and very kind. By doin this we are play-in on even terms, the Republikins furnishin all the stakes. A gambler wich woodn't take such chances is not worthy uv the name.  

By this plan the Presidency is made a matter uv chance. All I ask now is a slite change in the method. Under the jint committee's plan, ef we are lucky enuff to git the odd member uv the Supreeme court, Tilden and reform goes in, and I git my postoffis. I am trustin my fortunes to the blind goddess. Ef it is to be made a matter uv chance wat is the yoose of worryin so many men? Two kin decide it ez well ez a dozen, and instid uv hevin so many I beg to make the follerin sejestions:  

1. That the Democrisy elect a strictly representative Dimocrat, and the Republikins a strictly representative Republikin, with two umpires and one bottle holder, wich shel be me.  

2. That them two set down, and play seven-up, yooker, or the more muskeler game uv freeze out, to determine whether Tilden and reform, or Hayes and oppression, shel be President for the next four year.  

3. The two representative men may determine for theirselves the game and its condishens. Ef freeze-out, they may make the amount ez large or ez small as they choose; ef any other game, they may make it the best two in three, the best three in five, or the best four in seven, or the first fifty-one in a hundred, or any way they may choose, so that they get thro by the 4th uv March. I shoodn't want the struggle to run longer than that, for the biznis interests uv the Corners is sufferin. My bill at Bascom's is runnin up enormously, and ez I owe all the citizens, trade is blocked till I git the postoffis, so ez to pay suthin, and put money into cirkelashen. I must hev that postoffis soon or perish, or else bankrupt Bascom.  

4. The winner to name the President, and the people to acquiesce without a murmur.

I wood sejest ez the representative Republikin for this purpose, Mr. Frelinhuysen, uv Noo Jersey. For the representative Dimocrat ther ain't no need for my namin him at all. The entire Democrisy, in one voice wood exclaim, "John Morrissey." Ef it wuz seven-up, for shoor, I shood urge Issaker Gavitt, whose skill in turning Jack from the bottom at the crittke pint when both sides hez six, and he hez the deel, is well known at the Corners; but ez the other party shood hev some voice in decidin wat game is to be played, it is safer to hev Morrissey. He hez bin at the hed uv the Democrisy uv Noo York so long that all games is alike to him, and with him the Democrisy may rest in perfect sekoorty.  

This way uv settlin the matter is more simple and ekally constooshnel with the other, and it wood make things excitin for a while. Spose it wuz agreed to hev it seven-up and the best two in three. Think uv these reports from the Assoshiated Press:
"The Presidenshal Games!—Frelinhuysen Two!—Morrissey One!—
Thanksgvin in the Churches!—The Freedmen Jubliant!—Later—Morrissey
Turns Jack, and Makes High, Low and Game!—End uv the First Game—
Morrissey Shows Out on High and Low!—Frelinhuysen Accuses Him uv
Cheatin!—A Day of Fastin Ordered, and the Gin Mills Illuminate!"

Then the second game:
"The first game conceded to Morrissey!—Gold rises to 112!—The manufac-
turers disheartened!—The South jubliant!—Frelinhuysen deals!—Morris-
ssey begs!—Frelinhuysen gives him one, and Morrissey claims a misdeal,
whic the umpire allows!—Morrissey makes four!—The niggers discorridged
and the South jubliant! Second hand—Frelinhuysen makes high and low,
and Morrissey jack and game!—Morrissey one pint to go and his deal!—
The Presidenshal question settled!—Morrissey turns Jack, winnin the rub,
and electin Tilden and reform!—Congratulations dispatch from the Presi-
dent-elect!—Chagrin uv the Republikins!—Morrissey serenadid!—'I simply
did my dooty!'—Morrissey to be secretary uv the Treasury!"

Ef this plan is not adoptid, I shelhev a less opinyun uv Congris than
ever. It is quick and simple. I bleeve in simplicity like a Roman.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex Reformer.

MR. NASBY'S IDEA OF THE STATUS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
February 3, 1877.

I wuz wunst in favor uv the jint commishun, and wuz eager to hev it.
When it wuz ez good ez shoor that a majority uv the judges wood be Dim-
ocratic, givin us a majority uv one in the lot, I bleevd it to be constoosh-
nel. When it loekt ez tho we cood get Tilden and reform in that way,
and make me shoor uv my postoffis, I preferred it to blood. I am not, ez
a' general thing, a thirster for gore. I hed much rather hev Tilden buy his
way into the Presidency than to hev to fite for it. When I think uv his
harls uv money, and remember his skill in distribbitin uv it, I say with
the poet:

"Ther is a weepin firmer set,
And surer than the bayonet."

Tilden and reform hez a better show with dollars than they ever did
with bayonets, tho I really bleeve that a Dimocrat who hez bin hungerin
for an offis sixteen yeers, wood fite for it rather than not git it. Shood
we ever come to the arbitrashen uv arms, I shel, ef I hev command uv
the Tilden and reform forces, mas ass them all in front of the capitol,
and hang onto the other side, so that they kin all see It, a banner with
this inscripshen:

"Commishns for post offises made out here!"

Ther wood be sich a rush ez all the troops that cood be constoosh-
nelly concentrated in Washinton coodent withstand. Artillery coodent
keep the patriots back.

But this is a digreshn. Wat I wantid to say wuz, Providence takes
better keer uv the Republikin party than it does uv itself. For jst ez we
hed it all fixed to hev the commishn appintid, and hed ded-wood on hevin
Davis for the fifth judge, givin us a majority, that self-seekin man hed
to go and be electid to the Senit from Illnoy, makin it necessary to hev
Bradley in his place, wich is plzen. And when Tilden and reform begged
Davis to decline the Senit and git into the commishn, that selfish man re-
markt he'd see him further fast, and leaves one hundred thousand Dimo-
crats wich wants appintments on the anxshus seeet.
With Bradley on the commishn, the Corners is clearly uv the opinyun that it is unconstoooshnel. Sich a thing wuz never contemplatid by the fathers, it wuz never done afores, and ther ain't no precedent for it. The idee uv hevin a compersmise in wich the Dimocrisy didn't git more than twice wat they claimed, is suthin new in Amerikin history. I don't com-prehend it.

If this commishn wuz to give Hayes a chance, wat did he want it for? He hed 185 votes, and wat is the yoose uv goin thro all this formality, onless the objick is to hist him? When I play I want the keers properly put up—ef I want to make a livin by work, ther ain't no yoose in playin it at all. It wrenched my moral back to acksede to a violashen uv the constooshn when we wuz to make suthin by it—but to violate that sacred instrooement, and then lose the postoffises by it, is too terrible.

The Dimocrisy mite ez well prepare for war to-wunst, and be done with it. I see nuthin else. It is impossible that I shood live four yeers longer and see all the offises filled with Abilissinists, and we out uv place, and hev em flaunt their commishns in our faces and taunt us with holdin uv em by virchoo uv a commishen whic we urged.

I am ekal to a great deel uv greef—I hev philosophy enuff for almost anything. I hev dropt a bottle afores I hed moistened my lips at its strength-givin mouth, and hev seen its golden contents flow sadly away on the sidewalk, lost forever. I hev bustid a jug Saturdy nite, after all the groseries wuz shut up, and I hev failed to borrow a dollar wher I thot I hed a ded-shoor thing onto it. All these woes I hev survived, but this one I cannot. The agony is too long drawn out. I will not stay in the Corners four yeers and see a radikl nigger distribbit the paper that comes here, and stand and read lottry cirkles to our citizens. And then when I think that that man lets the money wich our confidin citizens send to lottries, go direct to their destination, swelin the coffers uv a pack uv swindlers in Noo York, instid uv takin uv it out, and spendin it at Bascom's, I am drivin almost to madnis.

Is it to be expectid that I am to support a commishn whic is shoor to continyoo sich outrages ez these? I will fite fust, and the Corners sus-tains me.

On receet uv money enuff to buy suffishent cloth to half sole the trow-sis uv our citizens, so that our noble-hearted wimmen won't have to stand in front uv em all the time when they drill, I will organize a company to wunst. New trowsis wood encurridge the Corners jist now, mitlly. Ez commander uv the forsis I ought to hev a noo pare uv boots.

I feel more like fitin for the constitoooshen now than I hev sence I en-listed in the Louishiana Pellikens in 1861.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex Reformer.

THE CORNERS MEET AND RESOLVE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
February 17, 1877.

The die is cast. The deed is dun. After the sooperhooman efforts uv Tilden and Morrissey to give the people a-reform government, a unconstoo-shnel and partizan trboonel hez countid the yoosurper Hayes into the Pres-idenshel chair, and the postoffises is to be continyood in the poshison uv the Radikels. We can't help it—Tilden can't help it—Morrissey can't help it, nor can I help it. Tilden did his best for purity and reform—no man
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Itv in ever made more sacrifices in the interest uv a pure government than he did. He paid over $8,000 to buy up one elector in Oregon, and he spent over three millions in buyin up voters in the other states. Ef, after that the idea uv reform in the government failed, his skirts is cleer. The country kin go to the dogs, but he's guiltless. He wood hev spent more money hed ther bin any place to spend it to advantage.

The news uv the ackshun uv the commishn plunged the Corners into despere, immejftly. Bascom sed he mite ez well make an assignment to-wunst and quit, for onless he cood git sum reddy money out uv the holders uv federal posishens, ther wuz no yoose keepin his bar open. Continuyoal chargin wuz altogether too heroic for him. And the indignashen uv them ez expectid federal appointmints wuz terrible. They didn't say much, but there wuz that compressin uv the lip, that ominous silence ez they took ther drinks, that meant more than mere words.

We met to consider the sityooaashen, the nite the nooze reached us, and stirrin speeches wuz made by me, and the others.

Th' follerin resoloooshen wuz offered:

Wareas, The only objick uv the jint commishn wuz to declare Tilden electid, and

Wareas, Ef that wuzn't the objick wat wuz the yoose uv hevin the jint commishn at all, ez Ferry cood jist ez easy declare the eleckshen uv Hayes ez the jint commishn, and

Wareas, The jint commishn ain't jest exactly wat the Dimocrysy expectid it wood be, therefore be it

Resolved, That the ackshen uv Judge Davis in acceptin a seat in the Senit from Illinoy, wich preventd him from goin onto the jint commishn, deserves the reprobashen uv every troo Democrat, pervided Judge Davis wood hev votid first, last, and all the time, in an unpartisan way, with the Democratic members ef he hed gone onto the commishn. Ef he woodn't hev done this, it don't make any difference, and this resoloolohon goes for nothin.

Resolved, That the ackshen uv the Democratic members uv the commishn in stickin like wax to the Dimekratik vew uv the case, in an un-partisan way, and never under any circumstances votin with the radikal members, meets the approval uv the Dimocrysy uv the Corners, ez bein in the highest degree patriotic and proper. The Dimekratic members ez adherin to their party ez closely ez they did, deserve the hearty approval uv every Dimekrat in the land. The Corners says, "Well dun, good and faithful servants," and ef we kin raise money nuff for another struggle for reform, we shel say to them, "Go up higher."

Resolved, That the ackshen uv the Republikin members uv the commishn, in votin every time in akkordance with the wishes uv ther party, deserves the severest reprehension uv the people. Their blind partisanship—their inability to raise theirselves above the level uv Republikinism—their stubborn refoosals to vote with the Dimocrysy, and let Tilden and reform slide through, shakes our confidence in human nature, and makes us tremble for the republic. The Corners with one voice pints the finger uv scor at them, and withers em by declarin it hez no longer any confidence in em.

Resolved, That ez the commishn wuzn't put up ez the Corners wantid it, and ez its decision hevn't bin wat the Corners wantid, the Corners demands that it to wunst dissolve, holdin that with Bradley onto it, it wuz conseved in sin and brot forth in iniquity, and that it is unconstituoshnel anyway, and subversive uv the dearest rites uv the Amerikin people.

Resolved, That ez the decision wuzn't wat we expected, we don't consider ourselves bound by it; and we demand uv our representatives in Congress that they ignore it altogether, and perceed to wunst to declare Tilden and reform electid, and inogerate him at all hazards.

Resolved, That the Corners pledges itself to send to the tentid feeld, in the support uv Congris, every-able-bodied Dimekrat who will go, per-
vided the Dimekratic nashnel committy will send free passes to Washington, and sich clothin ez will enable em to make a proper and decent apperance in society. Pantaloons and shoes shood come first. And by this resolooshen the Corners pledges itself unreservedly to gore.

Resolved, That hevin exhausted all efforts for a peeceable eleckshun uv Tilden and reform, we hst our flag with the words onto it, “Tilden and Reform or Blood.”

Resolved, That it is the sollum convickshen uv the Corners that any government not in the hands uv the Dimocrisy is unconstitooshn, and we refoose to pay any taxes to support any sich.

These resolooshens wuz goin to be past to wunst, ez all resolooshens wich I offer are, but I red em over twict. “Friends,” I sed, “this is the sollumist tim we ever had. These resolooshens mean blood—possibly they may take yoo away from your homes, and se yoo all in the front uv the battle. Are yoo prepared fo this? Pause afore yoo vote.”

“Soljers in this holy war git shoes and trousis, and three square meel a day, don’t they?” was the response from all parts uv the house.

“Undoubtedly,” wuz my answer.

“Then our voices is for war in the coz uv the constituoshen,” wuz the yoonanimus response. “Enroll us to-wunst, and send on the supplies.”

Ther ain’t a more patriotic people in the country than the Corners. When the Corners rises tyrants may well tremble. The resolooshens wuz past, and the Corners hez spoken. We await the ackshen uv our representaives.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex Reformer.

THE ELECTION OF HAYES.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 3, 1877.

Hayes is electid, ther ain’t no doubt uv that. We hev heerd uv it and are shoor uv it. Bascom hez given me notice that there ain’t no more likker for me, onless I pay for it, wh ich is holler meckery, and he hez com menst to foreclose on half the farms in the vicinity. Pollock, Bigler and the niggers are joobilant, and Bascom hez comenst maken advances to em. Precisely in proporshen ez he cools to me, he warms to them. Men worship the risin, never the settin sun. It is well—I yoost to do the same thing myself. I shen’t hev any more drinks at his bar, but he can’t rob me uv the drinks I hev had, and that is some comfort.

We held a meetin uv hoomiliashen and angish at the meetin house last nite. I am now a man given to cussin, for I never knowd that cussin even a mule ever made it go, onless the cussin wuz reinforced with a club. Swearin and club, in ekal proporshens, hez hed effect on a mule, but I hev alluz hed more faith in the club than in the cussin. The cussin may possibly inspire the club, and thus be indirectly benefishl. Nevertheless I did recite this:

A PSALM OF WOE.

In the dust uv hoomiliashen are we.
Ashes we throw upon our heds by the scuttle-full.
Hair-cloth we wear next to our skins, figgeratively.
Hair-cloth we wood wear next fo our skins, actooally, ef we cood go.
any one to trust us fo a supply.
Wood that gohn about neerly naked wuz a proper mode uv expressin greef, for then we cood go into the deepest kind uv mournin without changin our costoom.

There be three things wich are too wonderful for me, yea, four wich I'm blest ef I know:

Wat the Dimocrisy wantid uv a high jint commishn at all.
Why it didn't hev a Dimekratic high jint, ef it hed to hev one.
Why it didn't bust the concern afore it wuz everlastinly too late when it found it wuzn't Dimekratic high jint.

Why we wuz cust with men in the leedership wich hed'n cunnin enuff to win by strategy, or courage enuff to take by force.
The Conies are but a feeble folk.
We are Conies ef ther ever wuz sич.
Cussid be Morton, cussid be Blane, cussid be Sherman, cussid be Edmunds, cussid be Davis, and espeshly cussid be Bradley.

For he wuz the eighth man, and coudent rise above partizanship fur enuff to vote with Field and Clifford.
We electid Davis, wich give them a majority in the high jint, and it's a toss-up wether he don't support Hayes, after all.
We hed the game in our own hands, fur we hed stolen four aces.
But they rung in a cold deck onto us, and held a strate flush when it come to a show-down, and they raked in the pot.

Uv wat avale wuz the buyin up uv the St. Loois convenshun; wat good wuz the bull-doxin in Looseaner?
Uv wat yoose wuz the rifle-clubs uv South Kerliny, and wat good did it do to colonize Injeany?
The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer.
We prepared our meat last summer, but it spiled in the curin.
Our smoke-house is bustid, and our hams is not.
Four years of Hayes, four years of waitin and longin.
There will be niggers in the postoffises, and the faithful will stand out side and gnash their teeth.

For three things Democrisy is disquieted, and four wich nearly killed it:

Tilden, Hewitt, Pelton and Field.
When I think uv the idiocy of these men, wich we trustid, and into whose hands we gave ourselves, I lift up my voice, and howl with King Lemonyel's mother, "Give not your strength to old wimmen."
Young ones take away strength, but it returneth—old ones destroy by their counsel, and it is irretrievable.
Ef they'd hed ez much sense ez they hed money, we'd never bin made Nebuckhednezzers uv, and bin turned out to grass in this way.

That anshent Asyrian might hev liked it, for ther wuz no Bascom's in Babylon for him to refresh hisself in, but we don't.

Wat's the yoose uv holdin the keersid ef yoo don't dare to bet em?
There are three things wich are never satisfied, yea, four things say not "it is enuff": the grave, a Democrat wich wants a offis, my stummick wich is not and never wuz filled with water, and the till behind Bascom's counter.

Tilden and reform is defectid, the Democrat wich wants offis will want it still, my stummick will take water, perforce, Bascom's till will be emp-
ty, and the grave will be filled with starved Democry, while the radikels shel wax fat.

The froots that our souls lustid after hev departed from us. The things after wich our mouths watered is gone from us, and we shel find em no more at all.

Tilden and reform is ded and berried, and in the same grave is berried all our hopes.

We stand over the carcass uv reform, and weep; me, and Morrissey, and Cronin and Wood; and our teers drain our systems.

The Dimocratic camp is damp with teers, and we hev not the where-withal to replace the molscher that goes from us.

Tilden despires uv purity in government, and will go back to railroad wreckin.

Morrissey sez the government may keep on bein corrupt, for all he keers, and he is goin back to his faro banks.

Field says ther ain't no hope uv purifyin the government, and he will go back to defendin theevves.

And the vast multitood uv Dimocrats which hungered for postoffises, collectorships, furrin mishns, consulships, and places uv all sizes, kinda and dimenshens, remark, yoonanimously, that there ain't no yoose in tryin to hev a pure government, and that it may go to rooin for all they keer, and this one goes back to his bar, that one to his three-keerd monte, the other to his burglary, and the rest to ther borrerin.

I wood hev saved the country, but ez the country didn't want to be saved, it may be tothered.

To Noo York will I go, and I will set up my tabernacle there.

Ez long ez ther is whisky ther will be Democry, and ther I shel flour-

ish among the faithful.

I will rent me a bar-room, and will wear a plug hat, and be a states-

man, and hev politikle infloence in the Sixth ward.

I will be a captin uv fifty, and git to be a alderman.

I will go to the legislacher, and will do for the state wat the nashen re-

foosed.

The stun wich the federal bliders rejected, will become the hed uv the state corner.

Honey shel yit come out uv the carcass, for I will go where the car-

cass is.

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Bascom remarkt that the prospeck uv my leevin the Corners mitigated, somewat, his greef at the defect uv Tilden. "There is no evil," he sed, "that hezn't some good in it."

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex Reformer.

MR. NASBY REVIEWS THE SITUATION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 12, 1877.

The deed is dun, the work of destroyin the government is finished, and the Democracy, the degenerit Democracy, sits down and accepts it without a murmur. Ther ain't a goin to be any struggle for our rites, ther ain't a goin to be any war, nor nothin. When Tilden wuz talkin uv resistance, I consoled myself with the idee that ef I coodent git a postoffs I mite hev a sutlership, but that is all gone. All that Tilden and five millions uv del-
lasses undertook to do in the interest uv pure government, is undone; Hayes is President, reform lies low in the dust, the postoffises go out uv the reach uv Morrisey and me, and are safe in the grip uv the corruptionists. I can't do justis to this subjic!—I shan't attempt to. To git so near to it, and then to lose it! But wat's the yoose?

I am not only disappointed at the result, but I am disgustid with em ez hed the management uv affaires for us. The developments that hev bin made sence the investigashens hev commenst, don't please me at all. Tilden-and-Reform is a cold-bloodid, mercenary wretch, wich hez roomed the Dimocratic party. He don't play fair—he is not an ingenuous man, one in wich yoo kin place confidence. It hez bin shown that he spent, all told, five million uv dollars in tryin to elect hisself and Reform to the Presidency. Damnable exposure! Feerful corruptshen! Wher hez that corruptshen fund gone to? Who got it? Wat wuz done with wat wuz spent at the beginnin, at the St. Louis convenshun? Ez a reform Dimocrat I demand to know. If pade me for my vote in that convenshun, the beggarly sum uv four hundred dollars, and his agents ashoored me that that wuz the highest price pade. Beleevin em, In my simplicity I took that sum, trustin in their statement that that wuz the regular price for delegates. Imagine my feelins when I diskivered that he did actoouly pay ez high ez five thousand dollars for single reform delegates, and four thousand dollars, each, for reform delegates in lots uv twenty, takin em ez they run.

Hevin sekoored the nominashen, wat did this man do? He went on to spend five millions! Five millions! Who got that? I got four hundred more, but I wuz so hedged in with instruckshens and the direckshuns ez to wat I wuz to do wuz so explicit that I didn't make a hundred clear out uv it. It wuz stipulated that I wuz to take twenty Kentuckians to vote in Injeany for Tilden-and-Reform, and he hed the meannis to hev a reform pugilist, wich he pardoned out uv the Noo York penitentary for the purpose, on the spot to watch me, to see that I took em there; and the accootnis to hev a Injeany reformer receeve and vote em, and afore I cood git my money in full I hed to hev a receet from the Injeany committewman that I hed turned over the voter! How kin a man labor in the interest uv reform under sich circumstances?

The fact is Tilden-and-Reform is a frod, and those wich is yellin to nominate him in 1880 make a mistake. I'll no more uv him. I want a man wich kin pay out more joodishus and with more discriminashun. I will never go thro a campane on the reform idee, onless I am better pade for it than I wuz in this.

I am disgustid with polytix anyhow, and want to retire. The Dimocrysy don't know nothing anyhow. I suppose ther is about an ekal per cent uv honest men and ekal per cent uv thieves in both parties, and I am willin to admit that wat a cold and unfeelin world calls villains holds the management uv both parties; I know they do ours. The Republikins deny this; but ef it is troo, there is this difference—the scoundrelly Republikin managers put honest men in power, while the honest Dimocrys put ther scoundrels to the front. The people don't keer about corrupt Republikin managers when they put sich men ez Hayes up; but think uv sich men ez Bill Hill, Thurman and Hendrix playin second fiddle to Tilden, Morrissey, Hewitt and me! That is wat kills us. We come at the people wrong end foremost. We show our sore fingers, and make public exhibition uv our biles, and rather glory in the size and nastinis uv em.
Wat we hev to do now is to change all this. We want to assoom a virchoo, ef we hev it not. We want to hunt about keerfully—give a great deal uv time to it—explore all the corners uv the party—go nosin about among forgotten men, and see ef we can't find men enuff with decent repu-tashens to put forrered ez candidates. We want em ez a sort uv flavorin, ez deodorizers as it were, to savor the rest uv us. Wat we want is to git in, and the people actully demand suthin that don't really smell. We, the reglers, won't lose anything by it—these nice Democrats will come to us in a month. Ther ain't virchew enuff in em to resist us. You can't tetch pitch without bein defiled.

Then we want a succession uv disasters doorin the next four yeers, and we must do all we kin to hev em. Hard times is alluz charged up to the party in power, and makes men pine for a change. A healthy potato rot wood be worth thousands uv votes to us, and a smashin panic wood be even better. Wat we want is a period uv yoonversle depreshn. We want the mills stopped, prodoose down to a mere nothin, potato rot, grass-hoppers, kolera, and likker to go up to fifteen cents a drink. Ef these cood be supplementid by an earthquake, hurricanes, yaller fever, weevle in the wheat, cut worms in the No. and cotton worms in the South, floods and drouths and yoonversle rooin and disaster, we cood elect the next President. Give us all these with a choice assortment uv other disasters, and we shel win, for the people will be very apt to say that after all a Dimekratic administrashen coodent be wuss. We want rooin for a while to make the Dimocrisy endoorable.

With these condishens we kin go in four yeers from now. I say all this for the benefit uv others—ez for me, long before the term uv Hayes is up I shel be in a prematooor grave. Four yeers more uv a nigger in the post-offs at the Corners will finish me, and ef my philosophy shood be suflshent for that, Bascom will cut off supplies ez soon ez he knows that I ain't a goin to hev a place, and then all is over. My untutored bowels never kin endoor water, any more than my morel nacher kin radikelson.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex-Reformer.

THE CORNERS INDORSES THE PRESIDENT.

Confedrit X Roads,
 Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
 March 25, 1877.

Important business called me to a neighborin village, and I wuz ab-sent from the Corners two days. The biznls wuz, I may say, not altogether unconnectid with a supply uv shirts. Doorin the campane for Tilden-and- Reform, whch hez endid so unhappily, my linen wuz wore out, and I went out to a seckshun where they hev such things, to borrow three or four, whch I did—off uv lines, without hevin any preliminary conversashun with them uv whom I borrered em. I shood hev preferred to hev em dun up, but shirts a dryin ain't bad. I ain't proud— the troo Dimekrat skorns starch. Wood that we cood go back to a state uv nacher, in wich shirts is onessary. Ef we didn't hev to hev shirts and sich, there wood be more for likker.

When the cat's away the mice will play. Smite the sheperd and the sheep will be skattered. Seasely had I turned my back onto the Corners afore Pollock and Joe Bigler got at the people, and they capchered Bascom. Capcherin Bascom, they hed the rest uv em.

They red to the Corners the innoggeral of Yooserper Hayes, and ex-
plained to em wat the policy uv that arch conspirator wuz a goin to be. They red over a list uv his Cabinet, dwellin espeshly on his appintment uv that runnygade, Key, and tol em that he wuz a goin to run the government in the intrest uv the whole country, and not uv any seekshun, and that the time hed come for the lion and lam to lie down together, and that the little child wuz in trainin to leed em.

And bles of they didn't git em imprest, and they showd Bascom that it wod be better for the Corners ef the old feelin wuz done away with entirely, that the two parties shood dwell in yoonity, and instid uv wasvin their strength a contendin with each other shood expend it a makin suthin of uv the place.

I arrived at about seven o'clock in the evening and went, ez wuz natrul, straight to Bascom's. I felt well. My expidishen hed prove a success, for I got not only more shirts than any reform leader in Kentucky ought tohev, but I hed also prokood some sex and a pare uv boots wich wuz standin convenient outside a door.

"Wher is G. W.?" I asked uv Mrs. Bascom, who wuz in the bar.

"Ther is a meetin at the church, and Bascom is there."

"A meetin at the church? Who dares to call a meetin in my absence? And feerin evil I hastened over to the meetin-house.

It wuz a harrowin site my eyes restid onto. There on the platform sot Wlock, the nigger postmaster, McPelter, Issaker Gavitt, sevrel more nigers, Bascom, another nigger, and—the Deekin. Joe Bigler wuz a standin up and reedin from a paper.

"Wat is this?" I shrieked. "Bascom, McPelter, Issaker, and et tu root—the Deekin with them radikels! Wat does this meen?"

"The gentleman will take his seat, and keep quiet, while I read these resolooshens," returned Joe, and he red em:

Waras, The country hez bin kep in hot water for about fifteen years, and

Waras, Hot water ain't the most comfortable thing in the world for the fish that is in it, ef they hev bin accustomed to cold, and

Waras, Ez President Hayes appears to be tryin the best he knows how to settle things on a proper basis, and in sich a way ez do jefstis to every one, and infestis to none, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Corners, recognizin the good intents shuns uv the President and his advisers, pledges itself to stand by him, without regard to former party affliashens, and to do wat we kin to bring about the era of good feelin.

Resolved, That from this time out all the bitternis uv the past shél be buried in the Corners, that every man will recognize every other man ez a citizen, all hevin ekl rifes, in life, liberty and the pursoot uv suthin to eat—

"And drink," sejested Bascom.

—And that all the divisions on politcal kuestions shél ceese onstil things hev settled, and suthin occurs to divide us a more natul way.

Resolved, That—

I codd stand this no longer, and I sprung to my feet.

"Deekin! Bascom! McPelter! Issaker! My freends! are yoo agoin to ret there and let them infamus incjnary resolooshens go forth ez the voice uv the Corners? Are yoo agoin to be led by yoor enemies into sich a trap?"

"Why not?" askt Bascom. "Ain't we hed hell enuff here? Hez anybody made anything by all the worry and trouble of the last ten yeers?"

"Bascom, ef them resolooshens pass, and ef they are carried out in the
spirit which seems to pervade this unconstitooshnel assemblage, wat, let me ask, is again to becum uv me? Ef ther is goin to be peece and harmony, uv wat yoose am I? Ef ther ain't again to be no more niggers to kill, ef everybody hez their rites, ef there ain't no yoosurper to struggle agin, in Bascom's bar-room, ef ther ain't no occashen for eloquence and defiance, wat am I to do? Wat do yoo want to throw me out uv biznis for? Ef yoo acknowledge the yoosurper Hayes, wat need hev yoo uv a defender? Why yoo -leave me, strandid and helplis, and I mite jist ez well leave the Corners to wunst! Deekin, Bascom, Issaker, kin yoo do this?"

"I don't see"—commenst Bascom, but I woodent let him go on.

"But I see. Ef this ery uv good feelin sets in, I may exclaime with the rigger in the play, 'Othello's okkepashen's gone.' My frends, before yoo commit yourself to this heresy, let us consult."

I finally got these misguided men out uv the house, and into Bascom's, and ther I appeeled to em more at an advantage. I held upo em the horrors uv nigger rool, I showd em that ef they past them resolooshens they wuz Republikins, and that the old Dimocratic party wuz gone forever, and that the dooty uv every Dimekrat wuz to fite on, fite ever, till we hed restored peece to our bleedin country.

"But peece is wat Hayes wants, ain't it?" sed the Deekin.

"Spose he does. Admit it. That ain't the pirt. Deekin, ther never kin be peece, I never kin be satisfied or soothed, nor kin any one uv the noble army uv reformers wich follered the banner uv Tilden-and-Reform, so long ez Abishnnists hold postoffises, ez the radikels collectorships. Yoo may cry 'peece, peece, but there ain't no peece.' We want peece, but we want to make it, and we want to make it in our way, or we don't want it at all."

Ther ain't nothin like decision and promptnls. Before I hed got thro with em, I got em back to ther old moorins, and they didn't go back to the meetin at all, and Issaker wuz so enraged at bein almost capcherd, that he shyed a brick at one uv the niggers wich wuz a goin home from the church, wich almost perdoosed a good old-time riot.

The Corners is now normel. The Dimocrisy and the radikels hate each other ez hartily ez ever. Fites is ez common ez ever, and I am back in my old place at Bascom's.

Thus did I avert calamity from the Corners, and thwart the evil endeavors uv a yoosurpin President. May Dimocratic leeders everywhere act with ekal firmness and promptnls. Wat is peece to the continyood exist-ence uv the Dimocratic party?

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex-Reformer.

WHY THE CORNERS IS NOT PROSPEROUS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(WIch is in the State uv Kentucky),
April 6, 1877.

Ther is no disputin the fact, the Corners is not prosperous. Ther ain't no buildin goin on, ther ain't no trade uv any account, and ther is a yooniversal dullnesswich is discouragin to the well-wisher uv his kind. Not that it makes eny espeshl difference to me, for all that I require is my likker regler, and plenty uv the same without labor; but a enterprisin man wich bleeves that progress is a good thing wood be dishartened at the sondishn uv things at the Corners. Ez for me, I kin sing:
"When'er I walk to take the air,
How many poor I see;
But I kin say that I don't care
Ef they all starve but me."

I hevn't got ez many or ez extensive bowels uv compashn ez I yoostr to hev. My sympathies is constipatid.

It isn't at all difficult to determine the reason for the depreshn that eggslsts here. When Tilden-and-Reform wuz counted out, 8 to 7, and the yoooserper Hayes wuz inoffengeratid, we expectid that the leest that he wood do wood be to recall the troops from the South, and make us free men again.

Hez he done it? He is, we understand, intendin to do it in South Ker-lin, but how is it elsewhere? No troo Southerner kin be enterprisin and progressive so long ez he is ground down under the iron heel uv military power. Our citizens feel their condishun so keenly, they are so depret by the continyoance uv military rool that they hevn't done a stroke uv any kind uv work for yeerz. Ther feelds are all left uncultivatid except ez they kin indoos new niggers wich come here to work in em, but ef they hevn't anything to pay em with they never work a second time, wich makes em anything but a shoor dependence.

It is one uv the most techin sites in nacher to see the people layin on ther backs at Bascom's and leanin on his bar, deplorin the okkepancy uv the South by military, and their consekted inabilty to hoe ther corn or cut ther grass.

Only last week I heerd Issaker Gavitt remark:
"Wat's the yoose uv puttin in a crop this spring, ef the South is to be ever-run by bloo-koted hirellins, perpetyoally?"

And then when Bascom refoozed to give him credit for another drink, Issaker turned sadly to me, and sed, with a voice chocked with emotion:
"Yoo seehow it is! Oh the cussld tyranny uv an unconstooshnel ad-ministrashen! Oh, the grindin efsec uv military okkepashen! Wat kin men do under sich circumstances?"

It is troo that ther ain't no soljers at the Corners, and never hev bin since the village wuz okkepted by the Federals in 1862, but that don't make any difference. Also we hev votid here jist ez we pleased, and we hev kept the niggers and carpet-baggers from votin, but that don't make any difference nuther. There is troops in Loozeaner and South Kerliny, and Packard and Chamberlin is de facto guverners uv them states. How kin a troo Kentucklan put in a crop or hoe his corn so long ez sich a state uv things eggslsts? How kin ther be any enterprise or any development uv resources, or any progress, when we hev to spend all our time clankin the chanes uv our brothers further South? All that kin be expectid uv us is to hang our harps on the willers at Bascom's and drown our greef at his bar.

And sence it is settled that we ain't goin to hev the fedrel offises, Bas-com hez refoosed us further credit, and the poor comfort uv his likker (or to speak more akkeritly, uv his poor likker) is denied us. When drouth is added to slavery, the situashen is terrible indeed.

Wat the yoooserper wants to do is to withdraw the troops from the South. Take the grasp uv nine hundred soljers from the throtees uv the millions uv Southerners, and let us breathe. And this done, give the offishes, in a spirit uv concillaishen, to the constitoooshnel patriots wich wuz pardoned by A. Johnson, and all will be well agin. I kin never be recon-silled so long ez ther is a nigger in the post-offis at the Corners—never.
I keer very little, though. My biznis through life hez bin, mostly, strugglin with vicissitudes, and my struggles is rapidly drawin to a close. Persnally I hev little intrest in it, tho I wood like to hev my pathway to the tomb smoothen by reasonable credit, and, consekitently, regler supplies. But when I look around me and see how iron-heeled oppreshsn kills out enterprize in the Corners, I cannot but help enterin my sollum protest. 

May the yooserper heed the warnin, and let up on the South afore delirium tremens so withers the populashen ez to leeve no Dimecrats to be releeveed.

PETROLEUM v. NASBY, Ex-Reformer.

MORE TROUBLE AT THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads, 
(Wich Is In the State uv Kentucky). 
April 17, 1877.

We hed an eleckshun for a justis uv the peace at the Corners, last week, to fill vacancy. Elphalet Boyer, who hez filled the posishen to the entire satisfacshen uv the people, that is the white people, for the last forty years, finelly succumbed to Bascom's likker and the unconstitooshnel eleckshun uv Hayes, and went to his long home. Peace to his ashes! He was a gileless man, and a good one. It was his constant boast that in his 40 yeers uv servis he alluz give a verdict for the plaintiff. "Ef the plaintiff wuzn't in the right wat in thunder did he soo for?" wuz his re mark. When the unconstitooshnel Fifteenth Amendment wuz passed, Squire Boyer devotid his entire energies to decidin agin them niggers. He varied his practis so much that it didn't make any diffrens whether the nigger wuz plaintiff or defendant, the verdict wuz invariable agin him. His rool wuz that whenever two white men dispoots, one of em must be right, but that it wuz impossible that a nigger shood be rite under any cir cumstancies. When ther was a white man agin a nigger the verdict wuz agin the nigger, without herin evidence; and so healthy and vigrus a prejoodis hed he agin niggers that I hev knowd him, when one nigger scood another, to give a verdict agin both uv em, wich wuz a triumph uv joorisprudence. And they felt theirselves lucky ef he didn't commit em for contempt uv court. Good old man! We shel never see his like agin!

'Squire Boyer hevin gone hentz, we hed to elect a justis to fill his plaice, and in the Convenshun Deekin Pogram and Abslum Pettus wuz the can didates. Pettus developed a good deal uv strength, but the Deekin heviv invitid the convenshun out to take suthin, it turned the scale and he wuz nominated. Pettus swore he wood never stand that kind uv tactics, and he declared hiself an independent candidate, at wich we left, for the Dimocracy uv the Corners are firm bleevers in the sanctity uv regler nominashens.

The radikels, mostly niggers, heddid by Pollock and Bigler, met and resolved to make no nominashen, and so the contest wuz between the good old, Deekin and this wretched, disorganizin Pettus, and a very lively can vass it wuz.

The niggers called a meetin, wich perceedin filled us with astonish ment. Sich a thing hed never happened here before, and we all wondered wat it meant.

"Uv course this can't be permitted!" sed the Deekin.
"Not any," sez I. "It's agin nacher, and must be pervented."

And so on the nite uv the meetin, Issaker Gavitt, Capt. McPeiter and
the rest uv the faithful went to the hall over Pollock's store, where the niggers wuz in session, and pullin out revolvers, advised em to git. The niggers didn't git, for up sprung Pettus and about a dozen uv his frens, and made some few remarks.

"These gentlemen," sed Pettus, "is citizens uv the Yoonited States, and ez sich hev a rite to meet and consult ez to the condishn uv our common country. They are agoin to do it, or yoo hev me to fite, ez well ez them. This thing is played out."

I wuz struck dum with astonishment.

"Why, this is revolooshen! This is anarky! This is a turnin over uv things! This is a upturnin and an upheevle! The idee uv a white man and a Dimekrat a sidin with niggers and radikels! Pettus, wat do yoo mean? Set down, sir! The Democratic party holds yoo to your allegi-

"D—n the Dimekratic party!" wuz the reply uv this infiddle. "I want to be justis, and I'm a goin to be! I perspose to beat that old sucker!"

The niggers held ther meetin, and resolved to cast ther ballots for Abslum Pettus, esq.

"Will they be allowed to vote?" askt the Deekin, his voice quiverin with emoshun.

"Never!" sed I. "Ef they vote then chaos comes agin."

The eleckshun wuz held last Monday. Early in the mornin Pettus, and a dozen or two renegade Dimocrats, with Pollock and that infamus Joe Bigler, all uv em with revolvers, wuz on hand when the poles wuz opened with more than a hundred niggers. Instid uv hevin Pogram, Bascom and McPelter for the board, wich hez bin the custom for yeers, they insistid upon being represented theirselves, and ez they wuz largely in the majorit they put a nigger on the board.

The Dimocrisy rallied, but it wuz evident they wuz demoralized. Pettus talked all day about the rites uv all citizens to vote, and ez the niggers hed bin made citizens he swore they shood vote, or he'd know the reason why, espeshelly ez they wuz all votin for him. And Pollock and Bigler backed him up, and the niggers look heart, hevin support from so many white men, and they come in in droves, and votid ez naterally ez tho they hed bin alluz yoosed to it.

And ez we hed no chance to do the countin by ourselves, owin to the nigger's beln on the board, with Pettus and Bigler standin right behind him, the ornary cuss wuz declared electid, and Deekin Pogram defeatid, by a large majority.

This is the end uv all things. Pettus hez declared for the administra-

The Lord only knows. The color line is bustid in the Corners, and the niggers, by the treachery uv one man, hev the power. Next fall they will elect the county offisers, ef some Dimekrat wich hez never distinguished missel a shootin uv em sees fit to hed em, and some
sich will be found. I kin see wat is goin to happen. Deeklin Pogram is now greevin that he didn't show the black cusses sum considerashen, and entice them away from Pettus. He is lamentin that he didn't treet em cordelly, and affilyate with em, and yoose em ez becums voters. "Hed I done this," said the good old man, "I mite hev bin electid." Good heavens! to think uv the hawty Caucasun bendin the supplie knee to a nigger for his vote! To this complexion must it come at last! I see it all. The love uv offs outways the hatred uv color. Sich is poor human nacher. Ther ain't nothin but roolin ahed.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex-Reformer.

MR. NASBY GIVES EXTRACTS FROM HIS DIARY.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
April 26, 1877.

Ef the yooserper Hayes don't find hisself into a muss with his party in less than a month I am mistaken. I hev bin in Noo York, and I hev observed the indicashens. There is a storm a brewin wich will break outn his devotehd hed, and sweep him from the face uv the political earth. It is inevitable. Them ez wuz instrumental in electin him are a desertin uv him. Ther ain't wun uv em that bleeves in his Southern policy.

The followin from my diary, while in Noo York, will perhaps show the sitioashen ez clearly ez anything:

Monday—Met gentleman in bar-room. Red nose, and evidently in bil- yus circumstances, and, ez it were, constipatid finanshelly; asked him how he wuz pleased with the administrashen; replide that he hed alluz bin a Republikin, and hed cherished the hope for menny years that he shood die in the lovin embrace uv that gellorius party. But he wuz afeerd that it hed run its course. Coodent approve uv the President's Southern polisy, and felt that for the perfection uv the nigger he shood be driven into the arms uv the Dimocrysy. No party cood live wich didn't take care uv its workers. He cood put his hand on his heart and say that the fact that he hed bin suddenly dropped out uv a place in the custom house hed nothin to do with his present position, but when he looked to the strugglin Republikins uv the South, and saw how they hed bin treated by the President, he felt that he cood do nothin less than go over to the Dimocrysy. Teerfully acceptid an invitashun to take suthin, and with great futility attempted to borrow a dollar uv me, wich is on the same lay, and pensively de-parted. Met him sevral times that day, with perpyooal repeets uv the same talk, and, with respect to borrowin, repeets uv the same experience.

Toosday—Gentleman with a protooberant abdomen. Resides near Roch- ester, but hez bin in the habit uv comin to Noo York, wunst a month, to draw his salary from the custom house. Is uv the oplynun that Hayeses Southern polisy is a faleyoor. Don't keer a straw about his bein turned out uv his place, but weeps when he thinks uv the Republikins uv the South bein abandoned by the President. Commenst sheddin pearly tears over the abandonment the mornin he wuz discharged. Wood hev distilled the briny sooner, but never hed time to think uv it. Shel either organize a new party on the basis uv protectin the niggers in the South, or jine the Dimocrysy—ain't shoer wich. Is convinst that suthin ought to be done, there bein a crisis, and Freedom lyin a gaspin. Felt when he receeved his dismissal that the war hed bin fought in vane, and that he hed lost
all the froots uv victry. Is womdrin if Tweed will reelly rise and take pos-
session uv the government uv the city when he is discharged.

Wensday—Thin party vehemently denounsin Hayeses policy. Denounc-
in the abandonment uv Republikins uv the South, with teers in his eyes. Considers the country hangin on the verge uv room. Came down here with a letter from his member of Congris askin that he be appintid to a eighteen hundred dollar place in the custom house. Collector Arthur on-
feelinly remarked that there wuzn't any vacancies, nor any prospeck uv ther bein one, and that he hed better go home and go to work. Wantid to know if this wuz the way to bring about reform? Bleeved in civil ser-
vice reform, but also bleeved that we ought to come to it graduallay. Don't care so much about not gittin his place, altho he ought to hev it, but he felt like weepin when he thought uv the abandonment uv the Republi-
kins uv the South by the President. Isn't shoor but that, in order to se-
koor the full froots uv the war for the Yoonun, he will yit be obliged to cast in his lot with the Dimocrcy. Shel wait and see. Hopes for the best, but spends the heft uv his time a tremblin for his country. Wantid to bor-
rr a dollar.

And so on. While I bleeve that the President hes disrupted his party, I shood hev liked the prospick better ef I cood hev seen more uv wat mite te called the biznes classes jinin the denunciashen uv his policy, and ef it hedn't bin so exclosively confined to gentlemen with illuminated countenances. I hev no objeckshun to red noses, for mine is not uv the pearly tint wich lovers uv buty prefer, beln ruther a beckin lite; but I know that it ain't a favorite color among the people, onless one kin get a medikle certifcate that he aquired it by disease, or some pekoolyer diet. Likewise it wood be better ef the disapprovers, ez a rool, didn't hev onsuccessfull letters askin for places about their persons, or little dokiments dismssin uv em, carefully consealed in ther clothes. These things are calklilatid to ease doubts, in the minds uv narrer men, uv the disinterestednis uv ther de-
unsiashuns. But I hev this comfort—they kin all yawp, and all the peo-
dle don't know the impellin motive uv the yawp.

The lion in affluent circumstances, a gorgin hisself with the carcass uv his prey, is a quiet beast, but rend the prey from him and he growls. Just so with the man in ofis. Ef the powers that be let him alone, he is quiet, but take that from him, and his growls is awful. The yoosperer Hayes is accumulatin a stock uv growls, wich will increase ez he goes on.

I shoodent like to be in his place. While the innocent man wuz in
ded ernest when he pledged hisself to civil servis reform, them ez held places, ez well ez them expectin em, thought he wuz like Tilden, jist in fun about it. And now that it is a stern reality, there is trouble, and there will be more. I hev hopes. Out uv the carcass cometh honey.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex-Reformer.

MR. NASBY ON THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
May 23, 1877.

The Yoosperer Hayes is nothin but a disappointment to the Corners. He duzn't give me half a chance, and seems to take delite in disapplutin my expectashens. When he removed the nine hundred soljers from the South, and thus emancipatid from the grindin effex uv military despotism
three milliyuns uv people, it seemed to be so direckly aimed at my interests that I took it ez a persenl matter. Them soljers hed bin board, lodgin and likker to me for a great menny yeers. Whenever we, uv the Corners wuz reproached for not doin nothin, I cood alluz inflame the people in Bascom's and wither the reproacher by askin wat cood be expectid when the Corners wuz a groanin under military rool? “Does Poland go forrerd in the path uv progress?” I askt. “Pint me in histry to any subjogatid na- shen that ever did any thing when the iron hans uv military power wuz onto ther throats. Even the Jews when in captivity hung their harps onto the willers, and refoozed to sing in strange lands. Give us our freedom agin, and we may wunst more hist a cheerful stave, and warble gally. But ez it is—Bascom, jist one more, ef, there's room on the slate.”

But now that the 900 soljers is removed, and ez we hain't got no ex- coose for not quittin Bascom's and goin out and doin suthin, Pollock and Bigler jeer at us.

The meetin uv Congris wich wuz to hev taken place in Joon wood hev given us suthin to go on. I hed speeches keerfully prepared to shoot off at the administrashen, wich I wuz to hev furnisht our member uv Congris, wich wuz scathin denunclashens uv Hayes, and ez they wuz made, I come in afore the froots uv the yooserper's polisy hed showd itself, and ez we cood predict all sorts uv trubble, it wood hev kep alive the wann hopes uv men like me. But now he haz gone and postponed the meetin till October, by wich time them recreant Sutherns ez wants everything ez quiet ez a mill-pond, will hev got things ther own way, and we be left helplis. It's too provokin.

But ef he thinks we are a goin to be satisfied with the concessions he haz made, he is mistaken. The Suthern hart wunst fired keeps smolderin a long time, and ain't so easily squenched. The Corners hez demands to make, and the Corners hez got to hev wat it wants afore it will be satisfisled, or consider the work uv reconstruckshen properly done. The Cor- ners wants prosperity, and the Corners demands that the government makes the Corners prosperous. We hev'n got the money to do it, but we want it, and ef the government wants that acqulascence that it seems to consider desirable, the government will see that it is done.

The Corners demands uv the general government ez follows:

1. The slack-watrin uv Slawter Criik, to make it navigable for boats up the largest class, at all seasons uv the yeer. (We may demand that the government put the boats on, but will let that go for the present.)

2. The guaranteein uv the bonds uv the Confedrit X Roads and S.- cessionville railroad, and the compleshun uv that road, that we may avoid haulin, by teems, the likker and other necessaries uv life wich we hev to buy in Loolsville.

3. The immejit bildin uv an arsenal at the Corners, and the otifterin uv the same from the citizens thereof, that some kind uv manufacturin may be done here.

4. The immejit bildin uv a levee on Slawter Creek that the lands uv Deekin Pogram and Issaker Gavitt, and sich lands ez I may hereafter pur- chis may not be overflowed.

5. The compleshun uv the plank road from the Corners up Red Run, by the way uv Pokerville, to avoid the nigger settlement at Freedom, wich are customers uv Pollock's, wich is a carpet-bagger, and ain't a Republikin and ain't therefore entitled to no consideration whatever from a consis- totry administrashen.

6. The buildin uv a permanent postofis and government bildins at the Corners.

7. The dredgin out uv the mouth uv Sandy Run, to make a landin there, that we kin hev a proper markit for our prodoose when we git nigger lajer cheap enuff to begin to raise some.
There are some other things which we shall want, that we may be properly consolidated; the completion of the Davis Hill road, for instance, and the appropriation ofuv the lands to finish the "Biblical Institute," which never got further than the laying of the corner stone, but they things will come up afterward. What I have enoomerated will do for the present.

The South wants nussin, and won't be passified without it. How are we going to enter upon a career of prosperity unless the government furnishes the means? We are an high-spired but an impoverisht people, and want to be cared for. The war took away our labor, and left us helpless. Go into Bascom's any day, or nite, and you will see there a hundred helpless men, whose fields are untilled, and all uv em groanin over the condishn uv things. Our railroads are not built, our slack-watrlin ain't done, and everything is at a stand-still. The niggers which wuz wunst our are labrin for theirselves, and spendin their earnins on theirselves. They are prosperous? Troo. But they ain't the ones to be prosperous. We, the sooperior class, are the ones which must hev the fosterin keer uv a paternal and maternal government.

Let the government do this for us, and ther will be peecce.

Deny us these modrit rekestes, and there will continyoo to be that sul-len feelin wich alluz exists in a proud tho conkered people. May the yoosserper and his Senit be wise.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (wich is oppress.)

P. S.—My appintment to the postoffis at the Corners wood go a grate way toward consiliatin the Corners. It wood consiliat two, me and Bascom. It wood enable me to pay wat I owe him, and lay the foundashens for new credit, broad and strong.

P. V. N.

MR. NASBY ASSISTS AT A RECESSION.

Confedrit X Roads, (Wich is in the State uv Kentucky), Joon 15, 1877.

The recepshun given our two noble reform standard-barers in Noo York wuz not just wat we hed looked for. We uv the West hed agreed that Hendrix mite be recepht in Noo York, to git him into trainin for the Presidenshel candidacy in 1880, but Tilden got wind uv it and blockd our little game. We hed to recep him ez well ez Hendrix, and ez Sam-yool, in the recent campane for reform hed spent five millyuns uv dollars a buyin up votes and sich, he insisted upon bein made cheef mourner.

This wuz espeshelly disagreeable to me, for I hev a bitternis wich I am nourishin. I coodent help rememberin that at the reform convension in St. Lool the reform managers only paid me $400 for my vote, when other delegates with not more than half my influrence recieved twice and three times that sum. I wuz swindled, and uv course I coodent view the swindler with complacency.

The parade the first evening wuz a site that wuz cheerin to a nashnul reformer. It showed me that in Noo York, at least, the fires uv Dimocrisy wuz a blazin britly, and that tho we hed bin cheetid out uv our Presid-ent, it wuz not to be stayed in its onward march toward reform. I saw the old famlyer faces. There wuz Teddy O'Shaughnessy, who alone and single-handid, killed six adult and five infant niggers, in the demonstra-shun uv Jooly 4th, 1863, seein in their blood his devoshun to Dimocrisy. He holds four offices now in the city government. Ther wuz Patsy O'Brien who wuz pardonned out uv Sing-Sing fist in time to take part in the reform.
movement last fall, and Micky O'Flynn and Timmy Ryan, and in short all the old stand-bys uv the reform party, ez full uv zeel ez ever.

A delightful little re-yoonyun we hed after the speeches, in a convenient s'loon, a talkin over old times and makin plans for the fucher. They considered the prospeck for the fucher uv the reform Dimocrisy cheerin. Patsy O'Brien sed that the emigrashen from Ireland wuz increasin every day, and that under the rool uv the reform managers uv Tammany ther wood be no trouble whatever in votin an Irishman ez soon ez he landid.

It hed bin sejestid that they shood be allowed to vote in Ireland by simply announsin their intershuns uv comin over, but he didn't approve uv it. Ez soon ez they hed votid there, they wood insist upon bein made skool direkters, or bein put upon the pay-roll uv the p'leece uv this city. He held that a man holdin offis ought at least be upon the ground. There wood be no trouble in keepin up our majority here. Whisky wuz cheep, and the process uv makin Dimocrats wuz goin on uninterrupedly.

The recepshun at the Manhattan club wuz a brilllyant affair. In a swellered-taled cote and a white neck-tie, I am rather an imposin spektacle. It is grand but uncomfortable, but I bore it like a hero.

Tilden, the reformer, is a great man. His speech wuz a modle. His de-nunciahsen uv fraud, and the necessity uv preservin the purity uv the bal-lot-box wuz ez techniz a piece uv oratory ez I ever heerd. It affectid the Tammany leaders wich stood around him to teers.

One little accident occurred wich mite hev marred the harmony uv his speech, hed anybody else bin a makin uv it. He wuz denouncin the wrong that hed bin done the people, by forcin a President electid by fraud upon em, and deplorin the yoose uv improper Infloences in eleck-shuns, when a package uv papers fell out uv his breast coat pockit and wuz scattered on the floor. They wuz the telegrams offerin $5,000 for a Ore-gon elector, and all the receipts for money pade in the Cronin and Gobbl biznis. Everybody hed the presence uv mind not to pay any attenshun to em, and he went on denouncin fraud ez cooly ez tho it wuz a pockit tes-tament that he hed dropped.

A excellent life-inshoorence agent wuz spiled when Saml. J. Tilden went into pollytix.

Likewise I admired his witherin denunshiashen uv corrupshen generally, with all uv Tweed's old leftenantis—his pardners—in the crowd. It wuz a spektacle seldom ekalled—never surpast.

Ef Samyooel J. Tilden cood combine any uv the characteristics uv the late G. Washington, with them wich he possesses, he wood be a shinin lile indeed.

He is the most pashunt uv men. A Dimocratic member uv Congris-elect sed he wantid to make a speech on the Presidenshel question, and wantid some informashen. He wantid to know wat wuz the meanin uv the frazes, "President de Jury," and "President de fakto." Samyooel set down and explained it to him. I didn't ketch it all, but from wat I did heer, I understand that a President de jury wuz a man wich hed spent $5,000,000 a buyin up votes and sich, and didn't git the place; and a President de facto wuz a man wich actilly got the posishen without spendin a cussid cent for it.

The next day we hed a splendid time uv it. I wuz put in charge uv a eminent reformer wich showd us the city. It wuz not only interestin but instructive.

We hed kerridges, and we wuz taken to the Sixth ward to see whei
Democratic majorities come from, and from thence we went to view the unfinished court house on which thirteen millyuns hev bin already spent, and wich will take almost as much more to finish it.

"That bildin cost us thirteen millyuns," sed our guide proudly. "The Brooklyn people bilt a bigger one and only got five hundred thousand out uv it, whch wuz a waste uv opportunities seldom ekalled in the history uv the reform Dimocrisy. That postoffs'—and ez he looked at it a portenshus frown wrinkled his brow, castin a shader on his nose which changed the gorgeous red to a gasty blo—"that postoffs we wuz swindled out uv. It wuz bilt by a corrupt Republikin administrashen, and only cost two millyuns and a half. Ef it hed bin in our hands, in the hands uv men wich know how to make sich things pay, it wood hev cost twenty millyuns by this time and woodent hev bin half dun yit. Ah! If Tweed hed only hed it! A grate man is Tweed—the reform Dimocrisy uv the city miss him very much."

And then we druv up town, and looked sadly at the gorgeous palaces wich Sweeney, Connolly, Harry Genet, Garvey, Ingersoll and them old Romans bilt at the expense uv the city, afore they become eggsiles onto a furrin shoar; we looked at the armories wich wuz bilt in the golden age uv the Dimocrisy, and unable to endoor moor we alighted and hung our harps on the willers, in a s'loon, and wept ez we drank cheap whisky out uv thick glasses.

"This ain't the likwid I wood be absorbin hed the reformer Tilden bin electid," sighed the reformer wich wuz showin us around. "We hed it fixed that the custom-house wuz to be rebilt, and I wuz to hev hed the contrak. Nothin less than shampane wood hev irrigatid this wasted frame for the next ten yeers. Oh! the cussid fraud that kep us out! After all the money I spent—I hed charge uv the repeeters we sent to Connecticut and Noo Jersey—after all my sacrifices in the interests uv reform, to be thus swindled out uv my reward!"

And the poor man broke down with emoshun.

We paid our respects to the marter Tweed, to Tilden at his home, to Morrissey at his faro-bank, and other leedin Democrats, and then seperated. Each went to his home filled with fresh zeel for Dimocrisy, and with fresh determinashen to do our level best to bring about a Democratic triumph this fall, as a precursor to a crownin triumph in 1880. To see how the Dimocrisy uv Noo York live, inflames me with righteous zeel.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex-Reformer.

MR. NASBY HOLDS HIS REGULAR CONVENTION.

Confedrit X Roads,  
(Wich is In the State uv Kentucky),  
Aug. 26, 1877.

The Dimocrisy uv the Corners met in convenshun yisterday, to nominate a county tikkit, and a deliteful season it wuz. Bascom arrayed his grosery with green branches, in honor uv the occasion, and ez the wheat crowd in the region hed bin harvestid and sold, he hed ordered two barls uv noo likker from Looisville. The harvest wuz earlier this season than ever before. Pollock notified the citizens that ez there wuz a bountiful crop he wood give em no more credit for goods, but they left him to skorn. "We kin go without shoes and stockins and sich, for it's liable to be a mild winter," they sed. But when Bascom sed "no more trust for likker!" they turned pale and went to ther wheat fields.
It wuz a pleasant convenshun. The delegates wuz full uv enthousiasm for the party and its time-honored prinsiples, and the oftener they went to Bascom's the more enthousiastic they became. To save time I finely adjourned em to Bascom's in order to keep a quorum together.

I rose, ez is the regler thing, to report a series uv resolooshens wizh I hed prepared wizh runs ez follows;

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy uv the Corners, in convenshun assembléd, now, ez ever, reiterate ther approval uv the war uv 1812, and wunst more nale the motto, "free trade and salers' rites," to the mast head, and under it demand to be led to victry.

This resolooshen wuz reseeved wizh cheers.

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy uv the Corners reaffirm their devoshun to the prinsiples uv the immortal Jefferson and Jackson likewise, and congratulate the country upon the successful result uv the battle uv Noo Orleans.

Resolved, That the thanks uv this convenshun is hereby tendered to the gallant volunteers from Kentucky and Tennessee, who, on that bloody field beat back the British Invader, and added new luster to the Amerikin name.

Resolved, That we are unalterably opposed to a high protective tariff, to the nashnel bank, and in favor uv hard money, and opposed to paper uv any kind.

Here wuz a little trouble. Bascom insistid that we ought not to in‌clude a denunshishen uv paper money, for, ez he understood it, wut the Dimocrisy wantid wuz more paper money, and no gold for the bloatid bond-holders.

Deekin Pogram rose and sed he didn't know wut the Dimocrisy wantid nor wat they didn't want, but this he did know, that a resolooshen agin paper money hed bin in evry Dimekratic platform he ever hed anything to do with, sence the first convenshun he attendid, in 1828, and he wood never sit calmly by and see a platform with that plank left out. He wanted to stand by the old lites, and wuz opposed to innovashuns and innovators. Then I went on:

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy protest agin the okkepashen uv the suv-rin states uv the South by Fedrel troops, and demand their immejit withdrawal.

"Parson," sed the Deekin, "hezn't Hayes withdrawd the troops?"

"Deekin, don't interrupt me."

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy demand uv the Fedrel government re‌form in the civil servis, and economy in the expenditoors, and——

"Parson," sung out Bascom, "ain't that jist wat Hayes is adoin? Wat do we want to endorse him for?"

"Bascom," I replied tartly—a little too tartly considerin that he holds the destiny uv our stummicks in his hands—"will yoo tell me wat good any reform kin be to us wich we don't make? Wat ef he is cuttin down offis-holders? Wat ef he is rootin out sinecures? Wat ef he is reformin? Wat good is reform to me so long 2z there is a nigger radikle in the post-offis, wher I ought to be, and a white radikle in the collector's offis, wher Issaker Gavitt ought to be? Ther's a distinkshen. It does make a diffrens who insti‌toots a reform."

The resolooshens wuz adoptid, a tikkit wuz nominated, and the con‌venshun adjourned. It's a good thing to hold a Democratic convenshun in a bar-room—the delegates don't hev to skatter after the biznis is over.
I notist with alarm that the interrupshens and questionings in this convenshun came from Bascom and the Deekin. I feer that they don’t al-
gether understand Dimocrisy. Dimocrisy is the same, one and indivisible, now and forever. Evence and condishns may change, but Dimocrisy never. Wat wuz Dimocrisy fifty yeers ago is Dimocrisy now, and will, I hope, be fifty yeers hence. I never go agin presedent; when a convenshun once passes a resolooshen, that becomes Dimocrisy, and all succeedin convens-
huns must reiterate it. We occashnally hev to interdoose noo matter; ez or instance the war brought in some noo ishoos wich we can’t ignore, but kunst there, there they must stay. In addishen to approvin the last war with Great Britain, and opposin tariffs and sich, Dimekratic convenshuns from this time out must protest agin the okkepasshen uv Southern states by Fedrel troops, and agin everything connectid with the war. Ef Prov-
lence ever blesses me with a son, I trust my sperit will hover over him and his son, and his son’s son, in Dimekratic convenshuns, interdoosin esolooshens dammin the late war, and everything growin out uv it, ez well as approvin uv the last war with Great Britain.

That’s my idee uv Dimocrisy, and alluz will be. Dimocrisy is ez eter-
el ez the hills and jist ez immovable. We are ez hard ez the granit rox, and it takes jist ez much drillin to git anything new into us. We hold well, but we don’t hold much. The mcst pitiful site in nacher is to see a young man who hez a idee into him, in an old Dimekratic convenshun. It’s terrible to see the old stagers wich wuz uckled on the war uv 1812, and weaned on Jacksonism, strugglin to ake in anything that hez happened sence that time, and fit it to theirs-
eves. They can’t do it.

It is cheerin to me to see the Dimocrisy uv the Corners follerin present so closely ez to demand hard money, when the wants uv the Corners emand paper, and lots uv it; and it wuz cheerin also to see them ignore he work the yooserper Hayes is doin, in the way uv reform, jist becoz he wuzn’t electid by the Dimocrisy.

Sich Democrats yoo kin count on with a degree uv certainty that is eliteful. Wood, oh wood, that we hed more uv em!

PETROLEUM V. NASBY.

THE PRESIDENT’S SOUTHERN PROGRESS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Sept. 15, 1877.

Yesterd’y the Corners wuz profoundly shoked. Joe Bigler wuz over Secesshionville, and when he returned he spread the nooze that the frol-
 dent President, Hayes, wuz on a Southern toor, and hed decided to make the Corners a visit.

I wuz profoundly alarmed. I hed red uv ovashens he hed receevd in the South, and hed wore mournin on my hat for two days in consekeence. The lee uv Democrats bowin the knee to this Abishn Baal and doin him honor tung me to the quick. And to think that he shood hev the impoodeece to come to the Corners, and undertake to conker the just prejoodisses uv sterlin Dimocrisy—that Dimocrisy wich never yit regardid time nor lace—but wich alluz remained troo to the cardinal pints uv Dimocrisy—that he shood come and try to corrupt them, wuz too much.

Suthin hed to be did, and that quickly. Bigler sed he wood be here the next day, and I convened a meetin to wunst.
It wuz a sad occashun. I statid the objick in a few words. Here wuz a fraudulent President which hed bin goin over the entire South—a Ablish President—a travlin thro Kentucky and Tennessee, and hedn't ez yit bee killed. Not so much ez a single brick hed bin shied at him—not so much ez a single hiss or a groan hed bin hurled at him. Hisses and groans an bricks! On the contrary this representative uv the Ablishn sentimen uv the North hed bin feasted, and wined and dined in the South, and by Southern men!

He wuz a comin to the Corners. Not content with pollutin Loolsville he wuz to continyoo his triumphel progress to the Corners, and it wood be expectid that the Corners wood put its neck nder his yoke, and yelp hosaners to this yooserper. Wood the Corners do it? (Cries of "Never never!") With a nigger in the postoffis, and a radikel in the collector's offis, wood the Corners consider itself satisfied? Never! The troops he bin withdrawd from Loosianer, but so long ez them offises is kep from the Dimocracy, the remembrances uv a fratrisidle war still rankles in our buzms.

(The cheers wuz so vocifrus that I riz with the occashun.)

Wat does all this mean? Where is the Dimocracy? Wat is Dimocrysy anyhow? Het leld sperit died out? Do them Kentuckians wic are hurrahin for Hayes realize the fact that he wuz electid by Ablish votes? Do they remember that his sword is rusted with Southern blood and that to sich ez him they owe the loss uv their niggers?

Are they still Dimecrats?

Who is this Hayes?

Does he believe in the last war with Great Britain?

Does he believe in the resolooshens uv '98?

Does he bleeve in free trade?

Does he bleeve that Jaxon wuz the greatest uv Amerikins, and that the volunteers from Kentucky and Tennessee wich wuz at Noo Orleens ar deservin uv resolooshens uv thanks at every Dimecratic convenshun?

Is he opposed to internal improvements, and does he still shout for "free trade and salers' rites?"

Is he in favor of the extenshun uv slavery to the territories, and is he opposed to the heresy uv Douglas?

Did he vote for secession?

Does he bleeve in states' rites, and is he in favor uv hard money? (ruther—well, on the hard money question I ain't so pertikeler, but, I su it all up—is he a Dimekrat?)

And then I posed the adopshen uv the follein resolooshens:

Wareas, A fraudulent President which is a yooserper is makin a toor uv the South, and hez bin reseeved with demonstrashens uv approval b Southern Dimekrats, and

Wareas, The sed President is President de fakto, and not President e jure—

Deekin Pogram—"Parson, wat is de fakto and de jury?"

I explained to the Deekin that them terms wuz furrin in their struter, but hed bin yossed in Eastern Dimekratic noosepapers, and mu therefore be good phrases, and that I wood explane em to him at so fucher time, and went on:

—and deserves the reprobashen, instid uv the applause, uv all Dimekrat and

Wareas, We uv the Corners, hevin never heerd that this yooserper b
single one uv the time-honored principles uv the Democratic party, but in all respects a bloody-minded Ab'lishnist, therefore be it. Resolved, That in antissipashen uv his comin the Corners be dressed in journin.
Resolved, Ez a sense uv the hoomilashen the Corners feels at his comin that the day he is here she be a day uv fastin and hoomilashen, and hat to properly express our feelins, Bascom shel close on that day, and he Corners shel gnash their teeth.
Resolved, That doorin the stay uv the yooserper the Dimocrisy uv the Corners shel keep within their doors and leeve the welcomin uv the sed rod to the niggers and radikels.

The resolooshen closin Bascom's wuz modified into dressin his front and also the baris in black crape, at Bascom's expense, and the resolooshens wuz passed yoonanimously.

At this pint Issaker Gavitt rose and wantid to offer a resolooshen: Issaker remarkt that the resolooshens wuz just ez things now stood, but the wuz a merciful man. He didn't want to cut the yooserper off entirely, but desired to give him a chance to g in the esteem uv the Corners. He gud give him one more chance—just one more, and ef he refoosed that, hy then it wuz all over. He wood offer this resolooshen:

Resolved, That while we brand Rootherford B. Hayes ez a President de akto, and ez a oppressor uv the South, and ez a destroyer uv the liberes uv his country, and so feelin, refooz to welcome him to the Corners, nevertheless, ef he shel do the Corne's the Justis to remove the infainus dikel wich is collector, and appint I his place Issaker Gavitt, and also move the nigger postmaster and ap int in his place the Rev. Petroleum. Nasby, it wuz a great way to vard softenin the bitternis and hoomilashen wich now rankles in the bu'm uv the Corners, and wood tend ery much toward restorin that harmoniz and good feelin that shood exist between a scsehun and the general government.

I wuz in doubt whether we ought to concede so much, but Bascom turnd his eyes appealingly to me and I consented. I owe that man too much to stand on trifles. The addishnl resolooshen wuz passed, and we journd, feelin that watever other places in Kentucky mite do, the Corners hed done its dooty.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex-Reformer.
P. S.—Jist ez we adjourned we got the nooze that Bigler hed bin hoax-uv us—that the accursed yooserper wusn't comin to the Corners at all. hat man needs killin.

MR. NASBY ASSISTS IN THE OHIO ELECTION.
Confedrit X Roads, (Which is in the State uv Kentucky),
Oct. 15, 1877.

At the rekest uv the giless Richard Bishop, wich people supposed don't know how to run a campane, I came to Toledo, Ohio, to assist in gitten together the Democratic strength, and asshoorin' the triumph uv that dimocrisy uv wich, so fur, I hev bin a ardent supporter. And I may y, in parenthesis, that Dimocrisy hez no advantage over me in that re-ecck, for ef I hev bin a support to Dimocrisy, Dimocrisy hez bin a support me.

The eleckshun day passed off, and every man did his dooty. The re-ilt will gladden the hart uv the Corners. We hev electid our guvornor, and we hev sekoored a majority uv the legislacher, wich gives us another nator. Halleloojy!
But the result uv the eleckshun in the county was a astonisher whi
I hevn't bin able to account for yit. The workin-men uv the county
hed organized, for the perpus uv betterin ther condishn. Sum uv em,
wich reely do work, hev hed rather a close time, and hev bin groanin over
ther troubles, but ther are sum thousands wich don't never work at all,
and a lot uv lawyers and doctors, and sich like labrin men, wich alluz do
the most healthy groanin on sich okkashens.

In the interest uv the Dimekratik candidates, I urged the labrin men
along all I cood, for nine-tenths uv em wich does work, and wich, ez we
figgered it, wood be troo to the movement, blongs to the radikels, nater-
ally, and we expectid to bring the Dimekratik lams wich hed strayed into
these pasters back into the fold on the mornin uv eleckshun.

The day passed and everything looked lovely. The labrin men wuz
out in ther strength, and we wuz certin that we hed drawd enuff votes
from the radikels to inshoor the success uv our tikkit. And that evenin I
sat down with the candidates, and many wuz the beakers that we quaffed
in jubilatin over the redempshen uv a Republikin stronghold.

I retired that nite ez happy ez a lord, and ez comfortable ez a man coo,
be wich hed acheeved a victory. I slept the sleep uv the man wich hed
discharged his dooty and is tolrable certin uv gettin his pay for it.

The mornin sun wuz a streemin thro the winder uv my room the
blessid Wednesday mornin. I sent down for a paper, and while I wuz pullin
on the boots the Dimekratik Central Committee hed given me, I glarced
at it. I wuz anxshus to feest my eyes on the triumph I hed acheeved by
dooin the stoopid workin-men into runnin a tikkit uv ther own and throw
in away ther votes.

Horror!

The labrin men hed swep the county, by a majority uv nearly tw
thousand.

I am a man uv prompt akrshun in all matters uv prinsiple. I may b
slack in matters pertainin to myself. I am criminell slow in all thing
wich concern meerly myself. I hev loitered when invitashens to drink he
bin extendid to others, and hev santered, very freqently, so slowly ez no
to git in before the change wuz made; but in public matters where ther
is a prinsiple involved, no man kin be more prompt than I.

I lookt twice to make shoor that ther wuz no mistake about the ma
ajorities, and that the workin-men hed reely kerried the county when
started to the offis uv the hed centre. There wuz no time to lose. I didn
want to come in at the eleventh hour. So prompt wuz I that I went wit
wun boot on, and no hat. It wuz seven o'clock a. m., and ther wuz n
time to lose:

I enrolld myself ez a workin-man immejitly, and well it wuz that
wuz ez prompt ez I wuz. For within a minit ther cum to that offis
thousand Republikins and Dimecrats, wich claimed the rite to enro
theirsevles in the noble arrny uv labrin men.

They cum from every direckshun.

Ther wuz in that throng every man wich hed bin bustid for a nomine
shen in either the Republikin or Dimekratik party, for ten years, and the
most promisin assortment uv heretofore unknown offis-seekers wich I eve
saw. And every blessid man uv em, without excepszun, all commenst
speech, towurst, and in korus, on the rites uv the down-trodden labri
man, and all uv em howled the same speech.

- I saw these same men yesterdays workin zelusly for the Dimecratlo
Repulikin tikkets, and afore the eleckshun they hed bin most industriously a standin on the corners uv the street, smokin very cheap cigars when they hed to buy em theirselves, and very expensive ones when they wuz bought by other people.

"Are yoo goin to take these people in?" I shreeked in agony. "Can't yoo see that ther ain't offses enuff to go around?"

"Sir!" exclaimed they all feercely, "in this holy croosade agin cappytle, and for the horny-handid toilers, we assert ther is offses enuff. Ther wuz about four thousand votes, and we, who from circumstances didn't git in soon enuf to vote, will swell the number to five thousand. Very good. Let the Sheriff elect, immejitly appint two thousand five hundred deppytles, and the Treasurer elect stand up for the rites uv the labrin man, by appinting two thousand five hundred clerks, and then keep out uv the organiza-shen the bloatid bankers, merchants, and them ez own shops and sich, so that we kin tax them, to pay our salaries. We shel keep out enuff capp-ytle to tax to support us. Cappytle hez hed its sway, so far—now laber comes in."

And they votid to keep the books open till nine that day, and then close 'em. Ther didn't any more come, thank Hevin. The party is strong enuff to hold the city, but, merciful hevins! onless the sejestion I hev quotid is actid onto, what are they all agin to do? They kin elect a Council, next spring, and that Council kin vote to pay the labrers $2.50 a day, but they won't take that. Ez they all expect offis, wat good will it be to offer 'em work at any price?

I sympathize with the labrin man, jist afore every eleckshun, but I think I shell git out uv the organizashen and go back to Kentucky wher her ain't any labor done that hurts. Ther is too eager an appreshiashen uv offis to make it comfortable for a man like me, and the ranks uv the abrin men are likely to be swelled too fast for my purpus. Wat chance is her for one man among five thousand, and all uv em ez I am?

The temprense movement is hevin a run up ther, but I indignantly re-booed to jine it. I wuz askt to deliver a temprense lecter, but I declined. "I'm not a reformed drunkard," sed I. "That's easily fixed," remarked the rekeester. "All yoo hev to do is to quit."

I heerd one man make a speech on the street corner.

"Rum, like the grasshopper," sed he, "is a burden. I went home last night, and went to the pantry for suthin to eat, and it wuz bare. I looked at my wife and children, and ther they sat, cold and hungry. Ther wuz no food, no focel, in the house—wat shood hev pervided for em hed gone for um. Ez I looked into ther pale, pinched faces, and ther emashed forms, wakened conshense strove with me, and I then and there took a solemn ath never to drink again—onless I wuz asked."

The eleckshun in Ohio is a triumph but it don't do me any good. Ther in't no way uv reeching my postoffs for three yeers, and I can't wait. I hel be in the silent tomb before that, and the worins will be at me. Still, did my dooty.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Workin-man.
MR. NASBY ON THE SOUTHERN DEMOCRACY.

Confedrit X Roads, (Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Oct. 27, 1877.

Despite the Dlmocratic triumph in Ohio, and the prospective success in Pennsilvany, my hart is sad.

The Dimocrisy uv the South is crushed, and there ain't no life into em.

For the fust time sence the beginnin uv the unconstooshnel war, the cor-
ners hain't got a grievance with wich it kin inflame the public mind, or 
fire the public hart.

The infamous eight to seven President, Hayes, hez taken away all our 
capitile, and did it in sich a crooel manner that I hev'nt words to express 
my detestashen uv the man, or my hatred uv his ax.

For fifteen yeers and thereabout—I can't git fax down to a fine pint in 
my present demoralized condishn—we hed a soft thing on the Radikels. I 
hed it in my power at any time to inflame the Corners to a pitch uv frenzy, 
which enabled me to do anything under heaven with em. All I hed to do 
wuz to leen on the bar at Bascom's, and sigh, and demand uv the peopl-
"wat wuz the yoose uv startin a woolen factry, or developin a plantashen, 
or bldin a cotton mill, or anything uv the sort, so long ez the South 
overrun with bloo-coted minyuns, and all our energies paralyzed?" 

Then Issaker Gavitt, after tryin in vane to borrra a quarter uv Deekin 
Pogram wood jine in. "Wat is the yoose," he wood say, "uv capitalists 
investin ther means in developin the country, when they were groani 
under military despotism? For one, I'll never put my means into nothin, 
till we are releevd."

Then the entire blin uv them ez wuz leanin on the counter, waitin for 
some stranger to come in and treet em, wood swear that so long ez they 
wuz a groanin under the oppression uv military rool, that they'd be d—d ez 
they advance anything for any enterprises uv any kind. It wuz liable to 
be rooled by the iron heel uv military power.

And after this ebullishn, they'd look wearily around to see wich wood 
hold out the longest, and finnely jine agin Bascom, and so worry him that 
he'd give em eech credit for a bowl-warmer, rather than be annoyed with 
em, after which they'd go home and brood over the oppression they wuz 
suffrin under, while ther wives wuz splittin wood with wich to fry the 
bacon they hed borrerd.

Now this is all over. We never did hev any military at the Corners 
but ther wuz about 800 scattered thro the South. Them is all withdrawd 
and our capitile is gone. We can't enthuse any more. That withdrawal of 
the military sealed up the fountain uv teers wich we hed bin in the habit 
uv sheddin over the oppreshn we hed bin sufferin under, and choked off 
our lamentashens. Ef I say "military okkepashen," immeditly some Radi-
kel remarks that the troops is all withdrawd, and ther ain't a bloo-kote in 
the South.

Then my sole sinks.

Wat good wood a reformer be in a world wich hez no sin in it? Wat 
good is ther in bein a agitator, when ther ain't nothin' to better agin. Ef 
the yoooserper hed left a hundred soljers in the South—if he hed left ten— 
ef he hed put up a bloo-kote in a korn-feeld, it wood hev bin enuff; but to 
send the entire eight hundred off to fite Injins, wuz crooelty to me and sich 
ez me, for wich I shel never forgive him.
The idea uv Dimecratic Convenshuns bein obleeged to endorse the acts uv a Republikin President! The idea of hevin nothin’ to howl about!

I hev hed nothin but trouble and disappointment sence this policy wuz adopted. When I wuz in Noo York last week I tried to raise a fund to organize the Dimocrisy for the next campane in the South. Not a dollar cood I git, for the merchants all remarkt that they wuz too bizzy shippin goods to the South to attend to nashnel pollytix. They refoozed to contribbit a cent, for they sed things wuz doin quite well, thank you, and they thought they cood git along without my help.

In Kentucky, outside of the Corners, the people hev quit pollytix, purty much, and hev settled down to workin the plantashens, and the planters are concillatin the niggers and payin uv em wages. The niggers ain’t a votin together, and the whites aint nuther. The mizable low-sperited belns are goin on quietly attendin to her biznis, and ther ain’t no call for men like me. They remark to me that ez they ain’t got any rites that are in jepery, they ain’t a suffrin for a defender to any alarmin extent, and they step up and take ther drinks, by theirselves, and don’t ask me, and so I suffer from droth.

When the pot biles, the sediment comes to the top. The yooserper hez poured ile onto the pot, and it don’t bile. The sediment stays quietly in soak in the bottom, and I am sediment, and wo is me.

I am at the bottom, while fat is at the top.

Death can’t come to my releef any too quick.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

MR. NASBY’S MATRIMONIAL VENTURE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Nov. 18, 1877.

The polly s the yooserper hez bin my rooin. Probably ther ain’t a more mizable man in the entire State, and that is sayin a great deel, for I don’t know uv any State that hez more mizable men, or one in wich the mizable men are quite ez mizable.

That mizable wretch Joe Bigler come to me day before yisterdy, and sejested that ez the President—sich is his term for the yooserper—had put out an olive branch uv amity and concord between the two races, it wodd be a graceful thing ef a Kentuckian—a white Kentuckian—should accept it and demonstrate his sincerity by marryin one of the inferior race, wich is how our ekals afore the law.

“Sir!” sed I, assoomin a stern and injoored look, “do yoo dare to sejest such a thing to me? To me, a Kentuckian, that is, a Kentuckian by brevet? Dare you make me a proposishen at wich every drop uv Anglo-Saxon blood in my vanes bolls with horror? Avant!”

He didn’t avant, however, but went on to say that in the outskirts uv the village there wuz a culerd woman wich hed a cabin, and a very comfortable one, and, he bleevd, some money. At all evence, she was a excellent washer and ironer, and cood support a husband in fairly good stil, by her labor.

“And yoo know, Nasby, it’s more than three years before yoo kin inogerate a Dimecratic President, ef yoo elect him; and ef yoo do, you hev to take the chances uv gittin yoor place agin a score of hungry Dimecrats, who want it ez badly ez yoo do ‘Think uv three yeers uv comparative com- fort!’"
Bascom struck in to-wunst, for he saw his chance uv makin me a cash customer, knowin that he’d git nine-tenths uv wat the woman wood earn and Deekin Pogram who hez bin wantin suthin on wat I hev bin borritin uv him all these weary years, urged it strongly.

"In the good old times," he sighed, "we hed no scruples about niggers except in the matter uv goin thro the formality uv marryin uv em."

And when I thought uv a comfortable home with a muscular female furnishin the supplies, a great deel uv the disgust that I felt at marryin a nigger evaporated, and I determined to do it. Fatal conclusion:

I proposed the next mornin at 9; she accepted, and before ten we wuz ez firmly married ez a Justis uv the Pecce cood do it. I wuz wunst mor the hed uv a family.

The Justis and the witnesses left the house, and we wuz alone with our luv.

Melindy sot there with her hands folded, and a broad grin distendin her capashus mouth, and I sot there regardin her with feelins uv gratitoo for a yooserer whose policy hed led to a result so pleasant for me to con template. That woman could earn a dollar a day—cood feed her and my self on ten cents—I eat very little and bacon is cheap here, ef it is poor and the other ninety! I saw before me unlimitid drinks—saw before me long life in Bascom’s bar with occasional trips to Looisville. And that human masheen a scrubbin away furnishin the meens! It wuz a gorgcou dreem—wood that I hed never bin awakened from it. That wuz a good time to die, while I felt well, and I wish I hed.

"Melindy, darlin," I spoke gently, "in the new relashuns we hev a soomed we must not forgit that life hez its dootles. Very pleasant is love young dream, and well would it be for us ef we cood linger in it, and pas our entire lives under its bewitchin spell. But, Melindy, we can’t. Love representid ez with a pertikerlerly plump stumick, wic shows that it hez bin filled. We can’t exist on love—we need bacon, and sich. Therefore Melindy, awake from your dream, and git to that wash-tub. Them clothes must be out and on the line by noon. And Melindy, give me, your leg lord and master, wat loose change you hev in your possession, for I he biznls up town."

Wat did this woman do?
She remarked:

"Duz ye s’pose I’ze a gwine to s’port yoo, by washin’?"

"Certainly I do, my dear—wat other perfeshn hev ye?"

"Ye duz, duz ye?"

"Uv course, and yoo don’t want to lose no time. Wat does Solom say uv the model woman? "She gitlith up while it is yit nite, and s’weaveth fine goods, wic she selleth to the merchants and her husband sith in the gates with the elders," or words to that effect. We can’t l exactlly scriptoooral, for yoo don’t weewe, but yoo wash wic is the san thing, and your husband is a goin to do ez the Israelite husband did, he a goin to sit in the gates at Bascom’s. To your tub, Melindy."

That wretched woman rose deliberately and regarded me Intently for moment. Then she walked to where that tub wuz standin, and tipped over, on the floor.

"Woman, wat does this mean?" I exclaimed.

"Meen? It meens dat I didn’t marry to s’port a husband—I married ez reported. It meens dat you hev got to git de s’plies—I’ll cook em, at
help yoo eat em, but no mo' washin for dis chile. Yoo git out to your work."

And she picked up that tub, and her washboard, and wat soap ther vuz left and went to Pollock's and tradid em off for some artifishal flowers or her bridle bonnit, ez she sed; and come and sot down in that bonnit, and refossed to do a thing till I went out and got suthin for her to cook.

It wuz a bitter nite I past. Mellindy hed some pervishens hidden away, rich I cool not git at, and by nite I wuz feerfully week, while she wuz ez trong ez ever. I attempted coershion, witch endid in my bein dragged over his floor for an hour or two, and finely being kicked out uv the door in a old rain. In vane I begged for admishun. That onfeelin woman went quietly to her couch, and I stayed out all nite in the wet, listenin to her comfortable snores.

But my cup wuzn't full. Joe Bigler and Pollock went afore a justis uv he peece and complained uv me for not supportin my family, and I wuz given the choice uv goin to work, or goin to jale, and Malindy she appeered with a charge uv assault and battery, and ginerl inhuman tretament, and he justis—they took me afore the nigger justis at Libertyville—fined me $10 and committid me till it wuz paid. I write these lines in a lock-up; thank heaven, while I stay they hev got to feed me.

More than ever do I hate the yooserper. More than ever do I curse the ell sperit uv ablishimsh, wich hez brot this roolin upon me. In the good old lays I cood hev compelled that woman to hev supported me without goin hro the forms uv marriage, and without takin any obligashen upon my-elf. And Bigler and Pollock, who put up the job on me, are laffin and beerin, and I ain't shoor but that Bascom and the Deekin wuz in it, also. While I am langishin in a jale I ain't runnin up my account at Bascom's, ar, and to all my frantic appeels for releef, even for a pint, he croeellyurns a deaf ear. I'll make it warm for em ef I ever git out uv this.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Deceived, but not Crushed.

THE PRESIDENT'S SOUTHERN POLICY.

Confedr^t X Roads, (wich is in the State uv Kentucky), Dec. 10, 1877.

I suppose the sun will continvoo to shine, and the rains fall, ez before. presume autumn will folloor summer, winter autumn, and spring winter, at the same ez tho Tilden hed bin electid, and the yooserper Hayes wuz till a lawyer in Fremont, wich is in the once ablishin, but now redeemed, tate uv Ohio. I hev observed that nacher don't take much notis uv rence wicked is uv vital importance to nacher's cheif and noblest produx— en. It is uv importance to me whether I hev the Postoffs at the Corners not, and when the tyrant Grant removed me, the face uv everything uz dark. I wuz disappointid when the sun riz the next day with more than casual britenis, and the birds sung and the grasshoppers chirped merrilry, or it didn't seem to me that it wuz in akkordance with the eternal fitnis uv things.

I wuz more disgustid, yesterday, than I wuz then. I wuz stawkin down a street towards Bascom's, in the faint hope uv meetin a Noo York nummer there, and passin myself orf onto him ez a store-keeper in an ad-minin village, to the extent uv a refresher or two, wich is my sole dependence now, when I met Issaker Gavitt and Deekin Pogram. I stopped them the hope that one uv them mite hev a bottle conceeved about his person,
and that they wood be too thirsty to put off takin suthin, when the Deekin chirped up.

"Parson," sed he cheerfully, "I feel good. Everything hez worked to our entire satisfakshen, President Hayes—"

"President Hayes?" I queried. "You meen the yooserper Hayes."

"Hev it yoor own way. The yooserper, ef that term pleases yoo, hez withdrawd the troops, and releevd us here in Kentucky from the grindin oppresshn uv a company uv bloo-kotid monsters in Noo Orleans, wich permits us to go on with out enterprises here in a free and unfettered manner. Then the Depitty Marshal wich hez been appintid here is a Dime-
ocrat—ez good a Dimeocrat ez yoo or I, and there seems to be a era uv good feelin Inoggeratid, wich—"

"Idiot!" I sed sternly, "pause. Yoc are praisin the yooserper. Every Dimeocrat in the Yoonitid States hez coz to curse him with forty hoss power. He hez taken away every grievance whic we ever hed. Hed Tildin and Reform bin electid, he wood hev removed the troops. The Radikels wood hev opposed it, and then wood hev come a fit. We cood hev hed suthin to fite over. Ther wood hev bin a causeus ball, and every Dimecrate orator and writer in the country wood hev hed suthin to defend. We wood hev suthin to go on. Ther wood hev bin burnins, and hangins, and riots and sikh, the same ez before. We cood continyoo to inflame the Southern hart, by appelin to 'em to stand up agin ther wood-be oppressors, and the Dime-
ocrisy uv the North cood hev thrown theirselves into the breech ez the defenders uv constooshnal liberty, and agin military oppresshn, and—"

"But Hayes hez stopped all this" chirped the poor Deekin.

"Certinly he hez and he hez root ed the Dimeocrisy. Deekin, wat is a Dimeocrat without a grievance? Yo speek uv his appintin a Dimeocrat ez depty marshel ez a consilatory meas ur. Deekin, yoo are an ijoet uv the first water. Ez long ez a radikel wuz huntin our friends in the hills wich wuz doin illicit distillin, they felt th y wuz opprest by a radikel adminis-
trashen, and they wuz willin to do any variety uv Dimeocrisy, from shootin a nigger or a fedrel officer, down to votin twice at a eleckshun. You cood alluz count on em. But now, Bill Simpson, a Confedrit soljar and a Dimeocrat uv undoubtdid pedigree, is appintid marshel, and wat happens? He will raed the stills jist the same ez his Republikin predecessor did, and we, the Dimecrisy, will hev to bear the ojum uv it. Wat kln we say to the stiller, wich comes to our convenshun, blin over with indignashen at hevin his mash seized, when he hez to sit ez a delegate beside the Dime-
crat wich seized it? It is crooel. That grievance, wich wuz a helthy wun, is gone.

"Deekin, the yooserper is a gorillar, and I want none uv him. Instid of apprin him yoo want to cuss him. He hez disembowled us, and we are bereft. Kin we scratch ef we hev'n got no itch? Scratchin is a necess-
ity to us, and shel we applaud the man wich removes the coz for scratch-
in? He hez taken the bred out uv my mouth. Deekin, go to."

"But, parson, wat intrest hez Issaker and I, wich don't want no offis, nor cooodent git one ef we did, in these—"

"Deekin," wuz my quick reply, seein wat he wuz drivin at, "it may be of no interest to you, but it is to me. The Dimecrat party wuz made for sich ez me."

There is goin to be trouble in the Corners. The apathy that pervades the public mind is suthin feerul. Instid uv talkin uv oppresshun and other deseitful politikie themes, yoo neer uv the stoopid asses discussin the ways
and means to git in a big corn crop next spring, and I hev caught some uv em, actilly feedin their cattle this winter. It is distressin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Reformer.

P. S.—The Corners is yoonanimus for sliver, wich I approve uv. I hev scriptooral authority for urgin sliver. It wuz that metal that Joodis Iskar-lot wuz paid in. For the purpus uv takin the sence uv the citizens on this question I approached Bascom mildly on the subject.

“Bascom,” sed I, “are yoo willin to take sliver for drinks?”

“Parson,” sed he ez a sad look clouded his face for an instant, ez he glanced at my account, “Parson, I’ll take anything from yoo, for drinks, except promises,—anything.”

P. V. N.

CONKLING AND CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wlich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Dec. 17, 1877.

When the yooserper Hayes attemptid wat he calls civil service reform, he struck a blow at the Democratic party wich, ef he succeeds, will wreck it.

Ef he and his Cabinilt is going to take the appintin power out uv the hands uv the Senators and Representatives, and ef the absurd noshun that any sich humbug ez fitnis is to be the rool in fillin the ofises, why chaos comes agin.

Wat interest wood I hev in politics ef it wuzn’t for the postoffis at the Corners, wich to me is like faith, the evidence uv things not seen, and the substance uv things hoped for?

Ef a Senator can’t fill the Custom-houses uv his State and the Post-offises ez well, with them ez packt the caucuses for him, and run the Convenshuns for him, wat earthly show hez he for gittin re-electid and keepin his grip onto his seat?

Take from the Senators and Representatives the patronage wich they dispense, and half uv em wood be displaced at the next eleckshun, and sich men ez me wood hev to resign all hope uv livin on the fat uv offis-holdin and become tramps, our only alternative bein the disgustin one uv work, wich I never, never will do, while reason holds its throne, or there is a man left that I kin borrow a dollar and a half uv.

Take away the patronage and there is no incentive to patriotism for sich men ez me, and wat wood our poor country do then?

Takin away the patronage makes orfuns uv sich men ez I am. The Treasury uv our glorious country is our father and mother, and rich mald-en aunt. From it we draw sustenance now, and hev hopes uv better pickin in the fucher.

The glorious fight that Senator Conkling is makin in behalf uv the Nasbys uv the Yoonitid States endeers him to every man uv em. I yooost to think him the vilest of the vile. I hev denounst his partisanshhip, ridicoled his vanity, and otherwise aboosed him, but I take it all back. I luv Senator Conkling, and from this time out my hat, ef I hev one, will alluz be ready to be throwd up for him.

Senator Conkling is a standin rebook to them ez jedge hastily uv men. I hatid him becoz he allus appeared afore the public ez a honest man. I wuz mistaken, but I am not to blame for bein deceived. He wore perpet-yoally sich an expresshun uv supperior morality, he talked with sich unk-shen about purity and sich, that I never sposed that so small a thing ez
patronage ever entered his mind. I sposed that he never mixed in the small matters that sich men ez me are interested in, and that the menshun uv a postoffis, or a humble place in a custom-house, wood make him sick; and ez for yoosin sich places and the people wich fill em for his own purposes—woodhev ez soon thought uv Sumner's doin it.

In short, I supposed that Conkling wuz a small pattern uv Sumner—a diloooted imitashen uv that Massachosoots fanatic. I figgered that he hed all uv Sumner's pride, ef he didn't hev Sumner's ability. He bore the same relashun to Sumner that watered milk does to the genyooine dairy product. It's very thin, but it's milk after all.

Thank heaven I wuz deceived—Sumner didn't leve so much ez an imitashen behind him. The favorite son uv Noo York is now my man, even ez Patterson is. He hankers after custom-houses, for custom-houses made him, and he won't relinquish his hold on em.

The fight he made for his plunder fills my sole with admirashen. I cherished hard feelins agin him when he permittid the yooserper to turn out five hundred men from the Noo York Custom-house last spring, for it looked as tho wuz on too high a plane to look after sich things. But the fite he is makin, now justifies him in my eyes. I see it all. He wuz willin to let half uv em go, for appearance's sake, provided he wuz allowed to keep control uv wat wuz left. He cood pack cawcusses with the half ez well ez with the whole, for them ez wuz left wood make up in zeel wat they lacked in numbers. And besides it wuz nesserary to throw a sop to the unreasonnable people wich is clamorin for reform.

But when the yooserper put his profane hand on to the collector and naval officer, and perposed to put men in their places wich wuzn't devotid to the Senator, his blood riz and he showed fite. And a very vigorous fite he made. He forgot the silver bill, he forgot resumpshen, he forgot every-thing. Conkling wuz assailed, his persnonl property wuz bein wrestid from him, and he fought ez a lionis for her whels. It wuz a gorgeous spectacole, and the result thrilled with joy every man like me in the country.

The intelligence diffus'd a feelin uv satisfackshen over the entire Corners. Ef the rool wich the yooserper is tryin to establish, obtains, wat will we do in 1880, wen we elect Tilden and reform? He woodent dare to vary it, and then wat wood become uv me and sich ez me? How cood Tilden and reform decide who shoid hev the places from mere considerashun uv fitnis? It's an innovashen wich the Corners wood never stand, never.

The posishen he hez took pleases me, for it's on my level. There are people wich 'spose that a man is put in offis on account uv the people, but they'r mistaken. The troo Nasby-an idee uv holdin offis is that the only biznis uv a offis-holder, wunst in, is to give his whole mind to staylin in. That is his first biznis, and wat he must pay his prinsiple at-tenshun to. When the people hev elevatid a man it wood be dis-respect to them not do everything in his power to stay elevatid. To let hisself ever go out wood be to cast a slur on their judgment. A Senator may at the last en uv a session vote in a hurry on a tariff or a silver bill, or resumpshun, or any uv them minor matters, but they are uv no moment beside the question ez to whether he will be returned hisself. Hence we kin unders and why Senator Conklin takes up the beginnin uv the session contestin the removal of his Collectors and sich. Ef they go out, and others get the places, wat kin he do when it comes to nominatin the Legislacher that elects the next Senator? Ef he
hasn't the Custom House and the Postoffises some other man may git
to be Senator, and wat wood the country do then?

There's a priniple involved in this, a priniple wich I and Senator
Conkling will go to our deaths for.

I extend the hospitality uv the Corners to Senator Conkling. I never
expectid to see him with us, but he is all the more welkom for that. Re-
c roots from unexpectid sources are alluz the most welkom. He hez come
er over to the Dimocratic idee in this, and there is hopes that he may pro-
gress further. At all evence, in stoppin the march uv the heresy that the
pooserper is tryin to force on the country, he is doin a work wich I will
never forget. I extend my fraternal hand to Senator Conkling and bid him
God-speed.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Reformer.

SILVER AT THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads,
'(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Dec. 22, 1877.

Ez a matter of course, the Corners is impecunious. There never wuz a
time in the history uv this place that it wuzn't in that state uv finanshel
heith. The disinclinashen uv this place to labor—the porousnis uv the
clay wich requires so much likwid fillin, and the loss uv time resultin,
makes it extremely difficult for anything like accumulashen to happen,
consekently borrerin is the principal industrial pursoot, wich would be well
enuff ef there wuzn't any payin. Payin is wat blites a man, and cripples
his energies. Payin is slowly, but shoorly underminin the Corners, and
sappin its prosperity. I hate payin. It robs a dollar uv all its delite to
know you hev got to pay it agin, after you hev spent it. Wat I shood like
wood be to hev dollars wich reprodoose their selves. Ef two dollars cood
only marry and hev large families! That wood be suthin like.

The Silver bill wich Bland is pushin pleasus us here for several rea-
nons. The Corners is largely composed uv the debtor class. We are all in
debt. That grapsin Shylock, Bascom, hez furnisht us the necessaries uv
life these twenty years, and hez kept on "chargin it up," when we didn't
pay, with the remorselis accoaracy uv a feend. He never cood get no
mortgage out uv me to secor hisself for the reason that I don't happen
to hev anything to mortgage, but he does hold mortgages on Deekin-
gram's place, and also on every other place in the visinity, for money lent
and supplies furnisht. Wat happens? Why Bascom wants his pay. He
shoorly sez that ef we don't expect to pay wat do we drink fur? "Kin
I buy likker in Louisville, and sell it to yoo without pay?" sez he.

Ah! ef he only knows how pleasant it is to drink and how unpleasant it
is to pay he would change his mind about it. But there are very few large-
hearted men in the world.

Bascom wants his money and Bascom is konsekently a Shylock. He is
a oppressor, and a grnder uv the faces uv the people. We wood rise up
in our wrath and mob him, but alas! there ain't one uv us wich hez credit
enuff for a barl uv likker in Loolsville, and so we hev to endoor him.

Therefore when heerd uv this silver biznis we wuz rejoice. Ef silver is
made a legle tender, and is only wuth 92 cents on the dollar now, we hev
at least, rescood ourselves from the grasp uv this mersenary cuss wich
wants his money, 8 per cent's wuth anyhow. And we are satisfied it will
go lower than that. When Sharon and Jones and the silver miners of uv
Nevady hev got things fixed so that they kin pay wat they owe in ther own sliver, they will hist it out to an extent wich will make it ez cheep ez ccod be wished. Then we will hev this yoosurer, wich holds destructkhen over us. Our land,—I am speekin uv the other citizens now wich hev land—will go up ten times in valyoo. Land wich is now wuth $40 an acre will spin up to $400,—in sliver—and we will sell enuff to git wat we owe Bascom, and we will load a cart with it and take it to that unmerciful creditor and compel him to take it, and releese us from his dominashen.

I see in my mind's eye that deer, deliteful old saint, Dekin Pogram, makin a deed for two acres uv the hundred and fifty he hez. That miser-able, grindin Bascom lent him $1,000 four years ago, wich hez bin runnin on Interest ever sence, and he hez a bar bill uv perhaps $300 more, makin all perhaps 1,500 wich this Shylock holds agin him. There will be a speculati- tor from Looisville, down to the Corners a buyin land.

“Deekin, wat will yoo ask me an aker for two akers off the east side uv yoor place?” sez the speklator.

“Mirandy,” sez the deekin, “wat do I owe that croeel, hard-hearted shy- lock uv a Bascom?”

“One thousan five hundred dollars,” will be Mirandy's anser.

“Sir,” sez the Dekin, “you kin hev two akers for jist $1,500. I must git out uv the clutches uv that monster wich demands remorselisly the money he lent me. Oh, the hard-heartdins uv this world! Thank heaven, I hev but a few more years uv it. Mirandy, send the jug to Bascom's, and tell him I'll try to pay him suthin on account next week.”

And then the land will be sold, (the two akers,) leavin the Deekin 135, wich is enuff, and the Deekin will load the sliver in his cart, and will take it over to Bascom's and dump it triumphantly down on the floor, and de- mand his releese. Then will he be free uv this shark—he will satisfy his cormorant—he will walk the streets erect, a free man. Then will every- body do likewise, but me, and I persoom I will, for sliver will be so cheap that I kin probably borrer enuff to pay the graspin man wat I owe him.

We held a meetin last nite and resolved that it wuz the sentiment uv the Corners that sliver shood be remonetized, and that resumpshen shood be put off. The Corners will allez resolve to put off payin anythin. It wuz a enthuooiasitic meetin, made up entirely uv the debtor class. I made a stirrin speech wich would hev hed an immense effect but for one triflin draw-back. I wuz dilatin on the “Dollar uv the Fathers,” and sed with a burst uv eloquence. “Look at this piece uv money! It wuz this kind uv money wich carried the country thro—”

It wuz an unfortunit way uv gittin at things. For I didn't hev a piece uv sliver in my pockit, and I appealed to the auience to hunt one up that I mite give pint to the flite, but alas! ther wuzn't a peece uv sliver in the house, not even a dime! But I turned this to akkount even. I pride my- self on bein able to pluck the flower Safety from the nettle Danger. Most men wood hev bin disconcerted at this, but not me. “My friends,” I sed, “when we hev this silver bill past, I won't be caught in this awkward fix. Every man in the Corners will hev a cart-load uv it.”

And they give three cheers for the silver bill, and adjourned.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Finanseer.

P. S.—That graspin Bascom hez throwd a fire-brand Into the Corners. Ez sliver is at a discount uv eight per cent., he hez waterd his whisky jist that amount. He sez ef we want to pay him in debased currency we hev got to take debased likker. That man will hev to be killed, yit.

P. V. N.
MR. NASBY'S NEW CURRENCY IDEA.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jan. 14, 1873.

I am not satisfied with silver, now that I hev given the subject uv currency that attenshun wich so important a matter demands. I understand that silver kin be prodoost in unlimited quantities in the territories, and that ther ain't reely any limit to the amount that kin be put upon he markit. Also I understand, and kin appreshiate the fact, that the nan wich is in debt and in distress, and wich is hungrin and thirstin to git out, wich hez suffin', kin make that suffin' available by bein able to yoose silver in the payin uv his debts.

But that don't help us uv the Corners. Silver is a parshel releev, but it don't strike that vast armv uv men wich ain't got nuthin. Wat good is it o say to me, "Yoo shel be releesed from your debts on the payment uv 25 cents on the dollar," when I havn't got the twenty-five cents, and can't ee my way Cler to git em? It is askin for bred and givin me a stun. It's holdin out false indoosements wich amount to nuthin.

Wat the Corners want and wat the Corners must hev, is a medium wich is more easily procoored than silver. The remonetizashun uv silver wood help out the bonanza men, and them ez hev suffin' on wich they kin git silver at the discount it will go to, but that don't do us here in the Corners. For while I wuz advocatin the Silver Bill the other day, and urgin that wood enable us to pay off debts at a discount, Joe Bigler kum up, and ed he:-

"But Parson, 'spose you coid pay off at 75 cents on the dollar with sil-er. Wher are you gooin to git the 75 cents?"

That remark uv his opened to me a wide field uv conjecter. Silver don't do for us for it hez some intrinsic valyoo. The dettor class wants to be releevd in hole—not in part. We want a currency wich is available to the meanest ez well ez the noblest.

I sejest leather!

Wat I want is a currency made uv leather. Leather is perdoosed in all he States uv the Yooniun, and is accessible to the most humble citizen uv he Republic. Wherever there is a cow and a tannery, leather kin be perdoosed, and why we shoodent yoose that ez a medium uv exchange, beets ne.

What is a dollar? A dollar is a Idee. Waterever the Goveenment puts its tamp onto is a dollar. The bonanza men in Colorado want the Goveenment to put its stamp onto silver, and make dollars uv silver, becoz they appen to own the mines wich perdocse silver. They will then deliberate-ly quit floodin ther mines and they will pile out the silver by the ton, and say off their debts with it, and see their titles cler to the property they ow ove, and will retire in affluence, and conscious they hev done a smart finanshul thing. But wat good will that do us uv the Corners wich ain't git ther silver? Wat's the yoose uv sayin to a starvin person that he in git bred at 5 cents a loaf if he hezn't got the 5 cents? We hain't got 5 cents on the dollar uv wat we owe, and the passage uv the silver bill is only goin to help the parshelly pecoonius.

Wat we want is full and entire releef. We want a currency wich we ourselves kin furnish, and that I am going to move for. I want silver coined and made legel tender for the benefit uv the West, and I want ther coined and made legel tender for the benefit uv the Middle States
and the East. In this holy croosade agin the creditor class I insist that all seekshuns shall start fair, and that no one seekshun shell hev an advantage over the other.

I want leather coined into dollars. I want every man wich hez a side uv first-rate sole-leather to hev the privilege uv depositin it in a mint uv the Yoonited States, and hevin it stamped into pieces wich shel represent dollars, and that them dollars shel be legal tender for any debt, public or private, that he may owe.

Understand me, I am no inflashunist, nor do I desire to injer the public credit. I desire that everything shel go along smoothly and properly. And to that end I shel insist that—

1st—The leather shel be sole, uv first quality, hemlock-tanned, and entirely merchantable.

2d—That it shel not be in the power uv everybody to coin leather. won't hev every man wich kin git a punch and a stamp makin his own money, for then ther wood be an over-ish. To prevent that I shel requir that the coinin uv leather shel be done at reglerly insti-tooted Government mints, and by nobody else. So much to pertect the currency.

3d—To pertect the people and to be shoor that enuff currency shall be furnish't to supply the wants uv trade, I insist that every man wich kills bull shel be privileged to hev the hide tanned, and shel be allowed to take that hide, when tanned, to a mint and hev it stamped into money, each piece to weigh so much, and that when the government stamp is onto it, it shel be legle tender for a dollar.

The simple process will equalize the East with the West. Silver kin be lifted out in Colorado and them secshuns ez easily ez cattle kin be killed in the East, and ez they want ther mejum with wich to pay their debts, w course we want our to pay ours. We hev cattle and they hev silver. am willin they shall make legle tender uv their silver—I want to make legle tender uv a small part uv our cattle. Ef it is urged that it will prevent our hevin sich shoes ez we ought to hev, my anser is ready. The Corners hev'n't worn shoes to any extent for a great many yeers. The Corners liez other yoos for its money.

The advantages uv this medium are obvious. While we want more money we want money that anybody kin git hold uv. When we ask for a finanshel fish wat is the use uv offerin us a stun uv silver? Ef we aint got the silver we are ez bad off ez before. We want to pay our debts and git out. Leather is attainable by the most humble. He is a poor man indeed who hezn't got a bull to kill, and when kin sell the carcass and coin the hide he kin pay. Then he is solvent. Then he kin start new and go into debt agin conslush that the meens uv payment are alluz within his reach. The government stamp unto it perects it and makes it good, and what more does any one want?

Do I hear a carper say that other countries won't take leather currency? Wat do we, wich are in debt, care about other countries? My deelins hev never bin in furrin countries. I deel prinsipally with Bascom and ef I kin hev a currency wich will pay him, I don't keer for much else. Wat want is suthin that will stimuolate trade here and let me out. That done everything is done so fur ez I am concerned, and wat do I keer for anything else? Nothlin.

It seems to me that this settles the currency question entirely, and that ther is nothin more to be said. Give uv us not only a double but a triple currency. Let us hev gold, silver and leather. Only make em all legle
tender, and help us out here in the East, the same ez yoo do them in the West. Give leather a show for us, the same ez yoo do silver for them in the West. And espheshelly ez silver in the West kin be perdoost jist ez cheeply ez leather kln be in the East. Wat I want is fair play. In the general scoop I want my show.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Financeer.

BASCOM PREPARES FOR THE SILVER RUSH.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jan. 22, 1878.

I ain't so certin that I want the silver bill to pass ez I wuz. The fact is the thing don't work ez I sposed it wood, and ain't cleer onto it. The fact is there is subtle principles in these finanshel questions which requires a great deal uv thought, and ther is underlyin principles wich a man hez got to understand afore he is competent to set hisself up ez authority.

One thing I am certin uv, Bascom ain't no finanseer, nor never will be, and I told him so.

"Wat is a finanseer?" asked he.

"A finanseer," sed I, assoomin the look of Dan'l Webster, "is a man wich kin pay his debts with nothin—a man wich kin git suthin with nothin."

"The Corners, then, is full uv finanseers," he remarkt, bitterly, castin a casual glance at his slate, wich wuz jist full enuфф to turn over and begin on the tother side.

But he hezen't any uv the science uv it. I wuz argooing with him the other day in favor uv my noshun uv a leather currency, though I told him silver wuz much the same thing, tho for example I wood assoomin that silver wuz to be the currency uv the fucher.

"Now, don't yoo see, Bascom, that ef I hed twict ez much money I cood drink twict ez much whisky, and pay for it?"

"How much is twice nothin?" wuz the onfeelin anser uv the tyrant who holds the destinies uv the Corners in his hands. "That's wat yoor capitle hez bin ever sence I hev knowd yoo."

"Parson," sed he, "I don't see what earthly difference it's goin to make whether silver is currency or anything else. How are yoo a goin to git silver ef it is made legle-tender? Ef silver wuz ez plenty ez bricks, wat hev yoo got to git any uv it with?"

"Troo, G. W.," wuz my anser; "but can't yoo see that to hev silver wood relieve the debtor class? Even now, afore it is legle-tender, it's only wuth 92 cents on the dollar, and when the country is floodid with it, it will go still lower. Then we—or rather sich uz us ez hev property to raise money on—kin pay off—"

"Eggsackly so," retorts Bascom; "yoo kin pay me for the good honist likker uv mine, wich yoo hev consoomed, in coin wich is less than the dollar yoo promised. All rite. But look here—come in here, all uv yoo. I want yoo silver men to know exactly wat yoo are rushin into."

And this feend led us into the back room—that back-room wich contains the subsistence uv the corners. There in long rows wuz Bascom's stock. There in barrils, piled one on top uv another, wuz the delishus whisky uv Loolsville, uv different ages, rangin from that uv two weeks old to that wich hed jist left the still, and was scarcely cold yit. There it lay, and ez my eye ranged affeckshunately over it, I felt ef I cood hev
The drinkin' uv all that likker I wood be content to lay down and die when the last drop wuz gone.

Bascom pinted to an immense tank with he hed erectid, within a few days, with a pipe running in from the roof.

"I shant raise the price uv likker, in consekeunce uv bein paid for it in a depreshiated currency!"

I fell on Bascom's neck, in an extacy uv delite, while the others shoutid "'Rah for Bascom!"

"G. W.," I remarkt while teers suffossed my eyes, "I never placed yoo much below the angels, but this generus act has histid yoo a hundred per cent. in my estimashun. Bless yoo, G. W., bless yoo."

"But I'll tell yoo wat I shel do. Do yoo see that tank?" sed he.

"May I ask wat that is for?" I sed.

"That tank will fill with raine-water," sed he. "The moment yoo git to payin me in silver, I shel take out uv each uv them barrils jist egg-sackly three and one-fifth gallons uv likker, and fill it with water."

"Merciful heving!" We all exclaimed, and yoor likker so week now!"

"And when silver gits down to seventy-five per cent. I will take out one-fourth uv the whiskey and fill her up with twenty-five per cent. uv water. And so on down. Ef silver goes up I shel add whiskey egg-sackly in proporshen. In short my whiskey is jist again to foller currency, and nothin shorter. Yoo fellers wich work for wagis may swet, but I won't."

"But yoo'l increase the size uv yoor glasses?" sed I.

"Not any. But yoo may drink twice ez many times to git the same amount uv drunk ez before, by payin for each drink."

And Bascom stalked hawtily back, and took his posishen behind his bar.

Ther wuz consternashun in the Corners sich ez I hev never seen. Ther wuz a hurried consultashen at the Deekin's house and I sejestid that we emancipate ourselves from the dominyun uv this tyrant by startin a gro-sery uv our own, on the joint stock principle, wich wuz agreed to, each man agreein to contribbit ten dollars to the capitile stock wich wood be enuff to buy a barl or two, for a beginnin.

We wuz enthoosiastic till we come to ballotin for the man to keep the place, when it wuz found instid uv my bein chosen yoonanimusly, ez I eggspected to be, that every man hed void for hisself. Ez not a soul uv em would recede, the skeem wuz blocked rite there, and finelly hed to be abandoned, and we went back to Bascom's and submitted. That tyrant hez us.

Uv course we can't stand likker dilootid in that manner. We are willin enuff to diloot the currency with wich we pay for likker, but we want our likker full strength. We cooden't help it, but that uite we signed and sent to our Representative a remonstrance agin the Silver Bill. The Corners is now for a honest currency. Wood, O wood, that we hed some uv it!

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Finanseer.

MR. NASBY ON THE MONEY QUESTION.

Confedrit X Roads, (Wich is in the State uv Kentucky), Feb. 23, 1878.

The silver bill don't amount to a soo markee for the Corners. In the first place Bascom hez already put up the price uv likker to correspond
with the depreshiashun uv silver, so there ain’t nothin made in that direck-
shun.

When it comes to payin debts with greater eeze it doesent help us a
particile, for we never intend to pay em at all. We hev a shorter method
uv deelin with bloated bondholders.

But ez we want to pay, we must be furnisht with suthin to pay in. Sil-
ver ain’t agoin to do it, for how kin we git the silver? Ef our notes wood
git silver, and other people wood take that silver at any discount, then it
wood anser, for ef ther is any one thing that a Cross-Roader delites in, It is
givin his note. We wood even go so fur ez to sekoor em by endorsement. I
wood endorse Deekin Pogram's paper and he wood endorse mine, and we
wood all endorse for each other, ef it wood soothe the minds uv the lend-
ers and make em any more contented. Repudiashun is jist ez easy
and vastly more comprehensive and all-embracin in its ef-
ex than any sich parshel releef ez debasin the currency. Ef
they hev mortgagees and see fit to foreclose, let em. A dozen men with shot-
guns kin easily hold the minyuns uv the law at bay, and by the time a
dozen or more uv the graspin oppressors hev the tops uv there heads blowd
off, they will begin to remember that the debtor class hev rites that will
hev to be respectid.

But there ain’t no yoose uv talkin uv this. The public lack confidence
in us. I don’t suppose I cood go to any uv the money centres uv the world
and borrow a hundred thousand dollars on my own name, with the endorse-
ment uv the Deekin. I never cood find any one more confidin than to lend
me $8.32 at one vencer.

Wat we want is a money that we kin git hold uv—that everybody kin
git all he wants uv. Ef my sejestion uv makin leather dollars is rejectid
by a unwise generashun wich don’t recognize their benefactors, why then
let us hev suthin wich is at once substansshel and kin be made plenty. My
plan is this:

Give every corporashen the rite to ishoo jist ez much money ez it
wants to, based upon the faith uv the corporashen wich ishoos it. For in-
stance, the corporashen uv Confedrit X Roads ishoos its scrip to jist sich
an amount ez it chooses, and distributs it pro rata among its citizens. That
scrip shel be legle tender for everything, and any one refosin to take it
shel be immejitly taken out and hung. Some sich legislashen ez that wood
be necessary to inspire confidence.

The effek wood be miraculous. Then we wood all hev money, and cood
pay the bloatid bondholders without trouble. We shood hev money with
wich to stimulate enterprise and give the spirit uv progress wich belongs
to the Amerikin character full scope to run and be glorified. Then we cood
bild railroadss, and factries and distilleriess, and go on in a way that wood
astonish the effete governments uv the Old World. Then wood there come
a period uv prosperity onto us that wood make up for the depreshiuv the
last four yeers, and things wood be smooth agin.

This is better than the Silver bill, or anything that I know uv. Moonish-
supal bankin is the remedy for our finanshel woes, and it is the only thing
that will save us. Let the friends uv silver abandon their skeem and
come to the support uv mine. Silver is only a parshel releef—my idea is
complete. With sich money I cood pay off Bascom and hev enuff to live
on to the last day uv my life.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Finanseer.
MR. NASBY WANTS SUPPLEMENTAL ACTION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 2, 1878.

The Silver Bill is passed but the Corners hezn't ez yit experienced the relief that it expected. Bascom sed promptly that he wuz a law abidin citizen, and shood take silver. Uv course he hed watered his whiskey to meet the depreshiatiid currency he wuz to be paid in, but he felt tolerable well after all. Silver wuz better th'n nothin, and he felt that times cood not but help improve with silver made a legle-tender.

"Gentlemen," he sed, "Silver is now money and I shell take it. Come up with your silver and wipe off your indebtednus, or you git nothin more at this bar!"

Wat wuz we to do? We didn't none uv us hev any silver any more than we hed green-bax. We coo downt any uv us pay, and the people are murmurn. All that we hev got out uv it so fur, is a depreshiatiid article uv likker, wich, ef our promises is good for any thing, gives Bascom just that much more profit. The dettor class ain't profitid at all, for it can't git no silver to pay with.

Ef the government hez any mercy onto us at all, and ef it hez loads uv silver to-wunst, to be distribbitid pro-rata among the citizens, that wood give us releef. Onless the government does this the silver bill is a mockery, a deloosion and a snare. Uv wat good is it to say to me, "you kin pay off your debts at a discount with silver?" when I hain't got no silver and can't git it? Ef I hed any sekoorties to put up, I cood pay my debts in paper money or gold; for the collaterals I kin borry all I want uv that now.

To give us the releef we want, either the government hez got to supply us silver, or let me carry out my projeck uv munissipal bankin. Either will do. But to leave it where it is, is holler mockery; it's givin us a stun when we asked for bread. It's givin us hope uv suthin when the reliza-shun uv it is ez fur from us ez ever. Wat good ez it to me to make silver legle-tender, onless you pervide me with silver to tender? I ain't got uc silver, and can't see how I am to git any. I want either a car-load uv silver distribbitid in the Corners, or I want onlimitid munisippal bankin. One or the other is necessary to meet the wants uv men like myself, for wich all finanshel projecks are made. Men who hev the faculty uv work-in, and to whom likker at statid and rapid intervals ain't a necessity, manage to git along without finanseerin. Ef they are a goin to finanseer for me, I want em to do suthin practicle.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Finanseer.

DECORATION DAY AT THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads.
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
May 31, 1878.

Yesterday wuz a glorious day for the Corners. The Corners hez recovered from the depreshn uv the past ten years and is wunst more feelin its oats. The Corners hez been sullenly a layin down under ablishn rool and refoozed to be comfortid. The Corners hez hed no ambishn—no keer for anything, for so long ez she wuz crushed by the fell sperit uv radi-kelism all she cood do wuz to clank her chanes between drinks and let the country go to rooln.
But things hev changed. The Corners hain’t got no chanes; and ef wat
is doin now succeeds will hev offises enuff to pay for drinks for herself.

We found we hed sperit enuff left to decorate the graves uv our fallen
heroes—the Confedrit heroes uv course. Joe Bigler, Pollock and the nigh
gers over at Libertyville, hed arranged to decorate the graves uv the Fed-
erl soljers, and hed fixed up the front: uv Pollock’s store, by hevin put up
a portrait uv Linkin with flowers about it, but as Bigler hed to go Loolis-
ville, we had no hesitashen in tearin down the likenis uv the goriller,
and notifying uv em not to go on in that direckshen, and ez they hedn’t
anybody to leed em they didn’t decorate.

But we did. We went and strewed flowers over the graves uv our
slane heroes, and I delivered the orashen. It wuz a good one, and wuz
loudly cheered, espeshly the sentences wich referred to the immediate
possibility uv my gittin the postoffis. I never saw sich tetchin affeckshun.
“I will get the $4.50 you owe me!” sed wun. “Yoo will pay me for that
fast pare of bootis!” sed another, and almost every man in the assemblage
 testified to his interest in me.

I remarked that it wuz about ez plane ez anything could be that the
heroes we wuz standing over hed not died in vane. (They wuz mostly at
Fort Pillar.) They hed died that a Government by white men, of white
men and for white men, should not perish from the face uv the earth, and
A wuzn’t agoin to. Troo, they didn’t succeed to any alarmin extent in
the field, but that made no difference, we wuz whipt there, but what we
didn’t git by arms we hed won by statesmanship. Conkered at Vicks-
burg, we are conkerers at Washington. These men hed not died in vane.
They hed taught the South the important lesson that while it is yooselis to
attack the North in the field, the South kin still govern so long ez there is
a Northern Dimocrat wich wants a Postoffice. The hed taught also the
tilly uv attemptin to destroy the Government. Why destroy that wich
yoo kin own? Ez a war-like help, the Northern Dimocrat wuz uv no
value; to count one in Congris he is invaluable.

Hev these men died in vane? Look at their comrades in Washington.
Where are they? Is there a Fedrel soljer appointed to any place in the
House? Does a Confedrit hold down his head now in the Capitol uv our
country?

Did they die in vane? Look at the appropriaashen bills now before the
House. Look at the long list uv su’sidies uv wich the share that will
come to the Corners will be enuff to k ep us in likker for ten years. (“We
wish more hed fallen!” from a dozen voices.) Andwhat hez bin perposed
will be a mere drop in the bucket when Potter hists the great fraud Hayes,
and that gileliss patriot, Tilden, takes his place. With a Democratic
House and a Democratic President, It will be queer ef we cannot sedoose
enuff carpet-bag Southern Republikin Senators to give us a majority
there.

And then! My sole expands ez I think uv it. Our soljers will be pen-
shund! The gray will stand beside the bloo, and we shall be on a common
level henceforth. We shall make our penshuns date back to the close uv
the war, wich will give a middle-aged Southern man enuff to live on com-
fortable all the rest uv his days, with a competency for his children. And
when you consider that we, wich git all this money, don’t pay none uv
the taxes, the gorgeousnts uv the prospeck kin be appreshiated.

Will the nigger vote then? Will he be permitted to live on the land
wich he wrestled from us and wich he hez since fenced, and bilt cabins on,
ready for our occupancy? My friends, never again doubt the control yoo hev. So long ez there is Irish in Noo York, and distilleries runnin twelve hours a day, there will be a Democratic party. And so long ez there is a Democratic party, yoo kin bet yoor bottom dollar that the South will control it, and control it jest ez shes yoosed to. Our misforchoons hev bin turned into advantages, and halleloojy, our sun is now shinin.

In the evenin we held the yoosual meetin, and passed the yoosual reso-looshens. We demandid our full share uv the approprashens for internal improvements, and also the penshunin uv Confedrit soljers. We expressed our desire to be just by not demandin that the fedrel soljer be left out in the cold, for we conceded that he mite hev thought he wuz rite in makin war upon us.

A tetchin insident okkurred. A fedrel soljer who lives neer Liberty-ville asked to be allowed to say a word. He hed gone into the war from Illinois, and hed fought as well as he cood for wat he supposed wuz the preservashen uv the yoonyun. He hed bin at Washinton, and had heerd speeches and seen things. He coodent quite make it out, but it seemed to him that the time had come for a Northern soljer to make some kind uv an apology for wat he did doorin the war, and he wuz here for that purpus. He hoped the gallant Southorners wood be generous to him, and not make it impossible for him to live in the South, for he preferred the climit. But, uv course, whever they wantid he shood do. Anyhow, he tendered his apology for hevin served under Sherman, and would swear he never wood do it agin, no matter how loudly his country called.

We acceptid his apology, for he made it meekly enuff. He sed ef the leedin Republikins wuz willin to act ez ef they wuz ashamed uv bein wat yoosed to be called loyal, he didn't see no reason why he, a lowly indivijule, shood stand up for it. He cood stand it ef they cood.

I am goin to Washington to help out Potter. I hev a man here with will swear to anything ef you will only let him know wat yoo want, and ef he breaks down I shall come to the stand myself. We want, and will hev, Tilden and Reform President. I ken never forgot the $400 he paid me for my vote in the St. Loois Convenshun, and though it wasn't ez much ez it shood hev bin, I shel not go back onto him. He bought the oiffs and paid for it, and shel hev it.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Certain to be Postmaster.

THE COMMUNE AT THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads.

(Wich is In the State uv Kentucky).

July 1, 1863.

The finanshel condlsn uv the Corners is and hez bin terrible sence the tyrant Linkin emansipated our niggers, and the tother tyrant Grant re-foozed us the control of the fedrel patronage. The people saw that gradu-

ally the entire wealth uv the Corners wuz centerin in the hands uv the boatin monopolists, Bascom and Pollock. Bascom wuz gradooally absorbin all the capitle uv the Dimocris, for he delt in the goods they yoose, and our march to beggary was stiddy and inexorable. We coodent work, bacoz the native white Kentuckian iz averse to work, and likker he must hev. We kin git on with a very little bread, but likker is a prime necessity, and there is no escape from it. And so, ez we wuz perdoosin nothin, and must live, Bascom hed got mortgages on to all our property, an he wuz gradooally absorbin every-
thing uv valoo. How to prevent this hez bin the problem whic we hev discussed between drinks, for yeers. And lately, ez Bascom hez abandoned the credit system, and insists upon cash jist before takin a drink to prevent mistakes and misunderstandings, we hev hed plenty uv time to discuss these plints.

The Communists uv Noo York solved the problem for us. The idee uv dividin up all the property ekally, and abolishin at one sweep both the creditor and the debtor class, uv hevin everybody share ekelly not only all the property, but the gains uv biznis, struck us ez precisely wat we wantid, and we determined to carry it into effect.

Deekin Pogram objectid at first, for he sed he didn't quite see why he shood give up his farm; but I showed him ez Bascom held a mortgage onto it for more than it wuz wuth, that it wood, under the present nefarious and oppressive system, inevitably pass into his hands in a few short months, it woodent make any difference anyhow. He consented, ez did Issaker Gavitt, whose mortgage falls due in a month, and so did Capt. 'Pelter, wich hez recently borrowed a large sum uv a Noo England inschoore company.

Bascom objectid and Pollock objectid, and we felt it nessary to yeese force. We organized, and after resolvin that capital wuz robbery and whoever possesses more wealth than any one else wuz a thief, we moved onto Bascom and Pollock. Me and Issaker Gavitt and Deekin Pogram wuz appintid a committee to divide the property up ekitably.

It wuz a very simple process. There wuz exactly four hundred present wich wuz entitled to dividends, and all we hed to do wuz to inventury their goods, and divide em up. And we did it.

Bascom hed on hand eggsackly two barls uv likker, beside wat wuz in the bottles on the bar, wich the committee consommed to support 'em doorin the division. This wuz eighty-four gallons uv likker, to be divided huto four hundred. In two barls there's about six hundred and seventy-two pints, wich made a trifle over a pint and a half to each Communist. We divided it up, eech man gittin his pint and a half, wich wuz promptly drunk on the spot. For an hour after the last drop disappeared the citizens wuz enthusiastic over the idee and Communism wuz votid a great success.

At Pollock's we hed more trouble. He hed about four hundred yards uv calico on hand, wich we divided up givin eech man a yard. There wuz only two hundred pares uv shoes so eech one only got one shoe apiece. The sugar and molasses didn't do em very much good, ez it wuz wastid largely in drawin. The woolen goods wuz divided up like the calicos, and give em about a yard apiece. The agricultooral implements we divided up by raffle, ez ther wuzn't plows enuff to go around, and we coodent divide a plow.

We got Bascom and Pollock communed in about an hour, and the Corners postponed dividin up the real estate till mornin.

The citizens met at Bascom's early in the mornin to finish. The Deekin called upon Bascom to set em up, ez he hed sold a plow wich he had won at the division uv Pollock's property, to a nigger farmer for four dollars, and he triumphantly showed the money so that Bascom shood hev no hesi-tashen in settin uv it out.

"How kin set out likker," answered G. W., "when I ain't got none? Yoo divided it up yesterdy afternoon."
"But yoo wuz again to hev a fresh lot in from Louisville, last night," returned the Deekin.

"I wuz," replied Bascom, "but I countermandid the order. I shan't keep no more likker in the Corners, till yoo git some settled noshuns uv finance. I don't like this dividin biznis. Yoo hed better turn around and find some one who didn't drink his pint and a half, and make him divide with them ez did consoom ther share. I don't see how yoo kin stop this noshun, after it's once startld."

That wuz hopelis. Every mother's son uv em hed drank his share on the spot, and ther wuzn't a drop to be hed for love or money. And ther wuz four hundred men, all uv em waitin for their mornin starter, and not a drop to be hed. And ther sat Bascom, the only man wich cood furnish it to us, smilin at our agony, ez calm ez a summer mornin. And when he pulled a pint flask from his pockit, and took his drink with the remark that he hed bin prudent enuff to save that, it stung us to madnis.

Finelly Bascom sed that the likker that he hed ordered wuz reely in the Corners, but that he hed conceeled it till he cood know suthin uv wat wuz to happen to him. And we kompromised. We agreed to return to the old ways—to compensate him for the likker we hed consoomed the nite afore, and to postpone the regenrashun uv the world, at least sev months, and to give him a month's notis afore we commenst agin. Of these condishns he rolled in a barl, and the Corners wuz irrigad.

We are gittin on very well now, by tradin what we commooned from Pollock to Bascom for likker. The yard pieces uv calico and woollen he takes for likker and sells em in Louisville to cheep clothin men for veel patterns, and the other goods he takes at a fair valyooashen. Bascom ain't hard to deel with ef yoo hev got anything with wich to pay him.

I don't know how a commoonity fixed ez we are kin hev communism he its purity. We are in the iron grasv uv capital, and don't aper to be able to git out uv it. Ef we cood divide Bascom up, and then the minnat wat we took uv him wuz gone, hev another man come in with a stock to divide up, and so on, ad infinitum, it wood work, but deelers in nessaries, as the Deekin remarks, is sordid, and when they diskiver the kind uv markit the Corners wuz he wuz afecrd they wood be too selfish to come in any great numbers. While we uv the Corners wuz edjucatid up to the great prinsiples uv communism, he didn't bleeve them ez hed goods wuz.

And so ez the idea wuz a faleyoor, we are wunst more in the grasp uv Bascom and his capital. He hez means and can dictate to us wich hev'n't. And ez we hev'n't any nigger laber we perdoose nothin, and ez we are constitooeshenally opposed to laber, we are likely to remain in thrifdom. It's a cold world, and will be till the Government pays us for losses doorin the war. PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Communist, in theory.

MR. NASBY BECOMES A COMMUNIST.

Confedrit X Roads.
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Jooly 16, 1878.

Despite our recent disastrous faleyoor to become Commonists, we determined to try it again. Ez there ain't nothing in our hands, ez Bascom and Pollock hev everything that is uv valyoo, in this vicinity, we coodenst see where we shood lose anything anyhow, by insistin onto a fair divide with a view uv takin a soo start. After all, commonism is the proper
noshun. Wat difference does it make to me that Pollock works and I don't? Am I to blame for not liking to work? I am ez nacher made me, and I must live. There he is ez he is, and he can't git anything more than a livin out uv it. Therefore it is his dooty to accoomolate enuff for hisself and me, and ef he refooses to do it, it is my dooty, ez a citizen, to compel him.

Issaker, M'Pelter, the Deekln and myself thought the matter all over and determined to stand no more nonsense from them fellows, but to take with the strong hand, all that wich they hed so long defrooded us uv. We determined to rise in our mite, and wrest from them despoilers the property they hed contrived to fich from us. And every man uv us rolled over and got up, and called a labor meetin.

I wuz makin the speech uv the nite. It wuz a gorgeous effort. I wuz in the middle of it. I wuz showin that all property wuz robbery, and that in a troo republic one man shoodent hev any more than another man. I wuz demonstratin the absurdity uv permittin one man to hev hoarded up that wich he cooden't yoose, when others, made in the same image, wuz a hungerin and a thirstin. I wuz demonstratin the necessity uv a ekal division uv all property, real and personal, with laws perhibitin accoomola-shen, by hevin a divi'shen every Fourth of Jooly, when a boy entered the meetin-house, with a telegram for me. It wuz bref, and to the pint:

Saint's Rest, Noo Jersey, July 15.
Petroleum V. Nasby, Confedrit X Roads, Ky.:
Yoor aunt Mehitable died yesterdaiy, and made yoo her heir. The estate wuz wuth suthin over $40,000. Write how yoo want it.

SMITH & SLOCUM, Attorneys.

I seed a lite. To-wunst my feelings experienced a revulsion. I hed a wudden change uv hart. I felt a horror at the levlin doctrines uv commonism. The idea uv dividin up property become to me to-wunst the most repulsive thing in the world. $40,000 is $4,000 a year—and four thousand a year means comfort and elegance for me. Wat good wood it do to divide it up? and beside I found a doubt ez to whether a man wuz ever entitlled to anything more than he really amasses by honest industry, or—possibly inherits. I can't see that it is wrong to live by the honest sweat uv an aunt's eye-brow. At all events, declined to go on with my speech, and Joe Bigler insisted that I shood. I refoozed and deklined to give any reason for it, and denounced em all as a set of agrarian levelers. I denounced Commonism ez robbery, and insisted that every man hed an indefeasible rite to wat wuz his'n, and that nothin cood indoose me to join my forchooses to a principle so utterly repugnant to the idee uv civiliza-shun.

Then Joe Bigler and Pollock, followed by the enraged citizens, pounced upon me, and Joseph tore from my grasp the telegram, and red it to the populls. It wuz enuff. A party uv em wantid to tear me lim from lim, for wat they wuz pleesed to call my base desershun uv a great coz, but the counsils uv the older and wiser prevalled.

"Let him up," sed the good Deekln Pogram. "Let him up, he hez money and Commonism shal be enforced all the same. We will borrer uv him, wich will be the same ez tho he made a divvy all to wunst."

And so I wuz releesed, and went my way, feelin considrably elatid. No more work for me. Henceforth my days wuz to be pleasure and my nites delites. With $40,000 I cood snap my fingers at the world and live ez I choose.
Bascom hed lent me the money to proceed to-wunst to Saint's Rest to secor my paternony, and I hed borrered a pare uv boots uv the Deekin, and an extra shirrt uv Issaker. All wuz in readiness, and the mule wuz at Bascom's door, when the dreed intelligence reeched me that ther wuzn't nothin in it. It hed all bin put up by Bigler and Pollock to see ef I wood change on the very platform. They hed writ the dispatch and sent it, and hired the mail boy to hand it to me. Bascom pounced onto me for the money he hed lent me, and Issaker and the Deekin wantid their prop-erty. I wuz stript on the spot and left helpless.

There isn't any humanity in man. I shel be a Commoonist yit, and a bloody one. It is gettin to be a question uv livin.

It wuz crooel in them fellows to deceive me so, tho' after all I hev no reeson to complane. Bascom, to consilate a man uv so much capitle, kept me full all nite.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M., Conservative at present.

MR. NASBY DEVELOPS A NEW FINANCIAL SCHEME.

Confedrit X Roads.

(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).

Jooly 29, 1878.

Yesterday I wuz perplexed. I hed bin argooin with my yoosal ailabil-ty in favor uv an onlimted ishoo uv greenbacks with a view uv makin money easier, and givin every man wich wantid it all he wantid, when Issaker Gavitt staggered me askin wat good that wuz a goin to do him?

"Yoo promised us," sed Issaker, "money in plenty when we got the silver bill passed, but I never got hold uv a dollar uv it, onless I earned it and that I cood do before silver wuz made legle-tender. There's money enuff now for it, but that ain't wat financeerin is for. Wat I want is money that I don't work for—money furnisht by a paternal government, as it were, money that comes uv itself, you see. Don't talk to me on't yoo kin come in that shape."

I laid awake a whole nite ponderin this subjick. I saw to-wunst the force uv Issaker's objeckshun, and I felt that suthin must be done to solve this problem.

At precisely three o'clock in the mornin I hit it. It come to me as a revelashen, and I went to sleep, satisfied that I hed solved the problem uv finance.

This is my idee. Money wuz plenty doorin the late onpleasantness becoz the Goverment wuz a borryin uv evrybody. It was plenter on the Confederacy than it wuz in the Fedrel States becoz the Confederacy wuz the biggest borryer. The Northern farmer wich hed a hoss that afore the war, owin to its being blind and spavined, wuz wuth $50, found that hoss wuth $300 doorin the war becoz the Goverment hed to hev it, and hed nothin but its greenbax to pay fur It In. Hence the honest farmer divyyed with the honest contractor, and ther wuz $300 put aflaat, wich wuz a good thing for the groseries and the photograffers. The wife uv that farmer never stopped till she hed a cake uv French toilet sope and a silk dress and her photograff, and the farmer hisself put on broadcloth and fine linen, and bot a trotlin sulky. Them wuz prosperus days.

We can't, uv course, hev another war to git our new ishoo into serkel-ashen, but we kin hev wat will do jist ez well. We kin hev internel improvement. We kin complete all the kanals and raleroads that ever wuz commenst, and we kin kommense jist ez many more ez we choose. For in-stance, the Cross Rodes wants:—
The slack-watrin uv Nigger Run to make it available for side-wheel steamers at all seasons uv the year.

The compleeshen uv the Secessionville Raileroad, to lower the rate on likker from Lousville.

The compleeshen uv the pike to Boregard, to cut off the trade uv Libertyville.

The establishment uv an arsenal at the Corners, and also a nashnel military academy.

The immejit bildin uv a branch connectin the Corners with the Southern Pacific road.

The establishment here uv a nashnel observatory, to observe eclipses and disklivver planets and sich, without wich there can’t be prosperity.

The bildin uv a plank-road over Davis’s Hills, with a swing bridge over Nigger Run.

These improvements, all demanded by the general good, will cost not less than three millions uv dollars, all uv wich wood be divided among the honest prodoosers uv the Corners and the honest contractors, uv wich I shood be one.

Thus the money wood git into circulation, and thus it wood go a long way toward restorin prosperity. Ez every other locality in the country wood want an ekal amount, there cood be at least a thousand million put aboard to begin with, wich cood be added to from time to time, ez we needed it.

“But it wood all hev to be paid agin?” objectid Bascom, wich hevin nuthin is alluz objectin to finanshel skeems for betterin the times.

“Never,” sed I, “never. This money ain’t never to be redeemed. It will go on and on forever. When a bill gits old, yoo kin go and exchange it for a new one, and that for another new one. The people will be obleeged to take it, for it will be legle tender, and it can’t help makin money plenty, wich is wat we want now. Pay! never! Ez we are a goin to pay we mite be benefitted for a time, but it wood be but tempary. We want permanent finanshel releef, nuthin that will last. A unlimited isshoo uv money and a libral system uv internal improvements to git it into cirkelashen is wat we want now.

Issaker wuz satisfied, and to-morrow nite we meet to organize the “Onlimitid Isshoo and Internal Improvement League uv the Cross-Roads.”

Our rallyin cry will be, “Our capacity for spendin money must be ekal to our capacity for perdoosin it, and both must be onlimitid.” We shulhev good times at the Corners ez soon ez the Nationals carry a Congress, and kin git to work. I hev developed the skeem for em.


The Cause of the Hard Times.

Confedrit X Roads.
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
August 19, 1873.

Ez Congrisman Hewitt called afore him sich uv the labrin men and others uv Noo York to git ther vews ez to the coz uv the finanshel depreshen uv the country and the remedy therefor, it okkurred to me that the case cood not go to the country complete onless the Corners wuz heerd from. Ther is more finanshel talent layin around loose about Bascom’s, probably, than kin be found on any other square mile in the country, tho there is a great deal uv finanshel wisdom eloosidated, between
drinks, most everywhere. When you want to know eggsackly how to pay the nashnel debt, you want to find a man which cooks never meet his own obligashens. He knows how it is hisself, for he has wrassled with finanshel problems.

I called a meetin uv the principle citizens uv the Corners, to get their noshuns ez'to wat wuz necessary to hist us out uv the gulf we hed plunged into. It took some time to git em together, ez they wuz all at Bascom's samplin a barrel uv likker he hed jist reseived, it bein Bascom's habit when he gits a new barl to give em a free taste. On sich okkashuns the ultimate salvashen uv the human race woodent fetch em away till the free drink wuz over.

They dropt in wun by wun, and I eggsamined em thoroughly. The follerin is the substance uv it:

Deekin Pogram—I consider the deepest condishn uv the country attributable entirely to a want uv money and labor. Sence the tirant Lin-kin abolished slavery we hev'n't hed labor enuff to develop the resources, nor currency enuff to do the bizris uv the country. I hev frekently gone a month without nary a nickel in my pocket, and conseqently—

By Joe Bigler—Is that a new complaint, Deekin?

Objectid to and ruled out ez irrelevant.

—Consektely wat biznis I did with Bascom hed to go on a credit basis. When Bascom goes to Louisville for more likker he had to take my notes to pay with, wich ther bein too many uv em, the Loolsville people are singlerly averse to takin. We must hev more money. The government shood ioshoo—

By Joe Bigler—Deekin, ef yoor notes won't do the same ez money, owin to ther bein too many uv em, and not hevin a pertikelerly good basis, wat good wood it do for the government to ioshoo jist the same kind uv money?

Objectid to and rooled out ez irrelevant.

The Deekin—We want more money and more occashun for money. Ther shood be an ioshoo uv at least a thousand milyuns uv money wich is never to be redeemed. It shood be distribbit per capita, and every adult citizen with an able-bodied apertite shood hev all he wants. We want more money.

By Joe Bigler—Deekin, 'spoun yoo hed gone to work in the spring and raised a crop and sold it for the money we now hev, wooden't that hev eased yoo up?

Objectid to and rooled out ez irrelevant.

Issaker Gavitt—Clearly uv the opinion that wat is wantid is more money. Money that wood hev to be redeemed wood be better than none, but that wood be merely trempary reliefe. Wat we want is an unlimited ioshoo, at regler intervals, uv money wich ain't never to be redeemed, based on the faith uv the government. Ez I never pay no taxes anyhow, wood be willin to hev the revenoos pledged for its ultimt redeemshun. The money mite be distribbit ez the Deekin sejests, or got into cirkela- shen by the payin uv Southern claims and pensionin Southern soljers. Every man shood, in some way, hev a just share.

By Joe Bigler—How long, Issaker, wood it afore Bascom wood hev it all, ez he hez now?

Objectid to and rooled out ez irrelevant.

Capt. McGrath—The principle need uv the Corners is more money; ain't pertikeler wat kind it is so that nobody ain't goin to be called upon
to redeem it, and it will buy likker. Want a law makin it, another law distribbitin it, and another compellin everybody to take it at par. Is willing to pool ishoos with anybody which will agree to this. Am willing to tax everybody for free educashen, and wood go so fur ez to make the treasury furnish every child with school ooks and a new pare uv trousers, pervidin that ishoos is pooled with this. Am also willing to redoose the hours uv labor to eight or five or four, or wood be willin to go further and hev no labor at all, pervidin money cood be made plenty enuff. Is willing to strike hands with Dennis Kearney, or Gen. Butler himself, to hev money made plenty enuff. This is the principle ishoos to be pooled.

Abner Pettus—Ain't quite clear ez to wat "flat" money is, but is in favor of it if it lessens the hours uv labor and makes it easier to git. Wants more money and more time to improve his mind; wuz compelled to leave a game uv seven-up yesterday at Bascom's when he hed only one to go, and wuz certin uv turnin jack, to split oven-wood for his wife, wich, in a proper condishn uv society, he wood hev hed a nigger do. Then the iron entered his sole and he despard uv the republic. Bleeves in an unlimited ishoos uv money that he may be showor uv a proper reward for his labor.

By Joe Bigler—Abner, how many days' work hev yoo done doorin the yer jist past?

Objectid to and rooled out ez irrelevant.

At this pint the investigashen ceased. Joe Bigler wantid to know suthin about the yield uv wheat to the acre, how much wuz put in about the Corners, and where it wuz markitid, and the price it fetched, but we choked him off, holdin that his questions wuz irrelevant. He lassed and went away, sayin that he cood show the Corners how to git wat money it needed without any noo ishoos. He made some alloshuns to the propriety uv goin to work, and spendin half ez much for bred and cloze ez we did for likker, and a lot uv sich demoralizin remarks, wich the Corners never did and never will stand.

We are a yoonit on flat money, and I shel forrerd these questions and ansers to Mr. Hewitt, that they may be incorporated in his report.

The Corners is determined to hev more money. The citizens set every day till late at nite in Bascom's, discussin this pint, and we hev evolved a grate deal uv finanshel wisdom. We hev no money and no means to go on with. The bloatid Bascom has got us, and we must hev money to swamp him with. Ount we hev the means to purchls supplies we are helplis, and how are we to git the means till the government comes to our relief? It is the question uv the hour. We want the Suthrin clames paid, and the government must make the money to pay them with. The government should be to us father, mother and aunt in the country. The government cannot do too much, nor the individual too little. I want a government that will struggle for me. Let us hev such a government and the Corners will be herself agin.
MR. NASBY ORGANIZES A NATIONAL LODGE.

Confedrit X Roads.
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
September 1, 1878.

I felt it incumbent onto me to go to Factryville, a village hard-by, and establish a lodge uv Nashnels, uv the Kearney kind. Factryville wuz established by a company uv Massachoosits disturbers, wich invaded the sacred soil for the purpus uv manufactrin iron wich is found there in great quantities, and they hev a mill into wich about a hundred men hev bin employed. The price uv iron hevin gone down, these graspin monopo-lists hef the ashoorence to ask ther sufferin labrers to redoose their wages, givin the frivolous pretext that ez the price uv livin hed gone down also they cood afford to work for a little less. Ez most of the men owned their own houses, wich they hed saved, and wuz comfortably fixed, they coodent git away, and hed to endoor the ojus exachshuns uv the grindin capitalists. And ez colleckshuns wuz difficult, and they didn't git their wagis with the regularity uv former yeers, they murmured some, wich I felt it my dooty to improve. They needed a leeder, for none uv em knew how much they wuz sufferin till I went and told em.

I hed a tolerable easy time uv it. I made em two speeches in wich I showed em they wuz groanin under a tyranny compared with wich the sufferins uv the Rooshun serf wuz nothin, and that they wood never hev ther own till they organized and crushed their oppressors. I showed em that wat they wantid wuz to crush out capital, and be theirselves their own rooler. It wuzn't hard to do, and the sekond nite I organized a seckshun.

The ritoal I writ myself, basin it on Kearney's idee. It wuz very bref, and run saithin like this:

"Hath the brother wrongs?"
"He hath."
"Doth the brother brood?"
"He doth."
"Is he a successful brooder?"
"He is."
"Doth the brother look forward to the time when he will hev his iron heel on the necks uv his oppressors, and will hev the lecherous employer by the throat?"
"He doth."
"Doth the brother understand the yoose uv a box uv matches?"
"He doth."
"Is the brother willin, in this holy croosade uv labor agin capital, to buy his own matches, or is he so craven-spirited ez to ask the order to furnish them?"
"He will buy his own."
"Hath the wronged brother two dollars and a half in his trowsers to help the coz, by supportin the agitator?"

The wronged brother at this stage prodoosed the money, wich I took to strengthen the coz, and then perceeeded with the latter. I remarkt that he wuz a grovlin slave, and that by layin still he wuz addin to his bonds. Wat he wantid to do wuz to rise. He wanted to demand an ekal divishun uv property, and ef this reasonable demand wuzn't acceded to, he wantid to destroy wat property ther wuz. He wantid to demand an onlimitid
Ishoo uv money to be di’idid in some way so that he wood git all that he waintid, and that the hours uv labor shood be fixed by law, and the wages also. He shood demand sich legislashen ez wood let him live in absolu luxtorry, no matter wat he wuz. The more incompetent or averse to labor he wuz the greater the dooty uv the Goverment to see that he didn’t want for anything. Ef after he hed riz and these demands wuzn’t grantid then the matches shood come in.

I inshlated the entire force uv the factry, and the next mornin they marched in a body to the mill and demandd their heaven-given rites. The bloated employers tried to reason with em, and tried to show em that they wuz payin all that they cood afford to, in the present deprest condition uv things, and that they wuz gittin now ez much ez they wuz before, when the cost uv livin wuz taken into account. They hed the impudence to tell em that ef they hed to accede to ther demands that they wood hev to shet up the mills, and one uv em told the men that ef they wood as-soom the mortgages, ez well ez the biznis, he wood be perfeckly willin to relinquish It then and there.

The workmen would hev yeedled, but I have made em a speech, wich whooped it up agin. They became infororated and moved on the works. In less than a minit, they had guttid it, in five minits it wuz in flames, and in a half hour it wuz in ashes, and the men firmly but determinedly moved off. The first battle for the rites uv man hed bin fought in Factryville, and the first victry uv labor over capital in Kentucky hed bin acheived.

The men wuz jubilant and I congratulated em. We adjourned to the grosery and poured out libashens uv sod-corn whisky over our triumph.

Things wuz boomin’ for a day or two. Finally the men begun to git sober, and went home to their famili’es. I notist by the close uv the third day an ominous change in ther demeanor toward me.

"Is the bosses goin’ to bild agin?" they asked one uv another.

"I ruther think not," wuz the anser. "The fact is, that all they hed wuz investid In them mills, and that is gone. They hain’t got nothin to build with."

"The merry hell you say. Then where are we goin to git work?"

That staggered em. They loafed about in a listils sort uv way, for a day or two, but they didn’t enthuse very much. Invitasheens to take suthin began to be uncomfortably infrekent, and there seemed to be a dis-posishun toward me that I didn’t like.

"Yoo see," sed one uv em, "that we hev succeeded in getting our rites. We hev crushed capital. It is very crushed. We never saw a more complete crushin out uv capital than this is. But we can’t see where we hev made anything by it, to any alarmin extent. We hev bustid capital effectooally, and hev bustid ourselves jist ez effectooally. The meat bari is low, the flour is gone, and we hain’t got no work. Yoo showd us how to bust capitle,—now pose you kindly show us to git more, and hev it better organized."

"Yev yoo no aspirashens for a higher and better life?" I replied. "Do yoo want to continyoo to grovel at the feet uv yoor oppressors? Hev yoo no pride?"

"We hed pride," wuz the anser uv this slave, "but that vanishes. We hev stumicks wich is alluz with us. Wat yoo want to do is to git out uv this seckshun in jist three minits, or we’ll ornament a tree with yoo."

I left afoot. I hed the inishishun money in my pockit and a soot uv
cloze that I rescood from the burnin mill and absent-mindedly forgot to ask who owned em. I didn't do ez well ez Kerney, but it servd my purpus.

I shel go back tho, and see ef I can't re-organize em on the onlimitid currency noshun, and make good Nashnels uv em. There are a lot of mowin masheens in that vicinity that need burnin, and ther are a dozen or more places that strikes and sich kin be organized in. The rites uv man must be established in Kentucky.

**PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Organizer.**

**THE MAINE ELECTION OF 1878.**

Confedrit X Roads.
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Sept. 15, 1878.

The nooze from Main hez reached the Corners and it hez encouraged us, both ez Nashnels and Dimocrats. It doesn't make a straw's difference to me whether we the Dimocrats,hev swallered the Nashnels, or whether the Nashnels hev swallered us. There hez bin swallerin, and the Republikin party hez lost its grip. We are happy.

Es Nashnels we hev things eggsackly to soot us at the Corners, and throughout this seckshun. We hev succeeded in institootin strikes in all the manufacturin villages in the seckshun, and hev all the workkinen out uv work and in conseken distress. At Factryville ther ain't any more factry at all, for we burned it in the holy croosade uv labor agin capital. In Plainville we hev all the mechanics and laborers on a strike, wich hed the deliteful and cheerin effeck uv throwin every workin-man out uv work, haleeloogy. They hev nothin to do now but to walk about the streets day times, and lissen to our speeches nites. And we are makin it lively for the bloatid employers, yoo bet. When men are distrest they want a remedy, and they'll take most any kind uv medicine.

To support em, we hev institootid a provishnal bank, wich will do till the fiat money is ishood. It's the same thing ez "fiat" money. I am President uv it and Issaker Gavitt is Casheer. Our money is simply a slip uv paper onto wich is printid the sole-inspirin words:

This is a dollar.

"Attest: PETROLEUM V. NASBY, President.
"ISSAKER GAVITT, Cashier."

The only secoolity that we felt wuz necessary wuz to pledge the sacred faith uv the Corners that it wuz a dollar.

"Wat is it to be redeemed in?" queried a shoemaker to whom I offered it for a pare uv boots, the first I hev hed for yeers.

"In nothin. It don't want to be redeemed. To redeem it wood be to destroy its life-giving principle. Any body kin ishoo money with gold behind it to redeem it—yoor troo finanseer is he wich kin make money wich don't want redeemin. All yoo hov to do with this money is to keep it movin. Yoo hump this bill onto yoor leather merchant, and he'll hump it along on somebody else, and ez long ez yoo think it's a dollar, why isn't it?"

He took it, tho it seemed to me he wuzn't convinst.

We ain't bothered with it at all, ez it ain't never to be redeemed, except that when one bill wears out, the ho'der kin come and git another In its stead. We mite retire a worn-out bill, but ez that wood contract the currency we don't think it the best thing to do. We want a volume uv currency afloat ekal to the demands uv trade.
There wuz some trouble, for a great many farmers didn't want to take it, and Bascom kicked somewhat. But we hed a remedy for this. The labrin populashen held a meetin and in the sacred coz uv laber agin capitle notified the people that any one wich refoozed to take the money at par wood be to-wunst hung. Under this stimulus Bascom took it, but he immejitly advanced the price uv likker to fifteen cents, and a few hours after to twenty-five.

We remonstrated with him about it, and he answered us:

"Ef there's going to be a era uv prosperity I am going to share in it. Yoo kin hev all the likker you want at five cents, old money, but ef I am compelled to take your flat money for likker, yoo can't dictate to me the price I shiel ask, for that rests with me ez a free citizen uv these Yoonitid States."

I am a just man. I acknowledged the strength uv his poslshun. All I did wuz to walk over to the printin off's and order another hunderd thousand dollars struck off, and put it into cirkleslashen to-wunst. Wat we want is money enuff.

The effeck on the Corners wuz instantaneous. We never hed sich a era uv prosperity. Ez every man hed all the money he wantid, work wuz generally suspendid, and the people give theirselves up wholly to enjoyment. Bascom did a tremendous business, the storekeepers (all except that cuss Pollock and Joe Bigler, who not only refoozed to take the money but refoozed to be hung,) did a smashin business. Men wich never hed a dollar in ther lives hed ther pockits full, and ther is nothin but the most cheerful prospeck ahed uv us. When money kin be hed by printing it, wat is to prevent everybody hevin all they need? Nothin. I shiel print a lot more to-morrow.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Reformer and Finanseer.

P. S.—There is one little speck uv trouble about our flat money. Ther ain't no farmer puttin in any wheat, for they say they don't keer about sweatin for this kind uv money. The bloatid employers at Pacersville, and Plainville, hev consentid to advance the wags uv ther employees ef they will take our money in pay, but the mechanics swear they must be paid in Nashnel bank-notes, ef they work. And the most uv em decided they won't work at all so long ez they kin git enuff uv flat money to live on. It's all very well now, but ther ought to be some work goin on. We must hev legislashen compellin uv em.

THE CORNERS EXPERIMENTS WITH FIAT MONEY.

Confedrit X Roads.

(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).

Sept. 20, 1878.

The amount of prosperity the Corners is labrin under, just now, is miraculous. Me and Issaker Gavitt hez isshoed over three hundred thousand dollars uv our flat money, and ez I perdictid the Corners is prosperin to a degree that no one, not even myself, ez sangwin ez I am, never dreem-ed uv.

Issaker Gavitt and me hev quit isshoion flat money and the Town Coun-
il hev taken it in hand, so that it shiel hev an offishel look.

The money they isshoo reeds thus:

THIS IS A DOLLAR,

Sekoored by the faith of Confedrit X Roads.
These bills is signed by the Mayor and Clerk uv the corporashen, and ez they are printed in two colors with a green back, they look ez good ez any money I ever saw.

The question wuz how to git em into cirkelashen. Money ain't good for noth'in onless it cirkelates, and so the Council resolved on a system uv internal improvements to git em out.

Accordingly they let the follerin contrax:
A new City Hall to cost $250,000.
Publck skool bilding to cost $10,000. (This wuz considerrd extravagant but the main pint is to git the money into cirkelashen.)
A ship canal to connect Confedrit Run with Sucker Crik. Ez the ain't no water uv any akkount in either, a ingenious system uv arteslar wells hez to be bored, and suffiszent water to float a steemboat is to be pumped into em by steem engines. The estimatid cost uv this nessary improvement is one million uv dollars.
A nanner gaige railroad to connect the Corners with Secessionville or the Looisville road, cost $500,000.
A plank road to Davisville, to cost $200,000.
Steam fire engines and a complete fire department to cost $50,000.

This iz ez fur ez the council hez got, but other appropriacons will be made for other improvements ez fast ez the money is wantid to git into cirkelashen, that being the main pint now.

The contrax wuz all let to citizens uv the Corners, mostly to members uv the Council, and they wuz all based on the price uv a drink, plane fifty cents. The counsel hed the money printid to pay the contrakters with. Ez we didn't want to wait long before the era uv prosperity got in, it wuz votid that eech contraker shound hev an advance uv twenty-five per cent on the amount uv his contrack, that the money mite be got into cirkelashun to wunst, and the good effex mite be felt Immejitly. This wuz done, and some $500,000 wuz paid to em.

The effeck is terrifc. The wages uv labrin men hez gone up to $7 a day, and it is difficult to prokoor em at that. Whiskey hez riz to 50 cents a drink without sugar, and 75 with. The groalin shoemaker wich used to git $5 for a pare uv stygo boots, is gettin $20 now, and he ain't particular about sellin even at that price. Everybody hez got all the money they want, and the Corners is baskin in the beems uv onlimitid prosperity. This flat money is a big thing.

The only spot on our shinin sun is Bigler and Pollock. They refoozed to tetch our money at all, and ez they keep goods wich we must hev its inconvenient. And then Joe goes about askin all sorts uv fool questions. He wants to know who's ever goin to redeem the money? He wants to know wat good this money is agoin to be in Looisville wher our supplies come from primarily? He wants to know who is agoin to pay the taxes for all these improvements, and how we will feel when the bubble busts and we are left with a immense debt onto our shoulders?

I answered him that he didn't know noth'in about finanseerin. That the very essence uv flat money wuz that it wuzn't never to be redeemed, that the people wuz a takin it for their goods and labor, and that they wood pay it out for more goods and labor, and that it wood keep on forever in one endlis round.

"But," sed Josef, "the contraktors hev got to hev iron and tools and things, and the laborers hev got to hev shoes and a great deel uv likker, and a little suthin to eat occassionally. It's all very well so long ez they
kin trade among themselves, but how will it be in Looisville? Will they take it there?"

That is the cloud that hangs over us. Will they take it in Looisville, where we hev to buy our goods?

We must move on the legislacher and get the State to adopt the Corners' Idee, and then we must go to Congris and compel the ishooin uv flat money by the General Government, makin it legle tender wherever the flag floats. And that it may be got into cirkelashen the General Government must be paternal, and must imitate the Corners in the matter uv internal improvements. There must be a ship canal from Chicago to Toledalo, the Erie canal must be enlarged so as to pass the Great Eastern, the whole Mississippi Valley must be kivered with levees and everything else, there must be Custom Houses and Post Offices built in every city and village, and ez for raleroads, Lord bless us, they must be built from everywhere to everywhere, and all at the expense uv the Government, for the purpus uv gittin flat money into cirklashen in suffisent vollums to meet the requirements uv trade. Ef the bloatid bond-holders want to keep ther bonds, all rite, only they must take principle and intrest in this kind uv money. Them ez are held abroad shood be repoodiatid to-wunst, and hev done with em.

There are forty millyuns uv people in this kentry, and I insist that enuff public works shood be put through to give every man, woman and child in the Yoonyun at leest $2,000 uv money. A helthy war wood git it into cirklashen faster, but I am averse to bloodshed. I am as tender in my feelins ez I am broad in my finanshel vews.

This is my finanshel noshun, but they ain't original with me. The Democratic and Nashnel leeders are holdin the same noshens in a modifid form. They will advance to my posishun when they see how the thing works in the Corners.

I don't want no gold, nor no silver. A paper dollar is good enuff for me, so ez it will buy likker, and I kin git enuff uv it. Wat do I keer for debt, when that debt ain't never goin to be paid? Gold is an exploded idee! Ring out the old and ring in the new! We want more money and we are goin to hev it.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Finanseer.

P. S.—The trubble that Josef prophesed hez come already. Pelter, the shoemaker sold out his stock gally, for flat money, and went to Looisville to git more leather. The Looisville leather men woodent give him a bit uv leather for our money, and that is all he hez. He offered em three prices, but they declined frigidly, and he come home without a single side. He swears he has bin robbed, and he is so disloyal ez to d—n the counsil, and me, the originator uv the idee. I told him to start a tannery hisself, and be independent uv the outside world, but he wantid to know how he wuz again to do with flat money? The fact is sosietiy needs reorganizin. There must be some way devised to compel Looisville to take our money. Ez no flat money is ever goin to be redeemed in gold or anything else, why ain't ourn jist ez good ez anybody's?

MR. NASBY'S LAST EXPERIMENT WITH FIAT MONEY.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Oct. 15, 1878.

The October eleckshuns aint ez satisfactory ez they mite hev bin, but they will do. We hev lost Ohio, and Iowa, but we have gobbled Injeany
and West Virginny. The grate coz uv finanshel salvashen hez not ez yet passed into a triumph, but it hez'n't bin killed, wic is some comfort Ther iz yit room for hope. Wheat hez come down five cents a bushel in consequence uv the dismal prospesek that ther won't be no European war, and that encouragis us. The people never did ascribe the low price uv perdoose to anything but the party in power, and this drop, ef it providenshelly continyooos, will make votes for us. The price uv prodoose controls a great deel more than any one hez any idee uv. I hev knowd a providenshel potato rot to elect a Democratic member uv Congress.

Issaker Gavitt is growin daily more gloomy ez the prospex uv a general European war diminishes.

"It's crooel," sez he, with a teer in each eye. "No war in Europe, and I've got ten hogz wic I wantid a high price fur. This world is full uv disappointments. I don't suppose pork on foot will now be wuth more than three cents a pound. Wat do them European cabinits mean?"

But this is a diversion.

I supposed that when we hed ishooed our Fiat money that our troubl wuz over. I supposed that when the Common Counsel uv the Corners hed ishooed a currency based upon the good faith uv the Corners, and hed passed an ordinance makin it legle tender, that everything wood go alone smoothly, and that the era uv prosperity wic we hev all been lookin for wood immejitly set in. But it don't work wuth a cuss. We hed expected to be relieved uv our indebtednis to Pollock & Bigler, but unfortunitly them disturbers, with a foresite that is feendid, hev persistently refoozed the Dimocrisy uv the Corners credit for many yeers, so that we don't owe them anything. And Pollock remarked vishuely that ef we did owe him anything he wood ez soon take pay in fiat money ez anything else wuz likely to git from us, ez he never expected anything anyhow.

But we desidid to git even with him. I went into his store and asked for a pare uv boots.

"All rite," sed Pollock, "wat kind uv money do yoo perpose to pay in? the glorious fiat uv the present or the despised greenback uv the past?"

"Sir!" I remarked impressively, "I am too patriotic not to assist in git ting our new money into circelashun. I shel pay in fiat, of which I hev plenty, and more a comin."

"All rite," sed Pollock, perdoosin a little strip uv leather, "Them is the boots."

"But they is not boots," I exclaimed. "Wat kin I do with that strip uv leather?"

"Jist ez much ez I kin with yoor money. You say that piece uv paper yoo hev is money—I say that piece of leather is boots. My word is, I trust, ez good ez yoons."

And with a feendid laff he told Joe Bigler to keep an eye on me and turned around sellin substanshel boots to a nigger farmer wic hed Nash nel Bank notes.

Sadly I went over to Bascom's and found there the entire Corners discus sin the finanshel sityooshen. There wuz Deekin Pogram in his old famlyer chair, there wuz Issaker a lyin on his back on a round table that the citizens play keerds upon when It is aroused, and Capt. M'Pelter leanin aginst the bar, all sighin at the scarcity uv money and the deprest condishn uv industry. It wuz a site I hev seed a thousand time and it meltd me. I determined to demonstrate that ther wuz one patriot that wood re speck the laws uv his native place, and accept her currency.
"Gentlemen," I sez, firmly, "step up. Bascom, set 'em up."

Bascom hed bin takin our money for some days, and hed bin to Louisville for likker. He sot out the bottle with a sardonic grin that boded us no good. We each poured out the likker, however, and placed the glasses to our respective lips. Immejitly every man spittid the likwid out upon the floor. I turned sick, for I hed uncawushusly swallowed a little uv it.

It wuz Water! the first I hed tasted for years!

"Wat does this mean, sir?" I demandid feercely.

"Don't yoo like the whiskey?" wuz his anser, ez he glared feercely at me.

"Like it! Like it! Why, it's water!"

"Bless yoor sole," replied Bascom, "why don't yoo say it's whiskey? The minit yoo say it's whiskey it is whiskey. Yoo say the paper you want to pay me in is a dollar, jist becoz yoo say it is a dollar, and why in bloody thunder can't yoo make whiskey out uv water by jist sayin it's whiskey? Gentlemen, this is flat whiskey, and it's the only kind I kin git with flat money. When you git to payin in the comfortable old greenback, or the modest nickle, all rite. I'll give yoo the regler old bowl scrcher. But the likker is goin to assimilate to the money. I learned that word in Louisville. Ef yoo want to pay in flat money yoo are goin to git flat likker. Ef yoo kin imagine a peece uv paper with yoor stamp onto it is a dollar, you must likewise imagine this flooid to be good likker, and vice versy. Parson, this is all yoo will ever git with yoor kind uv money."

And he leened back agin his bottles with a defiant air, and we sank back terrified.

Where is the end to be? I don't know. Oh! that Butler wood carry Massychoosits, and git into power, so that his genius cood solve the problem. Ef Bascom repudilates the flat money it is all over here.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Finanseer.

THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS OF 1878.

Confedrit X Roads.
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).

Nov. 10, 1878.

I am entirely satisfied that I shood hev bin happier ef I had never bin born. Life is to me an unendin suckessshun uv disasters. Occasunally ther is a gleem uv sunshine, a rift thro the clouds that envelop me, but it don't last. For sixteen long yeers I hev bin strugglin, wrasslin a back-holt with disaster, and disaster hez gluearly flopped me. I am flopped now, and am so sore with brooses that it don't seem to me that I shel ever git up agin. It is a singler thing that disaster and I hev hed so many encounters, and that the result hez ever bin the same.

I expectid great things from the November eleckshuns. I hed hoped that the Dimecratic-Greenback noshun wood prevale in the States holdin eleckshuns, so that the experiment ov Flat money in the corners wood be strengthened to the pint uv makin it a suckess. I hed hoped that Butler and Kearney wood carry Massachoozits, and that John Kelly wood carry Noo York. I hed hoped that the Greenbackers wood carry Mishigan, and that Pennsilvany wood add her voice to the general outcry for more money and better times.

I wantid the people in the East and in the West, by their ballots, to insist that the bloatid bondholders shood take a back seat, that money shood be simply the creashun uv whoever chose to make it, and that every
man shood hev all that he wantid. I hed hopes that the people wood pro-
nounce in favor uv givin everything to everybody, and do away with
labor, by makin labor onnessesary. In short, I hoped that the Fiat money
uv the Cross-Roads wood be legalized.

Wat happened? I looked to Massichusits, and behold Butler is berried
under a majority uv 40,000, and the streets don't run with blood as Kerny
prophesied.

I look to Pennsilvanny, and ther Dimocrisy goes under to the toon of
30,000.

I turn my eyes imploringly to Mishigan, and lo! the anser comes back
—"Republikin, 40,000."

In agony I turn to Noo York, and Conkling carries that stronghold of
Democracy by a majority wich it ain't wuth while to count up.

It is troo we carried the South, but that don't count. We kin all uz
carry the South ez long ez we are permitted shot-guns, but shot-gun
triumphs ain't wat I wantid. It ain't a moral triumph, and a moral
triumph is wat wuz needid at this time. I wantid men to vote for Fiat
money wich didn't do it at the muzzle uv a shot-gun.

The effek: hez bin disastryus on the prospecks uv the Corners.

Work on the Court House, Ship Canal and Raileroad hez bin suspendid
It went along well enuff, for a time. The men got into a habit uv demand.
In an increase uv wadgs every day or two, and we met ther demands liberally.
It didn't make a particle uv diffrence to us whether we paid a
dollar a day or fifty. It cost jest ez much to print a dollar note ez it
did a fifty dollar note, and ef a man felt richer with the fifty dollar note
why not let him have it? The higher the wadgs we paid, the richer the
community wuz gittin, becoz more money wuz gittin into cirkelashen. But
ther cum a time when we hed to hev a dozen spades, and a pick-ax, and
without em the work coud not go on. The hardware deeler wood not
take our money for em, and we hed no other and so for want uv ten
dollars' worth uv spades and pick-axes, improvements involvein millions
wuz brot to a complete stoppage! Fiat money is all well enuff, but wood
I hed the power to compel the people to take it whether or not. Legisla-
shen is wat we want, but the result uv the November eleckshuns give me no
hope uv that. I feel we are goin to be in the power uv the bond-holders
for a time yit.

Then came more trouble. Bascom hed hed an unparalleled run uv
biznis, and taken every dollar uv Fiat money ther wuz in the Corners. I
hed bin printin it on wall-paper for a week, and the day afore eleckshun the
last scrap uv it hed bin exhaustid. I sourced the village to find suthin
that coud be used in printin, but ez the people never indulged to any ex-
tent in the luxury uv wall-paper, I coudent git any. In despair I went
into Pollock's store, and beggad him to sell me wat he hed on hand.

"Certinly," sed he, "for cash."

"I will give yoo," I sed, "exactly the money we hev, and I can't do
more than that. How much hev yoo?"

"Ten bolts."

"Very good," sed I. "Now, Pollock, I will tell you wat I will do. We
must hev more money, and we hev no paper to print it on. I will take
them ten bolts uv wall paper, and I will print five uv em in one dollar bills
for yoo, to pay for the other five. I don't know how many yards ther is in
a bolt uv wall paper, but I will spose that eech yard will make a hundred
bills, and that ther is twenty yards in a bolt. Thus yoo will git two thou-
sand dollars for a ten cent bolt uv wall paper. Kin you dispose uv your stock to better advantage?"

"But wat good will all these dollar bills do me?" wuz his onfeel'in an'ser. "I coodent buy another ten bolts uv paper with a car-load uv it."

I then offered to print the five bolts up in two dollar notes, then in fives, and finally in twenties, and ez a last resort in hundreds. I showed him wat a millionaire he wood be. Five bolts uv wall paper printid up in hundred dollar bills wood make him rich, and it wuz within his reach. All he hed to do wuz to give me the other five bolts for the yoose uv the corporashen.

I shoode'nt hev been so liberel, but I hedn't hed a drink for four hours, and Bascom hed refoozed likker except for down payment, and hed put up the price to four times the weight uv the likker, glass and all, in five dollar notes. I wuz driven to makin any terms possible.

The monster wuz, however, inflexible. He laffed me to skorn. He re-foozed the millyuns I offered him. He sed he wood sell the paper to me at ten cents a bolt, cash, or he would even give me credit for the five bolts.

This wuz a gleem uv comfort, and I eagerly accepted it. But he crushed me with these crocel words:

On credit, ef I wood give good secoority.

Secoority! Wat holler mockery! Wher cood I git secoority? And so I, with the meens uv makin millyuns in my hands; wuz reeduced to abject poverty for want uv fifty cents to buy the wall-paper onto wich to print my millyuns.

The Corners is prostratid. Bascom hez the millions we hev printed, the citizens hev'n't a dollar, and we can't git no paper to perdoose more currency. Wat we shal do I hev'n t the slitest idee. Ef I cood git the Lloisville paper dealers to take our money for more paper, and ef Simpson, the printer, wood go on and print It, takin his pay in kind, all wood be well. But ez we can't git any, we hev yoosed up all the paper Simpson hed, and ez he hez'n't got anything to uy any more with except what the cold-hartid and mersenary paper-merchants won't take, our case is hard indeed. We are rooined, and I spose we shel hev to return to the old kinds uv money. But wat will Bascom do with the accumulashen he hez on hand? I dread to face him. PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Finanseer.

MR. NASBY ON THE SOUTHERN ELECTIONS.

Confedrit X Roads.

(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).

Dec. 1, 1878.

The Radikels uv the North are gittin excited over the "Solid South," and are agin commencin to persekoot us uv the former slave States, wich made a struggle for our rites, but wuz crushed out by the iron heel uv despotism under the tirent Linkin.

Wat does the North want? That's the question—wat does it demand uv us?

Suppose the South hez sent up a solid Demikratic Congressional delega-shun? Suppose there ain't a mizable Radikel from any uv the Southern States in Congris? Suppose—but wat's the yoose uv supposin. Does the North know how we are fixed? Does the North know that we uv the South are livin among a people wich yoosed to furnish us with bread and butter, and Summers at Saratogy? Does the North know that the tirent Linkin emancipatid them people, and put em out from under our control,
and that they are in condishn to do ez they please? Nay, more. Does the North know that them people kln vote, and hev jist ez much to say about polisy and things ez we hev?

These things shood be considered. The North shood remember that we uv the South—I meen the white men—are a sensitive people, and we hev feelins. We can't git down to the level uv a common man to wunst. We hev bin cradled in the lap uv luxury. We hev bin yossed to hevin our work done for us, and hev bin accustomed to livin by the swet uv other people's brows. It is not to be supposed that we kln accept so radikal a change ez bein compelled to go to work ourselves, without a protest.

We make our protest in our own way.

By the result uv the war the nigger wuz given the ballot. All rite. He hez the ballot. We don't believe he ought to hev it, but ez the Fifteenth Amendment gives it to him, we accede. We hate the amendment, but ez it is law we yeeld. We are law-abidin citizens. And so we give to the Afrikin his rites, and lay down quietly to him. He kin vote ez much as he plesses, and ez freely ez anybody. Kin the North ask anything more?

Still we hev our way of regulatin wat we consider evils. Here in the Cross-Roads our method is very simple.

Joe Bigler and Pollock wuz off buyin a car-load uv mules. They wuz not here on elecshun day, and consequently we wuz not in terror uv Bigler's revolver, or Pollock's tongue. We knowd they cood not get back in time to vote, or even to marshel the five hundred niggers that hev the franchise at these poles. Therefore we perposed to send up a complete and clean Democratic offishary from this precinct, and at the same time obey the law. We respect the law.

The nigger hez the rite to vote. We understand that and respect it. But there must be limitashuns. He may vote—the law sez that—but the law don't say how he shel vote. That is for us. We determine that. We are the roolin class, and the inferior class must be guided by the superior intelleck that don't like to work. Ef we cood hev trusted the nigger we wood hev done it, but we cooden. We knowd he hed a predeleeshun for radikelism, and wuz, ez a rool, opposed to appropriashuns. He cood not be trusted with the ballot without gidanse.

Wat did we do? Joe Bigler and Pollock wuz away buyin mules, and the niggers were without ther leaders. Then we orgnized. We notified em that they shel vote—that we didn't want to interfere with ther rites, but that they must vote according to our noshens. We sed to em ez follows:

"Yoo are entitled to the ballot under the laws. We don't approve uv the laws, but they iz laws and we shel respect em. Far be it from us to break laws, or in any way interfere in ther proper exeoooshen. You shel vote. Yoo shelf exercise the rites uv citizens. Every one uv yoo who wants to vote step up. We will give yoo a Democratic ticket and yoo shel vote it. Ef yoo refuse to vote that ticket, we shelf immediately perceed to blow the top uv yoor hed off. We want the utmost freedom uv opinyun, and the ballot box shelf be inviolate, pervedid yoo vote rite. We shelf say wat is rite. Now don't go and complane that yoo hev bin refoosed the privileges uv an Amerikin citizen."

The niggers come down and attemptid to vote. We hed shot-guns and navy revolvers and stood at the poles. Ez they filed up, we demanded a site uv the tikkits they perposed to vote, and ef it wuz our tikkit, it went
in all rite. Ef it wuz any other tikkit, the presumphus retch wich offered it hed the top uv his hed blowd off, Immejitly, ez a warnin to the others. We cooden stay foolin about, wen our rites wuz involved.

Uv course, the result wuz a clean Democratic vote. Ther wuz no radikel tikkits in the box, wich shows that the South hez but one sentiment. Whatver our views is, they are yoonanimus, and that is all ther is about it. Let the North look at our poll-lists, and the North will git a cleer idee ez to wat the South reels desires.

I suppose there will be a howl abaut the fact that there wuz a yoonanimus Democratic vote at the Cross-Roads, when it is well known that there are five hundred niggers in the precinct wich wood vote the Abo-lshn, Radikel tikkit. I suppose that it will be made the excoose for another raid and another demand for violent measures agin the sufferin South. Let it be so. Ef the North supposes that we shel lay still and let niggers offset our votes, when we want the Southern war debt paid, and a system uv Southern internal improvements inoggeratid, the North is mis-taken. The Southern Democrat knows how to perfect himself. He obeys laws, pervlidid the laws run his way.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Statesman.

MR. NASBY FORESEES TROUBLE.

Confedrit X Roads.
(Wich is In the State uv Kentucky).
Dec. 10, 1873.

I foresee trouble. My prophetic sole looks forrerd a year or two, and persseves a cloud a loomin up in the fucher, wich bodes us uv the South no good. I foresee a raid wich will be made onto the sufferin South, and possibly it may be successful. I foresee a renewal uv the hostilities wich led to a fratricide struggle betwixt the sexshuns in 1861, and possibly more.

The North is not content with things ez they are. The North persists n bleevin that the rites uv the niggers in the South hez bin violatid, and that they hev bin deprived uv the priviligis of freemen, wich they fortify by assertin ez a fact that in the Cross-Roads alone 75 niggers were killed for insistin upon votin the Republikin tikkit, and that 500 wuz kept away from the poles by force.

At least let the people uv the North hev the truth. Our enemies will find that nothin kin be gained by misrepresentashun and false statement. I will give the exact facts.

There wuz only 72 killed, the other three beln merely severely woundid. One uv the woundld may hev died sence, but I am not certin.

Ther wuzn’t five hundred druv away from the poles, the exact number wuz four hundred and ninety-one.

It is by sich falsehoods that the sufferin South is beln prejoodist. It s by means uv sich lies that Congris will be inflouenced agin givin us sich appropriashens ez we desire, and payin the Southern war debt, and penshunin Southern soljers. It is by sich stupenjus lies that the Radikels hope to elect a President in 1880.

Neither will the subsidized Radikel press give the troo reasons, or uther the philosophy, uv our ackshen in this matter.

The fact is, we did not deny the rite uv the nigger to vote. No sich hought ever entered our heads. We desired em to vote. We went into
ther settlements and implord em, ez they loved Kentucky, to come and deposit ther ballots like freemen. We reminded em that many uv em hed the best blood uv Kentucky in ther vans, that ther wuz those among em who cood proudly point to the Bascoms, Gavitts and Pograms ez ther ancestors. We ask em to jine us in an effort to save the South from hoomillashen, by sendin up a clean Dimecratic delegashun, and by sich majorities ez wood teech the vandal North that the state wuz a yoonit agin ther unholy skeems uv subjooedashen.

We reminded em that they hed an ekal interest with us in proookoorin appropriashuns. "It is troo," we sed to em, "that you will not hev con-trax on the ship canal, or on the custom house at the Corners, nor will yoo be penshund for servis in the Confedrit army, but the money will come here, and ez yoo furnish all the pervishens, we not bein fond uv labor, it will git around to yoo in time."

And we reminded em uv a great many more things.

They come to the polls on our invitashen four hundred and ninety-one, wich wuz a majority. They come unarmed, save with that weapon wich is firmer set and stronger than the bayonet, the ballot. To our horror we diskivered that every last one uv the black cusses hed Republikin tickets and perposed to vote em!

Uv course this woodn't do. We wantid em to exercise the rite uv suffrage, but they must exercise itez we wantid em to.

We closed the poles immejitly, till we cood hasten home and git our shot-guns and revolvers. Then we opened the poles agin this outrage. We felt that we wuz bein coerced into permittin a unholy radikel majority at the Corners, wich hez alluz bin Dimekratic, and wich shel alluz be. We told em they shood vote, but they must vote the Dimekratic tikkit like free men. Ef they felt they coudn't do that they hed better not inflame the Corners and pervoke blood by staying around the poles.

One uv em demandid the rite to vote ez he pleased, when Issaker Gavitt, wich is naturally quick, blew the top uv his head off with a charge uv buckshot. Hevin tastid blood, a general battoo ensued, in wich ninety-two uv em wuz killed, and the rest took to their heels and refoozed to vote.

This is all ther wuz in the matter. Possibly ther wuz more uv em killed than wuz strickly necessary. Possibly killin fifty, or perhaps twenty-five wood hev ansered the purpis jist ez well. Ef so, we are sorry and are willin to apologze to the friends uv the deceast. We desire alluz to do the proper and manly thing.

But when we are asked to permit a Republikin majority at the Corners, we say no! and we alluz say it at the muzzle uv a shot-gun, ef needs be, tho we hed ruther not. We wood much prefer that the misgided men wood lisen to reeson and come Into the Dimekratic fold by peaceful means, but come they must, or suffer the conseqences.

Why look at it. Without hevin a solid South how kin we sekoor the speshl appropriashenss wich we must hev? How kin we drive the North into the payment uv our debt, and the penshunin uv our soljers? How kin we elect the next President, and run the government in the interest uv the South? With a divided delegashun it wood be impossible. Let the North think uv our necessities, and we are shoor they will approve our ackshen.

I do not know that this simple statement will hev any effeck upon the
besotted Northern press, but it is all we kin do. Ef we are to be made to suffer for protectin ourselves, then so it must be. We at least will die like heroes.'

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Statesman (Shot Gun).

MR. NASBY HAS AN INVESTIGATION OF HIS OWN.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Dec. 23, 1878.

I don’t want no Senatorial committee down here. I don’t want nobody pryin around bringin niggers up to testify ez to wat they know about eleckshuns, and votin and sich. Niggers is prejudist, and their mental vishuns is distorted. They don’t understand polytix, and hev very dim and confused notions of relijun. Ther ain’t a nigger neer the Corners wich don’t firmly believ that the Fifteenth amendment meens that they shel hev the rite to vote, unfettered and unhapmpered, and that they hev the rite to vote ez they please. They can’t be made to understand that the sooperior Intelligence that lays mostly around Bascom’s wuz designed by Providence to guide and direct em, and that they ought to be thankful that it is here to keer for em.

To put niggers onto the stand for examinashen is to convict ourselves. Ther ain’t ez many uv us to swear ez there wuz the mornin uv the eleckshun, but there is enuff.

That the country shel hev the troo inwardnis uv wat did reely happen eleckshun day, I hev alreddy held an examinashun, and here it is:

Issaker Gavitt sworn:—Was present at the poles last eleckshun day, and hev votid. Come without my double-barreled shot-gun, for did not antissipate trouble uv any kind. Hed understood that the niggers hed all agreed to vote the strate Dimekratic tikket, in wich case wood ez soon they wood vote ez not. Ruther encouraged em. Remember acceptin an invitatoshun to take suthin with one uv em, and wood hev acceptid invitatoshuns with all uv em. Am fast losin the prejoodis wich every white man hed agin color. Hev got so that I kin tolerate a nigger, with money, ef he is liberal. Two uv em hed votid (them wuz the two Republikin tikkits wich wuz found in the box) when we diskivered that every one uv em hed Republikin tikkits instid uv Dimekratic, and that they posed to vote em. Felt naterally enraged. Dashed the niggers away from the winner and hed the poles closed. Rushed home and got my shot-gun, ez did Deekin Pogram, Capt. McPelter and the rest uv us. Immejitly notified the niggers that this kind uv thing wooden’t do, and that while we desired em to exercise ther rites, they must exercise em in accordance with the jees uv the dominant race, and nothin else. Otherwise they coonden exercise em. Ther wuz some trouble wich resulted in the killin uv perhaps seventy uv em. Can’t state exactly how many wuz killed, ez he didn’t count em.

Bleeves in President Hayes, espeshelly sence the appintment uv Mosby ez consul to Hong Kong. Thinks it wood be a great measure uv passificashen ef he (Gavitt) cood be appointed to suthin.

Deekin Pogram testified to about the same thing that Issaker did. Wuz willin that the niggers shood vote ef they cood only vote the Dimekratic tikket. Hed overcom the prejudios every Cawcashun wuz bound to hev agin the inferior race, but shood insist, alluz, that the inferior race shood be guided and directed by the sooperior. Ef the sooperior race wants to vote the Dimekratic tikket, the inferior must do likewise, and so
on. Otherwise we can't let em vote. We shel insist on hevin em countid in when we make up our Congressional representashun, but we must control their votes. Otherwise the bloatid North wood hev the bulge on us. Approves the President's policy, espeshelly his appointment uv Mosby ez minister, or whatever it is, to Hong Kong. Nothin so consilates the Southern mind, ez an appointment. Would like to hev it tried on hisself.

Col. McPelter testified to shootin perhaps seven or eight uv em. Bleeved he wuz justified, and appealed to the Northern sense uv rite. Hed the niggers votid the Republikin tikkit, it wood hev bothered us to elect the Democratic tikkit, suthin that the Corners alluz hed done, and alluz expectid to do. Coedent and woodent stand innovashuns. Ef the niggers want to vote, let em vote rite, and ther will be no objecshuns to it. Otherwise we can't permit it.

I didn't consider it necessary to take any more testimony. But this hed sworn to, before Bascom, who sealed it offshelly with the end uv a whisky glass, and I shel-forrerd it to Blane. I hope it will hev proper effeck. I hope the North will see that we desire to recognize the amendments, and that we are willin to go jist ez fur ez possible. We must, however, preserve the integrity uv the old Dimekratic party, and must retane our majorities. When this is understood, ther will be no more trouble. When the nigger gets into the proper frame uv mind uv votin ez we want him to, all the bother will end, anr ther will be that espeshel kind uv peecce that we desire. Otherwise ther will be more worry and more trubble.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Statesman (Shot Gun).

RESUMPTION AT THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Jan. 2, 1879.

At last the blow hez fallen. The infamous Sherman hez forced remumphshan upon a long-sufferin people wich hez bin in the merciless grasp uv the men they borrowed money uv, wich means, to us, finanshel rooin. He hez refoosed us more money—he hez turned a deaf ear to our appeals for unlimited greenbax, and now requires us to come down to a gold basis and do biznis as we did in the slow times afore the late onpleasantnis.

Ther wuz a feelin uv depreshn at the Corners wich wuz painful. The Deekin, that sweet old saint, stood over the bar at Bascom's, his time-enfeebled hand graspin a glass uv likker, supported on either side by Capt. McPelter and Issaker Gavitt, each uv em also graspin a glass uv likker.

"Resumpshen is upon us," sed the Deekin, sighing pitifully, "and we shel hev to pay gold to the graspin bondholders. Wher is it to end?"

And then we desided to hold a meetin to wunst, and, at least, protest agin this infamous perceivein, with the faint hope that the powers at Washington mite heed the groans uv an opprest people and let up on em. Akkordinly the horn wuz tooed, and in fifteen minits we hed a gatherin uv the faithful within them time-honcred walls. The people uv the Corners hev plenty uv time to attend meetins, and they are also the most accomplished passers uv resolooshens that I know uv.

After lamentin the deprest condishn uv biznis, consequent upon contrakshen, and the utter and entire rooin that must follow the compellin uv us to get down to a gold basis, the folliclin resolooshens, prepared by me, wuz presentid by myself:
Wareas, That feend in human shape, that tool uv the money power, and that sucker uv finanshel blood, John Sherman, sekretary uv the Treas-
ury, hez persistently forced contrakshen, and hez wound up his infamus career by resoomin; and,

Wareas, While the Corners wishes to deel fairly by the nashnel credi-
tors, except in the matter uv paying the nashnel debt; and,

Wareas, Ef the Corners hed to pay the nashnel debt, and sich, it
claims the high privilege uv makin the money it is to be paid in, so that it
kin accommodate itself to sich circumstances ez may happen to circum-
stance; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Corners, In the interest uv opprest labor and lan-
gishin capital, demands that the order resoomin specie payment be to
wunst revoked.

Resolved, That It is the dooty uv the genral government, instid of
gettin down to a gold dollow, to shoo money in sich quantities and uv
sich a nacher that will make our lots, here in the Corners, worth wat they
wuz at the close uv the war, and make em go ez quick ez they did then.

Resolved, That the necessity uv the Corners is credit, and that under
the system perposed by the feend Sherman credit is simply impossible.

Resolved, That we want a finanshel system that will enable us to bor-
row $5,000 on an acre lot, the vally uv the money bein uv no akkonst so
that it will buy likker.

Resolved, That the general government, instid uv resoomin speshe
payment and compellin us to exchange our greenbax for gold, with the
Intenshun uv retirin our greenbax, and thereby contractin the volumn uv
currency, shood keep our greenbax afloat and add to them the gold in
dirkelashen, thus expandin the currency, and givin the Corners plenty uv
capitile with wich to develop its resources.

Resolved, That every citizen here present does sollumly protest agin
bein compelled to take gold for his greenbax, and hereby enters his pro-
test agin the nefarious skeem, ez bein in the sole interest uv the bloatid
bond-holders uv the East, and agin the horny-handed toilers uv the West.

I wuz about puttin the resolooshens onto their passage, when Joe
Figgler arose. That cuss is plazen, and always turns up at the wrong place.

"I wood sejest," sed Josef, "that we may be goin to fast. Possibly re-
sumpshen is a mere matter uv form and hez no substance into it. I kin
nderstand how Secretary Sherman may advertise to pay out gold for
legle tenders, in Washinton, without forcin it onto the rest uv the kentry.
Suppose we put the matter to a test. I wood sejest, therefore, that some
one uv the groanin capitalists in this house take a dollar legle tender
note, and go over to the nashnel bank and demand gold for it, and see
whether they hev been instructed to pay it."

The proposishen seemed to me to be a fair one, and I called upon
some one to go over and try the experiment.

Ther wuz a awkerd pause.

Every member uv the meetin went through the form uv feelin through
his close. But to my intense disgust, ther wuzn't a dollar in the house—
not a dollar!

"I pity yoo victims uv a false finanshel polisy from the bottom uv my
heart," sed Josef, sneerlin. "Yoo hev so much to do with it. It must
worry a man to be compelled to pay in gold, when he never pays in nuthin.
It must hurt a man to hev to receeve gold for paper, when he hain't got
to paper. Parson, let us put them resolooshens and pass em."

Uv course, after this hoomliateln disclosure there wuzn't no yoose In
passin the resolooshens, and the meetin adjourned sadly, and re-assembled
at Bascom's.

But we are jist ez much opposed to speshe resumpsheez ever, for all
that.
MR. NASBY INDULGES IN A PROLONGED GROWL.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Jan. 15, 1879.

This world is one of disappointments, and woe, and troubles, and sich. Ef Adam when he et the apple and brot sin into the world intended to make his descendants mizable, he did a cleen job, sure. He coodent hev improved upon it, so fur ez the Corners is concerned.

Resumpshen is a fixed fact, and before the Corners recovered from the prostrashen that event caused, there comes to us the terrible nooze that Conklin hez bin renominated for Senator in Noo York, and Butcher Logan, in Illinoy. That finishes it. These men are both haters uv the Sunny South, are both upholders uv the heresy that a man wich bleeved in secession and sich ain't precisely the man to be trusted with reorganizing the country, and they are indelibly fixed agin payin the Southern war debt and penshunin the Southern soljers.

Why coodent the Republikins uv Illinoy and Noo York hev consilated us? Why coodent they hev nominated men wich wood hev considered the consdishn uv the South, and bin willin to do suthin toward extingishin the flame that is smolderin all over the South, and is liable at any minnit to bust out into a conflagrashen, the consekences uv wich no one kin foresee?

Wat chance hez the South for restorin her desprit forchoons by levee-in the Mississipp, and the tribootary streems, with sich men in the Senit?

Wat chance hez the South for gittin back the cost uv the property destroyed by the Fedrel soljers, with Logan, a Fedrel genral, and Conklin, a persekooter, in the upper house?

Wat chance hez our Southern braves wich served under Johnson and Hood for penshuns out uv the Fedrel treasury with sich men ez these in high posishen?

These two men are irritants. They are to the Suthern heart wat a mustard plaster is to the Suthern body. I hev red Conklin's speeches, and I never did like em. He wuz a Ablishnist, a war man and a persekooter.

I hev seed Logan. I saw him on a hoss when I wuz a member uv the Louisiana Pelikins. I saw him every time I looked back, and I don't want no more uv him. Ef the North wants us to be satisfied, to remane quiet under our oppresshuns, they don't want to send sich men to the Senit. It's a insult to the South, and will prolong the bitternis wich is not yit eradicatid.

Do the Republikins uv Illinoy and Noo York comprehend how this affex the Corners?

Do they know that Deekin Pogram hed twelve horses taken by John Morgan, wich wuz in consekeence uv the Corners being invadid by Fed- erel troops, while he (Deekin) was sutlerizing in a Confedrit regiment, and cood not be at home to perfect his property?

Do they know that Col. McPelter, while riskin his life with Forrest at Fort Filler, lost his distillery, with its contents, by its occupancy by a Fedrel regiment?

Do they know that the advance uv the Federels upon the country about the Corners concentratid a large force uv Confedrits here, wich cleaned out every ken-coop and pig-pen for miles around?
Do they know that after the Confedrits' force wuz here a week there wuzn't a rale within ten miles uv the Corners?

Can't they understand that ef the Fedrels hedn't threatened this seckshun thot the Confedrits woodn't hev bin sent up to perfect us, and that our poultry, and mules, and rales, wood hev remained with us?

Who is to pay for all this property? The Confedrits? Alas, ther ain't no sich. Then who? Clearly, the Fedrel government whose unjustifiable movements brought destruckshun upon us.

The rales went, and ez our laber wuz taken from us by the emanclashun proclamashen they hev never bin replaced, and our once smilin feelds are grown up to underbrush, except whe a nigger hez bought the land and works it.

The hens wuz all killed, and there hez never bin a chickin raised here sence. Whenever a chicken pot-ple graces the board uv an old citizen it is a dead sure thing that that citizen wuz out huntin the nite afore, in the nigger settlement at Libertyville.

Nothin but the inoggerashun uv a system uv improvements by the Federel government, and the ishooln uv flat money to pay for em will ever restore the Corners to her original prosperity. Our people are paralyzed, and hev no hope.

Hed Noo York and Illinoy electd Republikins uv the consiliatory style we shod hev plucked up courage and tried to git through, till they cood hev hed a chance to give us releef. But with Conklin and Logan we feel that all is lost, and we shel try to do nothin. A sadder congreashun than we hed in Bascom's last nite I never seed. We wuz all speechlis, and the few drinks that wuz ordered was done by signs.

I wood turn Republikin myself, but it won't do. I tried it once and neerly famished. The Republikins don't drink, and the Dimocrisy wch does drink ain't got no money to pay for anything more than they want theirselves. And so, between the two, I go about ez dry as a lime-kiln, and spittin cotton all the time.

And on the top uv this the radikels dash our risin hopes by electin Conklin and Logan, knowin that them men is not consiliatory, but quite the reverse.

I am willin to welcome death now, at any time. The grim destroyer can't come any too soon, for life hev nothin left for me.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Disgustid).

MR. NASBY BECOMES INDIGNANT.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jan. 27, 1879.

The perverseness uv some men is beyond all human calkalashun, and the misforchoons uv the Dimocrisy is suthin wich nothin short uv infinity kin calkelate upon. Ther ain't no discipline in the party, but it seems on the contrary ez tho every man uv em, from the highest officer down to the lowest privit in the ranks, wuz a fitin on his own hook.

Ther wuz a bill interdoost into Congris remooneratin a. Kentuckian, named Mitchell, fur cotton seized by Linkin's hirelins, and the proceeds uv wch went into the Fedrel treasury and wuz yoosed to crush the South in its holy struggle for its rites.

It wuz a very simple case. Mitchell went South at the beginning uv the unholy creosade. He hed a pass or suthin from a Fedrel general to
go South, but when he got there he preferred to stay, and he did stay for three years.

Bein a troo Kentuckian, Mitchell went into the Confederit servis, ez a commissary or suthin uv the sort. That he wuz a troo friend uv the South is evidenced by the fact that he came back alive and wuzn’t hung to the nearest tree.

Doorin his absence his cotton wuz remorselessly seezed by Linkin’s feends, and confiscatid.

After the South wuz crushed, Mr. Mitchell’s wealth bein mostly in Confederit money, he bethought himself uv the cotton. I don’t know how much cotton wuz taken, nor is it necessary that I shood know. I only know that he put in a claim for $128,000, enuff to enable him to live in considerable comfort, and smooth his pathway to the silent toom. That wuz all ther wuz about it. It wuz a case wich appealed to every Dim- ocrat, and it ought to hev gone through the House with a whoop, ez the beginnin uv consilashen.

But before it cum to a vote, a Dimekrat named Bragg, of Wisconsin, made a incendiary speech agin it, and to add insult to injoory he gave the suffrin South notis that sich claims wood be resistid by the Democrats, uv the North, and that ther wood be no earthly yoose in interdoosin sick bills.

Let me ask Mr. Bragg wat he means? Is he a Dimekrat and does he comprehend the hull dooty uv a Dimekrat? Wat wuz he electid fur? Wat rite hez he to hold a seat in Congris, ez a Dimekrat, and cast his vote agin Dimekratic measures? He is insubordinite. He hezn’t the remotist idee uv wat his dooty really is. Wat did the South cum back into the Yoonyun fur?

He sez it will be the enterin wedge for sich appropriashens, till the treasury is bankrupt. Sposn it is? Doesn’t Mr. Bragg understand that rite here in the Corners we hev clames agin the gineral government for more than twice the amount uv Mitchell’s beggarly demand? Why, Dee- kin Pogram lost twelve mules, and all his fences, and Capt. McPelter his distillery with its preshus contence. Issaker Gavitt sez he hez lost suthin, and ther ain’t a citizen uv the Corners but wich diskivered he hezd bi impovished by the bloo-kotid hirellins, the very mint it wuz diskivered that ther wuz a prospeck uv a Dimekratic House and a Senit, and conse- kent payment uv these claims.

The effeck on the Corners uv this prospeck uv payment wuz instan- taneous and strikin. Ther revived in our breasts a feelin uv devoshu to the old flag wich we hezdn’t felt for yees. Ther wuz an immejit longin to see its folds floatin everywhere, and expresshuns begun to be heard that perhaps the South hed made a mistake, and that the old flag wuz good enuff for us. And wat wuz better, jist the second that the payment uv these claims wuz considered a shoor thing, Bascom re-established the credit system, and in the most generous manner put down on his slate jist ez many drinks ez we ordered. When a citizen sed, “Put it down, Bas- com,” his inquiry wuz: “Hev yoo a clave agin the government?” and ez the anser alluz wuz: “Certinly—mules,” he put it down cheerful and smilin.

Do yoo know, Mr. Bragg, wat yoor insenjary speech hez dun? It hez crushed out yooyunism here, entirely. It hez revived the old feelin uv animosity to the Fedrel government, and revived the smolderin discontent that wuz well nigh extinguished. The citizens murmur: “Then the gov-
ernment ain't goin to pay me for my mules? D—n the government!"

Issaker Gavitt sez that ef Bragg, uv Wisconsin, succeeds in blockin the payment to him fur the mules that John Morgan took, the hopes uv the South for a free government are forever dashed, and that freedom may ez well commence her shreck.

The reedin uv Mr. Bragg's speech hez plunged the Corners into gloom from wich it will take months to arouse it. Biznis is deprest, and there is genral stagnation. Bascom refoosed credit at his bar, to-wunst, and wehev to depend on chance commnershelf travelers from Looisville for wat refreshers we git. We sit and sit afore his fire, and wonder ef the time will ever come when supplies will be regler, and the worm that dieth not in our stunticks will ever be suffisently satiated. All this we owe to Bragg, uv Wisconsin.

I never want to see a Dimekrat electid from a state like Wisconsin. They ain't half baked. Wat Bragg shood hev done wuz to vote for that clame, and take defeet, when he came up for re-elekshun, like a man, trustin the next Dimekratic President, wich will be under Suthern controle, to give him a forrun mishun.

Such Dimekrats must be red out uv the party. We didn't come back into the Yoonyun to play the second fiddle to the North. Uv the Radi-kels North we expect opposishun, but uv the Dimocrisy uv the North, sub-mishn. Nothin less will anser. The Braggs must either git into their old places, or go out among the Ablishnists, wher ther is weepin and wallin and gnashin uv teeth.

The cardinal principles uv the Suthern Dimocrisy is:
1. Payment uv all clames that any Confedrit may make on the ginral governmnt for property yoosed up doorin the struggle.
2. Penshunin Suthern soljers, inclooin even sich ez wood like to hev gone into the servis, but didn't.
3. A comprehensive system uv Internal improvements wich wood inclood a custom house at the Corners, and the slack-watrin uv Sucker Crik

Ef Mr. Bragg can't support these trooly consillatory measures, the sooner he gits out uv the party the better. We want no sich in our ranks.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Dimekrat.

MR. NASBY ON THE CIPHER DISPATCHES.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Feb. 11, 1879.

There is no lmfit to the crooelty uv the Ablishen managers, nun what-ever. Njt content with perventin that gilelis reformer, Saml. J. Tilden, from buyin the Presidency, they are doin their level best to fasten the attempt onto him, and to destroy his chances for another effort in 1880.

Wat do these men mean? Don't they know that Saml. J. is a quiet; gilelis old man, who wuz brought out for the Presidency solely becoz uv his many virchoos, and that it wuz sorely agin his will that he wuz nominatid at all? Don't they know that doorin that long and hotly contested campane he lay ez quiet ez a mouse at his neat but not gaudy home in Gramercy park, Noo York, payin no attenshun watever to wat wuz goin on, but perfectly content with watever verdick the people shood bring in? Don't they know that he knows nothin watever uv politikle management, but that his interests wuz put into the hands uv his friends, who did jist watever they pleased, and that he never knowd nothin wat-
ever about it, till the votes wuz countld out, and that he never even so much ez looked at a noosepaper doorin the progress uv the battle?

The people don't understand Saml. J. Tilden, and they do him a injoory. He is no manager and no politishen. He is too warm-bloodid, too impulsive, and too innocent for the devlous ways uv modern pollytix. But this isn't generally knowd. His innocence is the coz uv all his troubles. Hevin okkepled prominent posishuns, wich hev come to him entirely unso-lissltd, and becoz uv his strikt integrity, he is surroundid by a gang uv unscoo落us men, who yoose him for ther own purposes. He hez a nefew—a man named Pelton—who trades onto his uncle's well known character, and who gits him into all sorts uv trubbls. It wuz Pelton who did all the ralerode wreckin that wuz charged to Tilden's account, and it wuz Pelton who wuz the cheef spirit uv the Tweed ring, and ho made all the money out uv it. It uz'n Tilden at all, and nobody ever sposed it wuz who knowd the good old man.

In this matter he is in the same fix. While Looislyan, Floridy and Or-egon wuz in doubt, the gilells Tilden sed to hisself, "It is well. Ef them states want to vote for Hayes, all rite. I am merely the servant uv the people, and wat is their will I must be satisfied with. It is all one to me I may not be President, but I hev an approvin consenche," and he saddled his hoss and rode out in Central Park, smilin like the innocent man he is.

But this wicked Pelton, and the still wickeder Marble, mizzable men that they are to thus trade on the incensence uv this unsofistakatid old man, they went to Florida and Oregon, and Looisiana and South Carolina, and they offered large sums uv money to buy the electoral votes uv them states. They never let the gilells Tilden know nuthin about it, for they knowd that ef it wuz ever breathed to him he wood stop it at once, and probably cut em all out uv his will. They knowd the integrity uv the old gentleman so well that they were mighty keerful to keep all knowl-edge uv it from him.

They hev done all that they kin In the matter to set Mr. Tilden right, and the public ought to be satisfied with it. The biznis wuz all done in his parlor, but without his knowledge. While they wuz arrangin the detales he wuz blzy readin his noosepaper and attendin to his other biznis; when the buyin up uv the Florida board wuz discussed at his breakfast table he was engaged in breakin a soft- bled egg, and never heerd a word uv it. They didn't even dare to ask the gilells old man for money to carry out ther nefarlous skeem, wich wood hev shocked him hed he knowd uv it. They simply askt him for a check for $200,000, and the innosent old man give it to em without dreamin uv the wickid purpus they wuz to yoose it for. They telegraphed backerd and forers for months, but the innosent Tilden never knowd nuthin about it, tho he paid the bills with money wich he sposed wuz goin for charity and sich.

That this is troo nobody hez any rite to question. Mr. Tilden sez it is troo, and so does Pelton and Marble. They both testify that the old man didn't know nothin about the buyin uv the electoral votes, and that ef he hed knowd it he wood hev stopped it. I make no doubt that John Morrisey, wuz he alive, wood tes-tify to the same thing, and swear to it, on a faro lay-out, wich is why I am sorry that eminent statesman and gambler is dead. His testimony wood be valuable now, to inspire confidence in wat Tilden swears to.

My testimony In this matter ought to hev weight, for I hev no reason to like Mr. Tilden. I kin never forget that in the St. Louis convenshin...
wich nominated him, I only got $400 for my vote for him, wich he ashoored me wuz the highest he wuz payin, when I subsequently ascer-
tained, when it wuz everlastinly too late, that he hed paid ez high ez $2,400
to delegates uv no more importance than myself. Nor kin I forget the
brootal anser he made to an appeal for money, that it wuz no yoose to
put money into Kentucky wich wuz shoor to go for him anyhow, and
that he needed all he had for Noo York, wher votes hed to be hed, and
wher they cost money. Sityoated ez I am with him, my testimony shood
be reseved ez amountin to suthin.

Ez badly ez he yoosed me, I want him nominated in 1880, and hence I
depercate these assaults onto him. I shel know better then than I did the
last time. Ef ther is enuff left uv him to make a candidate, he will hev
to hev votes, and he will hev to git em ez he did afore, by buyin uv em.
He won't fool me with any $400 the next time. I shel know my vally, and
the extent uv his meens too well for that. The next time he will hev to
pay me wat I am wuth, and ef I don't git enuff to keep me till he comes
up for re-nomlnashen agin, I am mistaken.

But this persekooshun ought to stop and must. Mr. Tilden ought not
to be made to bear the burdens uv his unscrupulous followers. The wick-
edness uv a Pelton ought not to be made to obscure the troo goodnis uv a
Tilden. The good old man sez he didn't know nothin about the attempt
to buy the electoral votes, and the Amerikin people must take his word.
They hev no rite to crush an innocent old man, wich hez bin
made the prey uv unscrupulous men wich he is so un-
fortunit ez to hev about hm. Besides I like his style. I want him for
a candidate in 1880. He hez made ez much money since his fuss run ez
he spent, and will pay jist ez much for the place now ez he did then. He
is the favorit uv the Cross-Roads.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Champion uv Innosense.

MR. NASBY DEFENDS MR. TILDEN.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Feb. 24, 1879.

The Republican persekoooters wich is on the track uv that martyrd
innosent, Samuel J. Tilden, are doolin a most onnecessarily crool thing.
That poor old man hez suffered enuff by bein deprived uv the offis to
wich he wuz electid by votes wich he hed bought and paid for, without be-
in houndid in this villainous manner.

To hold that Mr. Samuel J. Tilden knowd anything about them cipher
dispatches is to hold him up ez a man capable uv takin a posishen irrege-
lerly prokoored. Samuel is not a man uv that kind. I kin aver that Sam-
uel J. Tilden didn't know nothin about em.

I wuz at Tilden's house at the very day Pelton and Marble wuz ther
arrangin to see that the Presidency wuzn't taken by frod by Hayes. We
hed bin consutin on the situashen, wich we considered frot with danger.
It wuz a critikle period in the history uv the guverment. Here wuz Tild-
en electid, ez we bleeved, and here wuz returnin boards holdin out for
money. Uv course, bein a just man, I won't say the Republikin usurpers
hed offered em money to hold stedfast, but it wuz very plain that they
woodent come over to us without money, and a good deal uv it.

Pelton, Marble and the old gentleman hed bin in consultashen before I
got in; in fact, the consultashen wuz over. Pelton and Marble hed ther
carpet-bags packed, and a kerridge was at the door to take em to the train.

"Good-bye, nevew, good-bye, my stedfast frend, Marble," sed Tilden, cheerfully. "I don't know wat yoo are a goin to Floridy and South Ker- liny for, but may success attend your efforts, whatver they may be."

And he winked a solumm wink with his left eye.

"Unkle," sed Pelton, "uv course yoo don't know wat we ar a goin for, nor yoo musn't know; yoo must keep yerself in posishun not only not to know, but to swear that yoo don't know."

And nevew Pelton winked solumlly.

"Nevew, trust me for that," sed Tilden, "but see that yoo don't fail, nor matter wat yoor mishn is. Success is everything in this life. To fail in anything is criminal. I taught yoo that, nevew, when yoo wuz a pulin inf. Wat yoo want is success."

And Mr. Tilden winked still more solumlly with his rite eye. Mr. Tilden kin wink with either eye.

"Never fear, unkle, never fear. All yoo hev to do is to cash sich drafts ez we shell make upon you, and you will be satisfied. We shel require a large sum—possibly two or three hundred thousand dollars. But no matter how large, cash em, and hev confidence into us. Yoo needn't know anything about wat we mean to do, but them drafts will be drawn onto the fund from Floridy and South Kerliny." And he winked once more, this time very soluml.

"It is well, nevew," replied the kind and confidin old gentleman; "I hev sich confidence in yoo that I will see that yoo hev all the money yoo want and kin yoose. I woodent take the Presidency by any questionable means, ez I hev sed a great many times, and above all I woodent yoose any money to prokoor it, and I know yoo woodent be an agent in any sich transacshens. Still yoo shell hev a barl full uv it, persoomin that yoo ar a goin to endow skools for the ignorenct freedmen with it."

And he fetched another wink.

"That is our purpus, unkle, to bring the prejudist freedman in close conjunkshen with his natral pertecters, the Dimccrisy, and it will cost a great deel uv money."

And all three uv em winked at each other solumlly.

And they departid gally, and the result is afore the world. They didn't git the electoral vote they wantid—wich Mr. Tilden didn't know nothin about—the yooserper Hayes okkpepies the White House, and ther is a nigger in the postoffice at the Corners!

I insist that Mr. Tilden told the exact trooth when he said he didn't know nothin about the cipher dispatches, and that the effort to fasten guilty knowledge onto him is vilenis itself. I know it becoz I can't comprehend how so skillful a purchaser uv men ez he hez alluz shown himself to be shood hev failed ef he hed attempted it; and, second, Mr. Sammel J. Tilden sez he didn't do it, and that ought to be concloosive.

Besides all this, he is very angry with his nevew Pelton, for comper- misin him in this matter. He hez bin over two yeers flittin angry at him, but he is a man slow to wrath, in wich he is moderashen itself, ez in everything else.

No onprejudist person will ever hold Mr. Tilden gilty. He wuz the vic- tim uv nevew Pelton,wich hez alluz lad him.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Reformer.
THE CORNERS UPON THE CHINESE QUESTION.

Confedrit X Roads,  
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).  
March 4, 1879.

A delegate uv the Anti-Chinese Assosiashen uv San Francisco hez bin with us, and hez departid. He organized us into an Anti-Chinese Assosiashen, wich we did all the more readily ez the arguments he urged agin permittin the Chinese to settle among us wuz so exceedlin similar to them wich we alluz urged agin lettin the nigger hev his rites. The Corners hailed em ez its natal meat and drink, and we accepted em to wunst, without question.

The representative uv the Anti-Chinese society uv San Francisco wuz a American citizen named O'Shaughnessy. He wuz a flood talker, and a statesman uv the first water. We called a meetin to resceve him and hear his vews, wich wuz wat he wantid.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy commenst by saying that he cum to us ez an Amerikin citizen and an advocate uv the Amerikin idee. When he left Ireland a year ago, and landid in Noo York he to wunst assoomed the highest dooly uv an Amerikin by votin the day after he landid, for wich he wuz rewarded by being put on the police force uv that city. He hed a repetae ez a speech-maker, and an asso iashen of Americins in San Francisco, hedid by that troo Amerikin, Dennis Karney, sent for him, to assest them in resistin the encroachments uv the heathen Chinee, wich wuz overwhelmmin the servant girls uv the Pacific coast, by doin washin cheaper and better than they did it. He to wunst obeyed the call. It wuz his sotey. And beside the pay for speekin wuz better than servin ez a policeman, and the work wuz much easier.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy wuz opposed to the Chinese for several reasons:

1. They wuz heathen and bleeved in a god wich he didn't. So terrible wuz Mr. O'Shaugnessy's emoshun when dwellin on the heathen aspeck uv the question that he told his beads, all the time, and made the sign uv the cross more than twenty times. He wood never consent that heathen hoold rool Ameriky. Ameriky belonged to the Pope uv Rome, and not to Joss, wich he wuz informed wuz the title uv the Chinese god.

2. They never votid. Wat kind uv a citizen is it that comes to this kentry, and never organizes clubs, and assooms the rool thereof? Ther hed never bin a instance uv a Chinaman askin for a place ez skool commishner, or to be put on to the police force. No Chinaman hed ever bin an alderman, nor hed ever asked for it.

3. They wuz a sly, underminin people. They took work wherever they cood get it, and went about doin it, with a regelarity and pashense that wuz disgustin. They never hed the manlinis to strike for higher wages, and never sed a word about eight hour laws. He hed knowd em, in his bref experience to work twelve and fifteen hours, and never say a word.

4. They knowd nothin about the dignity uv labor. He never saw one uv em in a bar-room, complainin uv bloatic aristocrats, and never see em at his meetins where he wuz denouncin the encroachments uv capital agin labor. They hev 'no sensibilities.

5. They wuz no yoose to the bar-rooms in San Francisco. The money they earn they spend in cloze and things uv that nacher, or hoard it. There is 65,000 uv em in San Francisco alone, and they take the place uv 65,000 Amerikins from Ballyough, wich wood spend at least 50 cents a day.
each for the native Amerikin beverage, whiskey, addin' that much to the revenoos uv the enlightened bar-keepers which sent him East.

6. Ez they don't vote, and never take no part in ward politix, our libertes is endangered by hevin em here. Such a mass uv heathenism (Mr. O'Shaughnessy told his beads agin) is a blotch onto Amerikin civilizashen and can't be endooered.

We immejitley adopted a series uv resolooshens indorsin Mr. O'Shaughnessy and his mishn, and took him over to Bascom's, where he imibed the raw likker uv the seckshun till he sunk back into the virchus sleep that a greater a great Amerikin organizer only knows. He left the next mornin', feelin' that he hed done a proper work in perventin the Heathen Chinese from obtainin' a foothold onto this continent.

I ain't eggsackly shooor tho that we did a good thing in the matter. I see great possibilities in these Chinese. Suppose that we, the Dimocrysy, shood champion ther cause, and git em into our harnis! Suppose that we cood git em to take a part in our poliltix, and cood git em all to be Dimocrats! Suppose that we cood yoose em ez we hev the Irish, and cood make em do our biddin ez faithfully! Suppose that we shood give em the miner offses ez we allus hev the Irish, and make em the backbone uv our organizashen! Suppose that we add to the O'Briens the Ah sins, and build up a party on that basis! I see a lite! I see all over the kentry a Chinese party, with Joss at the hed uv it, instid uv the Popes, with unlimited chances uv expansion. I see the little brown man goin' to the polls, and holdin' small places, and controlin' ward organizashuns, and bein' considered. Every low element in the country gravitates naturally to the Dimocratic party, and why not the Chinese? We hev the Irish, the rum millis, and why not the Chinese, and the opium that they are addicted to?

The Chinaman don't deserve no considerashun, for he is an idiot. Ef he hed only knowd how much we wantid him, he wood not be in the shape he is to-day. Ef he hed, at the beginnin', refossed to work and got lateralized, and organized himself into ward committees, and made himself felt into poliltix, Mr. Blane wood not hev bin opposin' him. Mr. Blane wood hev bin biddin for his vote, and wood hev had him in custom houseis and on the police force, and wood hev insistid onto his bein' policeman and school commissishner, and wood hev made ez much uv him ez the average Irishman. But the poor cuss paid no attention to governin' the country, but simply went to work and attendid to it mighty close, and consequently aint uv any account.

It ain't to late, however. The Chinaman kin hev a chance yet. We, the Dimocrysy, want him, ef he will be reasonable.

On the whole I don't agree with Mr. Blane. I am uv the opinyun that the Chinese shood be allowed to come and to stay, that is, ef they kin be indoosed to take a part in poliltix and act with us. Ef Wan Lee shood organize the Chinese in California in the interest uv the Dimocrysy, and shood vote the Dimekratic tikket, we cood organize ez big a steel ez Tweed did in Noo York with the Irish, and I cood wunst more know wat wine tastid like, instid uv the raw whiskey I am compelled to drink here. On them condishuns I am willin' they shelf come and stay. But ef they continyoo, ez they hev done, to grovel, and work, and take no part with us, then I shel jine Mr. Blane and insist that they be compelled to leeve. The spectackle uv a furriner which don't control no ward eleckshuns is disgustin' to the Dimekratic mind. Ef they do as the Irish do, all right—ef not, they must go. I won't consent to no competishn with the back-bone uv Dimocrysy.

For or aginst the Chinese, ez the case may be. PETROLEUM V. NASBY.
MR. NASBY GOES TO SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco,
(Wich is in the State uv Californy),
March 10, 1879.

"It's a long trip over the vast mountains and stretched out plains that lay between Kentucky and the Pacific, but ez I hed three gallons uv Basso's wust, wich, with occasional foragin on the other passengers to eke out my supply, I managed to git thro tollable. Ez a man hez to drink some water to wash the alkali from his throat, he kin git on with less likker than ez tho he wuz in his old Kentucky home, where the inhabitants hev never yit diskivered any pertikeler yoose for water. Immejitly on my arrival I went to the hed-quarters uv the Anti-Chinese Association uv the Tenth ward, and makin myself known to-wuast asked for informashen and demandid how I cood be uv servis to em.

Dinnis O'Shaughnessy sed that he hailed me ez a sturdy helper in the great coz uv maintaining the rites uv the oppressed Amerikin, wich wuz beln threatened by the hordes uv leprous Chinese wich hed ther hands already on the throte uv libertee. He—

Jist then the sentinel at the door sung out: "Here comes a Johnny," and a rush wuz made. A heathen wuz passin with two baskits uv clothes on the two ends uv a pole, acrost his shoulder. In a jiffy that heathen wuz roolin in the gutter and the close wuz divided among the associashen. The Chinaman run off yellin: "Lilish man d—d smartee—got clean shirlee first time in lifee."

Barney M'Grath offered a resoloonshen that Ameriky wuz made for Amerikins, which Teddy O'Brien moved to amend by substitutin the word "Irishmen," for "Amerikins," wich wuz votid down. Barney sed he hed bin a troo Amerikin ever sence he landid, eight months ago, and he shood thee one.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy went on, after this episode. He sed he kept a Nate and convenient likker-grocery, which wuz near the Chinese quarter. He hed bin in it ever sence he kim over two years ago, and he hed nevir seen a Chinaman cross his durestep. They earned a great deal uv money, but not a cint uv it goes for likker, and that wuz one reason why Amerikin libertees wuz threatened. Ther wuz another piece uv oppreshn. They cood wash and cook ez well ez any Oirish Gurrl that iver kim from the ould sod. They wuz low-minded belns who wood sooner wash and cook than starve or steal, and they had taken the places uv more than 30,000 Oirish Gurrls in 'Frisco. These girls hed brothers to borry uv em; there wuz the church to keep up, and how cood it be done with the Chinese in the nateral places that belonged to the Gurrls?

"Another uv em comin!" shouted the outside sentinel, his face beamin with delight and antissipashen, as he selectid a couple uv brick-bats, and hurred out uv doors.

The approachin heathen wuz a mean-spiritid cuss, for the minit he see an able-bodied Amerikin boy with a brick, and heerd his war-cry, "Tare an' ouns!" he run ez tho the avengin demon wuz ahind him. We sekoored his baskit, however, but he hed delivered his washin, and we got nothin else.

Wettin his lips out uv the Assoslashun bottle, Mr. O'Shaughnessy went on. The heathen wuz demoralizin—Chinese religion wuz demoralizin. For wun, he'd never hev the temples uv a heathen god set up in this land.
Ruther than tolerate this, he'd bate the brains out uv every dog uv em that landid on this soil. They wuz pizin on industry. The Chinese whic

wood laber 15 hours wuz not condoosive to industry—he wuz a heathen and wuz death to religion, and he woodent adopt Amerikin customs.

I never got any more uv Mr. O'Shaughnessy's views for he hed bin pullin with grate steadinis and precision at the Assosiashen's bottle, and, overcome, he settled gradually out uv his chare, and went into that sleep

wich is only perdoosed by an approving conscience and undilooted likker. The vice president, Mr. O'Brien, took the bottle and the chare, till nite, when we went to attend a meetin at wich Mr. Dinns Karney wuz to

speak, and afterward we made a raid on a number uv Chinese laundry-

men, killin perhaps a dozen, and confiscatin more clean shirts than I hed ever seen in the whole course uv my life.

The next evenin I went to a meetin uv a evangelical Pacific coast Chris-

chens, wich met to protest agin the President's veto uv the Chinese bill. The principaľ speaker wuz the Rev. Melchisidek Barker, who sed that he objectid to the Chinese on purely religious grounds. His ancestors came

over on the Mayflower, and wat did they come for? For wat did they

brave the dangers uv the stormy deep, and settle in a Noo England climit, with no Boston to mitigate its terrors? It wuz to establish on this virg

te the everlastin principle uv religus ekality, to permit every man to wor

ship God accordin to the dictates uv his own conscience—

"Ceptin the Chinese!" sung out another brother.

"They come to establish the equality uv man——"

"'Ceptin the Chinese!" sung out another brother.

The Rev. Barker got into sich trubblle that he quit speakin abruptly. A Noo Englander alluz spiles things when he gits to talkin practically.

Them ez come over in the Mayflower to establish freedom uv conscince don't want to git into this movement, ontill they forgit wat their ancestors come for. In fact they want to git shut uv Plymouth Rock altogether.

Another brother got things rite, however, dodgin freedom uv conscince and sich, altogether, and opposin the Chinese simply on the ground that they wuz heathen and entirely irreligious. The President's veto wuz

condemned by a standin vote, after which the doxology wuz sung, and

the meetin adjourned with prayer.

I called in a little later at a meetin uv the "Librals," ez they called

theirselves, wich wantid to expel the Chinese becoz they wuz sich bigoted

religionists. The speaker remarkt that they worshipped a God, jist the

same ez the Presbyterians did, and observed religious forms. In this free

kentry he wantid no more uv religion. The President's veto wuz con-

denmed by a call uv the aujence, and after singin a song in honor uv Tom Paine, the meetin adjourned.

At the hall uv our assosiashen for the defence uv Amerikin libertys

agin the Chinee, Mr. Dinns Karney made a few remarks. He assertid

that Ameriky wuz espeshly intendid ez the refuge uv the oppressed uv the

earth, and that he wood die on the platform ruther than hev it desecratid

by leprus, moon-eyed Mongolians. Mr. McFinneegan folleered sayin that he didn't nothin abt the Mongolians, but he jables, ez an Amerikin

he wood perish sooner than be contaminated by the Chinese.

Afterward the assosiashen raided a few laundries, and went to ther

beds happy in the conshunsis uv a dooty dun, and in the possessshn uv a
dozon clean shirts and a few women's skirts.

I go into the servis uv the organisashên to-morrow, alternatin with
Dennis Karney. The pay is good, and I kin devote the entire day to the bar-rooms, organizin. It is a deliteful callin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Defender uv Liberty Agin the Chinese.

P. S.—My frend Blane will git the vote uv Californy in the next Republikin convenshun, shoor. His opposishun to the Chinese hez endeered him to every nigger-killer on the coast. P. V. N.

THE ASSOCIATION'S PROGRESS.

San Francisco,
(Whch is in the State uv Californy)
March 20, 1879.

The great work uv this noble assosiashen progresses splendidly and beyond my wildest antissipashens. The Irish servant girls contribbit liberally. My pay is regler and liberal (ez the pay uv a reformer ought alluz to be), and I hev more shirts, and stockins, and handkerchers and sich than I ever seed afore, tho them artikles ain’t ez essenshul to me ez they air to those more accustomed to em. I ain’t a bloatid aristocrat, and consequenty kin git on without these superfluities, tho when they come into my posseshun I kin utilize em. I am savin the most uv em agin my return to Kentucky, when they will do to sell, to supply the actooal necessities uv life.

These latter menshund articles we git entirely uv the dangerous Chinese. They are heavily engaged in the laundry biznis, thus takin the bred out uv the mouths uv the Irish wimmens, and ther ain’t any law here agin despollin the heathen. We stashen active and muskeler members uv the society at corners uv certhin streets wher they leen in unconstraned attitudes agin the wall uv the s’loon that okkepies the posishun, and keep their eyes out. Presently a Chinaman is seen to approach, takin a washin home, and trottin along in a deep, desinin way, plottin the downfall uv Amerikin instooshens. He approaches, little dreamin, ef he is a noo-comer, wat is in store for him. He little thinks that noble hearts and watchful eyes and brickbats and sich are awaiting for him, and he trots along. Suddenly the strong hand uv an Amerikin seezes the monster by the throte, and the Amerikin war-cry, "Be Jabers!" and "Oireland to the rescuu!" is heard.

Stricken dumb with astonishment, the artful heathen sinks to his knees and prays for mercy in his outlandish gibberish. Other strong hands seize his baskets, and breaking his bamboo pole over his head, we stalk hawtily away—with the close.

It is a struggle between St. Patrick and Confushus—between enlitened Chrischanity and heathenism. In the interest uv Chrischanity we generally kill the heathen with a brick or two, and ef he hez any money we git gloriously drunk on it, thus celebratin, in a trooly Chrischen sperrit, our victory over the blind devotees uv idols and sich.

The only drawback to this is, the heathen, ez a rool, hez very little money, and shirts and sox and handkerchers and sich hev becum so common—ther hevin bin a vigrous raid onto the hosts uv sin lately—that the s’loon keepers won’t take em for drinks any more, and there is, therefore, occa-shunlly a thirsty Chrischen.

Barney O’Shaughnessy stated a grate trooth yesterday. He sed it wuz providenshul that the Irish people wuz raised up to preserve Amerikin liberties. Dinnis O’Hoolahan ruther spiled it. tho. by remarkin that the
Irish ought to hev somebody's liberties to preserve, ez they hedn't pre-
served their own very much. "Ef we can't bate the English," sed Dennis
"we kin bust the haythen, and that's something. Hurroo! Ould Ireland
furever!"

I shel stay here ez long ez ther is a dollar in the treasury. I hev a
short black pipe in the rim uv my hat, I kin smoke black plug terbacker
and I got ez full ez the best uv em on St. Patrick's day. Ez yoo will see, I
hev changed my name slitley, for obvics reasons.

MICHAEL O'NASBY,
Preserver uv Amerikin Liberties.

THE EVERLASTINGLY BOTHERSOME NEGRO.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
April 12, 1879.

We are hevin trouble with the niggers here, wich will end, the Lord
above only knows where. The bother kin be statid in a few words.

Sich uv the niggers in the vicinity uv the Corners ez don't own their
own land—too many uv em do—hev to lease land uv the white citizens
wich is the nateral proprietor uv the soil. Every Kentuckian hez a con-
soomin desire for the welfare uv the nigger, and that the nigger lessor
may be happy and contentid, he lets him hev land for, say, $10 an acre a
year, the sed land bein wuth about that in fee simple.

This may be considered exorbitant by the unthinkin, but it will be
dredly seen that a gentleman can't live and play draw poker, and bet on
races on anything less. And then it must be taken into account that the
nigger wuz the sustenance uv the proud Cawcaschen afore the war, and
we see no reson why he shoud not be the same now.

And to the end that he shel not git too rich it is alluz incloidd in the
lease that the nigger shel buy everything that he eats, drinks and wears
uv the owner, and that his crops shel be held by him till all these ad-
vances are paid.

It is troo that the nigger generally comes out in debt to the propiri-er
several hundred dollars; but we hev never bin hard onto em. We hev al-
luz give em the privilege uv workin out what they owed by cuttin cord-
wood or gittin out ralerode ties, in the winter, wich, considerin we cool
demand cash, is a conseshun.

They are an ongrateful people. Deekin Pogram let one uv em hev
twenty akers uv his farm, and the nigger worked it well. He made good
crops uv corn and potatoes and sich, and congratulated himself on the
prospeck uv livin comfortable doorin the winter. When the time for set-
tlement come, in the fall, the Deekin took the entire crop and demon-
strated to the ongrateful man that he wuz in debt to him eggsackly $200.
The nigger coodent understand it, but renewed the lease another yer,
payin off $100 uv his det gittin out ralerode ties in the winter.

This second yer wuz a tuff one on the Deekin, ez he lost a power
uv money at the Loolsville races, and consekenly in the fall the nigger
wuz brot in debt, four hundred dollars. Mirandy Pogram kept the ac-
counts.

Now wat does this cussid ongrateful nigger do? Remarkin that it
struck him that ef he kept on workin the Deekin's land, and worked hard
and faithfully enuff, he wood, in time, owe more than the nashnul debt,
he undertook to leeve for Kansas.
This wuz an attempt at repudiashen, and while a white state may properly repoodiate its indebtedness, a nigger indivijlly kin never be permitted to do it. We nipt this attempt at swindlin the Deekin in the bud. The nigger wuz notified that we must hev his laber, to the end uv developin the resources uv the kentry, and that he must stay and labor, ez he alluz hed done, and be content, ez he shood be.

Despite this warnin, he did git away to the river, and wuz waitin for a down-bound boat, when he wuz mysteriously shot. Who did the richeous act will never be known, but it wuz sed that Issaker Gavitt wuz in that neighborhood, and that jist after the report, smoke wuz seen to issue from the muzzle uv his trusty double-barrelled shot-gun.

Ez ther ain't only one way that we kin do bicsns with this people, and ez the case I hev cited is about the regler thing, the niggers are discontented generally, and are all desirous uv gittin away. They murmur. They say that they ain't allowed to vote, that they can't hev any skools, and that they are robbed uv their laber, and that ther ain't no redress for em, for the courts and sich are agin em. They can't understand that they are morally our property anyhow—that we wuz originally robbed uv em by that feendid 1 mkin, and that we are entitled to ther labor. Wat kin they want uv skools, when the whites uv this seckshun hev got along without em? Ez for cotin, that is absurd. They hevn't the intelligence.

The entire colored populashen hev bin notified that they can't go and must live with us, and enjoy here the blessins uv freedom. But they keep spin off all the time, and there is the doleful prospec of the corners becomin a desert for want uv labor.

I spose the radikels uv the North will raise a howl agin this, but we won't peer. We hev got posseshun uv the Capital, the Northern Dimocry hev re-oomed their old posishun, and we kin smile at their protestashuns.

If uv et the niggers off this easy they may consider it lucky.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Wich wuz Postmaster, and hopes to be agin.

HOW THE CORNERS TREATS FREEDMEN.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
April 22, 1879.

The North is filled with all sorts uv absurd stories uv the treatment the colored citizens are receivin in the South, the desire bein, clearly, to prejoodis the North agin the Suthern seckshun which wuz crushed in an unholy croosade agin its rites, and which hez never recovered from the same.

It is espeshly charged that the cussid nigger has no rites in the courts, and that when opposed by a proud Kentucki Cawcashen he is crowded to the wall, without the slitest chance uv his life. To show the utter nonsense uv this statement, I give a truthful report uv a case tried afore Square Pettus, justice uv our township.

Simeon Claghorn, ez he calls hisself now, tho he wuz a slave wunst uv that sweet and gilelis saint, Deekin 'Pogram' (wich family he resembles to a degree that made the late Mrs. Pogram inforriated whenever she saw his mother, he hevin the ginooline Pogram nose), wuz a tenant uv the Deekin's, and hez bin for two yeers. He agreed to pay the Deekin $10 a yer per akre for the land, and also agreed to buy his eneire supplies uv
that libral and Chrischen man. At the end uv the first yer, the Deekin took his entire crop, and brot him in debt suthin like $400, wich the nigger tried to work out in the winter cuttin and gettin ralerode ties, from the Deekin's wood loth, on wich he hez lived ever sense the croot war deprived him uv his labor.

The next season the nigger found hisself in debt about $800, and he submitted the matter to Joe Bigler, wich is pizen, and Josef actin ez his attorney, come down on the innosent old Deekin with a demand for a bill uv items. Josef demandid that the nigger hev a kerek account uv the grain and stuff wich he had turned over to the Deekin, also a item-ized account uv the supplies wich the Deekin hed furnished the nigger, that it might be made manifest ez to how the account stood.

The Deekin wuz enraged. "Why shood not my word be taken agin a nigger's?" he demandid. "I never wuz called upon for anything uv the kind afore. It is an outrage!"

But ez Josef stood afore Squire Pettus for the full amount uv the crops wich the Deekin hed taken, the good old man wuz forst to degrade his-self by comin into court agin a Ethiolplan. It wrung his sole, but he sub mitted, ez we all hev hed to do sence the Linkin dynasty.

I helped the Deekin out. The two season's crops footid up $2,000, and I didn't pay any attention to the Deekin's books. I made out a bill charg-ing the nigger with $400 worth uv bacon, $600 worth uv flour, $400 worth uv mules, and the balance, to make his claim good, in silk dresses for his wife, and sich other goods ez sejested theirselves to a fertile imaginashen.

That bill I presentid afore the Justis, wich receeed it with the grav-ity uv a grand chancellor.

The good old Deekin swore to his account ez he hed it made, wichi-cerely established the fact that the nigger owed him $1,200.

The nigger presented another account wich brot the Deekin in debt to him suthin like $600.

Joe Bigler remarked that the Deekin hed hed his sware, and that the nig-ger shood be put onto the stand to sware to his statement.

I protestid. "Is a nigger, a inferior bein, to come into this court, ove-wich Justis is supposed figgeratively, to be hooverin, and hev his tes-timony taken agin one uv the proud Cawcashen race?"

"Square!" exclaimed the Deekin in agony, "am I, a white man, to he-a nigger brot into court to rob me? Ef my bill ain't big enuff to offse-hisn and bring him in debt to me, I kin easily amend it. Don't let this gross injustis be done!"

It wuz a critikle and sollum moment. On the decision uv Square Pet-tus hung the fate uv Kentucky. It wuz a soopreme moment. One min-nit uv Indecision, one minnit fairlin and the white race uv Kentucky lay grovelin at the feet uv the Inferior Afrikin, and we wuz in chanes fur-ever.

Square Pettus was, fortunitly, ekal to the emergency. Risin in his seet, and stiddying hisself at the desk in front uv him, he sed that he knowd the eyes uv Kentucky wuz onto him, and that Kentucky shood never be disappintid.

"I know suthin uv this case," sed the Square, sippin a sip uv Bas-com's best, wich he hed sent over to him in a quart bottle, "afore it come into court. I Immediity allissipatid that this plaintiff wood demand to be sworn, and that on this joodishel arena the Inferior Afrikin and the soo-perlor Cawcashen wood meet in final conflict. I prepared myself. I went and got a man wich cood read, and hed him go thro the statoots uv the
state uv Kentucky, passed prior (which ez I am informed means before) the late unholy croosade. I found there a statoot witch prohibits the takin uv the testimony uv a nigger in a court uv justis, which is. It is troo that the Federal yusurpashen made other laws, but a Kentuckian don't recogznize that. A Kentucky justis only recognizes his own state, which is sovren. Recognizin only Kentucky, spittin onto an abolishn Congress, and ignorin everything else, it is the yunanimus decision uv this yere court that all Fedrel laws recognizin the rites uv the cussid Afrikin is un constitooshnel, and that therefore his testimony cannot be admitted. I stand by my state.

"But my wife never hed a silk dress, nor anythin but a caliko one," howled the nigger.

"It don't make no difference wat yoo say," replied the justis. "The Deekin, wich is a Cawcashun, swares that yoor wife hed four silk dresses uv him, and ez yoo can't be allowed to sware at all, ther ain't no testimony agin hizzen. This is a court uv law, and law is law, ez yoo will find out. Git one white man to sware that yoo never got them dresses, and I will consider it."

"I demand to be put on the stand," sed Joe Bigler.

"The court can't admit yoor testimony, for yoo are a prejudist witnis." Josef laffed and left the court, much to the squire's releef, wich con- tinnered:

"I may say, however, that there may be no misunderstanding, that I, ez a indivijjle, and not ez a court, will shoot any white cuss that dares to come into this court and sware for a nigger."

And that sturdy old Spartan cocked his double-barreled shot gun, and sot down.

"I may ez well decide the case here and now," sed the square, after a moment's thought. "Verdict for the plaintiff, and the constable will immejitly go for the defendant and make him put up everything he's got for the costs."

The bill uv costs wuz immejitly made out, and the constable rushed out to the mizrable wretch's house, and took wat furniture he hed.

Now wat did this ongrateful nigger do? Despite the fact that the Deekin wantid him to keep rite along, and live in peace and quiet, and plant his little farm, and work it thro the season, and reap the harvest, that nigger got together some little money from the sale uv a mule wich we overlooked, it behn pastered out uv site uv the house, and started for Kansas. He utterly refoossed to stay among his friends and pertectors, preferrin to rely upon the cold mercies uv a caliklatin, selfish Northern community, rather than trust them ez he hed bin brought up amidst.

The ongratefulnis uv this people is suthin beyond understandin. They don't know when they are well enuuff off, and they never did know who their friends wuz. I shall never attempt to do nuthin more for em. They don't appreshate us. Over a hundred uv em hev left already, leavin us without laber, and more wood go, ef they cood sell their accumulashens wich they bev robbed us uv.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Caucashun.
THE CORNERS ON THE ARMY BILL.

Confedrit X. Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
April 29, 1879.

The Corners hez more enterprise than any other plint in the Confedracy. We are very prompt to act in political matters, for ez we never plant or reap we hev plenty uv time to devote to the kentry.

The moment the army bill wuz passed we met to organize. We don't propose to let grass grow under our feet. The only cloud that hez hung over the Corners for all the dreary yeers sence the war is the fear of Fedral interference. We wuz actilly afeerd uv that, and consequently sum three hundred niggers hev bin allowed to vote here, witch they hev done rite reglerly, and, wo is us! they hev votid the radikel tickit with a regelarity that is friteful.

They will do so no more. Now that the bayonits uv Fedrel minyuns cannot be yoosed to perfect em, we shel run things in our own way. We shel exercise our rites ez freemen, and shel not permit a inferior race to overawe us and pervent that free expression uv oplnyun at the poles that is the birthright uv every Suthern citizen.

We met and organized to-wunst. Theollerin resolooshens wuz passed:

Wareas, The exercise uv the ballot by ignerent niggers uv Afrikin descent—

Deekin Pogram askt whether all niggers wuzn't uv Afrikin descent? Joe Bigler, wich wuz present, sed ef any one wood take an inventory uv the niggers in the Corners, he wood diskiver that a great many uv em cud clame to belong to the first families uv Kentucky, on one side at lest. But I went camly on—

Is unconstitutooshnel, and agin the interest uv the rool in Cawcashun race, onless the sed niggers will consent to vote ez the sooperior race dictates; and

Wareas, The only thing that can give em the ballot is the overshad-derin influence uv Fedrel bayonits; and

Wareas, A Dimocratic Congris hez made it impossible for Fedrel bayonits to interfere to preserve wat they call the pcece, relleevin us uv that incubus,

Resolved, That the Corners do to-wunst organize itself, to the end uv preservin the purity uv the ballot box by excloodin all citizens uv Afrikin descent, wich dont vote with the Dimocratic party.

Resolved, To the end uv preservin the pcece, every nigger that comes with a Republikin ticket to the poles shel be allowed jist one minit to change his tickit to a strate Dimokratic one, and ef he persists in his nefarious designs, his hed shel be immejitly blewed off in the interest uv peace and quiet.

Resolved, That the formashen uv a speshl poleece, armed with double-barrelled shot-guns, to pervers the polushen uv the ballot box by nigger votin, shel be entrustid to Issaker Gavitt, Esq.

Issaker went at it, and he hed his club enrolled to-wunst. Me hez a hundred men, all uv em with shot-guns, wich will patrol the country on next election day, and any nigger that hez not a proper tickit will either change it, or be to-wunst killed. Deekin Pogram contribbitid two pounds uv powder, and the rest uv the citizens showed ekal zeal and liberality.

I can't be too happy over this bill. It gives us our rites agin. Ez citizens we kin arm ourselves and attend the poles and kill ez many rad-
kels, black and white, ez we choose, but ther can't be no armed possee cum against us to pervent it. Ef we cood hev dictatid to Congris wat they shood hev passed they coodent hav sooted us better. Ther is now a law agin the government barin arms at the poles, but ther ain't no law watever agin our doin it. We've got em, hallelujooy! Ef Hayes don't veto it, we are just in the posishen we want. Ef he does veto it, the cuss uv every troo Southerner wich rallied under the stars and bars willoller him thro this world and the next.

Ef the produdent President Hayes don't veto this bill, the kentry may look for an increat Democrit majority from this deestrik, unless these unreasonable niggers all manage to get out to Kansas. In that event we shel be ez we wood hev bin, only ef they go in consequene uv wat they foolishly call beln deprived uv their rites, the sooperior race will be starved out in consequene uv hevin no labor, and we may hev to emigrate also. But we hope for the best. Issaker says that with his shot gun brig-ade he thinks he can compel em all to stop, ez he perposes to patrol the river banks, and turn all uv em back who want to git away, and forse em to resoom labor on sich terms ez we shel dictate.

Ther ain't nothin like organizashen. By organizashen we compel the niggers to stay with us, and also pervent em from votin. Ther is everything in system. The Corners is jubilant. This army bill sloves the problem uv the age and we are happy. We hev the nigger by the wool, jist ez we yoost to hev him, and everything is serene.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Waitin and Hopin.

**A MEETING AT THE CORNERS.**

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
May 26, 1879.

The citizens uv the Corners hev bin profoundly moved by the sittoo-shen uv things in Washington, and felt called upon to make some expression uv their feelins on the topiks that are now agitatin the kentry.

The Corners felt called upon to express in a public manner that it rec-ognizes the result uv the late war, and desires nuthin so much ez pece and quiet; that it fully recognizes the fact that the nigger (d—n him) is free, and entitled to rites; and that the Corners is trooly loyal to the Gov-ernment uv the Yoonitid States.

I called the meetin at the meetin-house, the scene uv so many demonstra-tions, and a committee uv ladies, headed by Mrs. Bascom, prepared it for the sollum okkashun. It wuz draped with the flags uv the different Confedrit regiments wich wuz raised in this seckshun, and that the pro-er excitement mite be perdoosed, all the relics uv the war wuz brot out and displayed. Deekin Pogrom's dawtor Mirandy hed on each side uv the pulpit desk the skulls uv two Federol hirelins wich her lover brot from Bull Run, illuminated with candles, wich wuz flanked by the thigh bones uv several other hirelins wich Capt. McPelter brot from Andersonville. The drum wich Issaker Gavitt beet at Fort Pillow wuz draped with a battle flag Simon Pettus kerred at the same victory, and other mementoos uv the great struggle for liberty uv the South wuz properly displayed.

The percession filed out uv Bascom's, the men dressed in Confedrit gray, and the wimmen hevin the colors uv the Confederacy in miniatooor plnned to their left breasts, hedid by a fife and drum, under the stars and bars, and playin "the Bonny Bloo Flag."
Uv course I made the openin speech. I repelled with skorn the accusa-
shun that the South hed any idee that ther wuz any feelin uv disloyalty
at the Corners. The Corners wuz defected in its struggle for human rites,
and the perpetooashen uv Afrikin slavery, and hevin bin defected acceptid
the sitooshen. The Corners, espeshly, wile it cood never forgit how croo-
elly it hed bin disappoint in not pre ervin its hevin-born rites, wuz ez
loyal ez any similar place, and desired to live in peace and harmony with
ther brethren uv the North.

Deekin Pogram repelled with skorn the akkusashun that ther wuz any
difference between the two races at the Corners. Here peace and quiet
rains, and there hed bin no trouble. He knew uv 200 niggers wich wuz
very quiet, thanks to the shot-guns uv the intrepid Gavitt and the shivai-
rous McPelter. And ef this wretched race persoomed to make any more
trouble, ther wuz, thank hevin, still powder and buckshot in the Corners,
and gallant men who never missed a nigger's head, when they drawd a
head onto it. The nigger hed learned his place, and he cood asshor his
trends uv the North that he wood never trouble nobody, and that he cood
safely be left to the guidance uv his natiral pertectors, his former mas-
ters. And then he demandid freedom uv eleckshuns. He wantid em free,
uz they wuz afore the war, when the citizens uv the Corners cood hang a
lishn in ich wiz offered to vote, without feer uv the interferin uv Fedrel
bayonits. The South must be free.

The follerin reslooshens, prepared by myself, wuz then red and
adoptid:

Wereas, Ther is In the North a feelin that the Corners is irritatid, and
Discontentid, and that ther is a feelin agin the general government, wich
we feel it our dooty to allay, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Corners is trooly loyal and entirely in akkord
with the Fedrel government and will be alluz, perviddit it kin git its rites.

Resolved, That these rites are ez follors:

1. The payment uv Suthern war clames, and the penshunin uv Suthern
volers. (Cheers.)

2. The adopshen uv the prinsipple that the Yoonyun is a Confedera
shun, not a nashun, and the akkordin uv the rite uv each state to remai-
in or stay out, jist ez it please.

3. That the Yoonyun is a nashun for the purpos uv payin clames, pen-
shuns and bilidn custom housis and sich, but for no other purpos.

4. No troops shel byesed at the poles anywhere in the South, except
on the call uv a Confedrit guvnor, the citizens uv the South bein supplied
with rifles and shot guns and bein thoroly organized in White Leagues,
bein amply able to take keer of theirselves.

5. All ralerodes and canals wich the South shel decide it wants shel be
blit by the general government, it bein a nashun ez aforesed, for that
purpus.

6. The harbors uv Boston and Noo York shel be filled up at the ex-
pense uv the general government that the seaboard cities uv the Sunny
South may hev a show for some uv the furrin trade uv the kentry.

7. That the nigger bein an Inferior bein and only understood by us shel
be left entirely to our roof and guidance. No more legislashen by the gen-
eral government—wich for this purpos is not a nashen—on his akkount.

8. The wipin out uv all the legislashen uv the war period, the South
not bein in Congris to give its assent, hevin a Congris uv its own at the
time, and the concession on the part uv the North to the South uv the
controle uv the government in full, ez it yossed to be under Polk, Pierce
and Bookannon.

9. That the tax on distillin likker shel not be collectid in the Confedrit
states, the Yoonyun bein not a nashun for that purpos.
10. The veto power shel not be yoosed, except by a Suthen President, or a Northern one electd by Suthen votes, which is the same thing, it behoov to keep us out uv the controle uv the government til 1880.

Resolved, That ontil these things, one and all, is done, ther kin be no nartty feelin uv yoonyun, and ef ther is another fratriside struggle the responsibility rests with them ez denies us these, our reasonable demands.

The resoluoshens wuz adopttid with great cheerin, and the meetin adjourned. On our way back to Bascom's we burned a nigger school house, and I beleev a nigger or two wich we met wuz shot. We are troo to the Yoonyun and entirely peceeful.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Loyalist.

MR. NASBY AND HIS FRIENDS DISCUSS THE ARMY BILL.

Confedrit X Roads,  
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),  
June 2, 1879.

There wuz a sad meetin at Bascom's, the nite we heerd uv the President's veto uv the Army bill. A feelin uv gloom pervadid the room, and ther wuz a sadniss that wuz painfully vizable on every face. Deekin Pogram hed succeedid in borerin two dollars uv a Northern vagabond wich wuz prospectin the Corners with a view uv startin a baggin mill, on Seccshun Crik, and but for that we shood hev sunk under the new trubble thet hed come uppon us. The Deekin is libral when he hez the means, and managed to keep up, wich we did for some time, likker bein redoosed now to five cents. Ther wuz forty drinks in that sum, to say nothin uv three pounds we got out uv Capt. McPelter, whose credit is not yit eggsaustid.

"We shel hev a regiment at the poles here next fall," sighed the good old man, "and every cussid nigger in Libertyville will vote, jist the same ez tho they wuz troo Kentuckians."

"Ain't they troo Kentuckians?" asked Josef Bigler, wich wuz present, as he aluz is when we don't want him. "Ain't they born on the soil, and don't the most uv them hev the best blood uv Kentucky coursin thro ther veins? The heft uv em are three-quarters white, and they must hev got a from Kentuckians, ez none uv ther mothers ever left the state."

We paid no-attenshun to the ribald skoofler.

"Time wuz," sed Capt. McPelter, "when we hed it in our power to keep a Yankee from votin here, to say nothin uv niggers, wich never dreemid uv sich a thing."

"Ah!" sed Issaker Gavitt, his eye litin up with a momentary enthousiasm, "I remember in 1859, uv hangin a Yankee skool teacher who insistd on votin a Ablishn tickit. The tree is still standin, and aluzz hev stand ez a momentum uv days forever fled."

"We kin stand it," I remarkt, "for we are yoosed to bein ground down under the iron heel uv oppresshn."

"Never saw any soljers at the poles here," sed Bigler.

"We are yoost to bein ground down," I continyood, not heedin the interrupshen, "but alas for our frends in the North! With soljers at the poles, and with the supervisor system continyood, wat will the Irish in Soo York do? Wat will the O'Briens and the O'Shaughnessys, and the hosts uv faithful Dimokrats wich vote from mornin till nite, do, when a iranikle government interferes with glissin steel to prevent em? M'hinks I see the faithful patriot wich hez votid a dozen times langishin
in a basteel, and for wat? Oh for the days uv Tilden and Holman, when the patriotic impulses uv a Irish citizen run and wuz glorified."

"It is thunderin bad," sed Joe Bigler, "to think uv a lazy patriot like Clafin only votin wunst when Teddy O'Brien, who puts in a whole day uv it, hez to be arrestid and basteeled. It is shockin."

"Wait till another Presidenshel eleegshun," sed Bascom; "then the Dimocrisy will git its rites. There will be no Ablishnlist general in the chare to interpose his veto. Then we shel hev wat we want. The Confedrit soljers will hev ther penshuns, and our clames for property destroyed by the Linkin's feends will be paid. I see a glorious proseck!" sed Bascom, his eyes litin up very like a prophet's. "I see Confedrit soljers comin into this bar in droves, and eech uv em payin for ther drinks jist afore takin uv em, to prevent mistakes. I see the akcounts that yoo hev bin runnin up doorn all these dark days balanced, and the money in the till. I see the credit system for drinks abolished and the Corners come back to cash on the nale, and no tick. I see—"

"Yes," sed I, being suddenly prophetised, "I see armies uv men employed in dregdin out Secession Crik, to make it navigable. I see a custom house ez big ez that uv Noo York again up in the Corners, I see the Soutern Pacific ralerode blit, and I see a plank rode from here to Secessionville, with other internal improvements, too teju's to meshun, and every one uv em at the expense uv the nashnel government, wich for the purpose only uv Southern improvements is a nashun. And ez the North pays about nineteen-twentieths uv the taxis, there is where we shel hev our revenge. The North will pay and the South will reap the benefit uv it. Little did the North know wat it wuz a doin when it took us back."

"And I see," sed Issaker Gavitt, "the South in full control uv the government to do ez it please with it. I see the Northern Dimocrisy in their proper place, askin us umbly wat we want. I see a Congris uv Southern brigadeers—I see Northern Congrismen apologisin for assistin in raisin troops to conker us, and bringin forth froots meet for repentance by givin us everything we ask for. I see the Southern soljer on a level with the Fedrel soljer, and a leetle ahd. I see the bloo takin orf its hat to the gray, and I see Dekorashen day in the North abolished, tho for one, bein generous, I am willin, of they want to dekorate the graves uv ther ded, they may, of they will do it in the nite, without any moosic, or parade, wich is offensive to us. I see—"

"I am goin into the prophet biznls," sed Joe Bigler, "only I am goin to prophesy backerd, wich is the safest. I see a Dimekrotic party wich got into power by aksident, and hedn't sense enuff to keep its hold. I see a set uv unconscionable asses in the South who supose that the North, wich eggregiously whaled us wunst, ain't jist ez ready to do it again. I see a reckshun uv kentry popelated by a klass uv people wich don't know kindnis and mercy when they see it, and wich mistakes clemency for cowards. And to take a handspring into the futur, I see an eleckshun in Ohio this fall, wich will clene out the Dimocrisy completely and pave the way for the eleckshun uv Grant in 1880, with a Congris behind him wich will take mity good care that the South will git jist wat she deserves and no more. I see the prinsiple uv States' rites squelched, and the old Fedrel idee more firmly established than ever. I see the Corners remainin jist ez it is, onless the citizens exchange Bascom's bar for their corn-feelds, and git to considerin a skool-house ez uv more importance than a quarter race-track. I see the niggers gittin out uv here, and leevin the kentry
without labor, becoz the white citizens hevn't got sense enuff to rec-
Ognize the fact that they are men, and give em the rites that blong to em.
I see—but wat's the yoose. Yoo never learn anything or forgit anything."
And after this depressin peece uv prophesy, Josef rolled off with the
remark that we wood find that he wuz a troo prophet. Perhaps he is.
But I got all I wantid to drink for an hour or two.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Depress.  

MR. NASBY IN WASHINGTON.  

Washington,  
(Wich is in the Deestrik of Columby),  
Joon 7, 1870.

It's a long time sence I trod the streets uv the Fedrel City. Ef I re-
member arite I hevn't bin here sence the saintid Johnson's time, when I
reeseved from the hands uv that gillels patriot my commishun ez Post-
master at the Cross-Roads, wich wuz ruthlessly torn from me by that
military tirant, Grant. It hez changed much, and, I thank hevin, for the
better.

Washington hez bin attacked by the Confedrits at two different periods.
From 1861 to 1865 they failed to possess it, but ther second invashun wuz
more successful. They hev it now. In the Capitol wich is the nashen's
pride, I see ez many military men in posseshen ez ever, but thank the
Lord they ain't the same kind. The "gol-darn" uv the Northern man is
heerd no more, and in its place my eers is delited with the more famillyer
"dog-gon" uv the Sunny South. No more is my feelins aggravatid by
sein the tall man from Maine—the hatchet-faced Rhode Islander or the
stout Pennsylvanian in the Capitol holdin offis. They are gone, and the
swarthy Southerner fills ther places and draws their salaries.

There are one-armed and one-legged Northern soliers enuff here, but
they are walkin the streets. They ain't in place no more, 'ceptin those
wich is in the departments controlled by the minyuns uv Hayes, and
thank Hevin, when we elect a Dimecratic President in 1880, we'll cleen
em out. Ef the Confederacy can't controle by the bullet, it will by the
ballot.

I wuz never more encuridged in my life. The bar room is crowded with
Southern patriots, and they are now in favor. It filled my eyes with teers
to reed a petition for the appointment 'uv a Georgia man to a position un-
der the clerk uv the Senit. I've seen them petitions afore. They used to
reed that the party named hed lost a leg at Gettysburg and an eye at
Fair Oaks while gallantly carrying the Stars and Stripes in defence uv the
Fedrel government. They reed quite differentiy now. They all set forth
that the petitioner lost his legs or arms or eyes, ez the case may be, in
carryin the Stars and Bars in defence uv the Confederacy, and that his
sacrifice for the South entitled him to recognition.

I wuz amused at one Dimekrat from the interior uv Injeany wich
hevdn't heerd uv the change. He in a moment uv insanity forgit his party
obligations and volunteered in the Fedrel army. He come on here with
one leg and his honorable discharge from the servis, to get a place.

He wuz sternly rebookt, and very quickly made to know that he pinte-
his rifle the wrong way to hope for a place in Washington. The posishen
he wuz after wuz given to one uv the heroic men who fought at Fort Pil-
low. He may git a place after suffishent repentence, but I doubt it.

I am wunst more happy. The Confederacy is a success after all. We
chel carry Ohio this fall, and that makes a Dimekraft President in 1880. Then—but the prospeck is too gorgus to think about. Oh, how I long for the day to come!

"Fly swiftly round, ye wheels uv time,
And bring the welcome day."

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

THE DOLEFUL HISTORY OF CAPT. McPELTER

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Joon 26, 1879.

Capt. McPelter is on the fence. He isn't certin whether it is his dooby to go over into Ohio at the ensoom eleckshun, and repeat for Ewing, or the actooal Nashnel candidate Platt. He is in doubt becoz he can't make up his mind wich wood most further the grate coz uv culimitid money to wich he is devotid hart and sole. Watever other principles the captin may be shaky on, he is ez firm ez a rock on this, and when the circumstances uv the case is taken into akkount, I can't blame him.

At the close uv the late onpleasantsnis Captain McPelter wuz a rooiner man. The feend Linkin hed emansipatid his niggers, wich left him without labor, and consequently he never raised no crops. John Morgan hed capcherd his mules, while the Captin wuz in the Confedrit army, and by tyrant government refoossed to pay him a cent for them, becoz, forsouth a Confedrit commander confiscatid his property, and becoz he wuz in the Confedrit servis. He wuz left with a thousand akers uv land jist ou uv the village, wich wuz worth say $5 a aker.

But that land, wich wuz his rooin, become his salvashen. The flood uv greenbax wich poured over the land irrigatid the Cross-Roads. Ez everybody hed his pokkits full uv greenbax in the North they cum Soutt to invest in it. Ther wuz a helthy wilnins in the air for them ez hed land. It is troo, there wuzn't any actooal call for any more people at the Cross Roads than wat wuz there already. Ther wuzn't no new factries started nor no new industries developed, wich wood support people, and noboddy hed the disposishun to start new enterprises, for ther wuz so much money to be made in spekilatin in reel estate.

The Captin wuz suppressed one day at bein offered $10 a aker for his land. He wuz too dumb-foundid to sell, and before he rekovered he wuz offered $20. Then he opened his eyes. He saw a way to make up for his losses. He refoossed to sell, and imejitly foliered the example uv ther ez hed bought, and laid it out into "McPelter's First Addishn to Confedrit Cross-Roads." He borrhed money to grade streets, and to plant shade trees, to make the addishn attractive, and then he commenst to sell lots.

They went off like hot cakes. People wood buy em, and pay $600 a piece, payin down $10, and givin a mortgage on em for the odd $590, payable in one, two and three years, with interest. Then they wood turn around and sell em for $1,000, taking $20 down, with the same terms, and so on.

It wuz a gorgus time. Capt. McPelter hed to buy a safe, wich he dik on credit, to hold his sekoorities. That thousand akers uv land netted him nearly a quarter uv a million, and the down payments kept him in comfort. Bein rich, Mrs. McPelter bot herself silk dresses (on credit), and the Captin set up a pair uv horses and a kerridge, wich he bot (on credit), neve
he reblit his house (on credit), makin it a elegant mansion for an opulent Amerikin gentleman.

Not bein satisfied with the wealth he hed akkoomulated, in notes and mortgagos on his own land, the Captain embarkt in wider spekelashens. He went a mile or two beyond his own land, and bot all he cood buy at $1,000 a aker, and laid them out. The cows, wuz turned off that land, and surveyors surveyed, warin iny rubber boots ez perteckshun agin rattle-snakes. And McPelter's Second and Third Addishun to the Cross-Roads wuz threwed into the markit.

Ez it wuz with McPelter so it wuz with pretty much everybody else. The guverment wuz isshooin greenbax by the milyun, and people spekelas-

The days you coodn't buy a rusty nafe but wat you cood sell it next mornin at a advance of 3 or 4 hundred per cent. We wuz happy, for everybody hed credit, and things wuz a boomin.

But ther cum an end to it. Everybody hed lots to sell, but when the guverment cum to begin to pay its debts, and to stop isshooin its milyuns a day, nobody wantid em. Deekin Pogram wantid to know uv Capt. McPelter what wuz the yoose uv askin $600 for a quarter uv an aker uv ground, wich wuz only worth $5 a aker, onless people cum to live on it, wich they wuzn't doin to any alarin degree. Then Sherman kef on payin the nashnel debt, ther wuzn't no yoose fur the Captin's ground for dwellin purposes, and so little by little his spekelashtns went under. There ez hed his lots on credit, didn't pay for em, but them uv whom he hed bot keridges, hoses, and silk gowns, and sich, come down on him, and he is to-day a cleared out man.

Wet Capt. McPelter demandid is a stoppage uv all this roolous pollov ich hez put his lands back into its original status ez cow pasters. He holds the government responsible for his failyoor. He sez:

"Ef the government hed kept on isshooin greenbax, several milyuns a day, and not attemptid to pay the nashnel debt at all, it wood hev bin different. The government hez rooined me. I wuz a sellin my cow-pasters for city lots, till the feend Sherman contractid. I demand," sez Capt. McPelter, "that the yoose uv greenbax be immejitaly resoomed. A greenbax costs the government nothin, and ef enuff uv em are ishood, my lands will agin sell for city lots. Ef enuff uv em are ishood the quarter uv a million uv mortgages wich I hold will be paid, and then—"

"And then wat?" asked Joe Bigler.

"And then," resoomed the Captin, "I kin realize and retire with a con-

"Which means," sed Josef, "that you will unload your cow pasters on the next generation uv idlots, and git out from under in time to save your-

"And then," sed Josef, "'spose the parties to wich you sell shoold insist that the government shoold keep on isshooin green-bax that they mite save theirselves by unloadin their land on the next batch uv fools, wat wood your Yoonitid States bonds be wuth? It kinder strikes me that ez long ez the biznis uv the Cross-Roads only demands a popelashen uv three hunderd and fifty, you don't actilly need city-lots for a popelashen uv a hunderd thousand, and that ef you git the hundred thousand price in a village uv three hunderd and fifty, either your buyers are asses, or the"
money they pay ain’t good for nothin. In the end somebody hez got to be bit, and ez the end hez got to come sometime, I don’t see why this isn’t ez good a time ez cood be. Yoo hed the benefit uv the rise—yoo dresse in purple and fine linen while it lastid, and why shoodent you take th loss uv the decline? It’s easy enuff to call a cow paster city lots, but yoo hev a city somewhere in the vicinity to make em city lots, actilly Ef yoo want to be very rich yoo kin mark up $10 land to $1,000, and con sider yourself ez bein opulent, but yoo want to sell it for that, and gi paid in suthin that will buy suthin else. Captain, you land is wuth jis ez much now ez it ever wuz.”

"Josef," sed McPelter, "you don’t know nothin about finance. Ther is no reason why the government shood not print ez much money ez th wants uv the people require, and I require—"

The bold Captin wood hev continyood his disquisishun, but seein th sheriff comin in the front door, with a writ on account uv the hosses an kerridge his wife hed bin ridin in, he deemed it expedient to git out th back way, ex suddin ez he cood.

I agree with the Captin. Wat we want is an onlimitted ishoo uv paper money, that every man in the Corners kin git all that his wants requir- I don’t want the government to go around and give everybody wat mone he or she thinks they need, but I want it expendid on necessary work. We want a custom house here, we want Seceshun Crik made navigabl and we want a guverment raleroode to connect with the main line to Looki ville, that freight on our likker may be redoost, and these improvement wood be suffisent to put two or three milyunas into cirkelashen. Ef th rest uv the South claim ez much, and git it, the vollum uv currency wi be swelled to wat we reuqire, and Capt. McPelter’s lots will agin be some valyoo.

I know not wat Capt. McPelter may do, but I shel hewe my infloens in favor uv anybody wich is in favor uv these measures, alluz inclood the payment uv Southern clames and penshunin Southern soljers. Hevi served in the Louisiana Pelikins, I must insist on these two measures. ruther think the good old Dimekratic party is good enuff for sich ez nu PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Finanseer.

THE SAD HISTORY OF MR. SAMUEL POPMAN, DRUGGIST

Confedrit X Roadz,  
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),  
July 1, 1879.

The most Intense Greenbacker we hev in the Corners is Sammy Popman, the drugger at Secessionville. Popman does nothin from morn till nite but devis finanshul skeems for the payment uv the nashnul deb wich, ez he hezn’t never bin able to pay any uv his own, he is entirel competent to do. The history uv Sam. Popman is one uv the saddel that hez grown out uv Sherman’s croeel polisy.

In 1861 Sam Popman wuz a drugger at Secceshunville, hevily in deb He owed for his stock uv drugs, and he owed for the cloze his wife wor and also for them wich adorned his person. So desprit wuz Samvoel forchoons, in consequence uv his predilecshun for hoss races and draw po ker, and sich, that he serously contemplatid skippin to Texas, and en barkin in the generally poplar and allus profitable biznis uv steelin hosses on the Mexkin border.

The inflashen uv the currency consekent upon the expenses uv th
war changed Samyooel’s career. He found his stock uv drugs goin up 25 er cent a day. Jollop wch he owed for at the rate uv six cents a pound not up to 20, to 30, to 50, to anything he chose to ask for it, and it kept rootin up and up till the little stock he hed uv $5,000 wuz wuth $50,000, nd no matter wat he bot, It went up on his hands, and Samyooel found issel wuth a $100,000 In no time.

Uv course Samyooel to-wunst commenst to live in a style commensurate with his increaseed means. He went and bilt an addishn to his house, uttin on two wings and an extenshun back, bildin in fact completely round the old house, and puttin another story on the top. Then his wife immejitly got two hired girls, and his two awters wuz sent to a seminry in Looisville. Samyooel for his own pleasure invested in a fast trottin horse and jined the Kentucky club in Looisville, and played poker ez much ez he pleased, and he pleased to do good deel uv it. It didn’t make a partikle uv difference, for every dollr uv goods he bot doubled on his hands every day or two. Mrs. Popman latterly refoosed to do any work uv any kind, and spent the heft uv her mne tryin on dresses, wich she bot in Looisville, and takin excursions to nat city, to wear em. It wuz rather a gorgus time for the Popmans.

In 1873 Samyooel diskivered there wuz a change. The war hed bin ver some time, and the debt wich It hed cost hed to be paid. Samyooel didn’t see any necessity for payin it at all. Samyooel hed lived out all he profits he hed made by the raise in the, valyoo uv his goods, and hed one hevy into reel estate. He hed bot a large amount uv lands, wich hed bin goin up jist the same as drugs, and hed bot em all on credit, so hedn’t made any down payments, but in place uv actooal money down on his noo purchis, he hed given mortagis on the property bot, and also on his house and store, and sich her real and personal property ez he hed. It worried him.

Ez the kentry, under Sherman’s rooinous polisy, began to git down to gold basis, drugs begun to drop 10 per cent a day, instid uv risin 20, and el estate commenst to foller drugs and sch, with friteful accurracy. he land wich he hed agreed to pay $1,000 a aker for, he coodent sell for 5, owing to the fact that nobody wantid it, and the quinine he hed paid a ounce fur, dropped to $2.25. Consecently Samyooel wuz fust to succom, nd he wuz scooped.

The other drugger in Secessionville wuz another kind uv a man. He pceptid the raise on his stock doorin the war period in a Chrischen sperit uv thankfulness, and hived, very keerfully, all the money it made him. He wied in the same old house thro it all; his wife continnered, in a Chrischen way, to bake her own buckwheat cakes and do her own washin, and sot his face like a flint agin fast bosses and expensive likkers. And his wuz wat worrid Samyooel. When the turn cum, his oppossishun hed wenty uv money in bank, and he marked down his goods with the same wildlike and Chrischen sperit that in 1862 he marked em up. He sed to issel. “I hed the benefit uv the rise—I will take the consequences uv the all, blessed be the name uv the Lord,” and he went right along, and connered to do biznls and prosper while the sheriff wuz closin out Samyooel. The other drugger never howled about hard times.

Samyooel Popman firmly believes that he wuz destroyed by Sherman, nd I agreed with him. Hed Sherman gone on ishoohn twenty milyuns uv greenbax a day, and payin em out, for bosses and mules and army supplies, the greenbax wood hev continnerd to go up, and so wood Samyooel’s
drugs and his out-lots. And as all Samyooel's drugs he d to do in them halcyon days wuz to mark up the prices uv his goods every mornin, he cood hev continued to keep his fast hoss, and Mrs. Samyooel cood hev continnered to live in Louisville, and bot satin dresses. Mr. Samyooel feels it keenly. In the time before the prosperus days he wuz contentid with sod-corn whiskey and stogy segars, but his appetite got attioned to shampane and Havannas, and he finds it exceedingly diffcult to go back so the simple arcadian habits uv former times. Mrs. Samyooel hez got her hand out in cookin and sich, and she utterly refooses to go back to the habits uv the old times, and consekenly ther is trubble in the Popman household. The dawters hev bin brot home from the seminary at Louisville, and they cast contoomely on ther father, wich hezn't meens to keep em in the luxury they hev bin for ten yeers accustomed to.

This is only one case in a thousand here. Whene'er I take my walks abroad I see men bustid, and leenin agin lamp-posts, moanin and wrugin their hands in despair. They hev past-lots wish they cut uv into city lots, wich are gradooaily grown up into huckleberry pasters, and won't sell for nothin. They took to their old places uv biznis, wher they used to chirp cheerfully ez they marked up the price uv ther goods, and wher they thot nothin uv takin a ten-dollar note every day for likker and cigars, beoz they cood afford it, and they see other men in posseshun workin nite and day to support their familles in comfort, and these men lay their roolin t' Sherman, ez I do.

It is a croool outrage. It costs the government nothin to print money, and ther is no reason why it shood not hev kep on printin currency. What is a government for? It is for the people? Is not Samyooel Popman one uv the people? Then why shood the government cultivate a taste in Samyooel Popman for fast hosses and shampane, and then, jist for the sake uv payin off a debt, contract the currency and roolin him?

The other dragger at Secessionville remarkt that ef Samyooel he'd saved the money he made by Inflashun he wood hev bin safe agin the effect uv contrackshun. But that hed no sense into it. Inflashun shood hev bin perpetooal. When a temperance man sez to me that he wood like to get drunk uv a nite, only for the reackshun that follows when he gits sober, I alluz remark that the troo safe-guard agin that is never to hev no reackshun—to keep drunk all the time. The principe I foller as to likker is the one I wood hev adoptid in finance. To avoid the reackshun that follers Inflashun, I shood never stop it. Keep on inflatin. John Sherman don't understand finance at all.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Troo Financeer.
THE EXPERIENCE OF PETER PEGGOTY, STOREKEEPER.

Confedrit X Roads, (Wich is in the State uv Kentucky), July 10, 1879.

I met yesterday Mr. Peter Peggotty, a merchant, or ruther a ex-merchant, uv Davisville, a adjoinin village, from whom, in the halcyon days uv yore, it wuz no trouble for me watever to borror sich sums uv money ez my wants required. I struck him wunst in 1873 for ez much ez $18.75. I alluz make it a pint to borror odd sums,they bein jist the amount I find necessary to meet sum obligashen. It looks biznis like, for ef a man sez "twenty," in round numbers, the impresshn that he is a mere merce-
ury borerer, alluz obtaines, and makes the operashun more difficult. It makes a great difference whether you step into a man's store leisurely, and say, "Peggotty, old feller, lend me a twenty!" or whether you rush in with a paper in your hand, and say, all out uv breath, "Mr. Peggotty, I wuz a bassin thro and I met a man to whom I owe $18.75, and I am extremely anxious to pay him, and I hev'n t a cent about me, will you oblige me with that amount until I git home?" Yoo only loose $1.25, and your chances uv gittin it are trebled.

But this is a digreshun. I beleeeve I am gittin garrulus in my old age, but then soljers love to "sholder crutches and show how fields wuz won."

Mr. Peggotty commens biznls in 1863, with no capital at all ceptin 200 wich his wife Inherited from a aunt wich opporthernly deceest. In thse lays credit wuz easily prokooered. The kentry wuz prosperous. The goose-rmin wuz a payin out milyuns every day, and oats wuz a dollar a bale, cotton wuz any price yoo chose to ask for it, wheat wuz $2.50 a bushel, and a spavinied horse wuz wuth, for the army, anywhere from $200 to $400. Things wuz a boomin, ez they alluz do when currency is unlimited and onrestrictid. Mr. Peggotty took his $200, and went to Louisville, and bought a stock uv goods, and commens tore-keepin. He bot a stock uv $6,000 wuth, the odd $5,800 beln on credit, v course.

He prospered exceedinly. He cood sell ez many goods ez he wanted, or the people hed money to buy with, and his store wuz thronged from mornin till nite. Money jist rolled in onto him, and he retired to bee very nite feelin that he wuz rich, and he wondered that anybody shood a poor when money wuz so easily made.

Uv course Mr. Peggotty enlarged his stile uv livin suthin In akkordance with his enlarged meens. Why shood he not? He hed onlimitid credit in Loulsville, his goods wuz beln markt up every day, and he blit him a noonse, uv course, and it need not be remarkt that it wuz furnished in the most gorgus stile. He hed a pair uv horses and a kerridge for Mrs. Peg- gotty to air herself in, and his oldest son went to Harvard, and his dawers to a seminary in Cincinnati. He blit a addishen to his new house the second season, and his stables wuz probably the most gorgus uv any in Kentucky.

Mrs. Peggotty yoost to git somewhat oneasy, and wuz wont to ask how is debts wuz in Loulsville, but he alluz laft at her feers. "Mirandy," wuz his constant remark, "I owe twenty or thirty thousand ollars there—really I hev'n t hed time lately to look it up—but what's the dde? Goods is gonn up every day, I kin stand it." And to Mr. and Mrs. Peggotty went on spendin their money ez a gentleman and lady shood, and runnin up their indebtedness in a Loulsville In a proper, biznls-like way. It wuz at this period that I cood orry money uv Peggotty. Wood, oh wood that it cood hev continnered. ohn Sherman owes me a great deel uv money. He hez crooelly cut off my supplies.

Their cum a change. The war wuz over, and the government ceesed to ay out money for spavined horses and oats to feed em. The soljers hed eturned, and the plowshare wuz beaten into a prinun hook. Then came he infernal idee uv payin off the debt wich hed bin incurred, and the afamus noshen uv resumpshen follered clost upon its heels. The men-bants uv Loulsville came down to Davisville, and Shylock-like, wantin
their money uv Peggoty. He coodent pay. "Where wuz the money yo
hev reseevd for our goods?" they demandid, and the anser wuz, the house
the furniture, the hosse, and bills for the gentlemanly-like livin Peggot
hed indulged in.

With the rapassity uv feends they demandid and took a mortgage on
to Peggoty's house, and sich uv the goods ez he hed left, and sejesti
mildly but firmly, that hereafter goods wold be sold for cash jist befors
delivery. The mizable plea on wich they took this mortgage wuz that
the house hed bin bilt with their property, and the furnitoor likewise. Th
livin wuz eternally gone.

Peggoty made a brave fight for existence, but in vane. Sherman, th
finanshel boa constrictor, hed him in his fatal embrace and wuz squeeze
the life out uv him. In vane did Peggoty appeal to the stun-harted sel
retary. "Keep on shooin money," walled Peggoty. "Inflate the currency
and keep infatiain till I kin git shot uv these goods, and kin fall wit
suthin in my wife's name. Don't broose the brokin reed. Yoo are wip
out the biznis talent uv the kentry. Hev another war, ef needs be, bi
anyhow, bild a custom house, and dig a ship canal here, and print green
bax to pay for em, that I may keep up my bizris, and save myself fro
impeendiin rooin. Ez fast ez the custom house is bilt, and the ship can
is dug, bild more custom houses and ship canals, and keep the current
up to my wants. Yoo are crushin me. So long ez the currency isn't ad
kate to my wants I can't borrer a cent, and ef I hev to buy goods for cas
I can't do it. Shove out the munny and save the debtor class."

The cold-bloodid Sherman repled breefly. He remarked that another
war mite be good enuff for the debtor class, but it wold be very bad fo
all other classes, and he declined to do it. Ez to bildin the custom
houses and ship canals, he wod be glad to do it wherever custom house
and ship canals wuz necessary, but ez the people wood hev to pay fo
em, finally, he must reely decline to tax the people any more than wuz
necessary. In short, he didn't bleewe in bildin things jist for the purpose
uv puttin money into cirkelashen. And then come on a lot uv correspon
dence in wich the brootal Sherman remarkt that a government, tho it wuz
trooly paternal, coodent reely bolster up a man wich started in with $20
and who hed lived like a fitin cock for twenty yeers, and now owed $50.00.
He sed that ef Mr. Peggoty hed gone and lived jist ez he did afore the
war, and hed saved the money he made by the rise uv goods, he wood
in splendid condishn to stand the fall on them, but ez he hed preferred to
put his profits into purple and fine llene hed ought to be satisfied with the
satisfactionshen the purple and fine linen hed given him. And the lron
souled sekretary further remarkt that ef all the debtor class wuz jist li
Mr. Peggoty, their fallin wuz only a question uv time anyhow, and that
it wuz jist ez good a time for em to fall ez he ever knowd, and that til
biznis uv the kentry wood never be on a solid basis till they hed all got to
that finanshelbourne from which none uv em wood ever return, till the
wuz another war, wich he hoped wood be a long time hence. He absloot
decided to consider Mr. Peggoty's case, and went on payin the debt, at
resoomin, till the sheriff came and sold Peggoty out, and the Louisvil
sharks, wich wantid their money, got away with at least 20 per cent uv

Can't any one see the injustis thiz feend Sherman did Peggoty? Can
any one see that ef he hed gone on infatiain and expandin, Peggoty cou
hev kep on his feet, jist ez long ez the expandin process wuz continuere
and that his biznis talent wood hev bin preserved to the kentry? Kin an
ne blame Peggotty for bein a Greenbacker uv the most profound stripe, nd for his standin on the corners and adjoorin every friend uv the poor man to vote the Greenback-Dimocratic tikkit?

How many Peggotys hez this lizard Sherman to anser fur? Wat does e know uv finanse?

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Troo Finanseer.

MR. NASBY DEPLORES THE CONFLICT OF NATURE AND DEMOCRACY.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
July 27, 1879.

I am disgustid and disheartened. Everything under heaven seems to work agin the Democracy, and make a continyood success impossible. We succeeded in electin a Dimocratic Congris, the people hevin tired uv the Republikin rool, and it did seem to me that there wuz nuthin in the way v a continyooance thereof, for an indefinite period. I looked confidently orerd to the postoffice at the Corners, and reely expectid that I shood end my days holdin that commishn and spendin the salary pleasantly and heerfully at Bascom's.

In the fust place we wuz shoor that Sherman's resumpshen wood ause wide-spred disaster, wich the people wood charge to the akcount uv he Republikin party, and wood bring the Nashnels over to us, yoonitin oth parties agin the common foe, and that after that everything wood be lain sallin. We cood sweep the kentry like a tornado, leevin nary greesepot uv the radikels behind us.

But somehow it didn't work. Sherman resoomed the fust uv Janoo-ry without the slittest trouble, and the kentry, instid uv goin to everlastin rooin, went on prosperin at a faster rate than ever. To our horror, allyoors begun to grow lesser and lesser, and when I went to Louisville and interviewed the merchants and manufacturers, and they all told me that biznis wuz better than it hed bin for yeers, and that it wuz constant-ly increesin, and Increesin too in a healthy way, and that they wuz a payn their hands promptly, and that the hands wuz a gittin on fist rate, and wuz comfortable, then my hart sunk within my buzzum, and I went some disheartened and discurrred.

Bascom is more uv a Roman than I am. This wuz early in the season, and when I wuz weepin over the prosperity uv the country, he remarked: "Brace up, Parson, there is yit hope for the Dimocrisy. The crops may 'git fall, and rooin may 'git ensoo!"

Them words give me hope, and I watched the crop reports with intense anxiety, and I dally sighed like Jeremiah, the great lamenter:

Oh that the frost would strike the corn in the blade, and the cowcumbers on the vine!
Oh! that the fruit wood perish in the bud, and the scab wood git among the sheep!
Oh! that the murrain and the horn-all wood rage among the kine!
Oh, that the glanders wood spred among the hosees, and cut them down by the thousand, yea, by the ten thousand:
Oh, that the cholera wood revel among the hogs, and destroy them all, from the mature sow to the tender and succulent suckling.
Oh, that the rot wood destroy the potato, and the cut worm the ten-ber corn.
Then wood the people be distrest, and they wood charge it up to the account of John Sherman, resumption and the Republikin party, and we shood elect Tilden and Reform in 1883, and I wood enjoy my postollis.

All of these wood it take, and more, to enshoo a triumph for the Dimocrisy.

I waited for these in vane. Nacher favors the Republikin party. There wuz no cut-worm, no frost, no hog cholera, no murrain, no nuthin. I hed some hope wunst, when I heerd the weevil and Hessian fly hed appeared in the wheat in Illinois, but my soul sank when the report wuz pronounced unfounded. The wheat is averaging 30 bushels to the akre; it is selling for a dollar or thereabouts, and the money paid for it is good, and the farmer is rejocln.

Wat wood does it do for me to go about howlin about hard times to a farmer with 30 bushels to the akre in his barns?

Wat good is it to howl about bad money, when the farmer kin hev gold and silver, ef he wants it, jist the same ez paper money?

Wat’s the yoose uv talkin about a change uv polisy when the people is all on a broad grin?

I hev only one more hope. There are seckshuns where corn is the prinsipal crop, and corn may yit be destroyed. A early frost in Southern Indiana might do us some good, but after the disappointment with the wheat I hev but faint hopes uv that. But ef there cood be a frost that wood kill the entire crop, and thus put up the price uv whiskey and side pork, I wood enrage that seckshun and enshoo that state for Tilden and reform.

But I hev no hope uv anythin. I am so yoost to disappointment that I shood be surprised at any sich streek uv luck. It don’t do no good for me to leen agin a lamp-post and swear that work can’t be had in conse-kence uv John Sherman’s reconstruckshen, for Joe Bigler jeers and asks when I ever did put in a stroke uv work anyhow? And wunst when I wuz declaimin agin the scarcity uv labor, he put me down by offerin me a dollar and a half a day to go out and hoe corn on a farm he hez, for which he coodent git labor enuff. To give us any hope uv success we must hev hard times, in ded earnist, and reel distress, and uv that I see no hope. Nacher is agin us, and who kin fight agin nacher?

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Distressed Financier.

MR. NASBY TAKES A LITTLE TURN THROUGH OHIO.

Pettusville, (Wich is in the State uv Ohio), Aug. 5, 1879.

I felt it my dooty to heed the Masedonian cry wich the Dimocrisy uv Ohio yelped, "Kum over and help us!" and I went, to do a little mishunry work in the Southern part uv the state, for that 'possell uv onlimitted money, and that harbinger uv good times, Gen’l Ewing. I wish I wuz back in the Corners, and shel git there jist ez soon ez the Sentral com-mittie lets me leev this most thoroughly discoursin kentry.

Ef the rest uv Ohio is anything like this seckshun, Ohio is gone up. Roolin is before Ohio, and the state is drivin full tilt onto it.

I met with no success at all, wich wuz not my fault, ez the condishuns are agin me. I wuz never so disappintid in my life, and I hope never to be so agin.

I expected to find a people ready to resseeve Dimekratic doctrine. I
expected to find a distress kentry filled with farmers bemoaning the hard times, and mechanics layin idle, with their families starvin. I expected to find a shoells, hatlis, coatlis community uv serfs, wich hed bin ground down by the money power till they wوذd be willin to receeve any promise uv a change with joy and gladness. I expected to see factrys silent and farms deserted, shops shut up, and only nashnel banks and sich open. I expectid to find pale men, weak-eyed with hunger, and pale-faced, despairing wimmen, starvin theirselves that they mite keep life into their angel habes.

I hed bin readin Democratic papers, yoo see, about the people bën around under foot, and I hied me to Ohio, with the most joyous antissipashens.

When I struck Pettusville it occurred to me that I must huv got into the wrong locality. I arrived in the nite, and I notist the landlord uv the hotel weighed suthin over two hundred, and his wife wuz suthin heavier, but that didn't affect me. In all strikly Democratic localities landlords git fat, no matter who else grows lean, wich they generally do. I turned in and hugged the idee to my buzum that I shoud huv easy work to do in that place.

The first thing I notist in the morning wuz a string uv teems a mile long—more or less—waitin to odnload wheat at the warehouse on the ralerode. The men onto the loads wuz about ez hale and harty a set uv fellers ez I ever seed. They wuzn't pale nor wan, nor nothin. They wuz hefty specimens, and lookit ez tho they hed hed three square meals a day all their lives.

To my horror I notist that the shops wuz all open and the mechanics all very hard at work, and that the three factories in the town hed torments uv smoke a bilin out uv their chimneys.

Beln entirely shoor I hed bin sent to the rite place, in spite uv these discouraging appearances, I approached a farmer wich hed sold his load and wuz jist a goin into a bank with his wife.

"My friend," sed I, "yoo are a victim uv the money power!"

"Wat!" wuz the reply, lookin ez tho he thot I wuz a escaped loonatic.

"Yoo are a serf, a bondman, and are held in the iron grip uv the bloated bond-holders, wich is a squeezin the life blood out uv yoo."

"Is they?" sed he. "I never thought uv that. But I kin beat em. I really haven't time to discuss the matter, for, yoo see, I'm goin to be a bonded bloat-holder myself. I huv jist sold my wheat, and I am goin to buy a bond or two. I want to be a aristocracy myself a while."

And he ellood me, leavin a button in my hand.

Repeatin the same remark to another, he meerely remarkt, "O, git out, yoo ass! Wheat 30 bushels to the acre and a dollar a bushel, gold. I want a great many years more uv this kind uv rooin. Where yoo frum, anyway?"

Abandonin the farmers in disgust, for I got the same anser from all uv em, I attemptid to git in my work on the distress mechanics wich must huv bin roolned by resumpshen, but my success wuzn't any better. I don't know but I coid huv convincin em that they wuz all roolned ef I hed hed a fair show, but the alarmin fact wuz they wuz all too bizzy to listen to me, for it happened to be pay-day. Every man uv em went out uv the ofifs with his money in full, and every man uv em declined to hear a word I sed.

It wuz in vane I urged that they wuz serfs, it wuz in vane that I
told em they wuz beln ground into the ground by the nashnel banks, it wuz in vane I told em resumption wood be their rooin, for every 'cussid one of em filed past me, and went and depositid their earnings in one of these 'cussid octopusses, the nashnel bank uv the place.

I can't understand what Ewing sent me to sich a place for, and I telegraphed him. The Dimecratic Central Commity ansered:

"Hold on awhile. A heavy frost may come in August and kill the corn, and fetch em to their senses. Then they will know wat Sherman has done for em. Suthin must be left to Providence."

And so I am sittin in the tavern watchin the thermometer. It is a corn kentry, and the farmers depend upon that crop for the heft uv their profits. Ef the Lord wood only take pity on the Dimocrisy and send a heavy frost, a regular black frost this month, I shood hev some show. It wood derange things and tear up matters to sich an extent that it wood give us a chance. But then the wheat crop wuz so heavy that I'm not shoor that even the totle destrucshen uv the corn crop wood save us. The hog cholera can't come soon 'enuff, and ez for cattle and horses, I never seed em so disgustingly healthy.

Still, I shel sit and watch the thermometer and cuss John Sherman, ez the Central Commity direx. It is is possible that some distress may come upon the kentry before October, tho reely I see no encurridgin signs.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Distrest Finanseer.

MR. NASBY GOES TO MISSISSIPPI.

Kemperville,
(Wich is in the State uv Mississippi),
Aug. 15, 1879.

I hedn't the pashense to wait at Pettusville, in Ohio, for a frost. The thermometer woodn't do nothin for me. Nite after nite I set up, till mornin, hopin for it to go down to the freezin pint, so that it wood destroy the corn, but it woodn't go down. I hoped for some sort uv a smash in the iron market, for some terrible distress to come upon the manufactur- ers and operatives—I prayed for defalcashens, for bankruptcies, for any- thing that wood make distress and make the people dissatisfied with the existin.condishen uv things, but nothin uv the kind happened. Labin men wuz all employed, their employers paid em promptly and in good money, and when I went onto the streets and howled agin hard times and Republicin misrool I wuz laft to skorn. I saw em gittin on so easy that I wuz temptid to quit Dimekratik polytix and go to work myself. But anshent habit prevailed, and I nipt that resolooshen in the bud.

Feelin that I must do something for Dimocrisy, I left for Mississippi, wich is a more promislin field, and got full uv the old-fashioned kind uv Dimocrisy onto wich I wuz weaned.

I am happy here. Here we hev the undilooted article. Here ther is distress in de airmist. Here the Dimocrisy hev no money, and never will hev, and I kin talk hard times with some effec.

My biznis sence I hev bin here is to assist in savin the county from the fell spirit uv disorganization. There is more niggers than white men here, and jist after the war a great many disorganizers from Ohio and Noo England settled in the county, puttin up saw mills and buyin large quantities uv land, and spendin money on improvements and sich. Not contentid with reversin the regler habits uv the kentry they insistid on takin part in polytix, and ez the niggers votid with em, they carried the
county several years after the war, and kept the Dimocorys groanin in spirit.

But at the last Presidenshel electshun the Dimocorys girde up its loins and refossed to submit to this infamous rool. It wuz determined to carry the county for Tilden and Reform, and the Republikin majority uv two thousand wuz changed to a Dimokratic majority uv about the same number. The Dimocrysy quit groanin and loaded ther shot-guns. It wuz a crisis, and it wuz boldly and cheerfully met. I do not know how many niggers wuz killed, for no akcount ever taken uv em, nor do I know how many uv their white abettors wuz permitted to leave the county, but ez it wuz boldly proclaimed that the freedom and purity uv the ballot-box wuz again to be maintained, even at the muzzle uv the shot-gun, the number must hev bin considerable. The nigger wuz offered the ballot, in akkordance with the amendment, with the condishn sternly insistid onto that it wuz to be the Dimokratic ballot without a scratch onto it. Very few uv them wuz abandoned enuff to offer ther votes, and, ez I remarkt, the Dimocrysy carried the county triumphantly for Tilden and Reform.

This yer the Dimocrysy met and nominated their tikkit. It wuz a good tikkit, and ther wuz no reason under heaven why any man, black or white, shood refoose to vote it. The candidates wuz all eligible. Every one uv em hed owned niggers afore the war, and every wun uv em hed served in the Confedrit army. I bleeve there wuzn't one on it that had been anything less than a captain, and one, the candidate for sheriff, hed participated in the glorious affair at Fort Pillow. All uv em hed bin active in ridding the country uv disturbers, Col. Sharkey, the candidate for sheriff, hevin killed, fust and last, a hundred niggers. His shot-gun wuz aluz shoor.

To our surprise a disturber named Thompson dissidentid from the akk when uv the convenshun. He wuz born in the county, but hed disgraced his state by being reconstructed, and actin with the radikels. He called a convenshun uv the “citizens,” and announst hisself ez a “independent” candidate for sheriff. Ez mite hev bin expected this aroused indignation in the county. Wuz this to be permitted? Never!

"I thought they wuz done with this nonsense," sed Col. Sharkey, "but they drive me to it."

And he wiped out his shot-gun, and laid in a stock uv buck-shot.

The Dimocory organized to prevent this outrage. Headid by Col. Sharkey, every man uv em, with his shot-gun in his hand and determinahen on his brow, marched to the hall where the disorganizers wuz in session. Tompson hed jist been nominated, and wuz makin a speech in wich he wuz urgin devoshun to the yoonyun and the laws. Col. Star key stopped him, remarkin that he hed suthin to say.

"Do yoo really and in ded arnist propose to be a candidate for sheriff?" he asked uv Tompson.

"Certinly I do," wuz the insolent reply. "In this free kentry anybody kin be a candidate whuh kin get a nominashen."

"My dooty is cleer," sed the intrepid Sharkey. "I am a law-abidin cit zen, and will hev nothin but law and order. Wat I am about to do is my own privit matter, tho It is in the intrest uv the masses. Law and order must be maintained. Mr. Tompson, I give you jest five minuts to git offen that platform, resine your candidacy and disperse this unlawful meetin."

"Can't a citizen uv Mississippi hold meetings and vote ez he pleases?" demanded the insolent Thompson.
"To vote ez one pleases is a hevlin-born rite," ansered Col. Starkey, "but one must please to vote the Dimekratic tickit. The safety uv the ken-
try demands this triflin concession. Every Northern agitator, and every
nigger radikel in this hall hez that liberty. Mr. Tompson, your time is
neerly up, and I never waste words."

He cockt his shot-gun.

"I shel stay ez long ez I please, and shell be a candidate—"

The mixzable man didn’t finish the sentence. The five minits wuz not
quite up, but Col. Sharkey saw there wuz no yooz uv argoon with him,
and his shot-gun ansered. Tompson fell on the platform a corpse. Then
Col. Sharkey, re-loadin the barrel, giv notis to the white men in the hall
that they must leev the county in 24 hours or take the consekwences, and
that the niggers must git to their respective homes to-wunst, and his
faithful followers left the hall.

Arrivin at Liberty hall, the Dimekratic hedquarters, Col. Sharkey askt
us to halt.

"The law must be observed," he sed. "I hev killed a man. Very well
I will anser for it. I am a law-abidin citizen. This matter must be inves-
tigatid, and the courts pass upon it. It may be that I wuz wrong. We
will go to the magistrate."

Fortunately, Square Gusher, a justis uv the peace, wuz in.

"I wish to deliver myself up," sed Col. Sharkey.

"Wat hez happened?" askt the squire, takin his pipe out uv his
mouth, and settin up a demijohn.

"I hev killed a man," replied Sh rkey.

"Is that all?" sed Gusher. "Who wuz he? He is a wuz, ef you drawd
on him," he remarkt, complimentin the kernel’s skill.

"Tompson, the Ohio disorganizer, who wuz a runnin for sheriff. I
killed him, and must anser for it."

"Killin," sed the square, "is a serus matter, but ther are times when
a man is justifid In drorin his weepin. Tompson wuz a disorganizer, and
doubtis yoo hed provcashen. The court holds the killin uv sich entire-
ly justifiable, and yoo will not be detained. Take another drink, Cunnel."

"Let it be remembered," sed Sharkey, "that I hev observed the law
I killed a man—I cum here voluntarily and delivered myself up. The
court hez honorably acquitted me, and I am a free man. I coodent hev
slept soundly to-night without payin this homage to law. Wat is freedom
without law?"

A posse wuz at once detailed to see that the obnoxious disturbers did
actooally leev that nite, and that they mite hev no reason for stayin
ther mills wuz burnt, and their houses raided. We sot their wimmens
and children out into the nite, and divided ther household goods among the
faithful ez needed em.

We shel not be troubled with these disturbers any more, and the coun-
ty will hev that yoonity so much to be desired. In consekwence uv his
prompt ackshun, Col. Sharkey will be yoonanimusly electid, and we shel
be the banner Democratic county uv the state.

I enjoy livin here very much. The soil is rich, and there is excellent
facilties for manufacturin. All we want is populashen and capitle. The
citizens wood be glad to hev Northern capitalists uv the rite kind come
here and locate and develop the kentry. We want men whch woodent de-
sire to interfere in polityix, and such wood be allowed to remain here
unmolested. The citizens, ez wuz demonstrated by Col. Sharkey’s givin
hisself up after the shootin uv Thompson, is great sticklers for observin the law. After killin a man the shivelry alluz goes afore a justis and is acquitted in doo legal form. Ther never hez bin a white man hung for killin in the county, 'ceptin one, a mudsill, wich shot a native for orderin him not to vote on eleckshun day. The rite kind uv men, with capitle, cood do a great deal towards bildin up the country, and that's wat we want. But they must be considrit, and very keerful about any attempts to break up the Dimocratic party, thus invitin trouble. I ain't shoor but that I shell remane here.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Law Abidin).

MR. NASBY EN ROUTE.

On the Road
From Loolsville to Cincinnati,
Sept, 1, 1879.

I wrote, In the cars, my noshuns uv the eggistin sitooashun, but gittin out to take a drink and brace up my Dimocrisy (Dimocrisy needs a heep uv bracin up, jist now), sum onmitigated miscreant stole em. They wuz gone when I returned, and yoo won't git em.

But this is the substance uv wat I sed. Wat the South wants now is to be let alone. The South wants to be considered ez individule states, and not ez parts uv a nashen. The South insists that she hez the rite to secede, the same ez she alluz hed, and that the late war didn't settle nuthin only that the North hed more men than the South, and cood do more fitin to the square mile. That wuz all. We are just ez we wuz afore the onpleasantnis commenst, and are prepared, now ez then, to take charge uv the government wich we purpoze to do. We are willin the Northern Dimocrisy shel hev the offises that belong to em, but sich ez are necessary to be yoosed in formin polisies and sich, we must controle. In short, We are the government. Next week I shell elaborate these ideas, and present em in conseketive shape.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, States Rites.

MR. NASBY ON DEMOCRATIC METHODS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
September 8, 1879.

I never wuz so impressed with the sooperiority uv the Southern mind over the Northern ez I hev bin sence readin the account uv the killin uv Dixon by Barkdale. There is several ways uv doin the same thing, and the wise man alluz takes the shortest and most direct.

I wuz in Noo York doorin the rane uv the great Tweed, and am not too proud to say that I wuz a recipient uv his bounty. In fact the only sense uv hoomilishen I hev is that I didn't git more uv it, and that doorin that golden era I didn't git enuff to smooth my pathway to the toom. I shood hev pervided enuff, the incum uv wich wood hev furnished me with my likker for life, trustin to a confidin public and the onsartin resources uv chance for my board and cloze. But I didn't, and am sufferin in my old age in consekeunce uv my thotlisnis.

Tweed hed his own way uv controllin his party. It wuz simple and direct but very expensive and bothersome. When a Dimmekrat kicked out uv the traces, and set up for hisself, the great Tweed simply bot him up. It wuz a question uv how much money he wantd, and that sum, bl;
or little, he got, and got it to-wunst. The words that wuz ofte best in Tweed’s mouth wuz, “How much?” and ef the man wuz wuth it he got it and no questions askt.

I made a very nice thing uv It in the latter days uv that great statesman, by bustin out in rebellion at ward meetings and being paid for quiet in down.

In the South the statesmen uv the Dimekromatic party hes other methods wich are still more simple and direct. They don’t buy rebellious Dem ocrats, for the suffishent reason that until the Suthern war clames are paid by the Fedrel government and Southern soljers are penshund, they ain’t got no money to buy with. Perhaps when that Pactollan stream shel flow over the kentry, they will lose the Spartan simplicity that characterizes uv em now, and becom ez corrupt ez Tweed, but they are willin to risk it.

However poor a Suthern statesman may be, he is never too poor to own a double-barreled shot-gun, and to buy a charge uv powder and buck-shot. With this, their outfit is complete, and they hev all the persuaders they want. Now let a Dimokrat kick, or let a man run ez an Independent, ez Dixon wuz a goin to. They don’t go to him with money, or offers of place or preferment ez Tweed did. They don’t send committees to reason with him, nor do they hold jint discussions with him. No indeed. The Central committee merely meets and resolves that he is an incenjary and a disturber. He is then expectid to pack up his traps and git. Possibly he may be a bold, recklis man and won’t git. Then his fate is onto his own head. They don’t like to do it, but a stern sense uv dooty impels em.

The best shot with a shot-gun wipes out his gun, lookin admirinly at the notches on the stock that mark the number uv incenjarles and disturb ers that it hez removed, and loads both barrels carefully with buckshot. He takes a drink or two more than yoosual, to stiddy his nerves, and walks camly out, and gits behind the corner uv the grocery to wich he knows the disturber will come for his regler sustainer. Cockin the gun, he camly awaits his approach.

The wretched man comes santerin along. Uv course he knows that he is to be gone for, ef he hez lived In the kentry any time at all, but he never knows from wat quarter the shivelrus shot is to be fired. He is about to enter the door when the fatal shot is heard, and he falls to the earth, a corpse.

The shivelry after seen in that the incénjary is dead goes camly to the nearest justis uv the peece, the other nominees on the regler tikkit go his bale, the court and bondsmen go and tak suthin, and it is done. The kentry is saved once more, and there is no further opposishun to the Dim ocrisy in that county.

There is many pints in favor uv the Southern method. Ef yoo buy a man ez Tweed did, he is perpetoally expectin to be bot over and over. A man with a charge uv buckshot thro his livver ain’t a gittin up to hev more charges uv buckshot put thro him, but he is finished, and the job is completed to wunst. The harmony in the party perdoosed by this heroic treatment is final and lastin, so fur ez this world is concerned.

Loaded with lead, and fairly under ground, a man aint wuth very much ez a organizer uv opposishen.

I do approve uv Tweed’s yoose uv likker ez a politike forse in polly-tix, but that wood be impossible in Mississippi. In Noo York likker is looked upon ez a luxury—in Mississippi ez a necessity. Besides, ez we don’t
pay tax on any that we manufakter, it is too cheap to be really a means
uv infloecins votes. In Noo York, it wuz 10 cents a drink, it wuz suthin
to hev a candidate to pay for it. Down here, wher it is only about that
much a gallon, and a jug uv it can be found in the humblist cabin, it is
not so much of a objik.

There is no doubt that the South hez a politikle system eggsackly
adapted to it. The shot gun is the reel power in the land, and ez long
ez we kin hold the kentry free from the contaminashen uv skoolz and sikh
it alluz will be.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Reel Dimekrat).

HOW TO CONDUCT JOINT DISCUSSIONS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
September 22, 1879.

The next election is liable to be eggstremely eggsckitin, and there shood
be in the South a unity uv ackshen and a uniformity uv meens to be yoosed
that our success may be ashoor. We must hev a solid South, that the
votes uv the states now groanin under Federal despotism may be threwed
for a candidate wich will recognize the fact that the South hez rites, and
is reddy to maintain em.

In all jint discussions in the Southern states these rools shood be ob-
served:

1. When a radikel shows a desire to discuss, the rifle shood never be
yoose. The revolver is better, for there are six loads in a navy, and the
second may accomplish what the first failed to do. But the shot-gun is the
proper weepin, for shot scatters, and no matter how shaky a shivelry's
hand may be, the tother discusser can't get out uv range uv a charge uv
shot.

2. Never depend upon a single-barrelled gun. It may take two charges
to finish a obnoxious discusser.

3. Alluz yoose the old-fashioncd muzzle-loader. The cartridges that yoo
hev to yoose with the breech loader are loaded with small shot, wich won't
alluz do. And besides the breech-loader is a Yankee weepin, and no troo
Southerner will yoose anything uv Yankee make, onless he kin git it on
credit.

4. Load with a heavy charge uv buckshot, and alluz put in two or
three slugs. Slugs is more convincin than buckshot, ez they tear a bigger
hole.

5. Alluz aim at the button on the back uv the coat. The charge then
penetrates the kidneys and liver, and the disturber dies on the spot. It
is croecity to prolong their sufferins.

6. Be keerful to observe the law. The moment the disturber quits
kickin, go afore the nearest justis uv the peeace and deliver yourself up.
He will immejitly admit yoo to bale, and the infamus charge that the
Southern citizen is not law-abidin will be disproved.

7. Free speech is the bulwark uv our civilizashen, and everybody must
enjoy it, but ez disturbers can't be allowed, let it be understood that only
Dimekrats kin enjoy that privilege. Meetings uv radikels, bein incenjary,
must be sternly suppresed.

8. A speeker shood never be shot while on the stand. Lay for him
when he hez got through. It will be found that after a few uv em hev
bin silenced, none will vencher on it.
9. Nigger meeting houses and Sunday skools cannot be permitted ez they are the hot-beds uv radikelism. One Methodist preacher will offset the good work uv a dozen groceries.

10. Postmasters shood see to it that no radikel papers are permitted to be cirkelalid. Noosepapers is a noosance, and ef the radikels are per- ventid from taken em, they will be entirely supprest in our seekshun, ez the troo Dimocrat don't take em at all. The less noosepaper the better Dimocrat.

There are other things that mite be recommended, but ef these is fol- lowed out ther is no doubt uv a glorious Dimekratik victory next yeer. With Tildens barl in the North and the shot gun in the South, we kin elect the next President. May the Lord favor us.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Dimekratik Organizer.

MR. NASBY ON THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
October 3, 1879.

The sfnes uv the times is agin us. Democrisy hez bin thro a great deal since I have bn a ornament to that organizashen, but it wuz never in a cussid condishn ez now. And yit it never stood on sich a firm groundashen, and never hed so many clames upon the peple ez it hez now. Yit never wuz so secorlly ankered, and at no time in its histry ought it to hev fuller swing, and be glorified.

Think uv it. The South, wich is the Dimocrisy, is all safe back Into the Yoonyun. We didn't want to come back, for we hed set up a concern uv our own. The Northern Democracy acknowledged the justis uv our goin out, and assistid us to go all that they coud. Sum uv em did acctoally shouder muskits to help us, and them wich didn't go theirselves did us more good by stayin at home and keepin up a fire in the rear, wich wuz better, ez them fellows woodent hev bin wuth a cuss ez soljers any- how. At that time the Dimocrisy uv the South controlled the Democratic party, and wuz the party, in fact.

Owin to the perversity uv the North, we didn't go out. We wuz whipped back, and our plans came to naught. Wat then? We consentid to take our old place ez states in the Yoonyun, and conseketly our old posishen in the Democratic party, and the Northern Dimocrisy is ez be- fore, merely auxillary to us. The Dimocrisy uv the North shood realize the fact that its place is to do our biddin, and obey us in all things, humbly, and with the respect that they owe a sooperior race.

Wat we insist upon is that the Northern Dimocrisy throw off all disguise, set aside all nonsense, and come out manfully and indorse these propisishens:

1. That the war bein over and the South bein restored to its old pos- lishen, everything must be sot back jist where it wuz at the commence- ment uv the unfortunit difference.

2. That inasmuch ez the South is back again, and the hull biznis is 'settled, the Southern soljer must stand on the same footin with the Northern soljer, only a little more so, ez the Southern soljer hez not the consolas- shen uv victory to brace up onto. Wat I mean is that while we admit both sides wuz rite (we don't believe it tho), the late war shell be countid ez nothin, and all soljers wich fought, no matter under which flag, shell be countid ez soljers uv our common kentry, and be treated percisely alilke.
8. This bein admitted, uv course the Southern soljer must be penshun the same ez the Northern soljer. Ez I sed before, hevin to bear the igno-miny uv defeet, the Southern soljer shood hev a bigger penshun, but we are magnaminus, and will be satisfiled with the same.

4. Inasmuch as when a man furnished supplies to the Fedrel army he wuz paid for it, the man wich furnisht supplies to the Confedrit army shood be paid likewise, now that we are reconciled. Likewise, when a man's property wuz destroyed by the Confedrit armies he wuz paid for it, so the property destroyed by Fedrel armies shood be paid for, down to the last fence-rail and sweet-potato. Ez most uv the property destroyed wuz Confedrit, we hev rather the bulge on the North in this item. We uv the Cross Roads is interestid in this, for John Morgan's command raidid thro there a dozen times, and left devestashen in their track. He left nary a chicken, mule, or barl uv whisky behind him. That old saint, Deekin Morgan, must hev his pathway to the tomb smoothed by payment for his one mule, or ther is no jestis in man.

5. We want a pcee that shel be eternal. We want olive branches and money. We uv the South will extend the olive branches, and yoo uv the North must extend the money. We hev olive branches by the cord and so money, and vice versa, wich means tother ways.

6. The government is to be a paternal one for the purpose uv payin these clames, and buildin our ralerodes and ship canals, but for nuthin else. It is a nashen for that and a confedrashen uv sovrin states for everything else. By comin back into the Yoonyun we did not give up our vote to secede whenever we want to, and it wood be croeel to ask us. We wuz overpowered, but broot forse don't change a eternal prinsiple. This must be understood, and the Dimocrisy uv the North must put it into all their platforms, immejit.

7. The niggers must be left to us without interference from any source. We shel not probably redeose em again to their normel condishen uv servitood, and ez a matter uv form we are willin they shood vote, divided alluz they vote with us. That is essential to the continyood prosperitty uv the South, and ez the whites uv the South is all that kin be considered, we must insist upon this. The whites uv the South must hev nigger laber, and on sich terms ez the whites uv the South sees fit to make.

8. We extend the rite hand uv fellowship to sich Northerners ez choose to come South with capitle to build up our kentry, but they must not make disturbers uv theirselves. They must not expect to be welcomed into our first society, nor must they take any part in pollytix. Like the niggers, they may vote, ef they vote with us, but not otherwise. We are a proud people, and cant recognize ez our ekals any family wich hez not at sum pe- riod in its histry owned niggers.

Ef the Northern Dimocrisy want us they know the terms. We are willin they shel sugar-cote it ez much ez they choose, but it must be under- stood that no matter wat perfeshns may be made afore eleckshuns, these things are to be done when we git the ranes in our own hands. We are the controllin race and evenshelly must be considered. I shel recur to this subjik agin, ez the noosepapers say.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, State-Rite Dimocrat.
MR. NASBY HEARS FROM OHIO.

Confedrit X Roads,

(Wich Is in the State uv Kentucky),

October 15, 1879.

Ohio hez gone distractid. Insted uv electin Ewin, and makin soft money secoor, that cussid Foster hez kerried the state by a majority wic we hed no idee uv, and to make the inatter wuss, the legislacher hez gone agin us, and the return uv that saint, Thurman, is one uv the things that ain't to be thot uv. Ohio is gone, and wat we dependid on is gone also. We hoped to bring Ohio into the ranks ez a soft money inflashen state, to help the Confedrit Cross Roads to get into that prosperity wich it hez so long desired. But Ohio is gone. Ewin, the champion of soft money and the embodiment uv the idea that all yoo hev to do to make money is to print it, is berried under a majority uv suthin like forty thousand, and the Greenback party is faded into nothin where we expected a great deal from it. Sich is life! Wher we expeck the most we get the least, and help comes ofteonest from where we don't expeck nothin.

We uv Kentucky hev but one hope now. That hope is Gen. Butler, of Massychoosits. Ef he kln git that state to elect him on the inflashen ticket, we kln git enuff holt on the public to make some headway for anoter campane.

Butler hez suthin to go on, wich he didn't hev in Ohio. In Ohio the crops wuz all good, and the people wuz prosperous. Ther wuz no frost to kill the corn, and ther wuz no murrin among the cattle. But in Massychoosits ther hez bin lots uv defalcashens, and consequent distress. Butler will make the most uv this. Every cashier that hez stole the money uv his corporashen, and got away with the plunder, will be charged up to the Republikin party, and Benjamin will charge it all to John Sherman and the present policy.

Ef ther is a few more defalcashens in Fall River, I feel tolerably shoor that Butler will be electid. Down here in the Corners we prayed for a frost that wood kill the corn in Ohio—we never go to sleep now without prayin for more defalcashens in Massychoosits. Dimocrisy kln hope for nothin onless there is distress. Prosperity and Dimocrisy don't hitch at all. Wat we want is suthin solid In the way uv distress that will make people clamor for a change.

The eyes uv Kentucky is onto Butler. To Butler, the only aggressiveliky wicked man in the nashen, Kentucky looks appellinly. The great Butler is makin the only greenback fite that is worthy uv the name, and makin that fight in the very face uv the bloatid bond-holders uv Noo England, wich is pizen. We uv the Cross Roads hev forgiven Butler. We are magnanimus. We hev forgiven that he er drewd his sword agin the Confedercy. (So fur ez effeks went we hevn't much to forgive, wich makes the task easy.) We hev forgiven him for his brootality in freelin our niggers, and we forgive him for whatever aid he wuz to the radikels at the various times he hez acted with them. Inasmuch ez he aluz did em more harm than good, we overlook all that and take him to our buzzum.

For Gen. Butler is doin the work that the Corners most need. Butler is the champion uv inflashen, and the only man left wich is actilly makin a serious fite in favor uv unlimited greenbax.

We uv the Corners say hall and God speed to the great Greenbacker. We pray for him in the mornin, we drink to him doorin the day, and in the shades uv the evenin the Corners is intoxlcated drinkin his health.
Wat the Corners wants is more money. The Corners never hed enuff sence the war. Afore the war, when we hed niggers to do our work, and could sell the surplus stock South, we could by encouragin breedin, git along very well. We managed to hev enuff to feed and clothe us, and to bet on quarter races, and to Indulge in draw poker to our hart's content. In those days Bascom's wuz a paradise. The bar in front wuz filled with gentlemen takin ther tods, and the back room wuz crowded with the citizens playin draw poker and other games incidental to a high state uv civilizashen. I wunst knowed Deekin Pogrom to lose wat money he hed, and then rather than retire, stake Libby and Sary, two uv his nigger gals, and sed to be his dawters, wich wuz likely, ez they hed the Pogrom nose, on two pair, and when he lost em, he see em druv off South without a pang. Ez he remaarkt on that occasshun, "wat diffrence is it? Ther is more a comin."

It wuz a thrillin site. The Deekin wuz playin with Slippery Jim Ted-son, and hed lost ever dollar he hed in the world, and also his watch and his double-barrelled shot-gun. Slipry Jim sat ther sardonic, restin sekoor on the solid foundashen uv four aces. The good Deekeln hed three kings and two queens, wich any chrischen wood consider good enuff to put a mortgage onto his house for.

Slipry Jim bet $20, and asked the good Deekin wat he wuz a goin to do about it.

"I see it," sed the good old man, "and go ye fifty better."

"Wher's yer stuff?" asked Jim. "You kno, Deekin, I never make mauh bets."

"Look here, Jim," sed the Deekin, "I ain't got no more money handy, but ye know them two gals, Libby and Sary. Ther aint two more likely gals in the Corners, and in Noo Orleens they is wuth three thousand dollars ef they is a cent. I'll count them gals at that money and check again em."

"All rite," sed Jim, and at it they went. Jim saw the Deekin's raise and went a hundred better, and the Deekin, full of faith in his king ful, kep on bettin till the gals wuz all in the pot.

Then cum the show down, and ez four aces alluz lays over a king full, Slipery Jim raked in the gals.

The Deekin is a gentleman, and exceedinly punctilus, and when he saw he wuz beet he sent for the gals. Ther mother cum with em and made a fuss about ther bein lost at a game uv poker and bein separated from em, and intimatad that no decent man wood gamble off his own flesh and blood wich Jim resentid by knockin her down, and hustlin her out uv doors The Deekin made out the bill uv sale, and Jim took the gals away, and they wuz never seen more in that seckshun. Jim sold em in Noo Orleens to two young aristocrats for $4,000, wich the good Deekin esteemed ez a personal compliment to his self. He wuz vexed, however, when the mother committed suicide, wich made him lose three niggers on that one hand.

The Deekin hezn't that resorce any more. He loves a quiet game uv poker jist ez well ez ever, but alas! in his declinin yeers he hezn't any uv his own children to stake on a king full. He hez got down to the ignominity uv playin penny ante, and that indulgence is altogether too infre- kent.

The niggers is workin, not for us, but for themselves. Ther are a dozen uv Deekin Pogrom's posterity wich are livin in comfort. wile the
Deekin hez not about him the price uv a drink. We hev land, but hev no labor to work it, and consequently Bascom hez hed to furnish likker on credit, and this hez gone on till he hez a mortgage on every foot uv land owned by white men within ten miles uv the Corners.

Our only relief is in more currency, and that is why we hall Gen. Butler ez our patron saint. Ef the government wood ishoo a few hundred thousand dollars uv greenbax, redeemable in nothin, we cood git out. That money wood get into cirkelashen, it wood encourridge traffic, it wood git down to us, it wood be so plenty that it woodent be worth nothin except to pay debts with, wich is wat we want. It wood emansipate us from Bascom.

How? Easy enuff. Deekin Pogram hez six hundred and forty akers uv land, wich is mortgaged to Bascom for the likker he hez consoomed sence the war, say for five thousand dollars. That land wood sell now for jist about the mortgage, and levee the Deekin out onto the mercies uv a cold world. But suppose the government shood ishoo a hundred mil-yuns, or a thousand mil-yuns—we don't keer wich—and shood pay it out for all sorts uv slack-watrin, and Pacific ralerodes, and custom-houses, and lend it to all sorts uv people on no sekoority whatver, akkordin to our nations uv kercreat finance, wat wood happen? The Corners wood be inure-dated with money, the good Deekin's land wood go up to a thousand dol-lars a aker, and all the Deekin wood hev to do wood be to sell five akers and go to Bascom with his five thousand uv flat money, and be released from his wuss than Egyptian thraldom. Five akers, more or less, would make no difference to the Deekin, for he never works any uv it, anyway.

Wood it effeck Bascom? Not at all. Uv course he wood put up the price uv drinks from the beggarly five cents he gets now to a dollar, or five for five dollars, and he wood be ez well off ez he is now. It wood work happinis all around, ez long ez it lasted, wich wood be till we got out uv debt. The next generation mite suffer sum inconvenience, but I ain't livin for the next generation. The next generashun never did nothin for me, and beside the next generashun kin repudiate ef they don't want to pay.

Gen. Butler must be to us, In this day and generashun wat the niggers wuz afore the war. He must take the place uv them niggers and furnish us funds. The Cross Roads holds out its hands to Butler and demands uv him releef.

Greenbax we must have. We want enuff uv em to slack water Seces-sion Run, to make it navigable in the winter, and to provide for pumpin' wells on its banks to make it navigable in the summer. We want a cus-tom house and postoffis here. Jest ishoo the greenbax and we will sejest ways enuff to git em into cirkelashen.

Go on, Butler, and kerry Massychoosits! The eyes uv the South is onto yoo. Sittin' at Bascom's without the price uv the most modest quencher, we pray for your success. The entire South is prayin for your success.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Greenbacker.

MR. NASBY HEARS FROM TWO OTHER STATES.

Confedrit X Roads, (Wich is in the State uv Kentucky), November 10, 1879.

Any one with half a eye wich wood gaze onto my classicle face wood know that I hed herd from Massychoosits and Noo York. Any one wood
also know that the Corners hed heerd from them states, ef they wood
gather in Bascom's for a minit. There is a settled gloom pervadin the fee-
chers uv the regler sitsers wich is distressin—that gloom wich kin only
come from a disaster uv gigantic proporshens. Sich a disaster is onto
us, and we feel it.

The day afore the eleckshun all wuz joy and happins. We
shed "we shel kerry Noo York, and that settles the
Presidenshul eleckshun next year. With a Dimekratic President and a
Dimekratic Congris we shel hev controle uv this government. We shelf hev
the mere workin grubworms uv the North where they ought to be,
under the feet uv the shivelry uv the South. We shel to wunst
ault into the place we okkeped afore the war,
when we commandid and the North obeyed. Thus will the pride that
ills every Southern heart be gratified."

"But this is not all. Stumicks is ez necessary to be filled ez hearts,
and this victory will be one for the stumpick ez well ez heart. We shel hev
approprilashens, we shel hev the Southern debt paid, we shel hev the Southern
war claims paid, we shel hev custom housis and postoffises built, we
shel hev Secession Crick slack-watered, and the Cross Roads & Secession-
ville railroad construcid at the expense uv the government (wich for
ich purposes is a nashen), we shel hev money paid by the mere trade in
mechanics uv the North flowin throo the South, like the Nile when its
banks is overflowed, enrichin every inch uv our territory. We shel hev
the consent uv the Northern end uv the party to re-enslave the nigger
as some form, and we shel hev no Fedrel bayonits to interfere when we
want to git shet uv a Northern settlement."

This sed we wun to another.

Massychoosits wuz to hev given us wat we yearn fur, jist ez much on-
limited currency—troo Suthern currency wich the man yoo owe hez got
to take, and wich hez no earthly provishun for redemshun, wich we con-
sider jist ez good ez buyin goods on credit in Noo York, every bit. We
wuz a goin to hev Massychoosits, thro Butler, set the printin presses a
oin, and hev prosperity speed by steam. Then we shed hev emancipated
ourselfs from the iron grasp uv Bascom by payin him off in flat money,
and shed hev started fresh with him and so long as the government wood
print, shed go on a cash basis, wich we wuz alluz willin to do ef we cood
only hev hed the money.

Our hopes is dashed. Noo York Insults the South by electin Cornell,
and Massychoosits dashes the cup that wuz jist at our lips, by berrin
Butler. The Republikins hev swept everything, and with their success
down we go. Ther will be a Republikin President to veto wat our Congris
may do, and before we kin git another there will be a Republikin Congris
to grind us into the dust.

Deekin Pogram is nearli hart-broken. "I shel go down to my grave,"
sed that sufferin saint to me, yisterday, tears a chasin each other in rapid
sccession down his venerable cheeks, each makin its little furrow ez it
went. "I shel go down to my grave without ever wallopin a nigger agin,
and I shel never eat the produx uv ther accesсид hands. My clame for the
two hundred constructive mules John Morgan stole uv me will never be
paid, and next spring I shel hev to put in a crop uv corn with these hands
wich wuz never attooned to labor. And Bascom will foreclose his mort-
gage, and I shel be turned out to starve, a melancholy sample uv the rooin
used by an unholy war. It is too much."
The Deekin's remark about two hundred constructive mules needs explained. John Morgan really took from the Deekin's farm one mule and a sorrel mare. The Deekin put in a claim for two hundred mules on this basis, viz.: the mare wood probably, hev hed a colt next year, and that colt wood hev hed one the year after, and so on. Doublin them up in that way, like the sum in the arithmetic about the hoss nails, the Deekin felt that he wuz entitled to pay for at least two hundred, and wuz seriusly contemplatin filin a supplemental claim for a hundred more, when it looked ez tho we wuz goin to sweep the North.

But now the old man's hopes is prostratid, and he goes about ez one without hope.

"The radikels will never pay for the mules, there never will be a rale-road blit thro my farm, and w ain't a goin to hev a influx uv flat money. Ther ain't nothin left for me but to lay down and die, for I am too proud to work, and ther ain't nobody round here to beg from."

We do it better in Mississippi. Ther the Dimocrisy know how to carry eleckshuns. We hev carrid Yazoo county by increest majorities. Ever sence the last barrel uv powder, with shot agreeable, wuz sent down ther, ther hez bin a regler lessenin uv the Republikin vote, and the trade in tomb-stuns wood hev bin tremendousl increest, ef the survivors hed hef the temerity to stay long enuff to put up monuments to ther dead. But wat kin Mississippi do alone? We feel good at hevin that refuge from the storm, but it ain't enuff to do us any practikel good. Zach Chandler's death is suthin, but both these Dimocratic ganes won't save us.

The jig is up. We hev nothin new to hope. Ef we hed spose a solid South wood hev made a solid North, we mite hev kept our hands off till we wuz more sekooly fixed in the saddle, but we did wat we did, and spose we shel hev to abide the conseksenes, terrible ez they are. But who wood hev bleeved that a North hed so much back bone? Possibly they ain't serfs after all. I kin stand it. A few years more uv borrenin, a yeers more uv finanshel skirmishin around bar-rooms, and I shel go hence. Then wat difference will it make to me, who is President, or who hez the Congris? A dissappintid life will hev a fittin endin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Disconsolate.

ON THE BLINDNESS OF THE NORTH.

Pittsburg,
(Wich is in the State uv Pennslyvany),
Dec. 13, 1879.

We wuz a sittin in Bascom's one nite last week, Deekin Pogram, Issaker Gavitt and me, lamentin over the condishn uv the kentry, wich hez bin our principle biznis for this many a weary day. We felt that we wuz roolin. Ez ther wuz no way uv compellin the niggers settled here to do our work, ez in the good old times, ther hed bin no crops got in last summer, and ez the government refozed to ishoo greenbax in onlimitid quantities and spend the same on the system uv internal improvements wich the Corners so earnestly desire, Bascom's pashense becum exhaustid, and for two weeks he hez croeelly refoozed us credit for likker, and all we hev had is sich ez the proceeds uv the Deekin's double-barreled shot-gun wood bring. He sighed ez he sold it, but when he thot thet niggers to kill were growin skeree, he wuz reconcieled.

"I kin git on without a shot-gun," he sed, "but without likker, never."
I promptly borred the half uv the price uv him, and in that way am keepin sole and body together.

I migratid over into Ohio that I mite gloat over the distress wic the polisy uv the radikels hed brot onto em, and see whether or no the people hed bin cured uv their Insanity, and wuz ready to return to the Dimekratic fold and submit themselves wunst more to the rool uv their material controllers, the South.

Columbus wuz the first pint I struck in the rooined state, and I hap'ened to git there the day the butcher Grant arrived.

I can't say I notist any pertikeler signs uv the rooin I wuz seekin. The blast furnishes wuz all in full blaze, and the smoke, in torment to Dimekratic soles, wuz assistin to Hevin in scores uv chimneys. The street wuz crowded with people, and not a sole uv em seemed to realize that they wuz wirthin under the heel uv a finanshel despotism. Trains uv ears wuz a runnin in every direckshun loaded down with people, all uv em in good clothes, and ez I rode along (in a cattle car, wich I took for reasons uv a pekooniary nacher), I notist great stacks of hay, and rich, tat cattle by the thousand, and houses with the sidin all tightly nailed, and no glass out uv the winders. At one stashen I heerd one man ask another to take suthin, and the man paid for it, suthin that hezn't ok-kurred at the Corners for years.

All along the route it wuz the same, and in this city it is even wuss. I never wuz so discurredged in my life—never so utterly cast down. The furnaces are all runnin on full time, the heavens is clouded with smoke, the glass factries is hevin all they kin do, the coal miners is all employed, and ther ain't the slitest prospeck uv any riots or bloodshed. When I remarked to a workman how he liked his chanes, he answered, "Very well, I thank yoo," and lookin at me ez tho he thot I wuz an escaped loonatic, went_on with his work.

"Do yoo know yoo are rooined?" I shreeked. "Are yoo aware that yoo are groapin under a odious oppreshun, and are the victim uv grindin despotism? Wat do yoo mean by stayin here and workin instid uv going out a holdin mass meetins and resolvin never to submit, and burnin down shops and tearin up rails and sich? Are yoo a man?"

The besotted serf simply remarkt that ef I didn't get out of this he wood show me whether he wuz a man or not, and droppin a piece uv hot iron on my foot, jest wher the boot wuz broken, turned away whistln.

We may ez well make up our minds to the eleckshun uv another radikel in 1889. We hev no captitl to go on. The winter wheat looks ez tho ther wuz a goin to be anuther cussid big crop, and ther is a good market for all that kin be raised. The price uv manufaktered goods is up so that proprietors and men are both well paid, and ther ain't a goin to be no more riots or public disturbaces uv any kind. The farmers are all satisfied, the mechanics ditto, and they are a goin on clankin ther chanes happily. Wat kin Dimocrisy do when ther aint no distress?

There is no hope for the Dimocrisy, and I mite ez well get my ascent-shun robes ready.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Disgusted).
MR. NASBY'S PILGRIMAGE TO MAIN.

Augusta,
(Wich is in the State uv Maine)
Jan. 6, 1879.

We hev got em.
Ther ain't no doubt uv it.
For neetns uv idee and facility uv execooshen the Maine plan lays all
over the Noo York repeetin noshun, and is ez much sooperior to the Mis-
issippi idee ez daylite is to darknis.

Maine is to Mississippi ez a piano is to a jewsharp.
Between the Maine plan and the Noo York plan uv repeetin ther ain't
no more comparison than there is between the Noo York Central railrods
and a Kentucky corduroy.

The trouble about the Mississippi plan uv carryin the state for the
Dimocrisy is yoo hev to waste a good deal uv uv money in powder and shot.
and there is suthin not altogether pleasant in shootin a radikel. His wife
and dawters alluz make a fuss that is unpleasant, onless the bystanders
are suffisently full to be entirely oblivious, wich, in the very nacher uv
things can't be, for a man full nuff uv sod-corn whiskey not to feel sum
sort uv pity* for a weepin woman coodent hev the nerve to shoot her hus-
band at all. A slobberin woman isn't a agreeable object, even to a citi-
zen uv Yazoo.

The Noo York plan uv carryin a eleckshun is open to the objeckshun
uv expense. The average Irishman will hev so much likker and so much
money for every time he repeats, and his leader hez got to be seen and
he must hev his whack with the rest. To keery a Dimekratik majority
in the city uv Noo York suffisent to drown out the rest uv the state is a
expensive and troublesome thing.

But the kerryin uv Maine for the Dimocrisy, agin a Republikin ma-
jority, wuz no trouble at all, and no expense or bother. All Governor Gar-
celon did wuz to let the people vote. He did not shoot Republikins, ez we
do in Mississipp, or buy Irish, ez we do in Noo York. There wuz no in-
terference with the freedom uv the poles—every man votid wich hed a rite
to. Nothin cood be fairer than the eleckshun, ez everybody will ad-
mit. The Republikins went to bed the nite uv the eleckshun feelin that
they hed kerried the state, and the average Democrat conseeded it.

None uv em knade the skeem that wuz revolvin in the mind uv Gar-
celon, the Napoleon uv the Northeast. The Republikin electid to the leg-
islacher found a few days after that he wuzn't electid at all. In the ret-
urns wuz found t's that hedn't bin crossed and i's that hedn't bin dotted,
and he wuz throwd out becoz the returns wuz defective. Ther wuz no
errors in the Democratic destriks. It hed bin fixed that the t's shood all
be crossed and the i's all dottid; but we to the Republikin destriks
wher this important matter hed bin keerlessly attendid to. We hev the leg-
islacher and the next Senator, and the controle uv the state.

Dimekrats uv Noo York, stop buyin votes—there is a shorter way to
victory.

Dimekrats uv Mississipp, throw away yoor shot guns, and stop buyin
powder and slugs. A Yankee Demokrat hez showed yoo a better way uv
beetin a majority. Violence and bribery is played out—Garcelon hez pinte-
d out a better way and a cheaper.

Will he stand firm? The man wich kin conceeve sich a thing ought to
hev the stamina to kerry it out. I know he will. I hev bin with him four days, and ef he don't, I am no judge uv human nacher—uv his kind.

Hallelboby! I see a lite. It breaks in the East. I hev an addishnel proof uv the trooth uv the Skripters, for is it not written that the wise men cum from the East? It shood hev bin addid also that a great many uv the reckils ones cum from the same seckshun.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Jubllant.

A REVIEW OF THE MAINE SITUATION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is In the State uv Kentucky),
January 24, 1880.

Sence my return from Augusty, I hev heerd the nooze from the state uv Maine. That onnittygatid noosance, Jim Blane, hez yookered the Dimocrysy, and hez taken poseshun uv the state, and wat is wuss, a very hevvey majority uv the people uv the state sustane him in yoooserpa- shen.

The people uv Maine are so besotted that they skornfully reject the sweet boon uv Dimekratic rool, and I may say, ez wuz sed about Jerusalem, "We wood hev gathered yoo under our wings ez a hen-hawk gather-eth chickens, but ye wood not."

To see the Republikin legislacher comfortably installed in the state house, wich is heated by steam, and hez cushened seets, a passin laws like anything, while the distrest Dimekratic members uv wat we consider the legle legislacher is a holdin its sersions on cold sidewalks, a seat on a fence belin considered a luxury, is a site to move the gods to pity. And then when one considers that the Dimekratic legislacher is payin its own board and its own likker bills without the remotest hope uv gittin a cent uv it back out uv the state treasury, it is enuff to melt a hart uv stun, and to draw teers from a stun monument.

I sed, when I wrote from Augusty, that the plan uv the Maine Dimocraisy laid over that uv both the Noon York and Mississippy.

I wuz mistaken. The Noon York plan uv buyin eleckshuns won't anser, for the Dimocrysy ain't got no money, and the Republikins can't be bot anyhow. But I find it necessary that the Mississippy plan shood be grafted onto the Maine plan. There shood be a joodishus combinashen uv the two.

Gov. Garcelon wuz entirely rite In countin out the Republikin members, but wat good wuz it ef a Soopreme court cood count em in agin? Rite here wuz where he shood hev adoptid the Yazoo tactics. After he hed countid out enuff Republikins to give the legislacher to the Dimocrysy, he shood hev hed a rifle club in readinls to shoot the countid out members, so that they wooodnt be likely to come up and clame their seats. Then, to make ashoorance doubly shoor, he shood immejitly hev shot the entire Soopreme court, for it is a melancholy fact that the courts are generally agin the Dimocrysy.

Then he wood hev hed em. There wood hev bin no Republikins to contest seats, and ef ther hed bin, there wood hev bin no court to appeal to.

That wood hev bin Napoleon. Alas Gov. Garcelon is no Napoleon, and so we hev lost Maine, and Blane and Chamberlin triumph! It is sad, and I weep with the discomfitted Dimocrysy.

Notwithstandin the fact that lots uv returns from towns came in, in
which the I's wuzn't dotted and the t's wuzn't crossed, we are forced to re-
sine the legislacher and the controle uv the state to the Radikels, and the
Dimocrisy is, literally, out in the cold.

Gov. Garcelon is a failure. He didn't ketch on to the hull idee. His
idee uv steelin the state wuz good enuff, but he needid shotguns to
hold it. Lackin shotguns, the property slid out uv his hands, and to-day
he is a laffin stock. Ef Blane and Chamberlin hed bin in Mississippi, they
woordent hev worried us a grate while.

But Dimocrisy is accustomed to defeet, and I hev got so yoosed to it
that I don't mind it.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Still hopeful).

MR. NASBY GOES TO INDIANA.

Plugville,
(Wich is in the State uv Injeany),
February 4, 1880.

I hevent felt so good ez I do now sence I married a farm in Noo Jersey,
over forty years ago. That wuz a event in my checkered career which I
never shel forget. That event giv me promise uv a long life uv eeze un-
alloyed by labor, but like other promises, it wuz broke. When the widder
diskivered that I wood not either hold the plow or drive, but preferred
the sweet content uv the village tavern, she croeelly druv me forth into
the cold world, sence wich time I hev shifted about az best I cood, wich
is bad enuff. Ther is no free lunches at the Corners.

I come to Pugsville the munit I heerd that a dozen uv niggers, whch
hed got the noshen uv leevin their natural homes in the sunny South,
perposed to settle here. I felt it my dooty to aid the strugglin whites uv
this seckshun to repel this invashun, that Injeany shood be saved from
the horrors uv nigger dominashen. Cood Injeany reoose em to ther nor-
mal condishen uv servitood, we wood welcome em, but when they
come ez free men it is altogether disgustin.

There wuz four families uv em that got off at the stashun. Wat did
they do? They hedn't bin in town a hour afore they wuz inquirin for
work, and they all got work to do among a parsel uv Quakers that live
just outside the village. There wuz some cabins fitted up for em; and
they went to work jist ez natural ez tho they hed bin yoost to it all ther
lives. Still the Dimocrisy wuz not alarmed, for it didn't know the volcano
it wuz sleepin over.

The postmaster (wich is a troo Dimekrat) wuz the first to sound the
alarm. He divulged the stoopenjus fact that them niggers wuz a mallin
letters to other niggers in the South, and he promptly opened one uv
em. His wust feers wuz realized. The niggers wuz a writin to ther frens,
sayin that they wuz at work regler; that they wuz beln paid regler for
their work, and wuzn't at all afeerd uv bein molested, and urged em all
wich cood git away to come to-wunst.

Ther wuz a eggsettement among the Dimocrisy wich baffels descripshen.
Suppose 200 niggers shood come into this county, and all vote the Re-
publikin tikklt! It wood change the politittkle complexion uv the county,
and possibly the state. The Immegrashen must be stopped to wunst,
and Injeany saved.

I come jist in time to give the movement agin em shape and form, and
my work here is the proudest uv my life.

I called a meetin uv the Dimocrisy at Bonebrake's grosery, wich is
ez like Bascom's ez two peas. It is a singler fact that wherever Dimekracy in the majority you will find groseries jist like Bascom's, and the proprietor thereof hez alluz the same objeckshun to credit his patrons wich distinguishes that narrer minded citizen.

It wuz a occashen long to be rememberd. 'Squire Papman opened by remarkin that the emergency demandid vigrus ackshen. The influx degradid niggers into Injeany wuz suthin that threatened the state with untold woes, and he wood resist it to the death. The Quakers wich harbored em shood be visited with the wrath uv all rite minded citizens, and measures shood be taken to not only pervent more comin, but to clean out them wich wuz here. He submitted the follerin resolooshens:

Wareas, Four families uv niggers hev, in the most owdashus manner, left ther happy homes in the South and settled in this county, beln harbored by evil-disposed persons, and

Wareas, These niggers is stirrin up discontent among their degradid race by representin to em that they kin get work here and get regler pay for the same, and

Wareas, It is a dead shoor thing that these niggers will, every cussed one uv em, vote the Republikin tikkit, and we can't count em out ez easy ez our brethren do in the South, therefore be it

Resolved, That nigger imigrashen is a unmitigated outrage onto the white citizens uv Injeany, and that It must be stopped by the means handiest to us.

Resolved, That ez the nigger is by nacher slothful and indolent, and will never labor ceptin under compansashun, we protest against his comin among us to fill our alms-houses and jails, thus imposin additional taxes onto a already tax-burdened people.

Resolved, That ez the nigger will work for less wages than a free-born white man, his comin will naterally thro the poor but honist Cauca-when out uv employment.

Resolved, That we reassert the old-time Dimekratic idee that the white man is sooperior to the nigger, and that our dawters shel never be pernitted to intermarry with em on no account, even ef we hev to kill the nigers and shet up the gals to pervent it.

Resolved, That we, representin the cappytle and intelligence uv Plug-ville pledge ourselves never to submit to the dominashen uv a inferior race, and therefore will take measures to remove the four nigger families lest arrived, ez well ez the two whch wuz here afore.

The 'Squire hevin invited all present to take suthin, the resolooshens were yoonanimously passed. The takin suthin wuz, onfortnltly, indefinitely postponed, Bonebrake mildly but firmly refoosin to set out the bottle until the 'Squire showed money, wich he wuz onable to do.

But the blood uv Plugville wuz up, and so triflin a circumstance did not destroy ther ardor. A Kentucky Dimekrat needs stimyoolatin when he goes nigger-huntin—the Ingianian does it from a love uv it.

They formed in persceeshun and marched out to the Quaker settlement, and in less time than it takes to write these lines the cabins wuz wrecked and ther furnyttoor, beddin, and slich yootensils ez they hed, wuz safely nived. Bonebrake took the plunder for likker, and we hed a ginyooline Dimekratic love-feast that nite. It wuz a occashn wich infused new strength into the Dimocrisy uv the seckshun. Plugville hez set a ex- ample to the state. I am ez happy here ez I wuz in Kentucky.

P. S.—I forgot to menshun that one nigger wuz killed in the melee, and that one nigger woman and her two babies froze to death that nite.

P. S. 2d—Michael O'Flanagan hezn't bin sober sence he got away with
a lookin-glass, two saws, and some baby clothin, on wich Bonebrake advanced him a gallon uv noo whisky. He is lookin for another settlement uv immigrants to clear out. He sez his motto is "Ameriky for white Amerikins." Michael is opposed to immigrashun clean thru. He wants to know "why they shoud lave their homes?" Why, indeed? P. V. N.

MR. NASBY AND HIS FRIENDS MEET AND RESOLVE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Febrooary 28, 1880.

The Corners is serusly alarmed. I read sich uv the Northern papers ez are sent to citizens uv the Corners ez specimen copies (them bein all that the white citizens uv this stanch Dimekratic stronghold ever git), and we are actilly alarmed. Wat troubles us is booms. There is the Grant boom, the Blaine boom, the Sherman boom, and several other varieties, and they all appear to be genooin. A boom in the abstrack wouldn't bother us much, but so many booms, and all uv em bein uv one kind, is simply friteful. Espeshly is it alarmin when we consider that ther ain't no booms for anybody but the most pronounst radikels, and the bigger the radikel the bigger the boom. The Sherman boomers base their boom on the assershun that he is the most intense radikel livin, and Grant and Blane's boomers show that each lays all over the others in this direction. The alarmin feecher is that the Republikin candidates wich ain't radikel don't boom at all; on the contrary, the menshun uv their names is receeed with jeers and sich.

In view uv this condishin uv things I called a meetin uv the Dimocrisy uv the Corners, I takin the chair, ez yoosual, and appintin myself committe on resoloooshuns, I reported ez follows:

Wareas, The citizens uv Kentucky wich sympathized with the patriotic South in its efforts to bust up a oppressive government, but wuz subdood, not conkonered, by the sooperior, brutle force of hordes uv kirelins, are sincerely desirous uv restorin amicable relations with their subdoeeers, and

Wareas, The citizens aforesaid are disposed now, ez they alluz hev bin, to meet any tender uv consillashun wich may be offered, it is hereby

Resolved, That the way to get the Southern hart and bring it back to a consoomin love for the Yoonyun aint by boomin them ez waz prominent in hoomillatin her.

Resolved, That the Confederacy wants to know how the Confederacy is to be won back to a love for the Yoonyun when nobody but soljers and statesmen wich opposed the Confederacy is held up in the North ez candidates, espeshly ez it is evident that the more they opposed the Confederacy the more they is that uv.

Resolved, That ef the North wants to consiliate us, they shood nominate men wich hez sympathy with us, and not them uv their own way uv thinkin. Wat kind uv sacrifis do they make for peace, ef they hev things their own way?

Resolved, That the South is willin to give up its consoomin desire for a seprit government pervidin it is permitted to run the Fedral government precisely ez it pleases, the destiny uv the South bein to rool.

Resolved, That the South is generous and forgivin, and wood not make the fact uv a Northern man's havin served in the Fedrel army a positive bar to his electshun to the Presidency, pervided alluz, that he did his fightin from a Dimekratic standpint, and hez acted consistently with the Dimocrisy sence the onholy war.

Resolved, That ef the Republikin party shood sink its prejudedess and nominate Fitz John Porter or Gen. Hancock ez representin the Fed-
els, and the Dimocrisy shood put up Boregard ez a representative Con-
dedit, it wood go a great ways toward allayin the growin feelin uv seck-
hunalism.

Resolved, That to strangle sectionalism, the South perposes to take
entire posseshun uv the government.

Resolved, That it is highly time that the North forgits all the ishoos
v the late war, includin the payment uv the Southern war debt, penshon-
Southern soljers, the re-enslavement uv the nigger and sich, and per-
ied Immejitly to split upon the money question, tariffs, and the like.

Resolved, That we uv the South hev jest one dooty, which is to forgit
l miner ishoos and stand sholder to sholder ez one man till we agin hev
at controle uv the kentry wich wuz rested from us in 1861.

These resolooshens wuz yoonanimously adoptid, after which we ad-
urned to Bascom's and spent the remainder uv the evenin in innocent
ilarity. Bascom hed jest reseed a barl uv noo likker, and Deekin Po-
ram had drawd a $50 prize in a lottry, and he hed rescood $20 uv it from
re rapasity uv his wife and daughters wich wanted to squander it on
oe and sich. When Bascom saw that $20, he relaxed his habityoal oster-
y and jined the revellers, goin so fur ez to treat wunst hisself, and giv-
me and Issaker Gavitt credit for two rounds each. It wuz really a re-
eshin season.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Encurridgeed).

DISCUSSING A DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
March 13, 1850.

The question ez to wich honist statesman the Dimocrisy shel nomin-
e for the Presidency hez agitated the Corners oncommonly uv late. The
mocrisy uv the Corners will vote for anybody that the convenshun
oses to put on the track, for the Corners recognizes that the fust dooty
a Dimecrat is to open his mouth and swaller watever his leeders chooze
drop in it. The Dimocrisy uv the Corners is a very easy
e to git on with. None uv em reed, without sich
eat labor that they reely don't consider it worth while wat it costs,
d their information, like their close, is generally second-handid.

I desided that it wuz best to hold a meetin to assertane wat wuz the
ferences uv the Dimocrisy uv the Corners on this important matter, and
kordinly called one. I am ruther fond uv holdin meetins, for it not-
ly helps to manetane my importance, but generally I manage to git Bas-
nted interested to the pint uv askin us all to take suthin, wich is soothin
the bowels. Likker earned in that way is sweet, for it tastes jist ez
ed ez tho you paid for it, and the gittin uv it is a triboot to yoor genius.

There wuz a great diversity uv opinyun on this pint, and every man
meetin hed a candidate uv his own. Deekin Pogram wuz quite
onanimus in favor uv Voorhees, uv Injeany, for the first place on the
kit, for various reasons. Fust, there wuzn't any doubt about his Dim-
ry. He wuz doorin the late onpleasants a staunch friend uv the
ath, and is to-day jist ez yooseful to us ez tho he wuz actilly a South-
man. In our opposishun to seckshunalism we insist upon hevin a man
ely Southern in feelin. The fact that Voorhees is a Northern man
s not count agin him. We are opposed to seckshunalism, and are will-
to vote for a Northern man, if we kin depend upon his entire devoshen
the South. That is all we require.
Another man wanted Tilden, another Bayard, uv Delaware, and another Thurman, uv Ohio, while a great many wuz entirely willin to sup
port Hancock, and even Gen. McCiellan hed some friends.

Finelly some one asked ef the Dimocrisy uv the Corners hed that the great and good Tilden wicb wuz swindled out uv the Presidency by eight to seven. Was there no sence uv justis in the Corners?

From every part uv the meetin-house ther ariz a murmur uv disa
prov.

"We don't want no Tilden in ourn," sed several; "he is the tool of the bloatid bond-holder!"

"No Tilden for me," sed another, "he is opposed to unlimited green
bax; and wants to pay off the nashnel debt."

"No Tilden!" shouted the entire meetin, yoonanimusly. "Anybo
but Tilden."

Deekin Pogram moved that it was the sense uv this meetin that Se
ator Voorhees, uv Injeany, wuz the proper man to bear the Dimekrat banner to victry, and I wuz about to put the moshun when that onmigated cuss, Joe Bigler, wicb is a torment, rose and sed he hed a remark make before the question wuz put.

"Are yoo aware, Josef, that this is a Dimekratik meetin?" I remark
"Hevin inventoried the noses uv them in attendance, smelt their breath and gazed on their cloze, I am aware this is a Dimekratik convenshun."

"Are yoo a Dimekrat, Josef?"

"Ez I am meditatin an entire repoodiashen uv wat I owe, and have determined to quit work and jine the cirkle at Bascom's, I kin say I am ez or at least soon will be."

"Then I 'spose we shel hev to hev wat yoo hev to say."

"Uv course yoo will. Yoo generally do hear what I hev to say. Wat I wanted to git at is this: The Corners will rooin itself by supportin Voorhees. How much does Parson Nasby owe the Corners?"

Every man in the awjence riz to his feet ez ef by instink.

"He owes me ninety-six dollars!" yelled Deekin Pogram.

"And me a hundred and forty!" ejakelated Issaker Gavitt.

And every man uv em statid the mizable sum I owed him, till t
aggergate swelled to over a thousand dollars.

"Do yoo want yoor money?" sed Josef.

"We do! We do!" sed they in korus.

"My friends," conntinered he, "Voorhees hez no money. Voorhees hezn't a cent to buy a delegate with, and wat earthly chance wood a esteemed friend hev to 'bring back anything from the convenshun, ef goes instructid to vote for Voorhees? Uv course he will yoor delegate, and uv course yoo expect him to coo bringin sheeves. Friends uv the Corners, yoo don't want Voorhees, ef y want yoor money. Yoo want a man wich hez the disposishun to be the money to buy with."

"Uv course we do—uv course we do! D—n Voorhees!" they all exclame

"Gentlemen!" sed Josef, "wat yoo want is Tilden: Tild hez money—barls uv it. Tilden is a patriot wi don't want any delegate to vote for him for nothin. That eminent patriot, will be in Cincinnati with his money. He will hev his headquarters full uv it, and whoso wants will be permitted to plunge into the barrel elbow deep. It is uv vital interest to the Corners that he be a nominee."
And immejetly a half dozen moved that the name uv Tilden be substi

ted for Voorhees, and it wuz carried yoonanimously.

Josef Bigler then moved that his esteemed friend Nasby be the dele

tee, wich wuz carried.

I wuz so grateful to Josef for this that I actilly come down from the

air and embraced him.

"Hold on!" sed Josef, "go slow, Parson. I hev another moshun to

ike. I move also that a commity uv the Parson's creditors be ap

tied to accompany him to Cincinnati, to see that after gittin the money

brings it back with him. I do not doubt the Parson's honesty, but I

n't like to expose him to temptashun. Human nacher is week."

And this moson wuz carried, and Deekin Pogram, Issaker Gavitt and

pt. McPelter was made sed commity, and they wuz instructid to re

ve the money theirselves, and to divide it pro rata among my creditors.

And the meetin adjourned, Josef remarkin ez we left the house, "Ain't

wonderful, Deekin, how little things infloence great ones? Only think

it; possibly your vote will nominate the great Tilden. Sposn yoo hed

ver come to the Corners, and never borrered money, the old man nite

ver hey bin President. But I don't know, after all. Yoo'd hev borrered

somewhere else."

I wish to Hevin that Jo Bigler wood die. Here I am forced to go to

cincinnati, with the certinty uv a decent pile, and no good to me. Wat

bd does it do to pay debts? I can't drink the likker over that money

d for, nor kin I eat the same meals over agin. That is gone. But I

see I shel hev to stand it. But all the same, ef they git that money I

confess I hev fallen into my dotage.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Delegate-elect).

MR. NASBY HAS AN INTERVIEW WITH TILDEN:

Noo York, March 20, 1880.

I am present an inmate uv a convenient but very cheap hotel in the

infty uv Gramercy park, the residence uv the great Tilden, wch wood

? Invited me to stay with him, but unfortoonitly his house wuz full uv

necrats from all parts wich come to persuade him to save the kentry

consentin to run for the Presidency. In the kindest manner, however,

is paying my board here (I bein a delegate-elect to the Cincinnati con

shun), he makes me a fair allowance for my prinsipal expenses, wih

the bar uv the house.

I hed a interview with the great man yisterday, wch wuz entirely satis

fatory. Indeed, the close uv it wuz more than satisfactry, ez I kin

w git not only a noo soot uv cloze, but kin approach Bascom for six

nths without askin credit, pervidin the influx uv drummers from Louils

ke keeps up, and they display their accustomed libralty in askin the

ole house up to drink.

Mr. Tilden remarked that he did not now, nor never hed desired the

residency. Ef he knowd hisself, he wuz a simple-minded man wich de

d to pass the remainder uv his days in peace and quiet with his friends

i not be worried with pollytix or biznis. But wat cood he do? The ken

wuz his wife and children, and they demanded that he take the seet.

ey demandid in 1876, and he yeelded then, and he spoused he shoud

y to now.

"In wat way, Mr. Tilden, do yoo purpose to meet this almost yoonani

us demand uv the Amerikin people for yoo to accept the nominashen?"
"I shel do everything that in me lies to meet the wishes uv my fellow citizens. I shel start out with the pint that a great fraud wuz committed four years ago, when I wuz swindled out uv the Presidency after investin three milyuns uv hard-earned money in a buyin it, and that—"

"Will you hev Cronin, uv Oregon, interviewed, and the cipher dispatches republished?"

"That wuz the work uv my neeven, Pelton, and other enthusiastic but indiscreet friends uv mine. I am a Innocent and gilelis old man, and liable to be imposed upon. Ef the cry uv fraud don't move the convenshun, my neeven Pelton will gently intimate that ef the Dimocrisy don't take me they can't carry Noo York, and a Dimecrat can't be electid. That will hev its effeck upon them ez desire posishun in the postoflis department and the custom-houses, and will doublis, to yoose slang, fetch em. It is a pint."

"Spozn that fails?"

"In that event only one thing remains. We must hev a pure government, with a pure man at its head. Ef these two considerashns don't influence em, I shelfake the heads out uv two or three barls and buy the entire convenshun. The country must be saved. And then—"

The gilelis old man's spare figger seemed to dilate ez does a warrior when he meets a foeman.

"And then will come the struggle. I will hev my literary bureau send out ready-made editorials to all the Dimecratic press, promisin every seckshun everything—I am not seckshunal and hed jest ez soon buy the elecktral vote uv a Northern state ez a Suthern one—I shelfarcel out the offises, I shelf buy men wher I kin git em. John Morrissey is ded, but there are others to start pool-rooms, to influence the waverin. I shelf put all the old machinery to work, with a lot uv new that I hev recently invented and this time I shelf make no mistake. I know more about Presidenshe eleckshuns than I did then, and beside that I hev made a couple uv myuv dollars in the past four years, and in the intrest uv a pure government I will spend every cent uv it buyin the eleckshun, to influence free and independent voters. I will do it this time shoor."

The sage and patriot then gave me direckshuns ez to how to manage the Kentucky delegashun, and promised that I shood be his agent in buyin up stubborn ones, and that I shood be on the committy which shood parcel out the offises for Kentucky. Uv course the postoflis at the Cornem wuz to be mine, tho the sage and patriot did hint that ef the Kentucky delegashun wuz yoonanimus the collectorship at Looisville wood be mine. He spoke definitely on this pint.

"My dear friend," he remarked, ez he prest my hand at partin, "remember the collectorship at Looisville, and whisper to your friends that my barl is the only one that will be opened. A wink is ez good ez a no to a mule."

Uv course Mr. Tilden is my candidate. He kin appreshiate patriotism, and is the first candidate that hez ever promised me anything better than the Corners postoflis. I shel go home to labor for him with all my mite.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

(For Tilden first, last and all the time.)

P. S.—I don't know about Tilden, after all. Another Kentuckian wiz stoppin at the same hotel, remarkt to me, confidenshelly, that he esteemed Mr. Tilden the greatest patriot uv modern days. And he went on to say that the great and good man hed desired him to see that the Ken
The Nasby Letters.

Mr. Nasby Returns to Kentucky.

Harp uv Erin Tavern,
Noo York, April 26, 1880.

I am more and more impressed, ez time flies on, with the greatniss and patriotism uv Sam'l J. Tilden, the Great Defrauded. His entire devoshun to his common kentry, his utter simplissity uv character, the gilellisniss uv a naterally simple nacher, wich contract with the world hez never corruptid, and his general child-like trust in the jestis uv his fellow-men, all combined to make him a man wich to see is to love, and wich to be in confiden thel relashuns with him, In a monetary way, is to be supported.

I hev bin for several weeks residin at the Harp uv Erin Tavern, card by Gramercy Park, arrangin Kentucky for the sage uv Noo York. It s needlis to add that I don't pay my own board. In the interests uv his common kentry, the good Mr. Tilden hez the bill sent to hisself, for he recognizes the fact that the labrer for his common kentry is entitled to his daily bred, and a libral allowance for likker and the other necessaries uv lite. The good Mr. Tilden hez ten or a dozen patriots uv my kind at the same place, and life with us is not altogether gloomy. We all sleep in one room, but there are three meals a day, and unlimitid credit at the bar. A man wich can't live on this is a Sybarite wich hez no place in a irchus republic.

I concluded Kentucky yisterday, and start for home to-morrer. I hed two hours with Mr. Tilden, the good Tilden, and we fixed the hull matter.

"I don't want to be President," sed the gilellis old man, "but the good uv our common kentry demands it. A man wich don't make sacrifices for his kentry shood be compelled to live under a corrupt aristocracy. How's Kernel Plunger, uv Covington?

"The Kernel is for Thurman," sed I.

"Tell the Kernel that ef that deestrik goes for me he shel hev the post-fis at Covington, and that mortgage onto his house will be attendid to. No patriot wich wants to be President will pay him more than I will, wich is drawd out uv retiracy relucantly, and solely for the good uv a common kentry."
I replied that I thot that wood fix the Kunnel. Referrin to a memor-
dandum book marked Kentucky, he went on:

"Gen. Podger, uv Lexington, hez bin sayin suthin for Bayard. It
won't do. Ef my sufferin kentry elex me to the Presidency, wich I con-
sent to solely on its account, and aginst my will, he shel hev the postoffis
there, and sich money ez he expends in kerryin the deestrik furnisht him,
and his bills shel not be looked into very closely. In savin one's kentry, a
patriot must be libral. Wat is paltry dross compared with the good uv
one's kentry? And Major McGrath?"

I replied that the Major wuz not altogether satisfied with gavin the
sage uv Noo York the nominashen, but that I wuz satisfied he wuz waitin
to be seen.

"See him. Find out eggsackly how much he wants, and premise him
anything in the way uv offises that he requires. In the great work uv
savin one's kentry, promises can't be too freely made. Offer him the post-
offis there."

"Honored and patriotic sir," I replied, "that offis hez bin already prom-
ised to three men."

"Hev they sense enuff to keep their mouths shut till after the conven-
shun?"

"I feer not, patriotic and honored sir."

"Then offer him a furrin mishn, and a small amount uv money in hand.
Thank the Lord," sed he fervently, "for furrin mishns. Yoo don't, hev to
specify, and there are a great many uv em. Yoo can't hev two postoffis
in one place, but there are a great many furrin mishns, and a great many
more kin be made, ef need be, to save our common kentry. I hev alluz be-
leeved that our common kentry wuz not properly represented abroad,
and that ther ought to be at least one consul for every Congressional dees-
trik, and twict ez many full mishns. I hate to double up, but what kin I
do? Ther ain't nothin I won't sacrifice to our common kentry. For its
sake I am being drawd out uv retirement—for its sake I am willin to serve
ez its President—for its sake I am willing to open jest ez many barls ez
my unbought friends desire—and shel I hesitate for its sake to promise
the same offis to five men? Never! No troo patriot wood balk at so
small a thing ez that. Let em come. They shel hev all they want. Kin
Kunnel Simmons be depended onto?"

"Honored and patriotic sir, Kunnel Simmons adores you in his heart, I
am certain. But the Kunnel is labrin under finanshel troubles, and he
hez hesitated, to see wich candidate wood giv—"

"I understand the Kunnel, and I am his man. Ashoor the Kunnel that
the collectorship uv his district—"

"But, honored and patriotic sir," I replied, looking at my memoran-
dum, "that offis hez bin promist to four men alreddy."

"So it hez," replied the patriot, "so it hez. Very good. He must hev
a furrin mishn. Tell him to select any one he likes, and give him my
word for it. Will that anser?"

"Better than anything. The Kunnel is so hevily in debt that a residence
abroad wood soot him better than to remain at home. He cood hev the
flag uv our common kentry wavin over his offis, wich wood console him for
his enforced eggisile. He wood prefer the flag uv his common kentry over
his offis in Guatemala to the Sheriff's flag over his house in Kentucky.
The Sheriff's flag is a lurid red, and is not variegated enuff for him."

There wuz some more arrangements uv like nacher, when I bid the
great and good man good bye, and departed for my feeld uv labor.

"Don't forgot," sed he, ez he wrung my hand at partin, "that the collectorship at Louisville is your'n."

I shan't forgot it, but ez it hez bin promised to six other patriots, to my certin knollege, I shan't buy a brown stun front house to-morrer, on the strength uv it. Whether I git that or not, I hev got wat I hev in my pockit, and I shel hev the postoffiss at the Corners, bein ez I am the only Dimocrat in that region wich kin write. This much I am shoor uv. But Mr. Tilden is a troo patriot, and does love his common kentry.

Hopefully,

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Tilden).

MR. NASBY ADVISES THE DEMOCRACY.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
May 15, 1880.

When I wuz a boy I read a fable, written by a man named Esup, whose principal biznis wuz writin fables (wat paper he writ em for I really don't know), about a dog wich wuz crossin a bridge with a bone in his mouth. He saw the shadder uv the bone in the water, and thinkn that two bones wuz better than one, dropped the one in his mouth to ketch the other. Conseketly he lost the wun he hed without gittin another.

The Dimocrysy is very like that dog. We hev in our mouth, jist now, a very excellent bone. We hev the Congris, the Senit and the power to elect the next President. Uv course we want to achieve the possibilities, but wat folly it is to hazard wat we hev on the mere chance uv gittin more.

The South, wich is the Dimocrysy, is in a very comfortable sitioashen now. Ez I sed, we hev the Congris, and we kin strengthen that Congris to almost any extent next year. Then next yeer we kin, ef we play our keerds right, elect a President, and then the entire government is in our hands, to do with ez we please.

With this comes the postoffices, the custom houses and the contrax—everythin that the Dimecratic patriots hev bin deprived uv for twenty long and wary years.

All this we are liable to lose, by snatchin at the bone that is shinin in the water, wich, like faith, is simply the promise uv things hoped for. How?

By the folly uv the South. The Dimocrysy never hev hed the ded-wood on everythin they wantid that they did not kick it over by askin too much, and alluz askin it at the wrong time. Wat is the yoose uv urg-in the payment uv claims for Southern losses in the war, afore we git the power to pay the clames? Wat yoose is it to insist on the payment uv. Southern patriots for ther freed niggers afore we kin hev the power safe in our hands to pay em? Wat yoose is it to ask for a custom- house at the Corners, and the slack-wat- rin uv Seccession Crik afore we hev a Congris thro wich the nessary approp raisen kin be slid?

The pint now is moderashen. The South wants to be ez wise ez the serpent, and, jist now, ez harmlis ez the dove. Espeshly ez wise ez the serpent. But the time will come—well, I needn't say no more about that.

The proper thing for the Dimocrysy to do is to sing very small. We
want to nominate for President the most mild-mannered man that ever cut a throat or scuttled a ship. He must be as good as a graduated uv the Andover theological seminary, and a man without a record. The candidate for Vice President must hev a record like a Sunday-skool teacher and a face which will sustane his record. The platform must be solid of the moralities, nd hev nothin in wich cood offend a Connecticut deekin there must be nothing in it but the most exalted patriotism, nothing but wat a Andersonville prizner cood endorse. I, knowin both sides, cood write, sich a platform, and it wood be one wich even the most arden Northern man wood endorse; it woodent say much, but wat it did say and wat it didn't say, woodent meen nothin.

After the eleckshun it wood be another thing. When hev our Pres ident electid, and when hev Congris, both branches, in our hands, possibily it might reed different. Possibly the platform wich didn't meel nuthin mite blossom into possibilities wich wood make glad the Cross Roads. Possibly the President mite recommend the slack-watrin uv Confedrit Creek under a plank wich endorst libral and wise internal improvements. Possibly the emancipated niggers mite be paid for under the plank wich insisted on the doing away with seckshunal-animoses, and possibly the establishment uv slavery mite be accomplished agin, under some arrangement uv apprenticeship, or watever mite be deemed advis able to accomplish so vital a result.

But all this cannot be accomplished by the tactics wich the party has adoptin now. The party hez got to lay low. It must hev more consili tory people at the hed. The North is skeery, and this ain't the time to skeer it. Ef we are stootid enuff to let out all that we want, we shel lose wat we hev. The Injeany Dimocrat is our good friend, but he ain't eddi catid up to the pint uv doin all that we want, jist now. He hez got to be brot up to it by degrees. When he is in a postoffis, and his stayin it depends on his bein convinst that the South is all there is uv the Yoonit States; except for purposes uv taxashen, he will be mit easy convinst. But not till then.

Hence, I insist onto moderashun—before the eleckshun. We musn't skeer nobody. We want to go in on the cry uv reform, uv consilliashen uv fraternal feelin, and everything uv that kind. We want to be ez milk ez a pan uv skim milk till we git sekoorly ankered, and then—well, the South knows how to take keer uv herself.

I speak feelinly. I hev bin out uv offis ever sence A. Johnson, uv blessid memory, retired to privit life, and I want to git back. The citi zens uv the Corners, wich all hold my doo bills, want me back, and they want their rites restored. They want the old flag and appropriashens Payin no taxes theirselves, they want the North, wich does, to be forced to make good all that they lost in ther attempt for their rites, and ez much more ez they kin be forst to bleed. This we must hev, and then is but one way to git it. That way is moderashun, and not showin our hand till it is called.

Will the nashnel convenshun foller this advice? We shel see; if it is wise it will do it, and in one more yeer we shel be luxuriatin in fresh pas ters, kivered with tall clover.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Sage)
THE NEWS OF GARFIELD'S NOMINATION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Joon 14, 1880.

The nooze uv the nominashen uv the liberty-crushin, freedom-strangin Garfield wuz receeved at the Corners yesterdays afternoon, with profound surprise. Not one uv us hed antissipated it. We hed expected it tood be either Grant, Blane, or Sherman, and I hed spent two days in Bolsville gittin together the nessary aboose to be yoosed in the deestrik in em three men, but Garfield's nominashen makes that labor all in ne. I can't beet Garfield by sayin that Grant wuz a hoss-thief, or at Sherman wuz a bank robber, and Blane a ralerode wrecker. I shel v to either wait till our committees git up their skandals on Garfield, or vent some myself. I don't keer about it here in Kentucky, for it wood jest ez well to yoose the Grant matter for Garfield, but when I go er into Injeany where some uv the Dimocrisy, at leest, kin reed, it wood be different. My peeples here are difficult to handle, tho not in the me way. When Grant's name wuz fust perposed I spoke uv him ez in connectid with the whisky ring. Immejitly the Corners broke out one man in cheers for him, and I had difficulty to keep em from organ- n a Grant club on the spot. They admire a man who kin et the guvernment in whisky. Deekin Pogram sed Gen. Grant, in Sunday skool: "He who prodooses cheep whisky is eater than he who conquereth a Confederacy." The old saint is, uv e, droppin into a habit uv mixin his scripter—suthin he never does with likker.

The nooze struck us unfavorable. Deekin Pogram, after askin who rfield wuz, sighed: "Wat kin be expected uv a Republic where canal- itt drivers and skool-teachers aspire to high offices? Whoever the Dim- crisy nominatid, hewantid a gentleman, and rawin a still longer sigh I remarkin that the day for good old Suthen gentility wuz gone, and the government hed gone into the hands uv grovelin mechaniks and pol-masters, he asked Bascom to give him credit for drinks all around, ch Bascom promptly declined to do, and the Deekin set down dryped and discontentid.

Issaker Gavitt wuz uv the opinion that when a party recklessly nom- ted so corrupt a man ez Barfield (I immejitly corrected him), well, rfield, there wuz no hope for the republik. A candidate for the Presi- dency shood receeved it from the hands of the people with pure hands. It est come to him unbought," and Issaker, pullin out the last $5 of the he hed receeved from Tilden to kerry our deestrik, askt the Deekin up take suthin. The toast wuz, "Tilden and His Barl. May the one last ez long ez the other."

Capt. McPelter, wich wuz a layin on his back on Bascom's long table, narkt that the eleckshun uv Garfield meant rooin. It wood be a ex- guisher to enterprise, a crusher to honist labor, and a squelcher uvustry. The Captin wood hev gone on, but fetchin a friteful yawn he narkt that his corn wuz suffrin for want uv labor to hoe it, and turned er and went to sleep, the flies settlin one by one on his nose. Ez he isn't any money we let him slumber.

Capt. Podgers remarkt that ef ther wuz one thing above another that worshipped it wuz a kentry in wich all men hed skall rites. It wuz
the corner-stun uv the republic, and the foundashen uv the Dimekratic party. Ez for hisself—

The Captin seein suthin in the street rushed out in the middle uv his speech. He returned in a few mints, and washed his hands in Bascom's sink.

"Wat wuz it, Captin?" I asked.

"Oh, nothin. It wuz that nigger from Linkenville, wich hed the audassity to claim a rite to vote here, last eleckshun. I swore I'd kill him ef he ever put his nose into this place agin. I'd a done it, too, only Jo Bigler kim up afore I hed time to finish him. But he won't never offer a vote at these poles no more."

Feelin that some formal expression wuz nessary from the Corners, we organized a meetin and I proposed some reslooshens, orally. In them reslooshens I denounst the Republikin party ez one that wuz sappin the very foundashens uv Amerikin liberty, and that the safety uv the kentry demanded that the government of the kentry be entrusted to the Vircho and Intelligence uv the Dimekratic party, uv wich the Cross Roads wuz a shinin part. I sketched these ruffly with a pencil and set down to draw em out in full, when the cassid chair broke under me—Bascom's chairs are alluz breakin—and I sprained my wrist so that I cood not write.

Ez I am the only Dimekrat in the Corners ez kin write, and ez no proud and hawtuy Caucashen wood ever ask assistance from the inferior Afrikin, them reslooshens wuz not put upon paper, and are lost to the party forever. It wuz pervokin, but my life hez bin a succession uv dis appointments.

Ez soon ez the national Dimekratic committy shel send me the nessary dockments concernin Garfield, I shel take the stump agin him, pervided alluz that they send the sinoos uv war. For wat kin a Dimekrat do with out money? I snuff the battle afar off, and am glad the fray is at hand I shel live in clover till November, anyhow.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Champion.)

P. S.—A cold chill struck the Corners last nite when the noose reached us that Tilden wuzn't a goin to run. "Wat kin we do in the Corners without his barl?" asked Issaker. And Bascom wich knowd he'd git all that wuz appropriated for this seckshun, wuz in sich a state uv dis gust that he threatened to shut up at eight o'clock. Confidence wuz restored, however, by subsekent nooze that he shood hev Payne, uv Ohio nominated, and that Payne hed even a bigger barl than Tilden. Then Bascom smiled agin, and hope wunst more illumined our noses. The Corners don't keer wich gits the Dimekratic nomination so that he hez a barl, and knows how to yoose it. Possibly Payne wood be better than Tilden, for he is a new man, and wood hev to buy us all over. Sich uv ez hev reseeved money from Tilden held a meetin and resolved that wuz Tilden hed paid us shood not count for any other man. The new man must commence at the beginnin, jist ez Tilden did. Bascom wuz so elated at this prospeck that he called for three cheers for Payne, and set u drinks all around. Thus in the general Sahara uv my life there is occasional oasisses.

P. S. No. 2.—The Corners is wild with eggscitement. A man from Loisville arrived last nite, and sed that it hed bin determined to nomin ate Payne, uv Ohio, and that he wuz worth not a cent less than five mil lions uv dollars, and wuz more libral even than Tilden. The Corners I neerly crazy. We only wish the convenshun wuz further off, that ther mite be time for still another change.
THE CORNERS MAKES A MISTAKE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Joon 26, 1880.

The Corners is alluz being made the victim uv mistakes, wich will never end till we git rid uv Joe Bigler, or till our people git into a habit uv reedin. On some akcounts I wish our people did reed. They woodent make so many blunders, but on the other hand they woodent be so easy to manage. It is a bad thing for Dimocrisy when people git to readin and thinkin for theirselves.

Joe Bigler come around to Bascom's last nite and reportid that he hed advices from Cincinnati, and that the nominashen uv Tilden and reform wuz a shoor thing. He sed the Southern Brigadiers hed so decided, and that settled it.

Bleevin in the words uv this arch deseever wich takes delite in confusin us, I Immejitly organized the Faithful into a meetin. I remarkt that we hed wunst more a candidate under wich we cood rally, without any feer uv results. We wuz, happily, rid uv the military element in Dimocratic pollytix, a element wich evry troo Dimocrat despised, onless it wuz clothed in gray.

"Wich uv us is ther," I remarkt, "who does not remember the disgust with wich the nominashen uv Micklellan inspired us in 1864? We wuz then compelled to cast our ballots for a man wich cooden't help slaw-terin some uv our brothers, tho, to do him justice, I wood say that he did jest as little uv it ez he cood. The convenshen now in seshun don't make no sich mistake. Saml. J. Tilden hez ever bin the frend uv the South, and never drord no sword agin it. He wuz our friend, fust and last, and I shel never cease to revere his name till I forgit the $450 he paid me for my vote at St. Louis four yeers ago. He is no bloo coatid hirelin wich went forth to destroy us, ez did Garfield; he is a man uv peece, wich is wat we want the North to alluz nominate. In the South we hev different views. Then I moved the adopshen uv the follewr in resolooshens:

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy uv Kentucky, now ez ever, deprecates the nominashen uv men for civil ofises wich hev nothin but military records to back em.

Resolved, That holdin the late war to be an unprovoked assault upon the liberties uv the South, we rejoice that the Dimekratic convenshun hez given us a candidate wich hez no military record to apologized for, and no blood uv the South to anser for.

Resolved, That the Corners, in the interest uv constitooshnel liberty, and uv free government, will give S. J. Tilden every vote in the precinct, and ef any nigger or Northern agitator in these parts attempts to break our unanimity by votin for Garfield, that his head shel be broken promptly and to-wunst.

The resolooshens wuz past Immejitly, and Bascom wuz so delited that he to wunst announst a suspenshun uv the roofs, and remarkt that in view uv the speedy openin uv Tilden's barl, he wood also open a barl, and wood give credit to-nite, ef he glance into bankruptcy to-morrow. Bascom does git deliteful streeks now and then.

Everything wuz now ez I wantid it. Bascom wuz tappin a fresh barl, and the Dimocrisy stood around in a state uv expectancy wich may be imagined but cannot be described. Our mouths wuz a watrin for the likker wich wuz to come. Bascom wuz a fillin the bottle to pass it around,
when jest at the most unforchoonit time, Pollock, the Illn0y disturber, come in. That man is alluz a bird uv ill-omen.

"Bigler," sed he, "I hev jest receeven a telegram from Cincinnati. It ain't Tilden at all."

"Who is it?" I demanded.

"Ginneral Winfield S. Hancock," sed he, "a Fedrel soljer."

And he an Bigler walked out, Bigler leerin at me in the most feendish manner.

I am very seldom caught in a dilemma wich I can't git out uv, but this rather staggered me, and it did the Dimocrisy assembled.

"Hancock!" growled Issaker Gavitt. "Why, Hancock wuz a soljer wich wuz at Gettysburg, and agin us."

"Hancock be d—d," sed Dekin Pogram, "he fit agin us from first to last."

It took me several minits to collect myself, wich I did while I wuz burnin the resolooshens wich we hed past. But I finally got my thots to-gether.

"My friends," sed I, "don't be too fast. Come to think uv it we wuz too fast to go to passin resolooshens till we knowd for seritin wat we wuz a resoolootin about. We hev committid them resolooshens to the flames, and we won't pass no more till we hev wat the convenshun ac-tually did, under the name uv the president and secretary. Then we will pass a set wich will reaffirm wat they hev dun with great cheerfulness and alacrity.

"A Dimekrat's lust dooty is to obey his convenshun, and to do wat his convenshun direx him to do. I don't deny but wat my hart is somewat tried by the nominashing uv a Fedrel soljer wich bore arms agin us. But why shood we repine? Why shood we question the wisdom of the choice? Wich seekshun controled that convenshun? Paws and reffek. Wuz It the North or the South? Ef the North, wat diffrence is ther betwixt a Northern Dimekrat and a Suthern one anyhow? But the Northern Dimek-rats didn't hev nothin to do with it. The convenshun wuz controled en-terly by the solid South. The Brigadeers wuz all there. Ther wuz Wade Hampton, uv blessed memory. Ther wuz all uv em. Ther wuz pres-ent every long-haired man wich hed bin prominent in the defense uv the South, either ez a delegat or ez a infloesshul spectator. Bare this in mind, ther wuzn't a nigger delegat in the entire convenshun—not one. It wuz a convenshun uv white men, actin for white men, and in the interest uv the white men's party.

"Does it make any diffrence to the Corners who the figger hed is that is put up? Not at all. The Corners wants Seceshun Crik slack-wafted, the Corners wants a custom-house and a postoffis, and the Corners wants her Suthern heroes penshund, and the losses uv the crooil war pade, and done ez quickly ez possible. The Corners, onto wich Bascom hez got a mortgage, wants relief in the shape uv money from the Fedrel treasury, and that immejitly. We want our niggers back agin—we want the old system restored, and the Corners wants to rool this kentry ez it did wunst.

"Ef Hancock is the way, walk ye in it. Does any one suppose that Hancock, wich is to be electid, ef he is electid at all, by the Solid South, is a goin back on the Solid South after his eleckshun? Does the ass know his master's crib? Is he a goin to turn and rend the hand wich feeds him?
"Are we so stupid ez to spose that the Southern Brigadeers whch run to Cinsinnatì convenshun didn't know wat they wuz about? Hevin but he thing to do, do yoo suppose they didn't go and do it? To win, we ev got to kerry some Northern states, and wood it hev bin polisy to hev hit up a Brigadeer in gray to hev skeered the Northern Dimocrisy, whose umicks are still week? We kin forgive a Fedrel gineral, wich, for the like uv bein President, is willin to undo ez a President all that he did ez soljer. Wat he did ez a soljer is past—wat he will do ez a President is et to come. We hev not gone back onto ourselves in nominatin him—'he goes back upon hisself, that is his own biznis.

"My friends, it is perfectly safe to take any Fedrel soljer whch is willin to take a nominashen at the hands uv Southern brigadeers, yoo bet yer life. and it is perfectly safe for us to swaller the resooloshens, no matter wat hey may be. They all pint one way. Ef they are for tariff or agin tariff, hey mean the old rool uv the glorious South. Ef they are for hard money r soft money, they mean the triumph uv the South. Micklellan, ef he hed in electid, wood hev done jist ez well for us ez Jeffson Davis, and so will fancock."

We adjourned with three cheers for Hancock and the platform, tho we didn't receved the platform, and didn't know nothing about it. But ez n the case uv the nominashen, we know the men wich made it, and that's nuff.

Kentucky will role up a good, old-fashioned Dimokratic majority this all, shoor.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Exultant).

P. S.—Bascom is concerned about the barl. I satisfied that much doubting man by ashoorin him that Tilden's barl wood be opened jist the same. But the nashele commity want to be in haste about fixin that. We kin take a candidate on trust, but the barl must be a reality. We must know all about that, and for shoor.

P. V. N.

THE DEMOCRACY OF THE CORNERS HAVE DOUBTS.

Confedrit X Roads/
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jooky 1, 1859.

Ther hez bin altogether too much murmurin among the Dimocrisy uv the Corners to soot me, and I determined to bring it to a hed. The first dooty uv a Dimekrat is to vote the tikkot sot afore him, and ef he can't do that he ain't no Dimekrat. The Western landlord who hed a fastijus boarder wich didn't like hash hed the proper method. When the boarder put in a mild protest that he wood like suthin beside hash, the landlord pulled out a carvin knife, and seezin him by the throte remarkt: "You do like hash, don't you?" The boarder looked at the knife and concloidid that hash wuz the best possible food for him, and order wuz restored to-wunst.

Percisely so in pollytix. Ef a Dimekrat don't like a nominashn the carvin knife must be appealed to.

Deekin Pogram swore that he woodn't vote for Hancock, nohow. Hancock wore a bloo uniform doorin the war, and he (Pogram) hed suffered too much by thesubjoogashen uv the South to support any man wich hed assistid in the subjoogashen.

Issaker Gavitt woodent vote for Hancock, becoz he bleeved that Til-
den shood hev bin nominatid, or some Dimkrat equally able to open barl or two.

Bascom didn't like the nominashen for he hed, ez yit, see no indicash uv any expenditoores for the cox.

Capt. McPelter remarkt that the nominashen uv Hancock wuz a betrayal uv the South, becoz Hancock hed born arms agin the central lie uv Southern Democracy.

I hed one reply to make to these misguided men, whic I did. Ez to th barl, there wuz other bars besides Tilden's. Hancock hedn't much uv barl, but he hed friends whic hed, and English hed one uv his own. Th Corners musn't jump at concooshuns. The Corners kin wait. The refreshen shower will come, and the Corners will git all that it is entitled to. No Reform Democratic committee is a goin into a campane without money, and we shel git our share uv it. It is us uv the Corners who hod to colonize the southern counties in Injeany, for the October eleckshun and uv course ther will be money pervided to pay our expenses. So much for that.

Ez to the nominashen uv Gen. Hancock, wat more cood we want? Wat difference does it make to us who the candidate is? Wat we want is results. I want the post-offis that I may live in comfort and pay wat owe to the citizens uv the Corners. (Wild cheers.) Issaker Gavitt wants to be collector, and Capt. McPelter wants a place in the revenoo, and Des kin Pogrom wants to be suthin or other. Then the Corners wants So ceshn Crk slack-watered, and a ralerode connectin it with the Southern Pacific, and a custom house, and she wants her Southern soljers penned shund, and the losses she sustained made good by the Fedrel government.

Ef Gen. Hancock is electid, is he a goin to contyoo the nigger Lut bock in the postoffis? Is he goin to contyoo Pollock, the Illinoy disturber, ez collector? Is he goin to refoooz the Corners the internal improvements they want? Ef we wich electid him wants penshuns and pay for losses, is he goin to refooz?

Not much. The creature kin never be sooperior to the creator. It is we wich will make him President. It is to us that he will owe his rise, and he can't go back onto us.

I ain't a bit afraid uv any man wich will take a nominashen at our hands. A Northern man that will do that may be counted upon to carry out the bargain that gave him to us, for he hez nothin else to do. When aich a man comes over to us he burns his bridges and is ours for keeps. He'd rather trust him than a Southern man, for he hez everything to make by bein troo to us, and nothin to lose.

Yoo say we mite hev nominatid a Southern soljer jist ez well. Troo but we could not hev electid him. The North wood resent that, and we shood hev bin no better off than we are now. But Hancock will get the Northern votes necessary to elect him, and ez he will do our work, jist the same ez a Southern man, wat diffrence is it to us? I don't keer wat yooniform a soljer wore in the war, so that he does wat we want him to do now.

We want postoffises, and appropriasheens, and ef we elect Hancock we git em, and ef we don't we don't. Let us be as wise as serpints anyhow, jist now, and the dove bizznys we will consider hereafter.

The friends took another view uv the matter after my remarks, and decidid that after all it wood be better to support Hancock corjelly. All
us agreed to go to Injeany in time to vote there. In October, perserved luz the funds wuz forthcomin'. Issaker Gavitt sez he will manage to git five good votes, and Capt. McPelter is ekally enthooisiastic. The Cor- ers is all rite agin, and the Dimocrisy may look for a good report from jeany. I shel organize for that state to-wunst. The skies is britenin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (with hopes).

MR. NASBY HAS A HORRID DREAM.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
July 10, 1880.

In all ages uv the world dreems hev been considered prophetic. Jon bunyan yoosed the similitood uv a dream to portray the struggles and lissitoods uv a Chrischen life, and I alluz dream when anything especial is a goin to happen to the Dimocrisy. I differ from Bunyan in this: e didn’t dreeem at all, but he writ ez tho he did, while I actilly do dream.

Last evenin Bascom give a spred in honor uv the nominashen uv Hancock, and ez the provender wuz free, and the likker likewise, I hed for wunst, eggscally all that my system cood hold, and my system is trooly holder. Bein very full, I went to my couch, a true Dimekratic Bunyan, o dreeem.

In my dreeem the Presidenshel struggle took the very natural form uv a race. It wuz all regeler, the two parties trottin out each a hoss, the winnin post bein the White House.

The Dimocrisy trotted out their hoss, and I felt ruther pleased on the full. He come up prancin with a free sort uv step, and didn’t look ez ho he hed a blemish! Indeed he cum up so gamey that I reely hed faith in his suckness, tho the other hoss hed a winnin look about him, and cum iv a stock that hez bin winnin for so long that they hev a noshen that they can’t be beat.

Our hoss wuz under the groomin uv Senator Wallace, uv Pennsylvany, and he wuz backt by the entire South, and Tammany Hall, and also by scatterin polittikle sports from the other states.

"Now," sed Wallace, "everybody keep away, and don’t spoil this race by eny cussid foolishness. I hev fittid this hoss myself, and ef I ride him he’s sure to win. Keep cleer uv him, and don’t say a word."

"Hold on a minit," sed a long-haired feller from Virginny, "we hev got to hev some assurances to jestify us in backin this hoss," and he flung onto his back an enormous sack labelled "Louisiana administration," and jumped on hisself to keep it in place.

"Jest a minit," sed a Pennsylvany Dimekrat; "he must carry this," and he hove on a package labelled "protective tariff," and he climbed on.

"He kin never run without this," sed a Noo Yorker, and he histed up a very heavy sack labelled "free trade."

Another Noo Yorker and a Massychoozits man climbed up, each with a very heavy package uv honist money, and an Injeany man climbed on with an immense bundle uv flat money. This hed no weight, but it took up a great deel uv room, and them wich carried it made a great deel uv noise.

Jist afore the start a gang uv Ku Klux from Mississippvy climbed on, and, despite Wade Hampton’s entreaties, a South Kerliny rifle club scrambled on, end ez ef that wuzn’t enuff, John Kelly, with the entire Tammany society delibritly took seats on his back.
Then came a gang loaded with "States' Rites," and a Catholic bishop or two slided into seats jist where they cood hold the reins, and ten or a dozen Confedrit brigadeers, wich woodent take their uniforms off, climbed up, and a full five hundred Southerners with demands for appropriashens hung on to his tale.

Senator Wallace remónstrained, but it wuzn't no yoose. Every man uv em remarkt that ef the hoss coodent kerry him, wat kind uv a hoss wuz it anyhow, and they all yelled, "Start him!"

The word wuz given; the poor broot made a convulsive stagger, and immejitly went down under the load that wuz put upon him. He recovered, and managed to keep on his fe.t till he struck the fust quarter post, Ohio, when his strength give out, and down he went, rollin over his miscellaneous load with great effect. The other walked over the track, and came in a easy winner.

"How cood eny hoss run, so weighted?" yelled Wallace, in a rage. "It wood hev born down Ginral Washington, let alone sich a ginrel ez Hancock. It's no yoose. The hoss wuz good enuff, but, great Caesar, what a load he hed to kerry!"

While the crowd wuz a strugglin to git out from under the eggsauetid charger, I awoke.

Is this dreem troo? Is Hancock to be loadid with all these weights afore he starts? Is there no way uv keepin out uv site what we don't want to be seen, till after eleckshun?

I fear not. We are neither ez wise ez sarpints or harmless ez doves. It is a providence agin us. We never yit hed a show for success that we did not immejitly fool it away. The radikels are forchunit in our stoopidity. They hev lived onto it for ten yeers. Ef we only hed the sense to run Hancock on his style and military record, and say nothin about anything else, or ef we cood keep our votin element out uv sight till eleckshun day, we mite go through. But ez it is, we are hopelisly gone up. My hart is sad.

MR. NASBY ASSISTS GEN. HANCOCK.

Governor's Island,
(Wich is in the State uv Noo York),
Jooly 16, 1880.

I hev bin for sevrel days over at Governor's Island assistin Gen. Hancock, ez a sort uv doorkeeper, wich, inezmuch ez I am certin uv wat I kin eat an drink, is a better thing than the prekarious life I leed at the Corners. Also, when the struggle is over, he can't, ef he is electid, help givin me some posishen sootable to my age and abilities. It soots me very well, and I shel stay here,probably, doorin the campane. I hev succeeded in receivin quite an amount uv money, already, from patriots wich wantid to be admitted to the presence out uv ther turn.

Yesterday wuz a feeld day. We hed delegashens from almost every state in the Yoonyun, all wantin to know suthin uv the General's vews on the various questions now before the people, and they wuz admitted one by one. The first wuz a delegashen from Noo York and Boston, wich wuz anxshus to get his noshuns on the finanshel question.

"Representin," sed the spokesman, "the great finanshel institooshens uv the kentry, we ask for a plain and explicit declarashen ez to your finanshel policy in the event uv your eleckshun."

I never shel forgit the general's answer.
“Ef there is any one thing above another,” sed he, “that I wish to hev understood, it is my posishen on this, the most important question before the people. I want no equivocashen, and even tho my vews shood lose me votes, I shel be ez plain and explicit ez .cood be desired. On the question uv finance, I hold that the best polisy shood be adoptd, regardlis uv consekenes. Ther will be a Congris electid this fall, and that Congris will pass bills and sich bearin on this question. From one stand-pint I shood say that we needed more money, and from another less. Watever may be the diffrences uv opinyun on this great question, I am thoroly convinst that the Greenbackers uv Injeany, in common with the hard money men uv Noo York, is ekally interested in a pure government, and that is wat Mr. Tilden, in common with John Kelly and myself, perse to give our common kentry, for wich I fought and wood hev died. Gentle- men, I trust my anser to your question is satisfactory. Ef not, I refer yoo to the nashnel Dimocracy commity.”

The commity retired, and a delegashun uv Greenbackers from Injeany wuz admitted. They wantid to know also.

“Gentlemen,” said the great leeder, “ef I am distinguished for anything except my military skill, it is for simple directnis with my fellow citizens. I am rejoiced that I hev an opportunity uv anserin the queries wich may be put to me. In the matter uv currency, whether we need more or less, whether it shood be redeemable in gold, or not redeemable in anything, is a question on wich I need not say there are grave differences uv opinyun. Ef it is best to have fiat money, we must hev fiat money—ef, on the other hand, wat is called sound money should be held to condoose to the greatest good uv the greatest number, that is wat we want. But one thing yoo must bear in mind ez yoo go to your homes, wich is that eternal vigilance is the price uv liberty, and that the Fabian polisy uv Gen. Washinton wuz wat brot the kentry thro the revolutionary war. Uv that I am entirely certain. But for that we would be groanin under the yoke uv British despotism, and the beacon lite uv liberty wood not hev bin lit on this continent. I trust I hev ansered your question fairly and clearly, and that yoo know my posishen. Ef ther is anything else yoo wood like to know, menshun it, and in the meantime, Mr. Nasby will show yoo some excellent Bourbon whisky in the adjoinin apartment.”

This commity got rid uv, ther come in one from the South wantin to know his views on reconstruckshen and the status uv the Southern states, generally.

“Wishin to state my vews on all the questions afore the people frank-ly and fully, I am glad yoo are here. In regard to the Southern ques- tion, the importance uv wich I recognize, I hev to say that it hez been a rool uv my life to foller the best examples. I hev alluz held that the vic-tory uv Lundy’s Lane, a account uv wich I hev jist been reading, wuz one uv the most brilliant on record, and that the settlement uv the ques-tions involved in that war wuz creditable to American statesmanship as the victories in the feeld wuz to Amerikin arms. I know I shel be kivered with aboose by the unscrupulous opposishen to the Dimocracy, but I shel nevertheless anser frankly all questions propounded. I trust, gentlemen, yoo are satisfied.”

This commity withdrew and another uv niggers from South Kerliny, wich wantid to git a pledge that the Dimocracy wood perfect em in ther rites in the event uv success, entered.

The general reseeved em with the same urbanity that he did the others.
"The condishen uv things in the South," sed he, "is, I understand, to be deplored. That is, the condishen is to be deplored, pervidin they are, ez some accounts give em, and not to be deplored ef they are ez others state em. It is safe to say, gentlemen, that yoo will be pertected, ef the condishen uv things is such ez make perteckshun the proper thing to do. The reel question to be considered is, are yoo in sich condishun ez to make perteckshun necessary? Is the law uv our common kent.y, wich is my pride sich ez wood jestify the President uv the Yoonitid States—"

The general stopped very sudden here, for a delegashen uv South Ker-liny rifle clubs, wich hed heerd the niggers wuz there, rusht past me, and woodden't take no for a anser, and got in anyhow. They insistid on the niggers gittin out, wich, ez they ain't agoin to be allowed to vote in the South, anyhow, we considered entirely safe to do. We hustled em out without ceremony, and give awjence to a delegashen uv Irish from the Sixth ward uv Noo York, wich wantid some definid pledge ez to the inva-shen uv Canady, in the interest uv Irish independence, and a subscripshen to the Irish Skirmishin Fund.

The General's treament uv the Irish wuz ez masterly ez the others. He shook em corjelly by the hand, and sed that the love uv liberty wuz implantid in every Amerikin's bosom, and every Irishman's ez well, and that liberty wuz the birthrite uv every man.

"Ceptin niggers and Chinaze," interrupted a Irishman.

He accepted the amendment—exceptin niggers and Chinese, neither uv wich wuz fit to be incorporatid into the body politikle. But uv one thing ther cood be no doubt. Robert Emmet wuz the gratist man the world ever prodoost, exceptin Dan'l O'Connell, and the Irish citizens fought all the wars that this or any other kentry ever hed. He cood lay his hand onto his hart and say he loved the Irish race. He felt that he hed statid his posishen with suffisant cleernis.

Ther wuz one skip in the arrangements wich I hev alreddy rectified, wich is not gittin the different delegashens off the Island in different direckshuns. It is a great mistake to let em git a chance to talk with each other, after they leave. They compare notes and dror conclusions.

They got to talkin outside, and one Noo Yorker expressed the sentiments uv the other when he remarkt:

"Well, we've got a non-partisan candidate, anyhow. He hain't got a politik—not a d—d politik."

And another one sed that the Ginral didn't know more about governmental matters than MickLeelan, and he couldn't say more nor that.

Our leeders are satisfied with him, however, and that is all they want. He agrees with every one uv em, no matter how wide apart they may be, and he hez determined to keep that way till after eleckshun, and to trust to luck ez to wich he will foller.

I thank heaven for one thing. No matter wat his views may or may not be, we are sertin uv the postoflisses. Them is my pollytix just now.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Gate Keeper).

THE CORNERS BECOMES TREMENDOUSLY AGITATED.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
July 20, 1880.

The Corners is in a blaze uv eggs citiment. In the Louisville papers wich wuz receeved here last week, there cum an account uv a Confedrit
soljer, wich, ez soon ez he heerd uv the nominashen uv Hancock, and fully bleevin in his eleckshun, immejitly filed his petishen for a penshun.

The Confedrit stated boldly in his applicashen that he hed never bin in the servis uv the Yoonitid States, but that he hed served four yeers in the Confedrit army, and bleeved that he wuz entitled to a penshun the same ez tho he hed worn the bloo instid uv the gray.

In less than a minit there wuz the wildest eggscitement the Corners hez seen since the surrender uv Lee. The citizens gathered about Bascom's by the hundred, and there wuz but one opinyun about it.

"Ef the croool war is reely over," sed Capt. McPelter, "and the era of good feelin is goin to be inoggerated by the eleckshun uv Hancock, why continyoo these worn-out distinkshuns? Ef we understand the posishen uv the Dimocrisy, the late oupleasaintnis wuz a difference uv opinynun between the two seckshuns, wich led to armies and sich. But ez neither side wuz conkered, and ez the war meant nothin at all, all traces uv it shood be immejitly obliteratid. Ez men from the North took up arms, the country pays em penshuns. Now wat I want to know is why men from the South wich took up arms shood not be paid penshuns likewise? We both fit for our notions, and both wuz ekally meritorious. It is the dooty uv a re-united country to cement fraternal feelin, and how kn it be done ez well ez by payin both sides penshuns?"

The speech wuz resceeeved with more applause than any speech I hev heerd for yeers, and immejitly it wuz resolved that every man in the Corners wich hed served in the Confedrit armies shood to wunst file his claim so ez to git in early.

There wuz a rush like that uv a c'recus-wagon. Every citizen uv the Corners hed, immejitly, a strong recolleckshun uv hevin bin in the Confedrit servis, incloodin suthin like fifty wich hed sekoored pensions already for servisseez in the Fedrel army.

Deekin Pogrom filed a petishen settin forth that while he wuz never reglerly enlisted in the Confedrit servis, he hed contractid a severe roomatism bush-whackin Fedrel pikkits, doorin Garfield's invashen uv the sacred soil, and wuz entitled to a penshun on that skore.

Issaker Gavitt set forth that while he hed not sholdered his muskit in the feeld, he spent six months in Injeany assistin the Knights uv the Golden Cirkle in resistin drafts and sich, and in votin the Dimocratik tikkit, wich wuz uv more servis to the Confederacy than ez tho he hed reglerly enlisted.

I put in my clame for three months' service with the Loolsianer Pelkkins, wich indulged in more foot-races than any regiment in the Confederacy, and also for organizin draft riots in Ohio.

Bascom claimed a penshun on the score uv keepin his bar open late at nite for the refreshment uv Deekin Pogrom and others on their return from bush-whackin.

Mahlon Pettus hed actilly served with Forrest, and partissipated in the massacre at Fort Piller. To prove it, he hed the thigh-bone uv a nigger soljer, wich his sister (wich is a artist) hed carved with appropriate inscrashuns.

All the citizens uv the Corners, with the eggscopshun uv Pollock and Joe Bigler, rushed in, and they come so fast that it was impossible to take their rames.

To simplify the matter, Bascom sejested that a committee be appointed
to file the claims, and that this committy shood copy the tax list, and  
forrerd all the names onto it, ez entitiled to penshuns.  

There wuz a immejit dissent from this, for ther wuz only ten or a  
dozen names on the tax-list, and they wuz mostly radikels.  

Here my genius shone out.  

"We will not yoose the tax-list," sed I, "but rather the poll-sheet uv  
the last eleckshun. All that we permitted to vote in this precinct may  
justly clame to be Confederits, and we shel git all wich is really entitiled  
to considerashun."

This sejestion wuz adoptid, and I am bizzy at work makin out their  
applicashens.  

Two unpleasanctnisis okkurred. Sam Pettibone cum up to be enrolled  
for his penshun, and showed that he hed served in the 10th Alabama. I  
wuz a puttin him down, when Issaker Gavitt interrupted.  

"Sam, yoo can't play that onto me," sed Issaker. "Yoo did enlist in  
the 10th Alabama, but yoo desertid. Ez much ez I want to bring capitle  
to the Corners, the Yoonitid States ain't agoin to pay penshuns to a man  
wich desertid the Confederacy in her hour uv need."

Sam's name wuz immejitly stricken off the role. There is a great  
deeel uv Spartan virchoo in the Corners.  

Another trouble okkurred with Smith Peyton. He come and claimed  
to be put down ez bein entitiled to a penshun.  

"But yoo served in the Fedrel army," objectid Issaker.  
"Troo," sed Smith, "but I desertid, and hev votid the Dimekratik tik-  
ket without a scratch ever sence."

His case wuz taken into considerashun, and it wuz finally decided that  
his name shood be entered. With these trislin excepshuns, everything wuz  
harmonious.

I find that every citizen uv the Corners, exceptin Pollock and Big-  
lar, wuz in the Confederit servis, either ez a actooal soljer, or in sum way  
engaged in promotin its interests. We shel insist, to put us on a com-  
plete ekality with the Fedrels, that these penshuns shel date back to the  
beginin uv the war, and intrest shel be compounded from that date to  
this. Also each one shel hev the same land grants, and all the addishnel  
pay that the Fedrels hev receeved. Likewise, inasmuch ez the Confederit  
money wuzn't good for nothin, that each Confederit soljer shel receive pay  
for the entire time he wuz in the Confederit servis, the same ez Fedrel  
soljers, with an addishnel allowance to make up for the insuffisent ra-  
shens he receeved while in the feeld.  

The effeck upon the Corners is miraculous. Bascom is so certin uv the  
eleckshun uv Hancock and the payment uv these claims that he hez opend  
asystem uv credit, and the Corners is gittin now all the likker it wants.  

Will the Dimocrisy uv the North disappint us? Is this golden era to  
be made a reality or will they permit the eleckshun uv Garfield and set us  
back where we wuz? I cannot bleeve it. Kentucky will do its hull dooty  
for Hancock.  

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Jubilant).  

THE CROSS ROADS RATIFY THE NOMINATIONS.  

Confedrit X Roads,  
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),  
July 30, 1830.  

We put off the ratificashen uv the Democratic nominees till this late  
day, for two reasons, viz—we wantid to wait till somebody had tapped
his barl so that the ratificashen cood go off with some claw, and, sec-
ond, we hed to wait till Bascom got a fresh barl uv likker from Loois-
ville. Yoo can't ratify a Dimocratic nominashen here on a half barl, and hev eny enthoosiasm manifested. It ain't our style.

We held the ratificashen last nite. The meetin-house hed bin dekoratid by the patriotic winmin uv the Corners in the most gorgeous stile. The two candlesticks on the pulpit wuz furnishid by Miss Melindy Pogram, bein made from the thigh-bones uv Fedrel hirelins wich perished, justly, at Andersonville; the hammer yossed by the cheerman wuz the shin bone uv a nigger wich went up at Fort Pillar, and the Confedrit flag wuz taste-
fully draped over portrates uv Ginral Lee, Jefferson Davis and other he-
roes, who gave theirselves to the coz uv the sunny (now solid) South.

I commenest proceedins by remindin the awjence that this wuz a solium occashun. For the fust time for many yeers the Dimocrisy uv the coun-
try hed a chance uv succeed in their effort to do jestis to the suffrin South, or rather the suffrin South hed a opportoonity uv doin jestis to theirselves. We hev every earthly chance to succeed, and ef we don't it is our fault. There is no more disfranchisement—no matter how long a patriot servd in the Confedrit army, he kin vote jest the same a tho he hed servd in the Fedrel army. It is troo we hev bin obleeged to nomin-
ate a Fedrel soljer, but that shood be no objeckshun. Ef he fit on one side he hez votid on the other with commendable regularity, and it is time that the South berried sich ishoos. For one, I hed forgiven Gen. Hancock for drorin his sword on the wrong side. I forgive him, and shel vote for him, even if he wuz agin us. I earnestly hoped that his bein a Fedrel sol-
jer wood not be held agin him, but that the solid South would show its generosity by a broad and comprehensive forgivnis.

Deekin Pogram said that it wuz a bitter pill for one wich hed lost his
niggers, and whose fences and pertaters hed bin taken by Ginral Morgan, and wich the Fedrel government hed refoosed to pay for, to vote for a Fedrel ginral. It ruther riled him to vote for any man wich hed ever wore the bloc. But ef it wuz nessary to do so in order to ketch enuff Northern votes, he s'posed he shood hev to submit. He did submit, and wood publicly say that he forgave Ginral Hancock for bein in the Fedrel army. It wuz the dooty uv the South to forgive, because we want jestis done us. We want our brave soljers penshund, we want the losses in-
flicted onto us by a crool and unjustifiabla war paid, and while it will do the present generashun some good, we want Seceshn Crik slack-watered. If to do all this requires the eleckshun uv a Northern soljer, so be it. With the understandin that Hancock repents his vandalism, the Deekin exprest hisself ez willin to vote for Hancock. English hez nothin to rep-
ent uv.

Issaker Gavitt sed he took a broader vew uv the nominashen. He hed assendid a higher plane, and knowd no South, no North, no East, no West. He wuz for the hull kentry. The North wuz rich, the South. wuz poor. The North loved to accomulate property, and the South to spend it. The North paid taxes, the South didn't. He wood proudly appeal to any one present to-nite ef he ever paid any taxes 'ceptin, incidentally, the ac-
cursed tax on likker, and that wuz mostly evadid by gittin our supplize uv the moonshiners. Wat folly then for the Corners, wich wants a cus-
tom house, a ship canal, and improvement uv Seceshn Crik, and a dozen other things which will take from the North a million uv dollars, and dis-
tribbit it down here, to stop to inquire what color the nominee uv the
Dimekratic party wore doorin the late unholy war. When he thot uv them approprashens he wuz resdy to consider the crooel war over. When he considered that the South wuz the Dimekratic party, and that whoiver took a nominashen at its hands gave a mortgage on hisself in favor uv the South, he shood hate hisself ef he hedn't the sense to give him his support. He wantid pay for the property whch the Confedricts took when they wuz regin thro Kentucky, and he wantid approprashens. Conseently he took a broad, statesman-like vew uv the matter, and shood vote for Hancock jist the same ez tho he hed bin ez good a Confedritz ez Lee hisself. He forgave him from the bottom uv his heart. Ginal Hancock coodent help it.

Kernel McPelter remarkt that in vew uv the necessity uv hevin Sthern soljers penshund and Sthern losses made good. likewise uv hevin some sort uv controle uv the labor uv the slaves wich the infamus Linkin unconstitooshenelly freed, he wuz willin to forgive the nomine uv the Democratic party for barin arms agin the South. But he felt that suthin wuz doo the South, suthin uv a soothin nacher. The South wuz proud, and to constantly remind her uv her humililashen wuzn't jist the thing. He wood sejest to Hancock that, inezmuch ez the South forgives him, that he drop the title uv ginral, and be spoken uv hereafter ez simply Mr. Hancock. Shoorly no man wich wood take a nominashen at the hands uv the Dimocrisy wood want to retain a title won by sightin agin that party. He hed no doubt that our nominee wood see the propriety uv this act uv jestis the minit it wuz sejestid to him.

The meetin then endorsed the nominees, tho hintin that the sooner Mr. English opened his barl the sooner the Corners wood feel like bein enthousiastic. Another resolooshen recitid that while ther wuz no question that Samuel J. Tilden wuz defraudid out the Presidenc, yet this persistent refoosle to send money to Kentucky to aid in a Dimekratic triilumph mitigated our greef, and wood finelly eradikate it. It wuz hard yellin fraud dry-lipped. The paper containin the platform hed bin lost, and we didn't know wat it wuz. It made no difference, however, for Issaker Gavitt moved that it be hartily endorsed, and that the Corners acceptid it ez the soundest kind of sound Dimocrisy. And then we adjourned to Bascom's, the likker bein charged up to the Dimekratic central commity.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(with prospev uv agin signin hisself P. M.)

P. S.—We are gittin on delitely with the work uv fillin claims for penshuns for servis to the Confedracy. We hev claims in for every livin citizen uv the Corners, and now are bizzy fixin up papers for the families uv sich ez hev died doorin the last fourteen years. Mirandy Pogram hez jist filed her claim for the time spent in carvin the thigh bones uv the Fedrel soljers into candlesticks. I shel send it on with the rest.

P. S. No. 2.—The Corners hez jist receevd a staggerin blow. I hev jist receevd a letter from Loolsville statin that no money will be sent to the Corners, ez it is considered shoor for Hancock anyhow. Bascom towunst closed down on our likker, and the utmost consternashen pervales. The prinipple citizens hev determined to go to-wunst to Injeaney, instid uv puttin it off to the middle uv August, ez wuz designed. We hev got to go there to vote, anyhow, and we may ez well commence makin em keep us now ez to put it off. They hev got to hev us, and ther is no sense in grazin on barren pasters when ther is a Injeaney flowin with milk and
honey jist across the river. I hev packed my other shirt—I borrered it from a line last nite—and shell start to-morrer. Ez about thirty will go. Eascom drops a sigh uv relief. He won’t get rid uv so much likker, but he will save a great deal uv time in bookkeepin. He is furious, tho, at the commity for not makin the Corners a battle-field.

P. V. N.

THE TROUBLE AT GOVERNOR’S ISLAND.

Governor’s Island,

(Wich Is in the State uv Noo York),

Aug. 6, 1850.

The noosepapars are full uv an akcount uv General Hancock’s faintin in the presence uv two delegashuns wich called on him.

The troo histry uv the case is this:

We hev a electric arrangement from the ante-room where I stand, to the General’s rooms. There are 60 keys marked with the states and the shades uv opinyun wich make up the Dimekratic party. Thus one is marked “Noo York—hard money,” another “Loozeaner—secish,” and so on.

My dooty is to admit only one party at a time to see the General, and to notify him in advance wat principles the visitin party perfesses, that ur candidate may make no mistakes.

For instance, ther comes a man from Pennsylvany. It is my dooty to find wat his noshens ar on the tariff. I ask him, to begin with, how trade is. He ansers “Bully.” Then I say, “How does the present tariff work for you?” He sez “Bully” wunst more, and then I know all about it. He is interestid in manufacturs, and is a high tariff man.

Then the matter looks comparatively simple. I tetch a key wich is marked, “Pennsylvany—tariff,” and send him into the presence, and General Hancock knows eggsackly wat to say to him, and he sez it, and sends him away happy.

Ef the visitor is from Illinoy, and happens to be a free trader, a key is tetchd so labeled, and the Ginerl also knows wat to say to him.

The same rool applies to all visitors. We hev ez many keys ez there are shades uv opinyun in the party. It reikirs a gigantic intellect to keep the run uv em, and that is why I okkepy that responsible posishun.

Uv course I make mistakes occasionally, for no man kin keep the track uv sich diversity uv prinsiple. I did tech the key marked “War Dimekrat,” for a secesh major from Loosaner, and he come out in a towerin rage, at bein informed by the General that he shood never be satisfd till evry man wich bore arms in the Confederacy hed passed away, that we mite hev peace, and It wuz a mistake when I tetchd the key markt “Confederacy” and sent In a Wisconsin farmer which hed hed two sons killed at Antietam. The old man didn’t like to be told that Confederate soljers shood hev the same penshuns ez the Northern hirelins, wich invaded the South so brootally.

But the trouble referred to okkurred yesterday. There came a delegashun uv wide-hatted men from Maine and Injeany, wich wantid to consult the Ginerl ez to his vews on the grate question uv unlimited green-bax, and jist at the same minit ther come a delegashun from the city uv Noo York wich wuz a goin to demanda expresn ez to honist money.

I insistid that but one delegashun shood go in at a time, and ez the Injeany men wuz nearest the door, I tetchd the soft money key, and asked em in. The hard money men hustled em aside, and thinkin they
wood push in first, I tetch the hard money key. This demoralized V. e General, and to add to the horror uv the accident they both pushed past me, and rushed in all together.

Then a scene ensued wich baffles descripshen.

"Wat we want to know," sed the spokesman uv the Injeany and Maine delegashen, "is, in the event uv your eleckshun, is the kentry to hev onlimit money and consequent prosperity?"

The general turned pale and looked at me implorinly. He wuz not ekal to the emergency, but I wuz. I whispered in his ear, "Faint," and seezed him in my arms. Takin the hint, he drawd a long sigh, and fell out uv his cheer, senselis, to all appearances.

"Gentlemen," sed I, "our noble candidate hez bin overworked and na- cher aserts herself. Will yoo please retire while I bring him to?"

They went out, and the gineral got up. "Are they all gone?" he asked.

"They are all gone," sed I.

"Ther must be a new plan fixed," sed he. I can't keep on faintin in this way till the first uv November. The next time this happens I shel faint in ded ernest, and it will be no sham."

Wat we shel do I don't know. It wuz sejestid that our candidate take an extendid European trip, but ef he does that we lose the effekc uv his superb face and figger, wich is wat we nominatid him for. Ef we keep him here and yootilize that, we run the risk uv havin him talked to, wich is fatle.

We hev the matter under consultashen now, but hev not bin able to come to any conclooshen.

I wish to Heaven I cood be a keeper for Garfield. His man hez a soft thing uv it. The cussid Republikins hevn't but one set uv opinyuns, and ther ain't no trouble about that. Garfield's doorkeeper he sets an'- admits everybody, without askin no questions, and hez nothin whatever to do cepatin to say, "Walk in, gentlemen." And they go in and Garfield talks to all uv em, and ther ain't no rows, and no financeerin, nor no nothin.

It requires more engineerin to be a Dimekrat. We hev too extensive a set uv principles, and they require to grate a straddle to kiver em all. I wish to heaven the first uv November wuz here. This kind uv a thing is altogether too wearin on a not overstrong constitutooshen.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Eggshaustid).

THE SOUTH'S FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
August 14, 1880.

The Corners hev bin consultin. Not doin any plantin or hoeln, and consequently not bein bothered with any reapin, we hev plenty uv time to run the guverment. That wuz wat give the South its pre-eminence in the old times. Hevin niggers to do all the work, we cood give our hull minds to poker, hoss-racin and government, while the scrimpin Noath wuz botherin Itself with buildin raferodes and factries and sich other be-littlin pursuits. Them wuz halcyon days and we perpose, the Lord bein willin, to hev em back agin.

The result uv our consultashen may be briefly statid. Wat we want is to wipe out all the remainin signs uv the late onpleasants, and git back to the old harmony and accord uv the yeers afore 1860. We want to
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plow up the battle feelds, to develop the good old brotherly feelin, and claspin our hands across the differences wich onfortoonitly divided us, be wunst more wun in sentiment, wun in feelin, wun in interests, all under one flag.

To do this, uv course everything must be set back eggsackly where it wuz. So long ez any vestiges uv the results uv the war are visible, uv course we shuld be reminded that there wuz a war, and then our harts will be fired, and the ugly feelin will come up.

This is about the terms the Corners will be compelled to demand.

1. That ther may be no unpleasant remembrances of the great struggle left, Afrkin slavery shuld be re-established, with the chance given the South uv extendin the institooshn to the Chinese and poor whites, wich wuz wat we intendid afore the war.

2. To placate the South, wich hez hed its feelins hurt, the ginal go-

ernment shuld pay for all the niggers liberated wich can't be found, with a sootable compensashun for the time uv those emancipatid by the feend Linkin.

3. Ez a proper thing to attach the South to the Yoonyun, and restore proper feelin, the ginal government shood to-wunst pay all losses sus-

ained by the South doorin the war, no matter by which side inflictid, and not lookin too thunderin close into the claims wich may be presentid.

4. That no vestige uv bitternis may remane—that the last root may be dug out—penshuns shood be paid by the ginal government to South-

ern soljers in the servis uv the Confederacy, datin em back to the close uv the war, the same ez Fedrel soljers.

5. That the South may feel a proper interest in the government, ther shoud be inoggeratid a very expensive system uv internal improvements in the South. To make it perfeckly shoo this system must inclodd the slack-watrin uv Seceshn crick, the bildin uv a gorgeous custom-house and postoffis at the Cross Rodes, with sich other improvements ez from time to time we may decide we want.

6. To clinch the continyood allegiance uv the South, all these pay-

ments shoud be made in government bonds bearin interest at the rate uv eight per cent, to be known as the "Consillashen Series," wich makes it shoo that the South will never secede till theyhev spent ther bonds any-

how. It wood prevent both seceshn ez well ez repoodishen, and wood go a great ways toward holdin the South to the old flag. No Southerner wood think uv secedin with a government bond in his pokkit.

These are the main pints. Uv course it wood be naterally understood that the Dimocrisy shood hev a clean majority in both House uv Congris, and that the President, ef he is a Northern man, shuld be in sympathy with the opprest South, and shul agree to sign without question any bill wich the Congris shuld pass.

We shul not insist that the name uv the government shuld be changed to that uv the "Confedrit States," for we don't want to offend our breth-

ren uv the North wich will be payin intrest on our bonds.

The Corners make no appeal to the good feelin uv the North, but only to their selfishnis. Ef the North wants to consiliate us, now is the chance. Ef the North wants peece and harmony it hes now a golden oppor-

tunoty. We admit we wuz beat in war, and hev been beat in votin, bu: if we git back all that we lost by the war, with enuff added to make up for our feelins bein hurt, we forgive em. We are a forgivin race, and magnanimus ez well. Wat we want is peece, and the means uv livin in peece.
Will the North embrace this opportunity, by electin Hancock, or will it perpetuate the old feelin by makin Garfield President?

That is the question which every Northern man must anser for hisself.

We uv the South shel deposit our votes—for Hancock and Peece, and shel shoot thro the kidneys every man in the Southern states wich is not in akkord with us. We must hev peece.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Peece Maker).

MR. NASBY SETTLES TROUBLE IN THE CAMP.

_Governor's Island._

(Wich is in the State uv Noo York),

Aug. 23, 1880.

_Yesterday wuz the most eggscrim time we hev hed on the Island. I hev bin in many a tite place in my life, but never in so tite a one ez this.

It wuz a close time when I desertid from the Loosiner Pelikins, and wuz bein shot at by the Pelikins from behind, and the Fedrels from the front, wich is the normal condition uv a Northern Dimekrat, and I wuz in some trouble when I wuz president uv the Onlimitid Trust and Confidence company, and wuz pursood by a infoorkted mob, but them escapes pale into insignificance compared with wat I undergoed yesterday.

It wuz the day we set apart, Hancock and me, to receive delegashuns, wich we do wunst a week. This is alluz our tryin day, and I hev to be in Glnral Hancock's room to assist him. He is very much in need uv a statesman, and I serve him in that capassity.

The delegashuns come all to-wunst, and ther wuz a purty mix. Tho fust that got awjence wuz from Injeany.

The chairman remarkt that his devoshun to Dimocrisy and his admi- rashun uv Genral Hancock, our standard-bearer, wuz sublime. He pledged Injeany to the nominee, by a very large majority, onless our frends in Kentucky disappoint us, wich they wood not. But he come to lay before the President that is to be, the vews of the Dimocrisy uv Injeany, showin wat Dimocrisy is in that state. Wat tho Dimocrisy uv Injeany wantid wuz a totle destruckshen uv the Nashnel banks, and an onlimited ishoo uv greenbax by the general government. The Dimocrisy uv Injeany, ez one man, demandid fiat money, and they all wantid uv it.

The genral remarkt that he hedn't hed time to give much attentshun to the question uv finance, but he hed no doubt that the Injeany polisy wuz the correct thing. He pledged hisself, ef elected, to devote some spare afternoon to the study uv finance, and hed no doubt uv his doin the right thing.

The Noo York delegashun remarkt that they hed a word to say ez to wat Dimocrisy wuz. Dimocrisy in Noo York meant a gold basis, and the contlyoance uv the nashnel banks, and no fiat money. Fiat money meant repoodiashun, rooin—

The Injeany man remarkt that he'd be dam ef any bloatid bondholder wich hed got rich off the labor uv the boundin West shood dictate to him. Ef the Dimocrisy wanted Injeany they must come to Injeany's lree.

The Noo Yorker retortid that no Injeany repoodiashunist shood dictate to the Dimocrisy uv Noo York.

Glnral Hancock remarkt that ez he hed sed afore, he hedn't given the subject that keerful attentshun wich its Importance demands, but—

The Pennsylvania delegashun broke in. Wat the Dimocrisy us Pen-
sylvany, wantld and must hev wuz a high pertective tariff, and without it—

Ginral Hancock remarkt that he hed never given the tariff question any attention, but ez soon ez he got thro with nashnel bankin and finance, after the eleckshun, he wood study it. He hed alreddy procured all the nessary books on the subjick.

The Illinoy delegashun swore that they wood hev no tariffs. Dimocrisy meant free trade, and no graspin monopolists shood come here in the name uv Dimocrisy, and—

Teers wuz fillin the ginral's eyes, when I interfered. It wuz high time, for ther wuz six more delegashuns to speak, all from different parts uv the kentry, and I foresaw wat a terrible season ther wood be ef oll wuz'n poured onto the troubled waters.

"Gentlemen," said I, "a word ef you please in season. You are all, doubtless, good Dimekrats, but yoo ain't none uv yoo got the proper no-thun uv wat Dimocrisy reely does mean. Dimocrisy is a comprehensive word, and kivers a great deal uv ground. Our Injeany friend wants unlimited money—he may cherish his noshun and still be a good Dimekrat. Our Noo York frend wants hard money—he shel cherish his beleef. The Ginral and me hev no dejeckshuns. Likewise ez to the tariff and free trade. There is room for all, and plenty to spare for all other beleefs.

"But the primary, central controllin jgee uv Dimocrisy is postoffis. That is the central sun—the great insprin jgee, witch swallers up and drowns out all the rest. For twenty long yeers we hev bin fastin, with the government granary in full vew, and it is a time to put an end to it. Wat is a tariff compared to our holdin the puss strings uv the nashen? Wat is the tariff question as compared with the custom houses and the furrin mishuns? Ginral Hancock may not be learned on these questions, but he knows enuff to sign his name to commishns, and that is the fust rekisl uv a Dimekratic President.

"We are perfeckly willin that yoo shel hev your diffrences, but in the interest uv postoffis we wood sejest that yoo defer any menshun uv em till after eleckshun. Then the Ginral and me are perfeckly willin that yoo shel fite over em yoo choose. It will then be a matter uv perfeck indifference to us wat Dimocrisy meens. Possibly, when each uv yoo goes home with his commishn in his pockit, you will be able to see things different and these questions won't look so important to yoo, ez they do now.

"Wat Dimocrisy wants is success. We want the postoffises, and the other places. Prinsipple is a mighty good thing to talk about, but postoffis is the end we are aiming at.

"Gentlemen, go home. Advoka te in your respective localities watever polisy will git the most votes, and when we hev cast anker in the barber uv success, and we hev the froots uv victory safely hived, there will be time enuff to discuss these trifiin matters. Let our watchword be everywhere. "Hancock and a postoffis!"

The little speech hed the desired effeck, for every man uv em realized the fact that he coud never git a smell uv a place under anybody but Hancock, and every one uv em pocketed his platform, and all agreed that I hed presented the matter in a statesmanlike way. Likewise every man uv em coincid with Ginral Hancock's views on the leadin ishoos that hed bin menshund, and pledged him their harty support.

It's a great thing to be a statesman.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Pacificator).
MR. NASBY MAKES A SPEECH WHICH CAUSES TROUBLE.

Confedir X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
August 27, 1880.

I sigh ez did the late Henry A. Wise, uv Virginny, for a kentry in wich ther aint no noosepapers. Noosepapers hev bin the cuss uv Dimocrisy, and the one thing that stands in our way. Noosepapers and free skools are wat kills the Dimekratic party. They can't git along together nohow. Wat the Dimocrisy wants is a seckshun in wich ther aint no noosepapers, ceptin them wich is published by authority, and whose content is superviserd by a committty before publicashen.

Two weeks ago we hed a meetin at the Cross Roads, to reconcile a difference that had onfortunatly sprung up in the ranks uv the Dimocrisy. The trouble wuz this:

The Corners hed ishood its bonds to bild a court house and a markit house and other improvements, wich Bascom hed took, he bein the principle capitalist. He bot em up at about 10 cents on the dollar, and holds to em to-day.

Now comes the trouble. The citizens uv the Corners don't want to pay the bonds at all. They hold that they hev the bildo, but that there is some legal flaw in the contrack, wich don't compel em to pay, and they perpose to take advantije uv it.

Immejitly there wuz a split among the citizens. Them wich holds the bonds insists that suthin shoold be paid onto em, and them wich don't hold em, but wich hev to pay taxes, Insists that they shan't pay anything.

The question hez gone into pollitix and the result is two tikkits liable to be nominatid and the Dimekratik party dividid.

It wuz my dooty to prevent this, and I called the Corners together and made a speech to em. I hed the meetin-house dekorared the same ez I alluz do on important occashuns. I hed on the pulpit the skulls uv the Fedrel soljers from Bull Run, the thigh bone uv the Fedrel soljer starved at Andersonville, and the skeleton uv the nigger killed at Fort Piller.

"Friends," sed I, "in the presence uv these reliks I implore yoo to pause. Wat is bonds, wat is taxes, compared to a Dimekratik triumf? Yoo are quarrelin over purely lokle ishoos. Before yoo divide and endanger a Dimekratik triumf, consider wat Lee wood hev done, wat Jackson wood hev done hez they bin in yoor places. Remember that the principles we are fitin fur to-day are the principles they fit for, that the idees underly-in the Confederacy did not die with the surrender uv Lee, but that they are in eggstissence now, and that this eleckshun decides whether the South or the North triumfs."

I went on in this way an hour, and finally got the people satisfied to settle the matter without any trouble, and went home feelin good.

Now wat happened? There happened to be present that nite a cousin uv a farmer in the neighborhood, who is the edotor uv a Radikel paper in Injeany. That feend took down in short-hand my entire speech, and he sent it to his paper in Injeany, and published it in full, with illustrations uv the bones uv the Fedrel soljers, and everything connectid with the meetin. And the Republikin press uv the North is usin it to show that the old rebel spirid ain't deéd yit.

This is what bothers me. What rite hez that man to send a speech North that wuz intendid solely for the South?
I didn't want that speech publish in Injeany. It wuz intendid for Southern consumpshun only. It wuz made for the Corners, and for the Corners only. It is a trubble with Dimocrisy that you hev to hev speeches for every different locality. Ef I make a speech at the Corners I don't want it sent up into Injeany or Ohio, and red there, for Dimocrisy at the Corners and Dimocrisy in the North is two distink things.

I don't know ez it will do me any good to deny it, ez Wade Hampton does, for the cussid speech wuz reported in full and is kerrcct. But it is raisin blazes with us. It is been yoosed to show that we uv the South hev not lost eny uv our old ijes, and the worry uv it is that it does show that very thing.

Hereafter when I make a speech I shell be shoor that ther ain't any reporters or noosepaper men present, captin such ez are in our interest. Hereafter I shell hev the report uv my speeches revised by myself afore they are printed, and I shell know when they are goin.

Then things will be safe. This trouble hez worried me more than anything doerin the campane.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (In trouble).

MR. NASBY ON RECONCILIATION AND GOOD FEELING.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Sept. 4, 1880.

The South hez, probably, the most forgivinest and placable people on the face uv the known earth.

While the South is feerfully high strung and sensitive, its people are the most reasonable in the world, and the easiest tetchid by a sense uv what is jestis. Jestis is the Southern man’s best holt.

If ther's any differences uv opinyun betwixt the North and the South, It is entirely the fault uv the North. The North is made up uv a stubborn, unreasonable people, and its course toward the South hez bin marked by a brootality that is past belief.

All the trouble that hez ensood, from the beginnin, hez bin comment by the North, continyood by the North, and, ef it is eternal, the North hez it to ansuer for.

When the South wantid to extend slavery over the territories, the trouble begun. To hev stopped it then wood hev bin an easy thing. All the North hed to do wuz to withdraw its opposishen, and let the South alone.

When the North nominatid the feend Linkin the South pertesid. Ef the North hed heendid that pertesid, and let Breckenridge hev gone in, all trouble wood hev bin avoidid.

When the South pertesid agin the rane uv Linkin and fired upon Fort Sumter, the North cood hev avoidid enragin the South by lettin uv em alone. But ez ef bent upon trouble, it raised armies and opposed the South.

Doorin the bloody and fratricidle struggle the South wuz willin at any thime to end it, but the North wuz in the way. It refossed to lay down its arms, and finally the hoomiliatid South hed to submit.

Even at this late date the South is still willin to forgive, even if it can't forget.

The way is simple. All the North hez got to do is to repair the damages done by its hard-heartidness and stiff-neckednis. Let Garfeeld be
withdrawn from the field to-wunst, and let Hancock hev a walk-over. Let the South control the government ez it yoost to.

There can't be no troo Yoonyun s long ez there are seckshunal lines. Let seckshunal lines be obliterated by mergin the North into the South, by wipin out the North entirely. Ez there ain't no North, there kin be nothin to fite about.

With the entire North in yoonity with the entire South, there wood be sich a harmony ez wood make angels weep.

We shood hev no more dispoots, and the South wood administer the government to its own satisfaction, and hev nuthin watever to complane uv.

We want yoonity and wat I hev indicated is the certin road to it. Let the North make a immejuit commensemence. Let it abandon Gar-feeld and turn all its forces to Hancock.

Give us back our niggers, and give us sich appropriashens ez we need. For the further sekooity uv the South establish the doctrine uv States' Rites, and giv the South the full swing it yoosed to hev.

We are tired uv this everlastin ill-feelin, this unbrotherly bad blood that hez eggisted so long.

Do away with it. I pledge my life and my sacred honor that the South will bury the hatchet, and never resurrect it, ef all that she wants now, and sich things ez she may deside she wants hereafter, is given to her.

Ef ther is any more bad blood the North is clerely responsible for it.

Ez a proper starter for a complete reconsilashen I wood purpose a re-union uv the soljers uv the North and South, to be held on the feeld uv the first Bull Run. The reunion shood be presided over by Jefferson Davis and the committees shood be made up uv the survivin ginenals uv the Confedrit army. The grounds shood be decoratid with the flags uv the Confedrit regiments wich made the most honorable record, and Wade Hampton shood be the prinsiple orator. This wood be a glorious opportoonity for the South to show its forgivenus, and the North to show its repentance.

Wat I want is a heelin uv the old sores, and a wipin out uv the old bit-ternisses, and I know uv nothin that wood so soothe the Southern sole, and do so much toward quenchin the smolderin fires wich Northern arroganse hev kept alive at the South.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Pacifactor).

P. S.—I wish Hancock wuz a tripe more uv a man than he is. He's got opnyunys enuff, but he's got more opnyuns than he hez nollege. He ain't heavy in properson to the part wich nominated him. I find it thun-derin hard work to sing a long-metre hymn to a short-metre toon. But I suppose ef he is electid he will learn nuthin about governamental matters. Anyhow the kentry may depend upon it that he will alluz hev me to lean onto.

P. V. N.

THE NEWS FROM MAINE ARRIVES.

Governor's Island,
(Wich is in the State uv Noo York),
Sept. 15, 1860.

Ginral Hancock and me heard uv Maine this mornin. We rejoiced.

Ginral Stinger, uv Mississipp, who served under Lee from the time that grate man took command uv the Confedrit forces to the final surrendur at Appomattox, wuz affected to teers.
"Thank God," said he, "for Maine. The country is safe. Maine stands up for the Yoonyun."

And he and General Hancock shook hands solemnly, and retired to the next room, which they emerged from with winp in their lips.

Patsey O'Shaughnessy, with his voice trembling with emotion, remarked that Maine had spoken. He wuz so joyous over this triumph of purity that he shoed throw his bar open to-night, and drinks wood be free to all troo Dimekrats in his ward. It wuz too glorious.

I telegraph the glorious nooze to Deekin Pogram at the Corners, and his ansor cum back quick.

"It is too much. Bascom is Illuminatid, and we hev cleened out every nigger for five miles. The boys are still at it."

General Hancock took it with the cam impassivenis uv the soljer.

"The nooze is glorious," said he, "we hev won tho first skirmish, but not the final battle. It is time for decisive actken, for the reel struggle comes off in November. Now is our time. Nasby, git them Greenback documents together, and shove 'em thro Maine. Hev me announc—in Maine—ez in favor uv unlimited greenbacks."

Whoso beelieves Hancock isn't a statesman don't know very much.

He immejitly sent a letter to Noo Jersey, insistin on high protective tariff, and another to Injeany holdin that the prosperity uv the kentry demands free trade.

Sence the Maine eleckshun Hancock hez woke up, and is displayin remarkable capacity. I now hev faith in him.

Money is comin in good. We hev $200,000 to yoose in sendin Kentuckians to Injeany to vote in October, to make shoor uv carryin that state. Uv course ef we carry Injeany, that settles it.

The skies is brite. I shel once more hev the postoffls at the Corners.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Jubilant).

A PROCLAMATION TO THE DEMOCRACY.

Governor's Island,

(Wich is in the State uv Noo York),

Sept. 20, 1880.

To the Dimocrisy of the Yoonited States:

We hev lost Maine. Our dispatch congratulatln yoo on carryin the Pine Tree state for Plaisted wuz a trifle prematoor. We hev lost it. Me and General Hancock do not underrate the loss, or underestimate the gravity uv the sitooashen. Hence this proclamation.

We wuz enetit led to Maine by every considerashen uv commershel integrity, and only lost it by a series uv the most unblushin frauds that that demon, Blane, ever perpetratid.

We bought the state fairly and paid for it in good, honist money. Our charem, Mr. Barnum, did not ask the Greenbackers uv Maine to take ther own money, mere promises to pay, but we bought the votes with good, legal money uv the Yoonited States.

We paid ez high ez $25 for a single vote, and ther wuz but few uv the incorruptible voters uv the state wich we approached wich didn't git $5. After this, to hev Blane count us out, is a piece uv dishonor equalled sel-dom in the history uv pollytix.

The loss is the more serious for the money we yoosed in Maine we hev'n got to yoose in Injeany, wich is a still more expensive state than Mane. Owin to the Mane likker law, we cooden't do bar-room treetin, but
ternisht em likker by the barl, wich we got at wholesale prices—In Injeany we are compelled to pay ten cents a drink, wich largely increases our expenses. To buy a state and then not get it is hart-rendid. We hev wastid our capitile, we hev a defect to start off with, instid uv a victry, and our calcikelashuns is upset entirely.

Stil there is no cause for despondency. We shel yt elect Hancock, for we hev enuff strength in reserve.

Let every Dimekrat remember that we hev the solid South, beyond any question, and we don't hev to yoose any money down there. The local committy furnish the powder and shot for their active electioneers, and every Dimocrat in the South hez his own shot gun. Ef we cood electioneer in the North ez we do in the South, it wood be much cheeper; but we hev to take things ez they are, not ez we wood like to hev em.

We hev the city uv Noo York ez solidly ez we ever did. The fact that many uv our best workers are in the penitentiarles uv the state, and that a tiranikle Republikin governor won't pardon em out in time to take part in the fall campane is suthin agin us, but we hev enuff left. The lower wards uv the city are ez enthousiastic ez ever, and ther never wuz a more harty yoonyun uv the groseries in our strongholds than now.

In Maine the soft-money Dimekrats are workin harder than ever, determined to carry the state in November. In Injeany and Ohio the soft-money repooodiators are alive, and in the East the hard-money Dimocrats are at work with a zeal that promises success. Our high tariff frends in Pennsyllyania and Connecticut, our free-trade brethren in Illinoy all send words uv good cheer, and the anti-furrin element uv California, and the Irish uv Noo York are workin in yoonison.

We shel hev Injeany, shoor. We hev enuff Kentuckians in readiness to put into the Southern part uv the state to wipe out any majority the Northern seeshun kin give Garfeeld. They are all ready and eager to git away. Over forty go from the Corners alone, wich is a great releef to Bascom, ez he won't hev to trust em for likker doorin their absence, and they are eager to go, for they will hev free rashens in Injeany till after the election.

With our trained squads uv repeaters in Noo York city, and with our skill in countin there, and with our emegrashen from Kentucky into Injeany, and with wat we kin spare from Noo York to Connecticut and Noo Jersey, we shel carry all them states, and them, with the South solid, settles it.

Ginral Hancock, the superb soljer, and the ardent reformer, is shoor to be the next President.

Dimekrats uv the Yoonitid States, to yoor tents! or rather to your groseries! There is no cause for despondency. We hev bin beeten on the skirmish line, but we hev only commenst the fite. All there is uv the Mane trouble, we are short jist a hundred thousand dollars, and we hev to go down in our pockets for jist that much more.

We implore yoo, in the interest uv reform, uv purity, uv law and order, for the sake uv yoonion and the constitooshen, for the great priniple uv free trade, uv a high protective tariff, uv flat money and uv gold payments, watever your pertikeler noshun may be, akkordin to the seckshun yoo happen to live in, to go to work with a will.

With Garfeeld in the chair yoo are out uv place for four long, dreery veers—with Hancock, the postoffises is ours. To work, then, with a will.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Manager).
P. S.—We shood git along better ef English wood give down ez he wuz expectid to. But he won't give a dollar. He is very thrifty, is English. He wood hev made a splendid Proddygal Son. Ef he hed taken his share uv his father's estate, he wood hev come back with a mortgage on all the kentry he went to. Ef he hed struck sich bad luck ez to hev bin compelled to eat husks with hogs he wood hev come home with the hogs, shoor.

P. S. No. 2.—Hancock opposed my puttin in anything about a defect in Mane. He sez we hev hed all the Jollificashen over it, and the Dimocracy belleave that we hev carried the state. Ez half the party don't never reed, the chances are that that they will never know we didn't carry the state. The Gineral is developin remarkably.

P. S. No. 3.—A mortifyin mistake occurred at our literary burow, yester-day. There wuz a lot uv campane documents left over from the campane eight years ago, wicch wuz sent out by mistake. Among em wuz a pamphlet in wicch the great Butler wuz called "Beast Butler." Dimokeratic committees receevin uv em will destroy em, ef they kin reed so ez to dis-tinguish em.

P. V. N.

**MR. NASBY'S PATHETIC APPEAL.**

Confedrit X Roads,  
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),  
Sept. 27, 1880.

Ef the Dimocrisy uv the North wood only realize the condishn the Dimocrisy uv the South is in, they wood put on ther armor, and never lay it off till the last vote wuz polled.

The condishn uv the South is pitable in the eggstreme, and onless immejit releef is extended nobody kin be anserable for the consekwences.

The mountains is full uv distillers, wich is bein huntid by the tirankle government. The rites uv the citizens uv the South to manufaktor ther corn into whisky, and sell that whisky without payin any tax onto it is dispootid. Fedrel revenoo agents, backed up by armed men, is a scourin the mountains, and when a moonshiner is caught, his likker is confiscated and his still destroyed. It wood be suthin ef the likker wuz brot down to the villages and distrubbed to the citizens, but it is not. The heds uv the barrels are crooelly stove in, and the preshus flood is drank by the non-appreciative earth, wich hez no bowels that need it.

Over 30,000 gallons hev bin thus destroyed within ten miles uv the Corners, this yeer. Think uv the Dimocrats that this likker wood hev made! Think uv the comfort that likker wood hev bin to me and Deekin Pogram! But it is lost forever!

We want a Congris that will keep the tax on likker, but we want a President and a Treasury department that will not collect the tax in the South. Ef the tax wuz removed the North wood undersell us, and destroy this revenoo, but by makin the North pay the tax and hevin revenoo officers that wood not collect it in the South, this industry cood be maintained.

We want the tax on terbacker repeeled entirely, ceptin on sich varieties ez they raise in the North. Our Northern frends must remember that the heaviest tax we pay is on terbacker, and it bears heavily onto our people. The impoverihed South needs a heep uv nussin, jist now, and this wood be a help for us, only sekkond to a proper arrangement uv the likker interest.
Then we must hev the offises. The Democrisy uv the South lost their labor when the feend and goriller, Linkin, emansipatid the niggers, and the Southern gentleman is altogether too favoor to perform manyoop labor hissell. Next to livin off uv nigger labor, he is adapted to holdin light and easy offises, where the labor isn't too heisty, and the pay is ample. The offises is all in the hands uv the Radikels now, and we languish. All our interests languish. Not bein postmaster, I hev no money to spend at Bascom's, and he mourns. Not bein collector, McPelter hez bin obliged to put a mortgage on his farm in favoor uv Bascom, wich Bascom don't want, ez he hez to pay cash for his likker in Loozeville.

We want these places ourselves, and must hev em.

Then we want to be shoor uv bein free from any interference with our system uv labor. We purpose to hev the nigger back to his normal condition in some shape or another, wich we kin never do so long ez abolishinists are at the head uv things in Washingle, and the government is controlled by a radikel Congress. Repulikin government is a standin menace to the South.

It ain't nessary for me to refer to the payment uv our clames for losses dooin in the war, and the penshunin uv our Confedrit heroes. That is the very first thing to be done, for wat the South needs is captil.

We hev now clames before Congris wich amounts to several billions, and we must hev a Congris wich will pay them clames, and a President wich won't veto the bills. We are sufferin for this money. Deekin Pro- gram hez a clame in for a hundred mules that Morgan ceezed, and the poor old man, on the verge uv the grave, wants the money. I hev a clame in for a penshun for servis in the Loozeaner Pelikins, and I wish to smooth my pathway to the toom.

We shant be hard upon the governnment. We shel want a part uv it cash down, and the balance in bonds. To make the down payment the government kin ishoo greenbax, wich by increasin the vollum uv the currency wood stimoulate trade, and the bonds mite run forever ef interest wuz promptly paid. Yoo see we are reasonable. We don't wish to embarass nobody.

Pay these clames, penshun our soljers, and give us sich appropriashens ez we want and the South will be loyal to the government so long ez it nez a government bond left. Is it likely we'd ever rebel agin a govern- ment on the interest uv whose debt we wuz livin, and wich we controlled? There is but one way uv soothin the Southern hart and pacify in the Southern soul.

Dimekrats uv the North, to you we appele. Yoo see the fix we are in. Ef a Southern planter cood go to work like a Northern farmer, it wood be different. We mite then rekooperate ourselves. But it can't be did. We are a proud, governin, roolin race, and must be cared for ez sich. It wuz the North that took away our niggers, and the North must take ther place.

The South holds out its hands to yoo. See that we are not disappinted agin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Manager for Hancock).

P. S.—Bascom hez jist returned from Injeaney where he went to see the Dimekratic state committee to see ef he coodent endoose em to send some money into Kentucky. English sternly refoozed, but sed he shood pay such Kentucklans ez come to Injeaney to vote, liberally and even generously. Bascom didn't like it. Wat good is Democrisy to him, he sez,
ef they don't send money to where he is? He sez he can't go over to In-
leany and start a bar. He woodent vote for English ef he cood help it.

P. V. N.

MR. NASBY'S APPEAL TO OHIO AND INDIANA.

Confedrit X Roads,
(WIch is in the State uv Kentucky),
Oct. 6, 1880.

I am here on a furlo from our glorious leeder, General Hancock, to at-
tend to some privit biznis, but I kin speak from here ez well ez from Guv-
or's Island. It is to the Dimocracy uv Ohio and Injeany that I address
myself.

Yoo hev a terrible fite afore yoo next Toosday. The enemy uv ekal
vites is up in arms, and are makin a desperate struggle for possession uv
them states. It is the preliminary fite in the grate Presidential battle,
and whichever side wins goes into the general engagement with a percen-
tage in ther favor.

Will the Dimocracy uv them states consider the sitoaashen we are in,
and wat we want?

We want a Dimekratic President and a Dimekratic Congris, so that
we uv the Cross Roads kin hev Seeschn Crick slack-watered, a ralerode
bilt to Seessionville, and a plank rode to Davisville, at the expense uv
the general government, to create a biznis here.

We want a Dimekratic President and Congris so that Confedrit X
Roads kin hev a postoffis and custom house to do the biznis that the sys-
tem uv internal improvements contemplatid will perdoose.

We want a Dimekratic Congris wich will keep the tax on whisky, and
a Dimekratic President wich will appint revenoo offisers that won't collect
the tax in the South, so that we kin successfully compete with North-
ern distillers, and encourage that Industry in the mountains uv the South.

We want a Dimekratic Congris that will pay Suthern war clames, and
a Dimekratic President that won't veto the bills, so that the South may
hev wat it most needs, cappytle.

We want a Dimekratic administrenashen that will penshun the Suthern
heroes wich fit for ther leeders' idees so that Bascom shel be able to git
pay for the likker he sells, in cash, and do away with that cuss uv his biz-
nis, bookkeepin. G. W. is not handy with chalk, and he hez either to do
away with the credit system or enlarge the inside uv his bar-room. He
is now postin his accounts on the inside uv his barn, wich is his ledger. A
leeky roof and a rainy day wood wash out his entire accounts.

We want a Democratic Congris that will rip thunder out uv the tariff
and let the South, wich isn't gifted in manufacters, sell ther cotton in
Europe, and git her goods, wich is made by pauper laber there at pauper
laber prices. The hawty South hez pade triboot to the manufactrin
North long enuff.

We want a Dimekratic administrenashen wich will not interfere with
bayonets or sich when we pass sch laber laws ez will enable s to git
the nigger whe er is wool is short. We must hev cheer laber that we may
hev crops and sich.

We want a administrashen wich will not interfere with eleckshuns in
the South or in the lower wards uv the grate city uv Noo York. In them
localities we want a very free ballot. We want no Johnny Davenports to
ascot patriotie citizens becoz in their zeal for purity in government they
vote a dozen times at one ekshun. Patriotism shood be encurrrridged.

We want a Dimekratic administrashen wicch will let us re-organize the Soopreme court and make it Democratic, so that we may be shoor that wat a Dimokratic Congris does will to-wunst be pronounst legal and constitooshnel.

We want a Dimekratic administrashen wicch will let us cut up the Suthern states so that we shel hold the contolre for twenty yeers anyhow, after wich time whisky will hev done its perfeck work on me, and I shel take no more interest in pollytix.

We want the offises in the South now held by niggers and radikels. These few things we want and must hev and yoo must git em for us.

It ain't no yoose to talk about prosperity and the dangers uv a change. Ther can't be any prosperity to a hungry Dimekrat so long ez a radikel holds a offis wich he wants. To talk to Deekin Pogram about prosperity when the radikel Pollock is collector, and his farm is mortgaged to Bascom, is holler mockery. To talk too me about prosperity when that nigger Lubbock okkepies the postoffis is wuss than mockery—it is crooelt.

Democrats uv Ohio and Injeany, rally for our sakes. Yoo kin hev the postoffises in yoor own states—the South is ginerous. But consider us and rally.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Organizer).

P. S.—General Hancock writes me to say to yoo ef after the eekshun you git skeery about a change, that the Republikins will probably be strong enuff in Congris to hold him back, so ther can't be no danger in electin him anyway. And he sez “throw it out kind o' mildly in Ohio and Injeany that a Dimekratik President may go back on a Dimekratie platform, and be jist ez good a Republican ez tho he hed bin a member uv that party.”

P. S. No 2.—The fust detachment uv Cross Roaders left the Cross Roads yesterdai for Injeany, wher they vote next Toosday. English sez he is goin to carry the state in the interest uv a pure and good government ef Kentucky votes cost him $15 a piec. He is goin to rescoc the country from the corruptionists at all hazards.

P. V. N.

A HANCOCK PROCESSION BROKEN UP.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Oct. 10, 1860.

It wuz determined for effect upon the Injeany delegashen to hev a parade uv the Hancock forces in the Corners with banners and torches.

We hed a gorgeous procession arranged. It wuz headed by a wagon containin ez maney wimmen ez ther wuz states that seeclid, with the Confedrit flag a wavin over em. Melindy Pogram wuz holdin the Confedrit flag, dressed in mournin, typifyin the present condishn uv the South, while Hanner McPeltor wuz drest in white, in the act uv lickin a nigger, showin wat we hope will happen when Hancock is finally electid and we get complete contolre uv the government.

Follerin this allegorical representashen come the citizens uv the Corners, two by two, headid by me, barin torches, with the Confedrit flag a wavin over us in triumph.

The percessshun formed in front u: Bascom's, and it wuz a perty site to see. Capt. McPeltor wuz on Basoom's mule actin ez marshal, the wagon with the wimmen wuz in line, and everything wuz ready for a start.
Ez it took two hours to get the percshekn organized, the Dimocrisy wuz dry, and permishn wuz askt to break ranks to go in and git one sustainer afore it moved. I refoozed firm y, for ef the percesshun hed ever got into Bascom's it wood hev took another hour to git em into line agin, and Bascom settled it by remarkin that no one need go in onless he cood show the money for his drink just afore he got hold uv the bottle.

I give the word and sadly the percesshn moved up the street to the inspirin notes uv "Dixie" and the "Bonnie Bloo Flag," played by a fife and two drums.

We neered Pollock's store, and wuz jist on the pint uv givin him three greens when Joe Bigler appeared. He darted up to Issaker Gavitt, and whispered in his ear that ther wuz a barl uv noo whisky in the store on tap, and that Pollock wood give the Dimocrisy credit for likker for jist 30 mints.

The effek wuz magikle. Issaker dropt his torch jist wher he stood and rushed into the store.

The feend Bigler hed whispered it loud enuff so that two or three heerd it, and it passed down the line like telegraffin. In less than a second ther wuzn't a soul in the percesshn but me and the wagon, and wuzn't I do?

I coodnt make a percesshn all alone, with wun wagon full uv wilmnin, and I folled the last one into the store with perhaps more alacritity than dignity.

Ther wuz a barrel there, and Bas on and Joe Bigler wuz a drorin out the preshus flood in tin dippers, and dispesin uv it freely. It is needlus to say that that percesshn never marched agin. It wuz bustid. I coodnt git the men into line agin.

And then to add to the feendishnis uv these two conspirators, Joe Bigler hired a nigger on a mule to go in front uv the horses wich wuz a drawin the wagon, with a peck uv oats, wich the horses smelt, and the nigger rode off down a by-street holdin out the basket, and the horses become uncontrollable and started after them oats. The cussid nigger licked his mule into a gallop, the eager horses broke into a run, the nigger turned a corner sudden, the horses, forgettin the preshun load they wuz a drawin, turned the corner sudden also, over went the wagon, and that end uv the percesshn wuz dumped into a ditch.

Betwixt the free likker and the peck uv oats the finest percesshn ever organized in the Corners come to greef. And wat made it wuss, half the voters we wuz goin to send to Injeany got so full that they coodnt be carted over to Secessionville in time to take the train for Looisville, and there is jist that number uv votes lost to the Dimocrisy uv Injeany. A part uv'em got off, however, and we hev probably sent enuff to carry the state.

Ez English don't send any money into Kentucky, Bascom is goin to start a branch greesery at some pinter in Southern Injeany, till after the November eleckshun. He is an enterprisin man, is Bascom, and he sez of English's money won't come to him he will go to English's money. He is bound to hev his divvy some way.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(P. M. that wuz and is to ba)
MR. NASBY INDULGES IN A HOWL OF ANGUISH.

Confedrit X Roads,  
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),  
Oct. 15, 1880.

The Cross Roads met at the meetin-house the nite after the October eleckshun. It wuz a pertikely gloomy meetin, the most espeshly gloomy I hev ever witnest. Melindy Pogram and Hanner McPeiter hed spent the entire day in preparin the house for the occashen. They draped the skulls uv the Yoonyun soljers killed at Fort Piller in five cent bombazeen, folden the Confedrit flag, wich is our pride, in mournin, and run strips uv black caliker all over the house. The pictures uv Jeff Davis and Boregard wuz likewise draped, and only two candles wuz put upon the pulpit.

The exercises wuz opened by singin this hymn wich I adapted for the occasun:

"Plunged in a gulf of deep despair  
We wretched slaners lay,  
The niggers votid everywhere.  
Upon eleckshun day."

After wich I read em the follerin

WAIL OF ANGUISH.

A Dimekratic man is uv few days and very full uv trouble.  
He goeth forth to the polls smilin in the mornin, and returneth at  
nite full uv wounds and brooses and putrifyin sores.  
The Dimekratic party is too short at both ends.  
It is a harlet that dresses too low in the neck and too short in the  
skirts.  
It is weak in the middle and no strength abideth at the top or bottom.  
The Lord is agin Democrsy.  
In vain we prayed for short crops, and in vain our supplicashens went  
up for rinderpest and hoof-rot among the cattle on a thousand hills.  
In vain we implored for a potato rot and potato bugs, or anything else  
that wood distress the Yank and make him howl for a change.  
In vain we invoked the aid of the weevil and the Hessian fly, and the  
chintz bug, and the army worm, that the husbandman should curse the  
administration and turn to us.  
Lo, the more we prayed for distress the more there wuz prosperity.  
The crops were good, and the prices therefor bully, and wat kin a  
Dimekrat do when there is no trouble?  
We preached hard times, and they shook gold and silver under our  
noses.  
We said to the laborer, lo, you are oppressed, and he jeered, showin  
us a savins bank book.  
The smoke uv the furnace wuz to us the smoke of the torment.  
The clang uv hammers, and the wheeze uv the engine, wuz our funeral  
knell.  
We sent Blackburn and other brigadeers to the North, but the people  
put their tongues in their cheeks and wagged their heads in derision.  
We sed lo, we hev a Yoonyun soljer for our candidate.  
And they ansered, sayin, verily he hez changed his yooniform.  
They slathered Greely, and they hev cracked Hancock between their  
thumb nails.  
We offered em free trade, and they ansered sayin, give us a tariff.  
We offered em soft money, but they replied, sayin, no soft money in  
ourn.  
We offered to take the government off their hands, but they sed it wuz  
doing very well now, thank yoo.  
Gone is the postfixes, and the custom houses shel never know us  
again.  
Gone is the hope uv penshuns and the payment uv our war claims.
Bascom will either hev to shut shop or foreclose on our farms. For his chalk is out, and talk is cheap, but likker costs money. The moonshiners will be hunted in the mountains and the dweller on the plains will go athirst. The neger Lubockey will continue in the postoffis, and Pollock from Illinoy will sit at the receipt uv customs.

And Joe Bigler will yet be his depilty and vex the people. Wher shal I fly? Wher is the rock that shal hide me?

To Noo Jersey? The radikels will kerry that.
To Delaware? They are reachin their impious hands for that.
To Florida? That will swell the vote for the feend Garfield.
To Mississippi? The neger will vote in that state next yeer, and it will be no place for me.
To Arkansas? Ez goes Mississippi so will she.
The neger will vote, and he will ask wages for his labor.
And his wife will not be ours agin, nor his daughter.
We shal not sell em ez paupers to the highest bidder, and they will own land, and mules, and sich.
We shal see skool houses in the South, and preechers, and other abom- inashens.
And who kin tell? We may hev rollin mills and sich things in the Corners.
For when the shivelry is bustid what is to prevent the Yank with his money from comin down and possessin the land?
We are helplis.
To beg we are ashamed, and ther ain't nothin here to steel.
We cood hev worried along with the postoffices, but they are gone.
In the valley uv the shadder sit we, and ther ain't no ladder by wich we kin clime out.

After weepin an hour the meetin dispersed, and re-assembled sadly at Bascom's.

"Give us a drink," sed the Deekin, in a faltrin voice.
"Show me your money," wuz the onfeelin reply. "I hed ruther keep the likker than to sell it for promises. Gentlemen, cash is the rool from this time out."

And ez he wuz inflexible and there wuzn't a dollar in the party, we set parched to the very entrailes.

Issaker Gavitt wuz the fust to break silence.
"My line uv polisy is cleer. I shell jine the Republikens, and put in for an offis."

It wuz ez ef the sun hed risen and wuz a streemmin thro the cracks in the ruff.

"So will I," sed McPelter.
And they all sed the same thing.

I think myself it wood be the best. It is the shortest way to kill the Republikin party. For the Republikin party to take in the Corners and sich, wood be like a helthy man takin strikin. Somehow every organi- zation we hev jined hez managed to die with great dispatch.
Possibly this is our way out uv the woods.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Oppressed).

MR. NASBY'S TROUBLE AT GOVERNOR'S ISLAND.

Governor's Island,
(Wich is in the State uv Noo York),
Oct. 25, 1890.

Instid uv bein in Injeany, battlin with the Dimocrisy agin the trium- fant hosts uv Republikins, I am here doin a more important dooty.

A residence on the Island, is in some respects, more pleasant than among the Dimocrisy uv Injeany, and in others not so pleasant.
I hev my likker reglar, and all I want uv it, for I hev free access to the genral’s sideboard, wich is good, but there is drawbx. I am required to put on a cleen shirt at least every other mornin and cleen sox is per- petooally reqwired. Ginral Hancock is very fastijus about sich things.

My biznis here is to keep Ginral Hancock from talkin to anybody wich is not authorized by Barnum, the Dimekratic manager, and to see that all the letters he writes are submitted to a committy before they are mailed.

Hancock’s bein interviewed, and the letters he writes, hev given us a power uv trouble, and lost us many votes, and the pint is to prevent him from makin any more uv a ass uv hiself till after the eleckshun.

Wuns electid, uv course we don’t keer, but the pint is to git him elected.

Last nite a terrible accident okkurred, wich well nigh lost me my place. I visite’d the sideboard sevrall more times than wuz proodent, and bein fuller than a sentinel on the outposts uv success ought to be, become boastful and improodent. Ther happened in at the time, a half dozen Democrats from different parts uv the kentry to see Hancock. These wuz the very ones I wuz instructid to keep out, but likker got the best uv me and I boastid uv my power to admit or to keep out all visitors.

They tanted me, and remarkt that talk wuz cheep, and sich, and in a moment uv idocy, for wich I can’t account, I admittid em one to a time.

The first wich went in come out with a hurrah.

"I knowd it," sed he; "I knowd it. Hancock is ez good a free trader ez I want. I hev it from his own mouth. He won’t he: no tariff, but we uv the South may sell our cotton where we please, and her our manufak- tered goods without payin no triboot to Noo England or Pennsylvany. Hooror for Hancock!"

Five minits after the next one rushed out.

"Hooror for Hancock!" he yelled. "I knowd it—I knowd it. He is ez much uv a high tariff man ez I want. I got it from his own lips. He won’t never meddle with the tariff, onless it is to make it higher and stronger and more protectin. I got it from his own lips. Hooror for Hancock!"

And a minit later a man rushed out swearin that Hancock hed jist ashooed him that he wuz a Greenbacker, and another that he wuz a hard money man and inflexibly in favor uv nashnel banks, and finely one come out hoorayin for Hancock becoz he hed declared in favor uv a greater Chinese Imigrashen, and swore that the government wuz in dooty bound to perfect em that we mite hev cheep labor.

In twenty minits Ginral Hancock hed committid hiself to every po- littkkle prinsiple known to modern days, and it wuz made public through my negligence.

A man can’t drink whisky and attend to business. He must give his hull mind to either one or tother. Barnum wuz angry with me, and sed another sich a skip ez that and out I’d go. I didn’t blame him, espeshly ez these fellers all went over to the city and doubtuls are by this time com- parin notes. Barnum sed ef he coodent get keepers he cood trust he’d lock Hancock up till after the eleckshun.

Nevertheless we hev got to elect Hancock. We hev got to. We must. We wuz most everlastlinely whaled in Injeany and Ohio, but still we kin elect him. We must elect him, for the life uv the Democratic party dependa onto it.
Ef the Dimocrisy uv Kentucky hev to go on for four yeers more, subsistin on husks, and gittin its likker on credit, half its votin strength will hev passed in its chips, and gone into the hereafter. We hev tested our endurance to the last pint, and the strained bow won't hold out any longer.

And I ain't shoor but that Hancock's ijee is the rite one after all. After his various utterances wat kin any Dimekrat find in him that they don't want? Ef they want free trade, they kin hev it. Ef they incline to per-teckshen, they kin be sooted. Ef they want soft money, he is willin, and ef they want nashnel banks and gold, he comes up smillin to that propose-lishen. In short, like his party, he hez a most varigated and picturesek set uv prinsiples, and every shade uv opinyun kin take its choice. He has an extensive assortment uv prinsiples, and everybody kin be sooted.

Wat he wants is to be electid, and wat I want is to hev him electid. Gever may be his noshens on tariffs and sich, I know he is sound on postoffis, and that is the grate prinsiple we are strugglin for.

I shel never consider the kentry safe till that nigger Lubbock's hell rolls in the sawdust, and I hev my old place in the Postoffis at the Corners.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Hungrin and Thirstin).

MR. NASBY UITTERS A PROLONGED AND FEARFUL WAIL.

Gone-up,
Physicked,
Puked,
Played,
Scorched,
Skinned,
Salvated,
Kicked,
Bustid,
All these, and a great many more too tejus to menshun, is Democris).
The East went for us, and the West scooped us.
The East and the West jined hands agin us, meetin jist about at Mer-
tor, witch is in the state uv Ohio.

We are hopells, for English did not open his bar'l, and Tilden wuz not a cow to be milked for another man.

We forged letters, but they kicked, and we writ "329" on houses in vane.

The wind bloweth where it listeth, but this year the wind listeth to blow from the North exclosively.
The North wind is plizen to a Dimocrat.
We didn't keer much for Hancock, but we did want the postoffisces.
We wantid em bad.
Nary Dimokrat now Hvin will ever set hisself in a postoffis.
We wuz defrauded out uv them places.
We sent enuff repeeters into Injeany to carry that state, but after takin our money for ther votes they votid agin us.
We paid for all the repeeters in Noo York, but after takin our money they got a spasm uv decency and voted with our enemies.
We wuz defraudid becoz we didn't git the votes we bought with a price.

Cussid be the dishonest man wich took money for repeetin 10 times, and then did it only four.

Speshly cussid be he who took Hancock's money and then went and voted for Garfeeld.

But they did it.

There is no more yoose in killin niggers to keep em from the poles in the South, for the North kin elect without us, and it's wasted powder and shot.

The solid South is to the Dimocrisy ez a tape-worm is to a man—it consoomith the body it inhabits.

The niggers will vote next year, and we shel lose half the Southern states.

I wuz in the cars, and I sot me down aside a man whose red nose proclaimed his politix. It wuz a fearful nose, a beacon-lite.

Groanin, I sed unto him, "Lo, we wuz scooped in the eleckshun."

And he lifted up his voice and sed, "Wat do yoo mean by sayin we wuz scooped?"

And I sed, "The Republikins hev got us."

And he scofflinly sed, "Yoo mistake me, gentle, sir. I am not a Dime-crat. The color in my nose is biles."

Ez we bet heavy on Hancock, there must hev bin a pile uv men again about whose noses were red, not of likker, but becoz uv biles.

In Barnum, wich managed, we hed a purge, and in Hancock, wich we nominated, we hed an emetic.

The Dimocrisy cood not stand two sic calamities, and it went under.

Hancock cood not carry the party and Barnum both, and he went down.

The Corners mourns becoz its hopes is blastid.

Seceshn Crink will not be slack-watered, nor will we hev a gorgus custom house.

The niggers over at Libbertyville will be perfected, and we shel not hev em for our men servance and made servance.

Ef we hev any more corn, we shel hev to plow, and sow, and hoe, and reap, or pay the nigger for doin it, wich is unprofitable.

The tax on whisky will be continyood, and our entrales will be yit parched.

The nigger Lubock will still hev the postoffis, and Pollock will yit be collector, with Joe Bigler for his depitty.

Bascom will close his bar, for he can't run on tick forever, and he will foreclose on all the farms in the nabberhood.

Alreddy he hez put up a sign, "No trust," at wich we turn sadly away, or walt for the stranger within our gates to ask us up.

Mine eyes are red with weepin, and my nose is gittin whiter.

Ef this state uv things keeps up, and I kin borrer a cleen shirt, I shel soon pass for a Republikin.

Sheel I jine the Republikins? They don't want me.

Sheel I run for a electiv offis? Alas! sich ez me can't be electid.

I will go to Noo York, wher John Kelly hez power, and serve Tammany.

Tammany is all that is left uv the Dimocrisy, and Tammany is gettin thin.
Ther is enuff left uv Tammany to keep me the few short years I shel live.

And when Tammany dies then will I die, and it will be well for Tammany and me to die together, and be laid in the grave.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Hart Sick).

MR. NASBY'S FINAL INTERVIEW WITH GEN. HANCOCK.

Governor's Island,
(Wich is in the State uv Noo York),
Nov. 27, 1880.

I am here, on this classic island, for the last time, I suppose. I come over from Noo York to git the last uv my salery, and to bid my late chief farewell forever.

I found the General despondent, and employin the heft uv the time dammin most everybody. These wuz about the substance uv his remarks:

"I cood hev pulled thro ef it hedn't bin for a complicashun uv troubles wich I wuz loaded with. There wuz Barnum at the hed uv the commit- 
tee. How cood eny man be electid with Barnum at the hed uv anything? A Barnum wuz enuff to sink anybody. He hedn't any sense nor any sand. He didn't know how to raise any money, and wat he did raise he squan- 
dered on skeems that didn't amount to nothin, instid uv goin into Injeany and buyin up votes, ez the party alluz hez. Barnum alone wuz enuff to roolin me.

"Then there wuz all uv them skeems. '329' wuz a settler, for them ez cood read wuz indignant, and the Dimocrlys that coodent read didn't know what it meant. There wuz thousands uv dollars uv chalk wasted in that.

"And then the Morey letter. Wat good wuz it to forge a letter jist on the eve uv eleckshun, when everybody hed made up their minds how they wuz agoin to vote anyhow? Wat good wuz there in forgin a Morey letter until yoo hed a Morey to father it, and hed the thing put up so't woood stand? Wat yoo wuz there in bein guilty uv a forgery, when it only killed us? Wat good is a musket, the kick uv wich is more powerful than the discharge? These two skeems wuz Barnum's.

"I hev nothin to reproach myself with," continued the General. "I talked tariff to Pennsylvanians, and free trade to Injeanians. I sent ev- 
ey Confedrit wat cum to me away perfectly satisfied that he wuz agoin to git jist wat he wantid, and the Massychoosts Dimekrats likewise. I ker- 
rilled out Barnum's instructions to the letter, and wuz all things to all 
men. I wuz for and agin internal improvements, fur and agin every 
question in Amerikin politix. I indorsed to various parties every kind uv finanshel polisy wich hez bin propounded—and by the way the number uv finanshel polisies there is is astounding—jist ez he told me.

"It wuzn't my fault that Barnum allowed these differin people to come 
together after they left me, and compare notes; he shood hev hed better 
arrangements made. He shood hev let em out by different doors, and 
ked em cross the ferry by different boats, and all go to different hotels 
in the city. These arrangements wuz his to make, not mine. To do the 
talkin wuz enuff for me.

"And then I hed Wade Hampton on my back. That speech he made 
in Virginia wuz a sweet thing to pile onto a Fedrel soljer, and then his 
challenge to Sherman. He killed me when he inventid the Solid South.

"These wuzn't all I hed to kerry, but they wuz enuff. I mite hev
got thro ef the Lord hed killed the crops for four yeers, but with sich prosperity ez the kentry wuz a hevin, it wuz uv no yoose. No man kin fite nacher and the stoopidity uv the Dimocrisy. I don't want to be President anyhow.

"Good bye. I may see you agin, but I hope not. I forgive you your blunders—they wuzn't any wuss than Barnum's—and the commity will pay you your salary. Good-bye."

Wringin his hand, and hastily borrowin ten dollars uv him, I bid the grate man farewell forever.

My fucher is mixed, but I shel probally settle in Noo York. It is better here. There is wider range uv faster for borrorin than in the Corners and credit is more easily established. Bascom hez positively refoosed credit, and all the money there is in the Corners is in the hands uv the niggers and Republicans. Before I left I went three days wunst on less than five drinks a day, and them I got by passin myself off on Loolsville drummers ez a merchant in a naberin village.

Here I am shoor. I kin git in with John Kelly, for he wants recroots mighty bad jist now, and possibly in a year I kin git to be a skool commishner, or suthin uv that sort. Kelly is libral and sez the Irish shant hev more than 90 per cent uv the places; and ef the wust comes to the wust, it kin make my name O'NASBY, and apologize for not hevin the brogue by wavin that I wuz broth from Ireland when I wuz quite young. There ought to be a college in Noo York to teech Amerikins the Irish brogue, that an Amerikin may hev some chance for a offis.

But bein no Irishman I kin pick up suthin that is comfortable, and I bleeve I will stay. Shirts is harder to get at here than in Kentuck, for, while there are more uv em, they are hung out to dry on the tops uv the houses, insted uv bein on lines convenient in the backyard. And besides when I shel board ther ain't so many shirts ez to make washin and hangin out possible. However a shirt is a luxury that kin be dispent with, and I don't mind it.

I borrered $5 uv a inebriated Kentuckian after I come over from the Island, wich will keep me a week uv itself. There is a milyun uv people here, to say nothin uv strangers, and ef I can't make a livin out uv em, it will be singler. Here is my feeld.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Undismayed).

MR. NASBY RECEIVES A SHIRT FROM HIS FRIENDS.

Confedrit X Roads;
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Dec. 6, 1880.

Last week I receeed the followin epistle:

Kimmundy, Ills., Nov. 27, 1880.

Petroleum V. Nasby:

Dear Sir:—We, the undersigned, having been constant readers of your letters for some time, and observing that you were greatly in need of a clean shirt, we take the liberty of presenting you one that we hope will give entire satisfaction. We hope to hear from you soon.

Dr. W. O. Smith,
R. W. Smith,
J. F. Donovan, O. N. Tyner,
Geo. E. Pickering,
L. L. Hollister.

There wuz a shirt enclosed, but it wuz like Hancock in the last election, and Democratic successes generally, very much too short for any practikle yoose. There may hev bin a period in my life when I cood hev worn sich
a shirt, but at present writin, a five foot eight man, weighin about 235, can't git himself into a shirt six inches long, and correspondingly wide.

I felt when I looked at it jist ez I did when I wuz readin the eleckshun returns. This six inch affair is a shirt, but it is too small for any yoose whatever, tho it is a shirt all the same. The Dimocrsy is a party, all complete, from a candidate for the Presidency to a nashnel committi, but it proved itself to be too short at both ends, and not wide enuff across the middle, and wuz uv no earthly account.

Still, I thank the donors hartily. A six inch shirt, tho it be but a reminiscence uv a shirt, would be better than none at all to a man wich wuz pertikeler about shirts.

But for me it is uv no yoose. I wear a shirt occasionally, when it is handy to procoor em, but I never traveled on shirts. When I am walkin at 12 at nite, and I see a line full uv em, I am not above borrerin one, or perhaps two, and I even yeeld to the prejedis uv our civilizashun by puttin em on, but I keer very little for em. The prinsiple good they are to me is to spout em at Bascom's for the ac-tool necessities uv life. I hev kept Bascom in shirts for many years.

At the Corners I very seldom wear a shirt, for one loses caste by puttin on sich frills. The man showin a white shirt at the Corners is taken for a Republikin, espeshly ef it is clean.

When I am goin out speakin in the East I succum to prejodils enuff to put on a paper collar, but no shirt is necessary. I hev a vest cut close about the throat, and pin a paper collar inside the collar uv the vest unto the undershirt. Ef my finances, or opporptounities for borrerin off uv close lines, are so limited that I hev no undershirt, I pin it onto the inside uv the collar uv the vest. The shirt is then understood, it is conceded, and yoo git along jist ez well.

Wut is the yoose uv a shirt, anyway? It don't give no warmth, and only a few square inches uv it shows. There is three yards uv cotton, and a yard uv linen yoosed up jist for the little square that shows at the buz. Ef yoo must show linen in front, why not hev a little square uv linen pinned onto the inside uv the vest wher it opens, and save all the rest?

The fact is there is altogether too much wastid in this world. The bodies and fronts uv shirts wich are totally unnecessory, cost ez much ez the skool system, the skool system being unnecessory. Inasmuch ez it rools the Democratic party I wood do away with that. These two strong pints uv the Republikin party abolishid, there wood be enuff surplus in a yeer to pay the nashnel debt, and give every man in Kentucky a barl uv noo whisky, and hev enuff over to slack-water Seceshn Crik, and make the Cross Roads an important commersial point.

Ther are other extravagancies wich we indulge in on wich I mite dwel but it is unnecessory. Wat we want to do is to git down to the simplicty uv our fathers, and leave the unnecessaries alone, that we may hev an unlimited supply uv the nessaries.

Ef I hev any more admirers in Illinoy wich want to send me testimonials, let them omit shirts and sich and do suthin yooseful for me. Let em send me a two-gallon jug uv Illinoy whisky. They must pack it in a nail keg, for a jug wood never reach me. It wood be stolen afore it got half way from the depot at Seceshnville. This will be suthin that will be comfortin, and will give me a better opinyun uv my fellows and a broader idee uv our common hoomanity.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Expectant).
(The following "Kentucky idyl," as it was termed in its sub-title, appeared in the issue of the Toledo Weekly Blade of December 30, 1880.)

CHRISTMAS AT THE CROSS ROADS FOURTEEN YEARS AGO

It wuz fourteen years ago, when time hedn't furrowed my cheek to the extent that it is now, and when life hed jist fourteen yeers more into it than now. Ah! fourteen years is nothin to the boy uv twenty, fourteen Christmases look mighty thhn from one end uv life, but from the other! Wood that I cood be sot back them fourteen yeers—wood that I hed the likker to drink over that Ihev drunk in them fourteen yeers! But I can't. Ef yoo spend a dollar yoo kin make another, but the time yoo spend is gone forever. Life is wun thing on wich ther ain't no drawbax. Wat yoo hev yoo hev—wat yoo lose is lost.

Along the path uv life there are many toom-stuns. They mark the graves uv berried hopes and murdered aspirashens. The toom-stun at the end uv life isn't a circumstance to them wich fate reers for us ez we pass thro it.

The heftiest toom-stun that wuz ever erectid to me wuz on a CHRISTmas day, eggsackly 14 years ago.

I will relate it for the guidance uv them wich come after me, tho not a soul uv em will be guided by it at all. We write stories and, and narrate eggsperiences and all that, for the guidance uv others, but it don't amount to the burnin uv straw or the cracklin uv thorns under a pot. Men read and say, "Wat a lesson!" and immejitly go and do wat the lesson tells em not to do, until disease and sich teaches em that they hed better not.

Printin is about the most usells art I know uv, except for amoose-ment. It requires suthin stronger than moral lessons to accomplish any-thing. Experience is the best thing, and the only one that is good.

The hed-ake in the mornin is a better tempranse lecctrer than the most gifted orator wich ever yawped, and the inability to ear teachs a more sollum lesson than all the temprance trax I ever read.

But to my story.

It wuz fourteen years ago to-day. I wuz fresher at the Cross Roads then than now—I hed bin a citizen a less time, and consekeently hed more credit. At that time I hed bin postmaster and wuz payin Bascom suthin on account, and it wuz conceded at the Corners that I wood pay ez soon ez the offis wuz made a Presidenshel one, and the salary shood be in-creest.

At that time A. Johnson wuz President uv the Yoonitid States, and I hed jist returned from Washington. It wuz poperly spoazed at the Corners that I stood next to His Exslesnys, and that I cood hev whatere I wantid. I hed swung with him around the cirkle, I hed been his chief adviser, me and Postmaster Ginral Randall, and I stood very high in the estimation uv the citizens. I hed it in my hands to do suthin with the posishens uv honor and profit, and I wuz doi a very snug biznis sellin places under the administrashen, or, rather, borrerin money on the promises uv places.

I hed determined to make my callin and eleckshun shoor, while I wuz in posishen to do it. I determined to fasten myself to suthin permanent while I wuz in credit. I wuz very certin that in a little time A. Johnson wood go out uv power never to return, and that whatere yoose I made uv my conneckshun with him must be made to wunst.

Early in the fall I cast my eyes on Serena Pogran. She wuz uv so ride
age that she wuz reddy to fall into the arms uv any man wich cood per-
vide for her, and her father hed a farm uv 369 akers, wich, with decent
management, cood be made to make a livin for us, espeshly ez ther wuz
but two girls to inherit it. The old man hed hed some boys, but sod-
corn likker hed taken them out uv the way long ago.

I laid seige to the venerable girl, but found I hed a rival. It is a sin-
gler thing in this incomplete and unsatisfactory world that there ain't
anything that any man wants that some other man don't want the same
thing. Capt. McPelter hed cast his eyes onto Serena; Capt. McPelter lin-
gered over the prospeck uv subsistin onto them akers, and Capt. McPel-
ter dispoomed my pretenshuns to the hand uv the girl, if a matoor virg-
of 41 may be so called.

But I laid over the Captain. He wuz younger and handsomer than I,
but I hed more tongue and intelleck, and beside I hed suthin in the
shape uv a posishen.

I wuz fresh from Washington. I told Serena uv the power I posses,
I red her letters from the President in wich I wuz consultid on all sorts
uv questions, and I permitid her to think that I wuz the second man in
the government, and that whoever shood succeed in capcherin me wood
hev the gorgusest kind uv a time a livin at the capitle.

I went so fur ez to take to her two desines fur houses In Washington,
and shortly after I asked her whether in the event uv my ever marryin
again it wood be better to hev a large house with a little ground in the
heart uv the city, or the same kind uv a house with more ground, further
out.

One day I wood ask her which, in her opinyun, wood be the best for
me, to take a furrin mishn, or accept a cabinet posishen at home? If I
shood decide to go abroad, wood London or Paris be the most preferable,
and ez I concloided to stay at home, shood I take a posishun in wich ther
wuz money without profit, or one with profit without money; or shood I
take one in wich both profit and money met and embraced, as it were.

Ther ain't no woman livin wich woodent like to be a grand lady at
the capitle, and Serena wuz so bedeviled with the prospeck uv bein the
wife uv a power there, and with all the gorgeousnis attainable, that she
throw McPelter over without compuncshen, and acceptid me.

Then Serena slopt over. She saw all her old frends, but in a patron-
izin way. She talkt to em uv her regrets at leevin the home uv her child-
hood, and the fearful responsibility it wuz to take so high a posishen; but
ez Providence hed called her to it, she shood do her best. Ef any uv shood
ever be in Washington, she hoped they wood call upon her, and they wood
find one woman who cood not be spoiled by prosperity, but wood remember
in her elevashen the frends uv her yooth. Serena run this thing till she
wuz corjilly hatid by every girl In the Corners.

The weddin wuz set for Christmas day at 3 o'clock in the afternoon,
after wich we wuz to hev Bascom's mule hitched into Pettibone's buggy
to take us over to the stashen at Seeseshville, where we wuz to go to
Loisville to spend our honeymoon.

I did the libral thing, on the strength uv the approachin nupsheles. I
borrered $100 uv Issaker Gavitt, and I made my affianced presents that wuz
gorgus. I giv her a silk dress, and a pair uv shoes, with stockins to
match, and gloves and sich, till yoo coodent rest. The old man, expectin
to be collector uv revenoo under the President, give his consent, and the
matter wuz concloidid. It wuz set for Christmas, 1866.
We wuz assembled in the parler and waitin for the preecher. We eggspectid to wait for him, for we hev no regler supply at the Corners, and we hed to send a long distance for one, into a Abishn settlement. I wuz willin to hev the ceremony pernount by a justis uv the peeece, but Selena objextid. She wuz uv a aristocratic turn uv mind, and insistid that she shoedent feel herself properly married onless it wuz done by a clergyman, in regler standin, and in doo form.

While we wuz waitin a discussion ariz ez to wat Christmas reely wuz anyway. Mrs. Bascom sed it wuz the day onto wich the Savior wuz croociffed. Geo. W., her husband, sed it wuz the day onto wich he wuz born. Deekin Pogram, who felt that it wuz necessary that he shوذd sum knowledge uv sich things, insistid that it wuz the day he riz; Issaker Gavitt sed it wuz the day that he cum uv age, and I, feelin my repetashen at stake, silenst em all by assertin that it hed reference solely to a prophesy made a thousand yeers afore ez to suthin connectid with the Savior, wich I wood explain in em when I hed time.

The time wuz approachin. The Methodist preecher wich wuz to tie the knot wuz expectid momentarily. The hoofs uv his hoss wuz heerd approachin when a nigger boy kim in and handed me a note. I opened it and red:

"Beware! The old man’s farm is mortgaged to Bascom for more than it is worth, and he is urgin on this marriage in hopes yoor influence with the President will help yoo to pay it off. Beware! Withdraw while it is everlastingly in time."

I hed suspectid this. I hed no doubt uv its trooth, for the old man hed laid about Bascom’s so long that he must hev bin thousands in debt. And wat a gulf wuz I steppin into! Marryin a scraggy old maid, encumberin myself with her, with no farm ez an alleviatin circumstance. Not any.

I rose from my set, and remarkeit to Selina:

"When the preecher comes, give him my compliments, and tell him ther won’t be no occashun for his services. I hev made up my mind not to marry to-day."

Serena shreeked and the Deekin stormed. He took me by the throat and swore me to marry the girl then and there. The venerable old man hed his beemin eye on a offis too long to be swindled out uv it ez he supposed he wuz bein, in any sich way, and he insistid that I shood fulfill my engagement. Serena, whose hed hed bin filled with dreems uv a life in Washington, with oshens uv money and sich, wuz not agoin to hev her dreems bustid so roodly, and she came at me with her claws, and left my face a wreck in less than a second. McPelter stormed, and Issaker Gavitt wuz only restrained from assaultin me by the hopes uv the possishen I hed promised him.

In the midst uv the melee the preecher arrived. He jined in the circus, and helpt to make it lively. Ef there wuz goin to be no weddin why hed he bin sent for? He hed rode fifteen miles thro the cold, and he wantid to know who wuz to pay him hiz dollar and a half.

The Deekin sed the bridegroom wuz the responsible man. The preecher remarkeit mildly but firmly that he come at the rekest uv the Deekin, and he shood hold him ef I declined to pay, wich I promptly did. The Deekin hedn’t seen that amount uv money for a month, and the preecher squared off to sail into both uv us, when Capt. McPelter interfered.

He remarkeit that he coud not akcount for the refoosal uv Mr. Nasby to fulfill his promise. Here wuz blited expectashens and a crushed life.
Here wuz a bein whose cup hed bin dashed from her lips, and whose dreem uv marital feelisity hed bin roodly destroyed. Here wuz a preecher which shood hev a dollar and a half to perform a marriage ceremony. "I hev a dollar and a half," he continnerd, "and that ther may be a weddin I will marry Serena."

I wuz willin, and Serena who wuz so enraged that even dippin snuff did not quiet her, consentid. She stood up with Capt. McPelter, I smilin sardonically the while, and in less than a minit they were made one.

"I congratyoolate yoo, Captin, on your bride," I sed, "but look at this. The farm is mortgagd."

"I guess not,"sed he. "I writ that note to yoo myself! Hal ha!"

"But how hez the Deekin got his likker all these yeers?" I asked in dismay.

"He hez subsistid on the stock, and his agricultooral implements, partly, and partly by gittin niggers to do his work and never payin. He is heavily in debt, but the land is clear."

And so it wuz. There wuzn't the scratch uv a pen on the place, and the infamous scoundrel, the mercenary wretch, wich cood marry a girl for her money, or wat wuz the same, for the prospeck uv a farm, hed deceived me, and made me a laffin stock.

I need not write more. Capt. McPelter hez Serena, and is livin with the Deekin, while I—I am a waiter upon Providence, dependin for my sustenance upon chance invitashuns and sich crumbs ez fall to me by chance. He hez a solid fucher while I am driftin about, ketchin onto sich stray bits ez a kindly Providence, wich looks after sparrers, throws into my way.

Still I hev my consolashens. McPelter hez his likker ashooered, but when I look at Serena dippin snuff and think that he hez to live with her, and endoor her, I console myself with the shot that even regler ra-shens may hev to be too dearly paid for, and that better is a feast uv herbs in the tents uv wickedness than a stawld ox on the house-top with a brawlin woman.

Life is a lottery, and ther are more Christmasses to come. Possibly some Christmas in the fucher I shell be in Capt. McPelter's place and he in mine. Time makes all things even. At all events I find I kin git along and when one kin do that, wat matters anything else? I hev but a few more Christmasses to go thro with, and when I am finally carted out and put under the red earth uv the Corners, I shell be ez well off ez the Kaiser William under several tons uv marble. It's all one anyhow.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY.

MR. NASBY MAKES SUNDRY ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jan. 1, 1881.

Some time sence some friends in Illinoy sent me a shirt. Bein but six inches in length from the collar to the end uv the tale, it wuzn't uv any very great yootility, considered ez a shirt. Ez a token uv remembrance it wuz a perfect thing, but considered in the lite uv a shirt for wear, or for pawnin for likker (wich is the yoose I hev generally put my shirts to), it wuz a fallyoor.

I don't keer about hevin shirts presentid to me. Ez a rool I don't wear em, and when I go in to Republikin commonilities wher sich cooper-
fooltries are considered necessary. I kin borror em off uv cloze lines any
time after 12 at nite.

But likker, that is another thing. People in the vicinity uv the Cross
Roads do leeve ther shirts out all nite, so a supply is alluz attainable. But
I never knowd a man in this vicinity to ever leeve a barl uv whisky out over
nite, and consekently that hez to be prokkoored otherwise.

A few days after receevin that shirt, I got a little box by mail, with
the follerin letter:

Petroleum V. Nasby:

Ottumwa, Iowa, Dec. 20.

I hev been a constant reader of your letters for some time, and as you stand
greatly in need of a jug uv whisky, I take the opportunity of sending you a jugfull
for Christmas. Hoping it will reach you safe, I suhcribe myself,

M. C. CARLOS.

This wuz a holler mockery. It wuz a jug, and wuz actilly filled with
whisky, but the jug itself wuzn't bigger than a thimble, and the likker it
contained woodent hev made a drink for Tom Thum. I drank it, how-
ever, but the only effect wuz to arouse a slumberin appetite, and made
me insane for more, wich wuz wicked, ez Bascom positively refuses to give
any credit whatev, and I hev'n't seen a dollar sence I wuz votin for
Hancock in Injeaney.

But a mercifel Providence interfered, ez it alluz does. The very next
day I reseeved the follerin letter:

Carmi, Ill., Dec. 23rd, 1890

To Rev. Petroleum V. Nasby, Confederate X Roads, Ky.:

Esteemed Friend:—We, a few of your admiring friends here in Egypt, have read
with much pleasure and fully indorse the observation made by you on receiving a
shirt, or what purported to be a shirt, from some of your friends up at Kimmundy.
From your description we are led to believe that if this particular garment, or
what purports to be a garment, had been before Tom Hood when he sung "the
song of the short," he would have cut his tune to short meter.

We desire to furnish a more material token of our regard to you for your dis-
tinguished services in behalf of our time-honored and battle-scared old party.
There is nothin mean nor small about us. We think we know where to touch a
tender, sympathetic chord in the Democratic heart. We send no superfuous ar-
ticles of food or clothing. Ours is a more substantial offering; something more is
harmony with Democratic ideas, more congenial to Democratic tastes, more pal-
able and toothsome to Democratic appetites, and something with the average
Democrat can always "roll as a sweet morsel under his tongue." In other words,
accompanying this we send you a quantity of as good whisky as anybody need
want. We do not stop to inquire whether this liquor is better or best, we ac-
knowledge no such distinctions; all liquor is good—to a Democrat. This is Fisher's
standard article, it is such as Democrats use here, and we trust it will compare
favorably with Bascom's favorite bran. We part with it somewhat reliquantly,
but are consoled by the thought that yu will do ample justice to it.

We send this as your "Christmas git" to you, the greatest Democratic leader
and chieftain of the age—and with it the wish that you may have a merry, jolly
old time.

Your admiring friends,

FRANK J. FOSTER,
H. E. CRAMER,
A. VAN TUYL,

H. J. W. FISHER.

Accompanying this was a nake keg. Oh! how eagerly I opened it!
I cood not wait for a hammer, but I tore it open with my hands. En-
closed within wuz a jug, a two-gallon jug. Then came a sickenin thot.
Wuz this the work uv some Ablishnist feends? Wuz this jug filled with
water? Wuz it a gastly joke? Nervin myself and feerin the worst, I
pulled the cork. Halleloogy! It wuz whisky, and the best I hev soothed
my bowels with for many a day. I am livin on that likker, but it is about
out. Wood that that jug wuz like the Widder Cruse's oil, inexhaustible.
But it is ever thus. The pleasant things uv this life is evanescent. A jug

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v likker is like frost afore the sun, but a bile stays with yoo a month. It ruzz forchinnit that it came in a nale keg. Hed the Corners knowd the onents uv that keg, it wood never hev reached me. Sence Bascom hez one away with the credit system, a gallon jug uv likker is sufflent to erdoose a riot.

Follerin this comes this letter:

PHELPS, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1880.

P. V. NASBY.—Dear Sir:—I have not the honor of living in Illinois, but I am one of your New York admirers. My sympathies are aroused in your behalf, and as you are expecting a "nale keg" with a jug in it, I take pleasure in sending you the keg, but it contains hard cider—whisky not being in my line. If a Democrat had manufactured it, however, it might have been "apple jack," but, as I am a Republican Rechabite, it is "apple jelly." I trust you will accept it, and find it so "comforting" and appeasing that you will begin the new year a Rechabite.

Hopin to hear from you soon, I remain,

Yours truly,

O. L. BIGELOW.

The keg contained a large can uv some kind uv a compound called "apple jelly," the yoose uv wich I don't know. I took it over to Bascom's and traded it for a quart uv his noo whisky, and Mrs. Bascom yoosed it on her table. She sez it is a deliteful thing to hev in the house, and she hez never quit talkin about it. I didn't dare tell her it come from a Noo York Yankee, for she woodent hev yoossed it, and she sposes to-day it wuz made in Kentucky. It don't make any diffrense. I got the quart, and so it wuz uv some yoose.

I am willin to take most anything. If I can't yoose it myself, I kin trade it to Bascom for wat I kin yoose, and so I git a benefit. But the jelly man must not for a moment spose that I kin yoose cider in that shape. It might hev tasted well when I wuz a tender boy, but my stumick hez past that sort uv thing long ago. However, ez it wuz convertible into whisky, I thank him jist the same.

My address is still at the Cross Roads.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Tollable).

MR. NASBY INDULGES IN A REMINISCENCE.

CONFEDERATE X ROADS,

(WICH IS IN THE STATE UV KENTUCKY),

JANUARY 17, 1881.

Life is like Joseph's coat, made up uv many colors. Red may signifie prosperity, gray despair, and black woe. My cheef color, for many yeers, hez bin black. I hev endoreed more uv the slings and arrers uv outrageus forchoon than any one man in Ameriky. Life hez never bin to me anything but trubble, my only consolashen bein a naterally strong stumick, wich will hold likker, and a active brain wich manages to keep that stumick supplied. In the matter uv likker I hev no reason to complane, but in everything else I am scarred with disaster.

I wuz meditatin pensively, last nite, on things that hed happened to me in the past. My mind went back fifteen yeers, and I happened to recall a incident that happened to me here in the Corners wich hez a morel to it, wich the world ought to hev the benefit uv.

I hed lived in the Corners a grate many yeers, and ez a matter uv course I owed every citizen in that locality. There may hev bin some men in the Corners wich hedn't my note, but ef there wuz, I hed forgotten em. It is safe to say that my notes uv hand wuz ez common ez
leaves in Vallambrosa, and that to meet a man in the Corners wuz to run
the risk uv a dun.

I hed bin in Washington and hed reseeved several hundred dollars
from them wich wantid pardons, and wich desired to git the eer uv the
President, wich his name wuz Johnson. I wuz prosperous and hed shirts,
suthin that my back hed not bin yossed to for yeers.

On my arrival at Seceshnville stashen I wuz met by Capt. McPelter,
who wuz pleased to compliment me on my improved appearance. Sed he;
"Yoo hev bin doin well, I understand?"

"Rayther," I remarked, pullin out a roll uv bills. "I kin buy and sell
the Corners now."

"Nasby," sed he, "I want yoo to play a joke on Bascom. Yoo know he
holds yoor note for sixty-five dollars. Now, some months ago, he got a
noshun that yoo wood never hev the money to pay that note, and he
sold it to Deekin Pogram for ten dollars. The Deekin bleeves that in time
you will come out all rite. We all uv us bleeves ez does the Deekin, and
we want to hev a joke on Bascom. I want you to go in to-nite—we will
all be there—and rush in and pull out that money, and demand the note,
sayin yoo want to pay it. Ez Bascom hezn't the note at all, and ez he
sees yoo hev the money to pay it, it will make him the sickest man in
the Corners. See? He sold it for $10!"

I saw the pint and agreed to it. Wood that I hed hed more sense. I
agreed to do it. McPelter ashoored me that Bascom hed parted with
the note, and that it wood be perfectly safe for me to go in and tender the
money, ez he cood not possibly take it.

"Then," sed McPelter, "the man wich becoz uv his holdin a monop-
oly uv the likker biznis in the Corners hez oppress every wun of us, will
squirm. We shol see him howl. We shol see him gyrate, and paw and
squel. For to see yoo come in with $65, to pay in full a note wich he
sold for $10, will make him the worst Bull uv Bashan that ever wuz seen
at the Corners. We will all be there, all uv the frends wich spend money
at his bar, and it will be a site. Don't fall us."

And so I, wishin to see the fun, consentid.

At 7 that nite I rushed into Bascom's, and shool enuff there wuz the
entire party, McPelter, Issaker Gavitt, and all uv em, except Deekin Po-
gram. I walked in with the deliberashun uv a man with cap-
itl, and shook Bascom by the hand corjelly. He asked
me about the President, and I ansered, ashoorin him that he felt
corjelly the support the Corners hed given him, and then winkin at the
boys I sed:

"G. W., I am not ez I wuz. I am now in funds. I owe yoo $65. Per-
doose the note, and take your dukats."

And then I perdoost eggsactly $35, with the akkumulated interest.

To my surprise, G. W. didn't howl nor do nothin. He smiled sweetly
and took the money and countid it, and sed, "Yoo hev figured the interst
egsackly," and went to his safe and took out the note, and sed he wuz
much obleeged to me, for he really hedn't eggspectid to git it so soon.

There wuz a howl, but it was not from Bascom. I howled. There wuz
a laff, but it wuz not at Bascom's expense. The laff wuz onto me. Ther
I hed gone and hed paid a note uv $65, with interest in full. McPelter and
Bascom hed put up this job on me, and swindled me out uv this
money. Ther wuz Bascom with his money in his safe, and ther I wuz
out jist that much. It wuz friteful.
And they left and jeered, and remarked that Inesmuch ez I wuz in
nds they wood take suthin with me, and the others wich hed bills come
d and demandid payment, and ther wuz trubble all around.

This is why I say that life is a checkered thing, and that one never
nows wat or wich to trust. McPelter deseeved me, and Bascom wuz a
od. He hed never sold the note at all, and he hed it all the time, and he
had McPelter hed put up a job to collect it. And the wust uv it wuz they
acceeded. In that payment ther went out uv me the price uv 650 drinks
whisky and 1,300 beers. And all for nothin. for the drinks they repre-
ented I hed already hed, and cood never hev agin. Sich reminiscences
ake me sad, and reconcile me—to the idea uv dyin. But I swore that I
ood live long enuff to get even with him. I hev kep my oath. I owe
em this mimit over $200, and he never will ketch me agin. I shel never
uv $200, and ef I shoud, I shoud never make it known. That likker is
link to him forever.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Reminiscencin).

MR. NASBY’S STORY OF HIS FIRST MARRIAGE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(vich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Feb. 5, 1881.

I wuz a young man and singly averse to work. Work never agreed
with me. My principle employment wuz to lay under trees all day and
commune with nacher, onless ther wuz a groserie convenient, with some
stranger in it, wich wuz liable to ask the house up to take suthin. I
didn’t feel the need uv much eggsercise, but wat I needed I cood git at
plizin seven-up or euker in the groserie I hev menshuned. Shufflin and
feelin keerds develops the muscles uv the arm wonderful. Billyards wuz
aluz too much for me.

The time cum, however, when it becum necessary to do suthin for a
livelihood. I wuz too yung to go into politix, and the old man, my father,
he got to that age when it wuz all he cood do to borrer for hiself. He
wuz a gittin old, and wuzn’t ez strong ez he wunst hed bin. He Inti-
matid to me that the sooner I shifted for myself the better he’d be
pleased. Wat cood I do? I hed no perfeshen that wood enable me to live
without labor, and labor I woodent.

My father solved the problem. “Marry a widder,” sed he—“a widder
with a farm, and make her do the work. Yoo are ekal to overseen a farm.
Aint yer?”

I remarked that I cood see other men swet without materially
fatigun myself, and that I that his sejestion a good one. I wood adopt it.

Hard-by wuz the Widder Tompson, wich wuz the owner uv one uv
the best farms uv the seckshun. It wuz 200 akers uv good land,
well improved and well stocked. She wuzn’t eggsuckly
wat wood be called a handsome woman, and wuz 15 yeers older
than me, but I didn’t mind that. What cared I that her teeth wuz all out,
and that she hed a goiter, and weighed 200 pounds? Wat cared I that she
had a habit uv goin about with her stockins down at her heels, and that
she considered the time spent in comin her hair ez wastid? She hed a
farm, and that wuz enuff for me.

I laid siege to this venerable feemale, and to my delite found her not
averse to a second chance at matrimony. I wuz a helthy young man, and
not bad lookin, and looked ez tho I mite run two or three farms to wunst.
She wuz rather lonesome on the farm, and it cost a pile uv money to hire help, and then they needed a man to look after them; and, to make a long story short, she acceptid me, and we wuz yoonitid in the holy bonds uv matrimony.

For a few days I lived in a elysium, whatever that may be. I hed the best uv eatin, suthin the Nasby family did not indulge in, and Mrs. Nasby wuz ez complaisant ez a woman cood be. I hed cider to drink, the late Tompson left a good supply uv terbacker, and things wuz a goin ez smooth ez cood be.

The fourth day Mrs. Nasby remarked that we hed hed a long rest, and it wuz time we got about our work.

"Pete," said she, "yoo want to take the oxen this mornin and go and break that lot behind the barn. It must be done to wunst, and shood hev bin done a week ago, but for this marryin biznis."

"Excoose me, Mrs. Nasby," sez I, goin out and layin down under an apple-tree, with my pipe lighted, "breakin ground is not my best holt. This soots better. I didn't marry to break ground."

"What!" she eggsclaimed.

"I merely say that I shall not break ground. My biznis on this farm is merely ornamental. I am willin to go and lay down in the feeld to be broke, and oversee the breakin, pervidid there is a shade-tree under wich I kin lay. But ez for takin hold uv a plow myself, never."

The woman looked at me in a dazed sort of way for a minit. She hed in her rite hand a pale uv soap-suds wich she wuz agoin to pour on the roots uv a grape-vine near me. Without a word uv warnin she histid that buckit uv sudz, hot ez it wuz, all over me, and in another secnd hed me by the hair. It wuz time that I assertid myself. I made up my mind to whale her then and ther, wunst for all, and hevin establisht my sooperiority, hev it all my way, ever afterward.

Assertin one's sooperiority is all well enuff, but yoo want to be shoor about your strength, that bein the main pint in any assertin biznis. I riz and grappled her, and found that assertin wuz wun thing, and establishin quite another. In less than a minit that infooriatid and muskeler female hed me on my back, and wuz a makin me bald-headed at a rate wich I never dreamed possible. She tore out my hair by the handful, she peeled my face in a minit, and in less than four mintosh I looked like very much like an old-fashioned 6-gate after an encounter at short range.

"Yoo won't work, won't ye? Well, I guess you will! You'll work on this farm, or ye won't eat. You won't work, won't ye?"

And then, ez ef the thot incitid her to madnis, she tore out wat little hair I hed left, and knocked the last bit uv skinn off uv my face, and dragged me out to the lot.

"Ther is the plow, there is the oxen, and there is the lot. Yoo sooperintend! I'll do that end uv the biznis. Git to work, yoo broot, er—" I saw she wuz in earnest; and I yoked them oxen meekly, and went to work, in the hot sun, and she set down under a shade-tree and kept me at it, without a minit's rest till nite.

Her sooperemacy wuz assertid and established. Whenever I dared to murmur, she wood exhibit a lock uv my hair wich she kept by her, and that wuz enuff. I dared not question her authority.

Two mizrable yeers I spent on that farm—two yeers uv agonizin labor. When she died I diskivered that the place wuz mortgaged for all it wuz worth, and that the money she got for it she hed bequeathed to a neece.
uv hern, and I wuz turned out on a cold world, with nothin', 'cept wat I
managed to git off the place the nite before I left.

That wuz why I went into politix. After driftin' some time, subsistin'
on wat chance threw in my way nit. s, I found that men uv my caliber
are needed in politix, and that it is a shoorer livin' than marryin' widders;
and I likewise made up my mind that ef I ever shoed marry another wid-
der it wood be one wich didn' weigh more than 90 pounds, and that I
shood eggssamine the records afore the ceremony wuz pronounst, and see
that the farm didn' hev no incumbrance onto it. Eggssperience is the
only teacher.

But I never shel do it. Age hez dimmed my ardor, and long eggssperi-
ence in borrerin' enables me to 'live in suthin like comfort, ef not in
luxury. And then so long ez Cher is a Democresy sich men ez me are in
demand; and jist before eleckshuns I am shoor uv enuff to drink, anyhow.
I kin alluz pick enuff to eat, and close are not difficult to come by in a
keerlis and confidin' kentry. Possibly I hev did ez well ez though the wid-
der cood hev bin moldid to my will.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY.

MR. NASBY INDULGES IN MOURNFUL REFLECTIONS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Feb. 13, 1881.

The deed is dun, and the Dimocrisy is squecht. I did not hev much
hopes, but I did ruther expeck that there wood be some kind uv a fracas
raised wich wood delay the countin uv the vote, and that, possibly, some in-
formalitie wood occur wich wood jestify us in declarin Hancock dooly elec-
tid, and, ef we didn' see him, wood give us a eggsscoose for howlin' frod
for another four years, and give the Dimocrisy suthin' to stand on.

I hed a hope that our Dimokratic members wood find some way to
raise a rumpus, and derange the biznis uv the kentry, so that we cood pint
to the Republikin' members ez obstructionist and disturbers. I hed a
hope that confidence mite be destroyed, and hell raised in some way, that
in the general derangement the Dimocrisy mite hev some sort uv a show, and
thatoller in the rumpus, hard times mite ensoo, hard enuff times to
give us a possibility uv eleckin' a jestis uv the peese in a Northern state.

But that dreem is over. Our Democratic members submitted to the
will uv the Republicans as meekly ez lambs. They didn' howl about the
constitooshen, they didn' object to any countin', they didn' put in no
claims uv frod, and they didn' do nothin'. They submitted to the major-
ity, and let Garfeeld be counted in without a struggle.

This settles the Democratic party. We hevn't the slightest show for
next year, or four years from now. We hev nothin' to go on. Wheat is
bearin' a good price, and corn is about the same. The farmer hez a good
markit for his perdoose, and the mechanic's hammer is heerd in the land.
Wages are good and work is plenty. Manoofakters is boomin', and the
operatives are a chuckin' money into savins banks, and they hev money
to chuck. Ther never wuz ez many railroads blidin', colleckshuns wuz
never so good, and biznis is on a solid basis.

And wat is more disgustin', the money is good, the people don' kick
about resumpshen, but hev all settled down quietly and eneirely satisfied
with the currency.

Wat is the Democrisy goin' to do under these distressin' circum-
stances? Wat kind uv a show hev we when ther ain't no disasters to pint to ez the result uv radikel rool? Wat hev we got to go on to? Nothin. Ther ain't no youse demandin a change when the workinman hez a bank account, and the merchant ain't hank erin for change when he is sellin lots uv goods and gettin the money for em. It is we, the Dimocracy, ez wants a change, and that is wat without some providenshel disaster, we shan't git.

Ther is wheer the Dimekratic members wuz remiss in ther dooty. Ef they hed made a fite on the Presidenshel count, and hed throwd the kentry into confooshn, we shood hev hez suthin open to us. They mite hev destroyed confidence and checkt enterprise, and made things onsartin to a degree that wood hev made trouble in the spring, and throwd a lot uv men out uv work, and deprest things to a degree that wood hev given us ground to stand on. But that opporootunity is lost forever, and we are lost with the opporootunity.

Garfeeld will be President, the good times will continyoo, ralerodes will continyoo to be bilt, and farmers will hev a stiddy markit for ther perdoose, and mechanics and labrers will continyoo to hev work, and a good wagis, and be paid in good money, and everybody will be satisfied.

And to make it wuss, there hez bin so much snow this winter that the chances are that there will be a good winter wheat crop, wich will finish us, onless weevle gits into it, and the corn crop is a fallyoor.

These things never happen when we want em. To spite the Dimocracy I make no doubt that next yeer the crops will all be good, and that ther will be sum disturbance in Europe wich will make a good markit for our surplus. Nacher, ez well ez evrything else, is agin the Dimocracy; why, I hev no hope even uv a epidemic next yeer. I don't suppose ther will be any cholera in the North, nor nuthin uv the sort. We hev yeller fever at the South, but ez this seckshun is solidly Democratic, it don't do the Dimocracy any good.

Well, I kin stand it. Some way will be perved for me. My wants are few, and I kin live without the postoffs. Corn bred. is cheep here, and enuff good-nachered strangers come into Bascom's to keep me in likker. Sometimes when the roads is bad the intervals atween drinks is rather long, but Bascom sometimes unbends and asks me, and sometimes he gives me a refresher, and goes thro the mosheus uv chargin it.

I shel live somehow, even ef the country is prosperus, and the Democracy are kep out uv power. The Providence that notes the fall uv a sparrer will brood over me. Let the kentry never mind me, but go on and prosper. Ef the kentry kin stand it I kin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (P. M. nevermore).

MR. NASBY DETERMINES TO VISIT THE OLD WORLD

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 4, 1881.

The Yoonitfld States is no place for a Dimocrat any more. A radikel general sits in the Presidenshel chair, and a radikel Congris controles the destinies uv the nashen. This Congris hez a feendish delite in tearin open the wounds that time shood hev heeled. It will do nothin to consillate the South. It will refoose to pass appropriashens for our creeks in the South. It won't levee the Mississippi, it won't bild a custom house and postoffs at the Corners, and, to cap the climax, it refooses to pay $20.-
For me ther ain't no chance watever. The nigger Lubbock will continuyoo in the postoffis. and Bigler and Pollock will controle the collectorship. I am left out in the cold for four yea's, and by that time a postoffis wood be a superfloolty, for by 1885 I shb el be wher there ain't no mail matter unless ther are fire-proof bags to carry it in. And to make it worse, Hankock won't send me a cent, and English won't ev n anser my letters appelin for aid.

The Corners held a meetin to determine wat wuz to be done with me. It wuz decided that the burden uv carin for me wuz too heavy to be borne longer, and suthin must be done to ease em up.

A keerful estimate showed that I owed in round numbers suthin over $4,000, wich wuz that much ded loss. Bascom swore a soollum oath that he wood never give credit for a dollar more to me, and that settled it. I didn't care wat they did with me after that.

The prevallin disposishun uv the people wuz to take me out quietly and kill me; but that wuz over-rooled. It wuz decided that ef I wuz permittit to live suthin mite turn up to enable me to pay suthin on the in-debtedness, whereas, ef I wuz wunst ded all hope wuz gone.

So they decided that I shood live, but that I must leave the Corners. I sed, “All rite, but how can I to leave? I hev no money, and I absolootly decline to walk, and when I am gone wat am I to live on? These questions must be ansered, or I decline to go. Ef I hev to die, I mite ez well die here, and save the worry uv packin my handkercher with my other shirt.”

Then arose a long and teju discussion. Deekin Pogram remarked that his dawter Mirandy told him that the Greeshuns hed a habit uv makin teer Helots drunk, so ez to impress onto the minds uv ther sons the horrors uv intempranence. “Why,” sed the Deekin, “shoodent we send the arson to Greese, and put him into the Helot biznis?”

To this I eagerly assentid. I wuz willin to go. Ef they wantid a healthy Helot to illustrate the evils uv intemprance, I wuz the man, and to reliee ther minds I wood say that In this case salery wood be no objick, a stiddy sithooashen bein all that I wood requir. I hed no doubt uv bein able to satisfy the Athenians in this pertikeler. Ef the average ton uv the average Athenian shood see me when I wuz reely full uv coffin-varnish, I don't think he wood ever vencn to partake uv the flowin bole. Raise the money for the passage, and consider me a Helot for the remainder uv my life. It is singler wat luck some men hev. Why wuz I not born a Helot? Think uv it. To not only hev your likker furnisht free, but literally poured down your throte!

This dreem uv bliss wuz rooly disturbed by Capt. McPelter. He sed that ther wuz no question ez to my capassity for the Helot biznis, but the Athenians wuzn't doin that sort uv thing now. Wat Mirandy Pogram referred to wuz practist some thousands uv yeers ago, but at present the Athenians got on without Helots, and illustrated the evils uv rum in ther own persons. The custom wuz an anshent, not a modern one.

Issaker Gavitt perposed that I shood be sent to Noo York, but Bascom pertested to wunst. He remarkt that he'd sent me to Noo York twict but that it wuz no good. I alluz come back. Ded-hed passes cood be procoored too easy, and ef them wuz onattainable, a man cood walk from Noo York to Kentucky. No, ef he wuz to be releevd from this burden, send
him fur enuff away so that a return wood be impossible. He wood prefer to send me to fite the Boers in South Africa, but he mite compromize on hevin me across the Atlantic. Ef he contributed to hevin me sent abrod, he shood insist that it be fur enuff to preclood the possibility uv a return.

It wuz finelly agreed that I shoud hev a steerage passage to Liverpool and $10 on wich to live till I cood establish myself.

Therefore I shel go to Europe. I am not displeased with the prospeck. There is no yoose uv my remainin here, for there is nothin in this kentry for me. Ez I sed, the postoffs is hopells, and there is no oppartoonity for anything else. I shool only be enabled to live here by the chance charity uv friends, and sich contribooshens ez I mite be able to levy on them ez didn't know me.

There is a feeld for mé in the Old World. I kinn turn to be a Irish patriot, and kinn make a decent livin by agitatin the wroongs uv Ireland in Paris. I shel announse myself a agitator, and shel appeal to the Irish in Ameriky for means uv startin a skirmishin fund. I shel not jine the regler agitators, sich ez Parnell and them fellows, but changin my name to O'Nasby, shel take board at the best hotel, and live in gorgeousnis ez long ez the present agitashen goes on.

I kin git to be a organizer uv suffrin labrin men, ef nothln else turns up, tho I think I shood prefer the Irish dodge. Ther never wuz a apper made to the Irish servant girls in Ameriky in behalf uv the old sod that wuz not libraly respondid to, and I kinn make a good livin out uv that.

Ther are other pints that are worthy uv considerashen. Likkers is only about a half they are here, and consektently the expenses uv livin is les. Uv course I shel hev to git over my taste for sod-corn whisky, and accustom my stumick to other varieties uv likker, but that I kinn do. Ther ain't nothin made in the shape uv likker which ain't grateful to me. I am a self-made man, but I kin drink in any langwidge. I kin accustom myself to English ale, Scotch whisky, German lager-beer, or French brandy. The effeck uv one is jist the same ez the other, the only requisit bein enuff uv it.

I shel make my way to Paris to wunst, and it will go hard with me ef I can't establish myself ther in some way. I turn my back upon the Corners hawtily, only to glad to leave a ongrateful people wich hezn't enuff appresiashen uv greatnis to furnish the triflin means to keep it alive among em. Boston alluz paid Webster's debts, while the Corners eggssiles me!

Be it so. I go, never to return.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Eggsile).

MR. NASBY REACHES NEW YORK ON HIS WAY.

Noo York, April 3, 1881.

Wunst more my feet is on the hard and stony pavements uv the grate metropolis—wunst more I stand in the city wich the great Tweed wunst rooled, and wich now owns the sway uv the ekally great Kelly.

Retrospecshun don't pay to any alarmin eggstent, but I coudent keep my mind from goin backerd to my early visits to Noo York, in the dark days uv the republic.

I wandered aimlessly up town, and come to the spot where that stanch lover uv freedom and troo Amerikin, Teddy O'Shaughnessy, and me led
the attack upon the nigger orphan asylum, and burnt that refooge uv the young uv an inferior race.

Teddy is now an alderman, and holds quite a number uv other offises under Tammany, all uv wich is profitable. He wears the largest diamond uv any Tammany man in the city, and his wife hez her kerridge, wich is gorgeous.

A little lower down wuz the corner on wich, the same day, I saw with delte a dozen sturdy patriots under the leadership uv Mickey O'Doolan, hang a nigger to a lamp post, and encurridge their children to throw brix at the suspendid body uv the mizable retch. One child uv tender yeers wich hit the hung nigger square in the head with a brick wuz patted on the head by Mickey, who promptly borreerd five cents uv me to give to the child.

"We must encurridge the children," he sed. "We shel pass away and we must hev others to succeed us and kerry on the good work."

Mickey is now organizin land leagues to assist suffrin and opprest Ireland to make hed agin ther tyrannkle oppressors, the English. His speeches in favor uv liberty and ekal rites for all are really tetchin.

Comin further down, I gazed with interest on the Triboon buildin, wich stands wher the old one did wich we tried to mob in 63. I wuz standin sholdier to sholdier with Patsey O'Brien, and we shood hev succeeded, only we didn't like to face the preparashens that hed bin made to resese uv. Patsey is a devotid lover uv freedom and ekality, now ez he ever wuz, and is doin double dooty. He is collectin money for two objeckts—for the skirmishin fund to liberate Ireland, by the way uv Canady, and to drive the furrin Chinese out uv Califorv.

Next I saw the city hall steps, on wich stood that troo patriot now, Ben Butler. He wuz misgidid then, for wich we hev forgiven him, in view uv his recent services in the coz uv freedom in conjunkshen with the southern Dimocrisy. It wuz Dinnis M'Grath that threw the apple at him wich the feend then, and patriot now, pared and et while makin a speech to the populis. Dinnis is a skool commishner now, and is very prominent in ralsin funds to free Ireland by harrassin England in Canady. He hez gorgus hed-quarters, and he sed the coz wuz gittin on swimminly. The colleckshuns wuz enuff to pay the expenses uv his hed-quarters, with dinners and lunches and wines for the managers. "So long ez we kin live ez we want to," sed he, "there is no question ez to the ulttlim liberashun uv Ireland. Wat we want," he continued, "is freedom for all, exceptin, uv course, the domd naygur and the furrin Chinayse. The naygur must be tawt his place in the republic, and the furrin Chinayse must go."

Dinnis is gittin on well. He wuz in offis in Noo York afores he hed bin in the kentry six weeks, and he hez kep in offis ever since. He wears a dimund ez big ez a hickry nut, and hez more sympathy for Ireland than any man I know uv. He insists that it is the dooty uv the Amerikin people to rally to the support uv their brethren in the parent kentry, Ireland, and declare war agin England to-wunst. Dinnis is very severe upon Congris, that it is so dilatory in its dooty in this matter.

I met Teddy M'Grath, another hero uv the war period. Teddy made several thousand dollars in the bounty jumpin biznis, and on the strength uv that opened a groserry in the Sixth ward and went into pollytix. He becum chareman uv his ward commity, and got on the general commity uv Tammany Hall, and went on from wun thing to another till he accecumolated a million. He is now skool commishner, and alderman, and
on the pleece board, and I don't know all. Teddy is not at all set up, be coz, ez he sez, his is not an indivijle case, and his good forchoon can't be ascribed to any espeshel merit uv his own. Noo York is the place fo Irishmen. There is a vacant place for em here, for the Dimocrisy wan em, and every man uv em wich hez power enuff to git into the front rank hez no trouble in gittin on. He sighs for the liberashun uv Ireland, but ef it's all the same he won't go back there. He kin do better here. He never wood hev bin able to drink shampane with his lunch ef he stayed in Ireland—never.

And so it wuz all around. Tweed, under whom I flourished, for a time, hez gone, but Kelly remains, and things hevn't changed very much nor will they change so long ez there is a Irishman with a vote, and a of fis to fill. It don't matter who is at the head, the Irish voter will allu be at his tail, pickin up the crumbs he throws to em.

There is one trouble about my stayin here, I ain't an Irishman, and consekenly am not eligible to any uv the offis I am capable uv fillin. Were I a ginoine Irishman I shood never think uv leavin Noo York, but shoud go in and be a alderman, or a skool commishner, or a street inspector, and quiete all my days. But I ain't, and I can't make myself one. I hev called myself O'Nasby, but despite the name there is too much Amerikin about me to make me eligible to anything in Noo York. I show my Amerikin birth every day. I ain't worth nothin in a riot, and at the polls I can't crowd out people and kiver the way for a repeeter wuth a soo markee, and then I hevn't got the rekitish cheek in askin for what I want. Noo York is no place for me. Ef I cood only go to Ireland and be born agin, and emigrat, and land, and vote at the first eleckshun, and do that sort uv thing, it wood do. but I can't. The mis-forchoon uv my life wuz in bein born on this side uv the water. It makes me ineligible to offis in the city in wich I wood prefer to live to any spot on earth.

When I go abroad I shel not visit Ireland. Ther ain't no manner uv yoce uv it. Ef I want to study the Irish character I kin do it to better advantage in Noo York, for there is more uv em here than in Dublin, and in addishn to this eggslent reason, ther is the better one that ther isn't a dollar to be collectd there for the liberashun uv the Green ile. The land-lord gits one half uv wat they hev, and the church the other half. wich leaves mity poor pickin for patriots.

I shel either go to Paris and organise a skirmishin fund, drorin my supplies from Ameriky, where the Irish do git on,or else stay in Noo York and organize my burow here. There is less competition in collectin for Irish liberashun in Paris than in Noo York, for there is more leaders here, but then to offset that ther ain't no Dimocrisy in Paris wich needs the votes and services uv Irishmen. In Paris I shel hev to depend entirely on wat the servant girls and labrers send—in Noo York I kin combine bein an Irish patriot with a ward politishun, thus killin two birds with wun stun. But likker is cheeper In Paris than in Noo York, and therefore life wood be a easier one there.

On the hull, inasmuch ez I hev my tikkit paid for, I guess I will go to Paris. Anyhow I shel hev ten days uv subsistence pervided for on the ship, and the $10 wich the Corners furnisht will buy me likker enuf to sustain me on the passage.

And so in a few days I shel bid my native land farewell, and strike out for pasters fresh. May I hev better croppin there than I hev hed here.
Ef the French partisans want me, or the Irish liberators, may they hev a better appreshlashen uv my services than the Dimocrisy uv the Yoo-nited States ever had. I don't want to be turned out in my old age like a worn-out hoss, on the world's roadside, to pick the scanty herbage uv a. doubtful credit. May the new be better than the old, and may I go down to the grave with a full stumlick.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Eggsile).

MR. NASBY ON THE CONKLING TROUBLE.

Noo York, May 3, 1881.

Jist afore plantin my foot onto the deck upon the steamer that bares me from my native shoars, and makes a Irish patriot uv me, in Paris, I must paws, between drinks, to express my delite at the turn things is takin in Washington.

The "Harp of Erin" s'loon, where I hev bin stayin for some time, wuz a seen uv the widest eggscitement last nite. Teddy Mc'Grath, wich kin reed, brot us the nooze that the grate Conkling bed determined to stick, and that Robertson's confermashen ez collector uv the port uv Noo York wood be resistid to the bitter end.

Nobody kin imagin the delite that pervadid the entire party.

"This ends the Republikin party," sez Teddy.

"This gives Noo York to the Dimocrisy," yelled Tim O'Shaugnessy.

"And it elex the next Dimocratic candidate for the Presidency, and turns the kentry over to the Solid South," ejackillatid me, with eyes suffoosed with emoshun.

"And with the Dimocrisy in power we shel hev onlimitid greenax," sed Patsy McGinnis.

"And with the Dimocrisy in power wat chance will the nigger hev uv votin?" sed Capt. McPelter, witch is on here to see that I actilly sale for Europe, and don't git back to the Corners.

"And we shil git the Noo York legislacher, and not be bothered any more about wat Tammany does in the city," yelled Dennis O'Brien.

"And we shel hev controle uv the Treasury and do the squeezein ourselves," sed a red-faced gent, wich wuz drinkin whisky every five minits.

"And we shel hev a Dimocratic Congris, and the appropiashens for the South that we hev waited for so long, and our Confedrit soljers will hev ther pay and penshuns," sed Deekin Pogram, who is here to assist Capt. McPelter in seeln that I git away in sic shape that I don't git back.

"And all that the Republikins made by electin Garfeeld will be lost to em, and we shel possess the land," sed a Tammany politishen who jist dropped in to participate in the jollificashen.

I sot ther quietly musin, takin my drinks whenever I wuz askt.

"Grate hevins," I sed to myself, "what a world is this! In the words uv the poet:

"Grate God, upoun wat slender threads
Hang everlastin things."

Here wuz the Dimocrisy uv the Yoonitid States prostrate at the feet uv its foes. So despri wuz the outlook that I myself hev consentid to be a eggsile, and abandon the old ship in despair. There is great questions involved, wich both parties consider vital. Jist at this juncture there comes up the question uv the appintment uv a collector, and our foes go all to pieces onto it. Wood that I codd back out and git back to the Cross Roads. Ef I kin tide over the next three years that postoffls is mine shoor.
Conklin won't yeild—the Republikin party will split up becoz it seems that Conklin is all ther is uv it, and our Heaven begins at once. Thus I mused. Thank God for Conklin.

We immejitly passed resoloshens endorsin Sen. Conklin, and ashoorin him uv the support in this struggle uv every one present. We urged him to continner the fit agin the President to the bitter end, and to spare no pains to prevent the confirmashen uv Robertson and all uv Garfield's nominashens, and then we went and took down the portrait uv Hancock that wuz hangin on the wall, and put up one uv Conklin in its place, wich we haled with three cheers and a tiger.

It is very plain to see, and it pleases me, that the grate Noy York Senator holds that the Republikin party wuz made for him instid uv his beln made for the Republikin party. It's a good idee. What difference does it make to him anyhow what becomes uv the nigger, the nashne debt, the tariff, and sich, if he ain't in public life to be floatid by them questions? I wunst knowd a reformer who set down and cried when slavery wuz abolished.

"Why weep?" asked his friend. "Hevn't yoo accomplished the desire uv your life?"

"Too troo—too troo, but wat am I to git to Congris on, now that I hevn't got no cause? Why coodn't the nigger hev bin kept under till I wuz ready to die?"

The great Conklin hez made an immense fame out uv the causes that go to make up the Republikin party, but ef he can't yootilize its success to his own benefit, wat good is it to him?

He is the kind uv man I like. He hez to hev followers, and he is goin to keep em faithful by keepin em in provender, or he will sink the ship. That's right. Oh how I wish he hed bin a Democrat. Hed he bin one uv us, I woud not now be on the even uv making a eggsile uv myself. His rallyin cry, "The spoils or death," soots me eggsackly.

I shel never git over lovin those Independent Republikin Senators. A independent Senator is one wich firmly beleevs in Republikin principles, but alluz votes with the Dimocrisy to show that he is reely independent and can't be controled by party caussases and sich.

In view uv these complicashens I don't want to go to Europe at all. Ef the great Senator from New York keeps on ez he hez begun, my chances are much better at home. Better a postoffis in Kentucky with a shy at contrax than to be a Irish patriot abroad.

And ef this fit goes on in the Republikin party we shel hev it ez shoor ez time rolls on.

But inesmuch ez Conklin may be left after all, I shel wate. The wise man is never in a hurry. I shel wait and see.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Hopeful).

"NASBY IN EGGSILE."

The following five letters were written in the "Nasby" style, by Mr. D. R. Locke, when in Europe. During the same trip, he wrote for The Blade a series of letters (not with the "Nasby" eccentricities of spelling) which were afterward embodied in the volume, "Nasby in Exile."

London, (wich is in England.)

Jooly 1, 1881.

Yesterday I received the tollerin epissle from the Corners:
To the Rev. P. V. Nasby:

Come back; the Corners relent. You shall have all the liquor you want, and the citizens will see that you have proper food and raiment. The new shirts are making for you now. We want somebody to read the news for us. We are in total ignorance of what is going on. Come back. We enclose money to pay return passage. Come back for us. Come back for Dimocrisy.

ELKANAH POGRAM,
Chairman Committee.

I hev bin expectin this for some time. The note wuz written by some stranger within their gates, for no man at the Cross Roads, except Bascom, kin write, and he only jest enuff to keep his books. Since he located in the Corners he hed to learn to do this, and I must say he hez hed a heap of experience.

The money they send me I shuld keep for the present, but I hurl back their bribe uv shirts with scorn. Wait is two shirts to me, in London, where they dry their shirts upon lines on the tops uv the houses? Do they think I am too old to climb? Am I like Raleigh, wic remarked, "Fain would I climb, but that I fear to fall?" Tho bowed down with the weight uv sixty yeers, I would climb the Alps at midnite, were there a clean shirt on the summit.

And then wat is shirts, anyhow? The shirt is the most yoosells uv garmence. It is not warm, and the cloth in it is in the way. I wear um only in deference to an absurd requirement uv our modern civilizashn. They are purely artifishl. I never saw an Arab, or any other child uv nacher with a shirt on. With a vest cut to the throte, and a paper collar, wat does a man need uv a shirt? Ask the travelin actor—ask the song and dance men. Two shirts, forsooth!

I shuld not go back to the Corners—not much. I am too well sitioatid her to make any change, and espeshly to go back to a place wiz hez bin tryin to git shut uv me for yeers, and wiz hed no more appreshiashn uv me than to finally succeed. They hev at last ascertained how troo the line:

Blessins briten as they take their flight.

I am glad I left, ef for no other reason than to show these barbarians wat they lost in me.

I am at present in London tryin to make up my mind whether to stay here and become an English patriot, or to go to France and become an Irish one. Ther is so much to be sed on both sides that I find it difficult to deside. Ef it wuz certin that the Irish agitashn wud keep up, I think I shoold go to Paris, but unforchnitly there never wuz a Irish movement yit that wuzn't immejitly sold out by the leaders. Ez a rool, after a insurrechun wuz fand into decent pressorshens, ther immejitly occurred a foot-race among the leaders to see wiz cood git to London to sell it out first. Ther iz no doubt but that I kin make a good thing uv it by organizin myself into a skirmishin fund, or a releef fund, or most anything uv the kind, and hevin the Irish servant girls and day labeners in Ameriky send me contribushens, but when this present movement dies out, where am I?

On the other hand, I never saw better material for a party uv reform, simeler to the Dimokrsy in Ameriky, than there is here in London. There is oshens uv material here, Atlanticys and Pacifics uv it. There is more gin-mills to the square acre than I ever seen afore, and wat makes it better, they are crowed all the time. There is Irish here, more than in Nyo York even, and the fact that they are not put upon skool-boards, and
onto the police force the militiamen come over, and onto the Board of Aldermen and other places the same ez in Noo York, makes 'em discontented and unhappy. They are ripe for a movement that would give 'em the control uv London, the same ez they hev in Noo York, and all they want to commence a demonstrashen for the heaven-born rites uv every Irishman, is a leader bold enuff to led 'em, and skillful enuff to organize em.

Am I that man? Ef so, there is for me patent-leather boots, rooms at a first-class hotel, shampaine and Havana cigars, the same ez the Irish leaders in Ameriky. Ef so, there is a carriage at the door, with a liveried coachman on the box, and a flunkey in livery behind, the same ez all men who strike manly blows for the poor and opprest uv every land. Ef so, there is nights uv luxury and days uv ease, which is proper for the champions uv the starvin Irish, and the opprest Celt. I see porter-house steaks, and the wines uv France in this kinduv a croosade for the down-trodden. I should like to hev a flunkey to kick and aboose. I would be a champion for most any variety uv ekality for that blessed privilege.

And then, the gin-drinkin English hisself ain't sich bad material for a reform party. They can't repeat at elections with the facility uv an Irishman, but they hev excellent voices for shoutin, and they cood carry banners in percessions a great deal better. They are a stiddyer people, and not so eccentric. They hev their grievances, ez I know. None uv 'em are dooks and noble Earls, and none uv 'em hev an account at the Bank uv England. There is a great mass uv 'em wich decline to be slaves and serfs, and wich spend the heft uv their time lookin out uv the doors and winders uv the publics (that wat they call a bar room over here,) and rall at the Voroom that gave the shop-keeper his snug shop and comfortable house, and compels them to a life uv privashen, and they sit in the Pubs bewailin their Voroom and rallin at the system that keeps them down, till 12 at nite, when a tyrannikle law compels a closin uv the places.

But wat they lose by the early closin uv the Pubs they make up by early comin, as they are there the moment the shutters are down in the mornin. The wives uv these patriots generally do washin. They wood work, themselves, but they hev'n't time. Affairs uv state consoom all their energies.

Ther is rather too much uv this element for me. All of these men want to be leaders, and, I persoom, wood demand a share uv the collecksions for the sacred coz uv hoomanity, wich wood divide it up too much, but I rather think I shoud git my share. It's a cold day when I git left.

Still there ought not to be too many leaders. Ther is danger in divided councils, the same ez ther is in divided money. A few leaders and a great many contributors is the proper thing for a great movement for the rites uv man and the ameliorashen uv the condishen uv the down-trodden. Ther can't be too few leaders or too many contributors. In such a croosade I wood be willin to assoom the dooties uv president, secretary, treasurer and board uv controle. When I hed a popler movement I give my whole time to it.

England is a kentry pekuliery favorable to popeler uprisins. Ther is a great deal uv wealth here— a great deal. The shops are stufft with valuable goods, and the banks are gronin with coin. It is coin they hev here. It isn't Confederit paper, wich wuzn't worth cartin home, or even green Tax, wich a patriot in 1863 hed to steal at 33 cents on the dollar.

When it comes to a popeler uprisin, there are rather too many so sol- jers about for comfort, wich are the hirelins uv royalty. But let the mob
ake the proporshens uv the riot in Noo York in 1863, and it wood be
ingler ef the lovers uv hoomanity didn't git away with enuff to pay em
on the trouble. Th'ere is a wilderness uv wealth here. The field is ready
or the harvest. I shood like amazinly to git my sickle in.

Wat I shel do I don't know. Ez it is, I am resitin on my oars, and
keepin a weather eye out for wat may turn up. I am very comfortably
stoated, and am in no hurry. The landlord uv wich I rent my rooms
appears to be satisfied without askin for money (my valise looks full) and
hev established a credit at three or four public houses, and the same
number uv eatin houses. Livin is very high here, but it makes no es-
beschel difference to me. Ef they charge it, I am just ez well satisfied to
et em charge libraly. It does em good, I suppose, to take advantage uv
a unsofisfieldikated Amerikin, and ef it's any comfort to em, why let em hev
t. When they git through chargin it's a easy matter to move to another
quarter and do it over again.

The beauty uv London is it's so large that a man uv my time uv life
can't begin to eggshauast his credit in it. Were I a young man and int-
ended to stay in London, I shood look out for some provishn for old age,
but at sixty wat's the yoos? I can't expect to live more than twenty
years more, and probably not that, for the change from bourbon whisky to
British brandy hez hed a reechin effect upon me already. But shood I
ive twenty years, I can't hop to possibly eggshauast credit in a city uv
tour millions uv people. Ef I do, then my tongue hez forgot its cunnin,
and my rite hand will no longer cleave to anything.

I must confess that I don't like the average Englishman. I hev'n't made
the acquaintanse uv any Dook's or Baronets yet, nor hev I basked in the
smiles uv royality, but I hev tried to make the acquaintanse uv the better
class uv commoners. They are a very hawty and reserved class uv peo-
ple. There isn't that freedom, that delightful loosenis, wich you eggspe-
rience in Kentucky. I slapped one uv em on the shoulder the other day in
a public, and he was actilly offended at it. And another uv whom I tried
to borer five pounds actilly hed the cheek to refere me on the flimsy
ground that he hed'n't knowed me long enuff! Thaz wuz the precise
reason why I expected to git it. Hed he knowed me longer, he never wood
lend me at all.

There is another trouble about startin a party for reform, based upon
the eternal ekality uv man and human rites. We hain't got but few nig-
gers here, and that few are looked upon ez good men ez the whites, ef
they behave theirselves ez well. Conselekently we hev'n't got nobody to
look down upon, wich is alluz a necessity in a party uv reform, based
upon the ekality uv man. In Ameriky the down-trodden Irishman, pant-
in for freedom and ekal rites, hed the nigger to oppress, and the delicate uv
hev'in somebody lower down, wuz wat kep him troo to the Dimekratic
party. But ez we hev'n't no nigger here, I can't think uv anybody to sub-
stitute for him, but doubtlis we shall find one, even ef I hev to import him.

On the whole, I rather think I shel stay here and try to organize an
ekal rites party in opposishun to the bloatid aristocracy. Ef I don't suc-
ceed I kin go to Paris and organize myself into an Irish Buro, there. Troc,
the present trouble may die out, but wat ef it does? The Irish alluz hez a
grœveance, and ef they don't know uv one, I kin furnish it for em. Any-
how the Irish in Ameriky will alluz contribut to a skirmishin fund, to say
nothin uv funds for blowin up governement bldins in English cities. A
vatrot, sích ez I am, kin alluz manufacturer a coz.
I don't like France altogether, for I am told they drink nothing but wine there, and besides the French people don't know that they are op- 
prest and down-trodden. Ef the Irish seem shod to fail, I might sub- 
up the French to a sense uv their wretched conclish, but wine ain't a 
good drink for that biznis. It's altogether too mild.

For patriotic purposes I hev' found no liquid better than English gin. 
It is a beverage that is eminently calculated to perdoose di


cent with the eggsistin order uv things, no matter what they may be. A gin drinked 
alluz wants suthin else. In this respect it lays all over Amerikin whisky 
no matter how bad it is. London is clearly my feeld.

Go back to the Corners with these golden prospeck openin up before me. 
Go back to the Cross Roads and endoor Bascom's refoosals for credit, and 
Dekin Pogram's refoosal's to lend, and the terros uv unassuaged thirst 
and uv unappeased hunger, when I kin hed a Irish insurrecshun, and sell 
it out to the bloatid aristocracy uv England, and be a dook or suthin uv 
the sort, and hev a estate uv my own! Go back to the Corners and read 
the noose for mere whisky, and that given grudgingly and in insuffisent 
quantities! Not much!

Come back for the sake uv Dimocrisy! Wat hez Dimocrisy ever done 
for me? Wat hez Dimocrisy ever done for anybody? Mick Lellan is the 
governor uv mere Noo Jersey, Seymore is languishin on his farm, or de- 
liverin addresses afore cheese societies, Thurman is foolin with monetary 
conferences, appinted by a Repubikin, Hancock is onto Governor's Island 
<w> wondering whether the tariff is a nashnel or lokle question, and why he 
</w> wuzn't electid, and I—I am in London, a eggslie, a stranger on a furrn 
shoar, known only to a few public house keepers, and they will soon wish 
they hed never the honor uv my acquaintance. Ef the Dimocrisy can't 
survive without me, Dimocrisy may ez well order its coffin. I will write 
its epitaf gladly.

Why, I hev even lost interest in Amerikin politix. I latf wen I heard 
that Sherman had sed that the tax onto whisky wood pay the nashnel 
debt, and even the assassinashen uv Garfeeld did not move me, tho I saw 
into it the prospeck uv another A. Johnson. Go back to the Corners? 
Not any Corners for me.

"Far more troo joy the Nasby eggsiled feels, 
Than Bascom with the Corners at his heels."

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Reformer and Patriot).

MR. NASBY'S LONDON EXPERIENCES.

London, (wich is in England,) 
Jooly 20, 1881.

I hev not ez yet made up my mind what to do with myself, and don't 
keer to ez yit. I hev some remnants uv the money wich the Corners sent 
me, and I hev noo lodgings, tho I hev met with tempary embarassments 
I never yit hed a epock that didn't bring with it tempary embarass- 
ments. My life hez bin one ov embarrasments, and probably alluz will be 

The trubble this time, wuz ez yoosual, with my landlord. For two 
weeks he hez bin annoyin me about payin for my apartment (it's only 
one small room, but I do ez other tourists do, and call em apartment 
for it sounds more solvent when you want credit at eatin houses), and 
finally he got impedent about it. To spare my feelins and prevent him 
from actooally insultin me, I lit out one nite, gittin away without loss uv
baggage. Indeed I ain’t shoor but wat two uv his shirts and a pare ov his trousers got into my carpit-bag. My washin gits mixed with others reKent.

However, it didn’t make much diffrence. The increest size and fullnis in my bag enabled me to git better quarters, ez it inspired confidence. The man uv resources alluz turns evil to good, and extrax benefits from wat to others wood seem misforchoons. I am wunst more very comfortably fixed, and hev established myself in jist ez good eatin houses and public houses, ez before.

I hev hed a noshun of turnin aristocrat myself. I can’t imagine any-thing more deliteful than to be a dopk, and hev a castle in the kentry, and a residence in town, with lots uv money back uv it, and servance and things. There is nothin better, cept it mite hev been a planter in Ameriky in the old times, in the South. He come the nearest to it, uv any bein on earth.

These people toll not, neither do they spin. They hev more money hen they know what to do with, and they spend a life uv ease and luggs-try, and retire under a marble monument when they die. I shood like to be a dopk the rest uv my life.

It woodent be at all inconsistent with my previous record, nuther. The posh skeem uv England is made up uv several classes. There is the nobility wich wuz born to rank, the rich men wich made money and want to be noblemen, the tradesmen, wich live on the nobility and hopes to be rich hen, the poor labrin classes wich drinks gin and beer—gin when they kin git it, and beer when they hev to.

There is no clashin between these classes. The nobleman is content with his stashen, ez well he may be, and lives off his tenants, the tradesman is content to live off the nobility, and the labrin man can’t help hisself, and so long ez he hez suthin to eat and drink, goes on content. He knows he can’t help hisself, and he don’t let things worry him at all. When he votes he does it for gin, for he knows no matter who gits into power it’s all the same to him—he will hev to work jist ez hard and for jist ez little for one party ez for the other.

That’s why ther ain’t much hope uv foundin a reform party in England, that is, out uv the English. They ain’t got no greevances, and yoo can’t make em bleeve that they are opprest and down-trodden.

I asked a tailor ef de didn’t know that he wuz a serf, a down-trodden victim uv oppression, and ef he wuzn’t reddy to strike a manly blow for the amellorashun uv his condishn.

The low sperited cuss anserd that he hedn’t thot about it, but ef he wuz actilly a slave he wuzn’t awer of it.

He wuz doin very well, thank yoo. He workt pretty hard, but ef he wuz tin his family tollably well.

“Yoor a patriot, ain’t yoo?” sea he. “I’ve seen em afore. Don’t ask me to make yoo a soot up close and send em around. I did that wunst.”

I askt him whose ground he wuz on, and wat rent he paid.

“The Dook uv Bedford owns all this seckshun.”

“Are yoo willin to pay triboot to a bloated aristocrat, all yoor days?” I asked.

He ansered that inasmuch ez he didn’t own no ground, and didn’t want to, and ez he wood hev to pay rent to somebody anyhow, he coodent see that it made much difference who he paid it to. His Grace was a liberal land- lord, and he got a deal uv work out uv him, yeer in and yeer out, and he
hed ez soon pay triboot to him ez to John Smith, and ruther, for the Dook wuz'n't so grindin ez a great many others wich wuz'n't Dooks, and he sed "good mornin," and went on cuttin cloth ez tho he didn't keer to continyoo the conversashun.

Wat kin a lover uv his kind like me do, when this insensibility to oppressn obtanes among all classes? It is discouragin. It looks ez tho I shood hev to continyoo shiftin my lodgins dooring my entire stay.

I approach others on the subjick but found em all too busy to consider their woes, except the patriots which spend all their time in the publics, and they ain't no meat for me, for they are all in the same biznis. When these mercenary wretches found that I wuz not payin for likker, but eggeespectd to hev my likker paid for, they avoidid me ez they wood a pessilenc. They all agreed that England wuz down-trodden, and groanin under a despotism, but they cooden't inddoose the oppres people to back em up in a effort to strike off their manacles.

I shel shortly visit Ireland, and Investigate the people on ther native soil. I hev hopes ther, for I know the Irish in Ameriky, and they make splendid patriots there. I never knowd one uv em wich woodent take a offis within two weeks uv his landin, and I never heerd uv one wich wood'n't hev delited in ownin a niggar, when niggers, cuss em, were to be owned, and wich woodent git all ther wuz to be got out uv em. They love Ameriky and they ought to. Ther ain't no other kentry on earth when they kin git into offis in less than six months, and consider themselves ill used ef they are kept out that time.

A few uv us Irish patriots held a convenshun last nite at the "Star of Erin" public house, to determine wat to do in the present emergency. Mr O'Shaughnessy remarkt that the emergency wuz grave. Things wuz comin to a crisis with Ireland. He wuz eight weeks in arrears for his lodgins and most of the public houses hed refuced him credit. He was dragging out a precarious eggsistence, and the trouble wuz that Erin wuz not organized. It wuz discouragin to a patriot. He hed bin in London six months tryin to organize, but all the money that wuz comin from Ameriky wuz goin to a lot of agitators wich he did not know, and he (O'Shaughnessy) wuz allowed to langish in lodgins and wuz liable to be turned out any minnit. He hed'n't even the price uv a glass uv gin about his person. How cood Ireland be liberated when her cheef spirits wuz bein so treated?

Mr. McFinnegan remarkt that ther wuz organizashen enuff, but it wuz'n't the rite kind. The money collectid in Ameriky went to the Paris burow, and wuz not applied to the relieef uv the really sufferin Irish. He (McFadden) wuz a Irishman, a descendent uv Irish Kings ez every troo republikin Irishman wuz, and he wuz in want uv the common necessaries uv life. He wuz compelled to drink water, for not a dollar hed bin sent to him. He hed more than half made up his mind to abandon his kentry to its fate, and go into the patriot biznis in South Ameriky. He who wood be free himself must go down into his own pocket. How cood Ireland ever hope to be free from the infernal rool uv the Saxon, when her champions were compelled to live on chance invitashens to drink and sleep under arches?

The sekretary of the meetin then red a report showin the utter distress and destitooshen uv the people uv all the counties in Ireland, and made a stirrin speech in favor uv organizin committees to collect money for their relieef.

Rev. Father Muldoon happened to drop in and he cheered us all very
much by reportin that the collections in Ireland uv money for Catholic colleges in Ameriky, for the education uv the priesthood, wuz progressin favorably. The amount given by the people for this purpose wuz ez much ez last yeer, despite the distrest condisn. The Pope hisself hed expresst his satisfaction at the devoshen uv the Irish people to the Holy church.

Shamus O'Brien begged leave to say a few words. He hed jist returned from Ameriky, wher he hed bin among the Irish. He found em all prosperous, ez a rool, and dooin well, the natives uv that city acceptin their rool without a murmur. His sejestion for the releef uv Ireland wuz to take the money wich wuz collectid and use it in sendin to Ameriky ez many Irish people ez possible, killin two birds with one stun. Those who went wood be made comfortable, and emigrashen wood so lessen the number uv laborers in Ireland ez to compel the landlords to give em better terms. Then he wood—

He wuz Immejitly interruptid by Mr. O'Shaughnessy. Mr. O'S.'s blood biled at the sejestion. Ef the half uv Ireland wuz sent to Ameriky and the half that remained wuz made comfortable, what wood become uv' agitashen? Ef agitashen ceased what wood become uv us? To yoose money in that way wood be to stop agitashen for the rites uv man, and redoose the champlons uv freedom in Ireland to he didn't know wat. Never. He wood stand and defy England so long ez the Irish in Ameriky wood contribit funs that he mite give his whole mind to it, and wood never lower the banner uv freedom till they stopped contribittin. A descendant uv Irish Kings, he wuz too much uv a friend uv ekality to do anything else. Suffrin Ireland wuz necessary for the spread uv democratic government, and any sejestion to stop that suffrin wuz a stab at the very vitals uv the holy coz.

Mr. O'Brien—But ye're goin to raise money for the good uv Ireland, ain't ye? Wat are yo goin to do with it?

Mr. O'Shaughnessy—Agitate—here and in Paris. Ireland must be free—In time.

Mr. O'Brien—Starvashen will liberate em.

Then I interposed. I remarked to Mr. O'Brien that starvashen waz wat we wuz tryin to guard agin—starvashen uv the asossiashen and the sub-committees, to whic we shood allow a reasonable per centage uv the colleckshuns. Wuz we not Irishmen, and entitled to releef? Without funs thir cood be no agitashen, and agitashen wuz the only remedy for Ireland's woe. We are the agitaters, and yoo musn't muzzle the ox that treads the corn.

Mr. O'Brien remarked that he cooden't see it that way, that he rather that it wood be a good thing for Ireland ef the asossiashen shood starve to death. And he left the room announsin his determinshen to collect money enuff, hisself, to send over a dozen families anyhow, and releeve that number, shoor.

I never saw sich a impracticable man. He is a brick mason with a good biznis, and he will actilly do wat he sez, and thus divert money from us. We shel ishoo a cirkeler denounsin him ez a Englishman in disgise, and warnin the Irish in Ameriky agin him. We can't permit ourselves to be interfered with.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Agitator.)

P. S.—This mizable O'Brien hez actilly gone and organized a sosiety uv Irish mekanics and merchants in London, callin it an "Emigrashen Aid Sosiety," and with no pay for any uv its offisers, and hez actilly got money enuff together, wich they mostly give theirselves, to send a dozen families
to Amerlky. The families hev actilly gone, they hev contractid with a steamship company to take em, and the English are contribbixin to em freely, and all this while collecshuns for the relief uv Ireland by agitashen come in very slowly.

I am almost discouraged. Mr. O'Shaughnessy and I hev determined on aggressive mesures to stir up the Irish. We shol commence blowin up government bildins in England, ef we kin enlist darin men to undertake the work. That will show that we are in deadly earnest, and will, doubtless fetch funds in plenty. Suthin must be done. My new landlord presented his bill last nite and insists upon immedit payment. It is teju movin so often.

MR. NASBY ORGANIZES BY HIMSELF.

London, (wich is in England),
August 1, 188.

The trouble with Irish agitashen is, all the agitaters wants to be Brigadler Generals and none uv em privates. They remind me uv a enterprise we went into when I wuz a boy. We had a Thesopian Sosity, and determined to play Macbeth. The boys agreed to vote, and whichever had the majority should play Macbeth. When the ballots were taken out uv the hat it wuz found every boy hed jist one vote for Macbeth, and every girl just one for Lady Macbeth. Now Macbeth played with half the company ez Macbeth and the other half ez Lady Macbeth wood be a startlin spektikle, but the public wouldn't like it, and so the society dissolved and the debt onto it remains to this day.

Almost everything I wuz ever connectid with hez a debt onto it, remain in to this day. It is fate.

Precisely so with our League. We got along very well—in fact I neve saw sich enthousiasm among a set uv men ez we displayed. O'Shaughnessy wuz blood-thirsty, Mick Fadden wuz even more than that, and Finneganswell, Finnegans could not restrain hisself at all. We yoosed to keep in session all the time, and every half hour we'd rise and swear to devote our lives, our honor, and our sacred forchoons to the crushin out uv England and the liberashen uv our native country.

Mick Fadden wood pace the floor by the hour, and wring' his hand, and wonder how long Ireland would hev to endoor the tyranny uv Engeland, and shriek, "Wood that the time for strikin the final blow wuz come."

Then the rest uv us wood soothe the eggstcited man, and show him that he must curb his impashence and bide his time,—(Irish agitaters are tremenjus on bidin ther time—it's a part uv the profeshn) —that nuthin coud be done till we had funds, that to rush into the conflick unprepared wood be to invite defeat, and he wood sit down gloomily and mix hisself a glass uv Irish whisky, and grit his teeth, and drink it, and be restored to a cammer state uv mind.

From the first cirklers we ishood contribushens come in ruther slowly, but ther wuz enuff to keep us in a state uv comparative comfort. We hed ez yit made no organizashen and every one opened the letters az they come from the postoffis, ez he could git holv uv em, and put the content into his own pockit. I ruther think I got my shear, tho I notist with disgust that O'Shaugnessy wuz very indstrious and ruther active in the coe about the time uv the delivery uv the mail.

At all evence I determined to hev a regular organization, and hev the sacred coz run on suthin like biznis principles. They all agreed. Every
man uv em swore he wuz devoutid entirely to the sacred coz, and that he wood serve it in any capassity. He wantid to be the humblest uv England's assellance and Ireland's defenders. He wuz willin to fill an unknown and unhonored grave—all that he desired wuz to be put somewhere where he could serve Ireland.

I nominatid Mr. O'Shaugnesssey ez permanent President.

Mr. O'Shaugnesssey peremptorily declined. Shood he take that position itt look ez tho he wantid honors. No! he wantid some place uv danger, some place where there wuz work to do.

Mr. Mick Fadden declined the Presidency and so did Mr. Finnegan. Finally Mick Fadden sejestid that the organizashen shood be ez follows:

President—Mr. O'Nasby.
Vice President—Mr. O'Shaugnessy.
Secretary—Mr. Finnegan.
Treasurer—Mr. Mick Fadden.

He wuz willin to assoom the arjus dootles of openin the letters and reseevin and disbursin the funds. Wat he wantid wuz to work for the coz.

Mr. O'Shaughnesssey objectid. He felt that he was better fittid for the offis uv Treasurer. He had eggexperience in finanshel matters, and needed the arjus work uv reseevin and disbursin to keep himself in trainin for the great evence that wuz to foller. He shood be treasurer.

Mr. Finnegan wantid to know ef the old story wuz to be repeatid? Jist on the verge of success wuz we to fall by dividid councils, and by wrong selections? He wuz the only man uv the four wich wuz fittid for that posi- shen and he shood consider the coz ef any one else wuz put into the place. For the sake uv Ireland, by the memory uv her wrongs, he implored the organization to paws afore they put anybody else in it.

At this pnt I ariz. I hoped that no sich wild councils would prevail. Ez one thoroughly and entirely devoutid to Ireland, I felt compelled to say that ther wuz but one of the four competent to fill the place of Treas- urer. This was no time for false modesty. This wuz no time for hangin back, and shirkin the performance uv sacred dooties. Abandonin my habi- tool reserve, I wood say that uv the four I was the exact man for that place. I did not doubt the patriotism uv O'Shaughnesssey, the zeal uv Mick Fadden, of the enthusiasm uv Finnegan, but when it come to open letters containin remittances from servant girls and labrers, and takin charge thereof, I laid over the deck.

Sighin ez I did for the liberashun uv Ireland, groanin ez I did habitually for her wrongs—no man had ever did more groanin—I hed often got up in the middle uv the night to groan over Ireland's wrongs—I cood not bear to see her coz wrecked by incompetency or inefficiency in so important a place. I cood open more letters in a minit than any wun uv em, two to one, ez I hed a combined paper knife and letter opener, which I hed purchist with my own money and hed not charged to the assosiashen. I wood serve Ireland by being Treasurer uv the Assosiashen.

Then come a wild scene uv disorder. We all wantid this posishen and the upshot uv it all wuz the Assosiashen broke up in a row, and dissolved.

Every man uv us made a rush to the Post Offis to secoor wat letters wuz there, for each uv us considered the others hed sinister desines and wuz actooatid by mersenary motives.

I have abandoned these men, and organized myself into a assosiashen. I have a list uv offisers, all with good Irish names, but I put onto my circickers, very carefully, this line: All contribooshens to the sacred coz must be
sent direct to Mikael O’Nasby, Treasurer. The others hev also organized theirselves into assosiasheens, but ez I got my circklers out first I shel hog in the first harvest.

Finnegan, by the way, coodent organize hisself ez he didn’t hev money enuff about his person to pay for printin’. He hez failed for lack uv capital. He tried to borrer uv me, but I laft him to skorn. Lendin ain’t my best holt.

I hev excellent ground now to go on, and I shel succeed beyound a doubt. The specific objick to which the funds I arise is to be applied is the purchis uv gun cotton and clock-works to be put onto English steamers in all parts uv the world. I am determined by the help uv the patriotick servant girls in Ameriky to entirely destroy the British mareen. Do away with the soo-premacry uv England on the sea, and she is gone. Her ships are her strength. Destroy them ships, and England is ez weak ez Sampson wuz after his head wuz shorn. I will be England’s Delilah.

Uv course there will be a friteful loss uv passengers, and most uv em will be Amerikins, but war is war. Yoo can’t free Ireland without bloodshed, and so that the contribushens are libral enuff I don’t keer who is killed.

However, onless money comes in much faster than I eggspect, the loss uv life from this enterprise won’t be alarmin. It costs a great deal for a agitater to live in good style in London, and my eggspences will, of course, come out first.

I saw a Dook to-day in his Dookal carriage surrounded by his minyuns. Possibly, when the British Government knows who I am and what my fell purpus is, it will offer me a Dookdum to desist. England hez ginerally suppressed Irish uprisins by buyin up the agitaters, and who knows but that I may yet be the Dook Nasby, and hev carriages and flunkies? More singler things than that hev happened. “Dook Nasby!” It hez a pleasant sound, In the hope of it, I shell labor incessantly to make myself a terror to Eng-land.

I trust I shel begin to reseeve offers from the Government in about four weeks.

MIKAEL O’NASBY, (Agitator Perfeshnel).

MR. NASBY GOES TO IRELAND.

London, (wich is in England,) September 10, 1881.

I hev bin over to Ireland, and made a persnel inspeckshn uv the situ-a-shen there. I did this partly to inspire my pen, and partly becoz I wuz tired uv London and wanted a change, and the Servant Girl’s Yunyun, of La Porte, Injeany, havin sent in $20 to the skirmishin fund, I hed the means to do it. Elijer wuz the first one wich wuz fed by ravins, but I am the last. The Irish servant girls in Ameriky is my ravens, and I keep my mouth ez wide open ez Elijer did hisn. I hope his ravens wuz ez regular as mine are.

I did not see much uv Ireland, ez the leadin agitators hed a meetin in Cork to see ef ‘twasn’t possible to compromise our differences, and pool our ishoos. O’Shaughnessy, O’Brien, Mick Finnegan and myself wuz all present, and we all agreed that no effort for the liberashen uv Ireland cood be successful unless we cood ‘hev one common point to wich contribooshens to the skirmishin fund cood be sent from Ameriky. We decided that it was better to hev one centrel’ buro than it wuz to hev five, and that our namn...
yoonited, wood probably extrack more material resources from the girls than ez tho we kept separate, and each patriot actid on his own hook.

But the same old trouble occurred. We wuz the most generous and self-sacrificin patriots in the world, ez to the offises uv real honor, sich ez the Presidency, but when it come to the tresurership, the handlin uv the funds, each man insisted that he wuz the precise one to fill that place. We hed been interdoosed to each other and ther wusn't that confidence ther that made yoonyun possible.

I finelly told em that onless I cood be tresurer uv the combinashen I shood continyoo to free Ireland on my own basis. "I am reseevin now an average uv seven dollars a day."

The rest uv em groaned at the menshun of this sum. "Poor Ireland!" sighed O'Shaughnessy, "the most my burow hez ever got wuz four, and two and a half wood be a fair average. It scarcely keeps me in board, cloze and likker. How kin Ireland ever expect to be freed on these terms?"

I rebooked Mr. O'Shaughnessy. I told him while board and cloze and likker wuz good things, that when wun wuz engaged in resistin tyranny, a troo patriot coud git on without the board and cloze. But com wat may, I hed devotid myself to Ireland and wuz willin to serve the combined association ez tresurer. Ef that wuzn't agreeable I shood keep on with my average of seven dollars a day. Ez they woodn't consent to this the meeting dissolved.

Divided counsels hez ever bin the rooin uv Ireland.

I am writin a new sirkler to send to Ameriky, wich I think will bring the skirnishing fund any quantity uv money. I hev hed made, out uv the last instalment I resewed, picters uv my new infernal machine. It's an ingenious masheen, one uv my own invenshun. I hev clock work propelled by a spiral spring, connected with a pistol barrel, wich is loaded with a fair charge uv gunpowder, and the barrel filled to the muzzle with gun-cotton. This is put in the center of a box contalnin dynamite, and the box is placed in the center uv a barrel uv any kind uv merchandise and is then shipped in British steemers from Noo York. It won't do to ship it in steemers that leave this side, for every wun uv em hev in the steerage 400 or 500 Irish emigrants, and we don't want to blow them up. It is desirable to preserve ther lives so that they kin work in Ameriky and earn money, and send it to us patriots wich is engaged in freein Ireland. But in steemers comin back it is quite different. Ther is very few Irish comin from Ameriky to Ireland, for ez soon as they land in Noc York they git into polytix, and git onto the poleece force, and cum to be skool commishners and sich, and they can't spare the time to come back. The passengers on the steemers from Noo York to England are toorists, wimmen and children, and sich, and to blow them up woodent damage the agitaters at all.

This clock-work runs five days, blowin up the steemers eggsackly in mid ocean. In this way we perpose to crippl the maritime power uv Eng-lund and compel her to do jestis to Ireland. I shel bid these masheens ef funds suffisient are forthcomin. But uv course I can't do it on seven dollars a day. My persenal wants require all uv that, suthin the servant girls shood understand.

Ef the land act or any other act uv the English, stops agitashen, and throws me out uv biznis, wich Heaven forbid, I shel either enter the priest-hood or start a whisky shop. I hev bin in England, France and Germany, sence I hev bin over on this side, and no matter how poor and distrest the people wuz, I hev never seen a priest that wuzn't in good flesh, nor the
The Nasby Letters.

The proprietor uv a gin mill. They wuz alluz in good condishen. The clergy feel for the wants uv their people in a purely spirituool sense, and the gin-mills—well, likker is the last thing these people give up. I never saw people wich cood git on with less cloze or manage to eggist in sich hovels, but they manage somehow to comfort theirselves with a great deal uv whisky, and a tolerable good artikle they hev uv it. I don't like it ez well ez I do our sod-corn, but I shel git yoosed to it. I hev an accommodatin stumick. Thank heaven, it kin adapt itsel' to any circumstances but one—emtiness.

The only dangers that threaten uv us now is England and emigrashun, and England I am not afeerd uv. It don't matter wat England does, Ireland won't be satisfied ez long ez we hev elokent crators enuff, but emigrashun is suthin we patriots hev to dread. Ef that goes on next season to the pint uv redosin the populashen so that them remainin kin live comforably, we are gone up. Wat we want is to hev jist enuff to go to Ameriky to earn money enuff to supply the sinoos uv agitalashen and jist enuff to stay here to make agitalashen necessary. We want a Ireland alluz, and a opprest Ireland, for without that where would we be?

I remember a anti-slavery speaker wich wuz perfoundly greeved when Linkin abolished slavery. "Great Hevins!" he exclaimed, "what did he ever do that fur? Wat shel I do now for a coo?"

He tried temperance, and winmen's rites and sich, but he hed been on slavery so long that he cooden't take up noo grievances, and sadly died in a pochouse.

But I am not sure uv my standin here permanently, and may possibly return to Ameriky. I find that ez large ez London is, a man's idiosynchra-sies spred with tolerable rapidity. I find it quite difficult to git lodgins now, and I hev hed to submit twice to the hoomillashen uv payin for my rooms in advance. It hurt my feelings, but wat cood I do? I cooden't sleep under a bridge at my age, nor kin I go without sustenance. It's all well enuff so long ez the supplies come in regerly, but when the supply stops, wat then?

My inventive genius comes in here. I hev inventid a new carpet bag for the espeshi yoose up patriots and agitators. It is make uv thin Inly rubber, with a frame that folds up into a small compass. Yoo take that carpet-bag and blow it up till it bulges out at the sides ez tho it wuz full uv cloze and things and walk into a lodging house and demand rooms with confidence. That carpet-bag, bustin with valyoables, settles it. It looks solvent, and everything is in looks. Yoo stay on the strength uv that bag, and hev yoor meals sen' to yoor room, and live fat. Presently yur land-lady wants money, and commences to watch that carpet-bag. Yoo can't git out uv the house with it, for that is her anker and her hope. Very good. Some evening yoo go to yoor room, let the wind out uv it, and fold it up and put it in your coat-pocket, and bid her good evenin, tellin her yoo shel be home early, and she may light the fire at 10, and the place that knowd yoo wunst knows yoo no more furere. The first dark place yoo come to yoo blow it up agin, and go boldly into another house and establish yourself in comfort ef not in luxury.

The one I hev cost me a week's receipts uv the skirmlishin fund, but it a good investment. I cakelate to live on that Agitater's Bag at least two years. Necessity is the mother uv invenshun.

London is not a bad place to live, ef one ez his wits about him. The people are not so confidin ez in Ameriky, but they hev more money. I shel make out, I make no doubt. MIKAEL O'NASBY. (Agitater.)
HE FINDS THE PATRIOT BUSINESS NOT PROFITABLE.

London, (wich is in England),
November 1, 1881.

I shel give up the biznis uv bein a Irish patriot. The fact is the servant girls and laborers uv Ameriky hev made up their minds to send their contribushens direct to the reglar Land League, and hev ruther shut down onto the independent shops, which is conducted by Presidents, Secretaries and sich, in London. What I reqwire to do biznis is confidence, and when that nessary artikle is out of the markit, I'm a gone. It's no yoose—my receipts for the past three weeks hezn't bin enuff to keep me in ham sandwiches, to say nothin uv sich refreshments uv a likwid nacher ez I really must hev to endor on the terrestial speer.

If I hev to skirmish on tick for a livin why keep up the farce uv bein a patriot? Ef cheek hez got to make me a livin, I kin cheek it jist ez well in my privit capassity ez I kin ez a liberater. But I am not entirely bereft. The great man is he wich sees oportoonities ez they pass him, and is quick enuff to ketch on. Ef you are smart you got suthin uv a ifee ez it fits by yoo, ef it's nuthin but a tail holt.

My presentVencher is one wich I know must succeed, for I hev great faith in British consistency. England is ruled by precedent, and when England hez onct taken a posishen England is goin to foller it to its logikle concllosion.

Last Joon there wuz held in London a meetin uv English capitalists wich held Confedrit bonds. It will be remembered that English cappitlit furnisht the sinoos for the war wich the South fit to preserve hooman liberty by perpetooatin slavery. It wuz purely a disinterested love uv freedom that prompted em to do it. The liberty lovin manufacturer uv Manchester wuz eager to hev the cotton factories uv Noo England rootout out, the ship owner uv Liverpool sighed ez he saw the probable enslavement uv the South, and he sed, "destroy Yankee shippin," and England herself didn't want any rival in the liberty biznes and remark quietely, "We deprecayte war, but ef the Amerikin Republic cood be split in two it wood leave England still master uv the world."

And so the government shut its eyes and went to sleep, and the manufacturers and ship-owners furnished us with guns, and powder, and medicines, and money, and everything else nessary to carry on a war, and ships ez well, with crews into em. And we shot the Yankees with English bullets, out uv English guns, and paid our heros out uv English money.

For these guns and this money, and the powder and qwhine, and the ships England furnisht, we uv the South paid in bonds, wich we shood hev paid hed the disinterested efforts uv England to brush out the Amerikin Republic been successful.

But it wuzn't a brilliant success. The infernel Yanks, led by Grant, whaled us. English bayonits wuz met by Northern bayonits, Enfield rifles wuz confrontid by Springfield rifles, and the Stars and Bars went under never to rise agin, and to-day a Yankee government rools the crushed South and England gnashes her teeth.

The most persistent gnashers is them wich hold the Confedrit bonds for wich they give good money, and it wuz them wich held the convenshun. They insist on hevin their money and they insist that the Yoonittid States, now that the Confedrasy is gone, shel pay them.

"For," sez they with a great deel uv force, "ef the Confedrasy had biz
a success the Confedrits wood hev paid us our money. Wat pervented the Confedrasy from bein a success? Fedral arms. Therefore, inesmuch ez Fedral arms crushed the Confedrasy and pervented the Confedrasy from payin its debt, them wich pervented it shood be held."

Ther committee reportid ez follows:

It is argued that the United States can afford to take a generous view of the position, their prosperity having exceeded the most sanguine estimates that could possibly have been formed, and having now attained such a high position amongst the Nations, the opportunity occurs to remove forever the only one blemish attachin' to American State securities, viz: the repudiation of these loans which were contracted by the Southern States.

Kin anything be clearer than this? Certainly not. I quite agree with the English capitalists that them wich pervents the payment uv debts shel be held for them debts, and out uv this grows my present speculashen, wich will, I doubt not, make me rich and put me forever beyond the necessity uv changin lodgins every other week.

Ireland is a part uv the British Empire, jist the same ez the Southern States is a part uv the Yoonitid States. Ireland didn’t like English root jist the same ez the Southern States didn’t like the Fedral government. Ire- land rebelled jist the same ez the Southern States did. The parallel is jist about ez complete ez a Methodist church when it’s got its steeple up.

Ther wuz an organizashen knowd ez Feniaňs. For the liberashun uv Ireland, they organized in Noo York, erectid a government with President and Congris and Senit and a Cabinet, and everything complete. So perfect a government did they hev that they ishood bonds for the purpose of raisin money to prosecute war agin England, and that everybody might hev a show in em, even the humblest, they ishood bonds ez low down ez $1, and them bonds wuz taken, too, and paid for in good money.

Wat happened? The British government made war upon the Fenians; they hung some uv em and transported others, and bust the concern. Consequently the bonds ishood by the Fenians wuz never paid, because the British government by crushing out the organization put it out of power to pay. Cleerly therefore the British government is held for these bonds, and ez Great Britain hez attained sich a pitch uv prosperity it shood to wunst come to the rescue and remove the blemish that attaches to it in conse- kence uv the repoodiashen uv these secoorities. Nothin is clearer to my mind than this.

The lodgins I now okkepy wuz wunst okkepied by a Fenian Secretary uv the Tresury, and among the effex wich he left when his landlady histid him out for non-payment uv two week’s rent—by the way she hez a just claim for that money agin the British government, for, but for the crushin uv the Fenian government, he wood hev paid—among the effex he left wuz several bales uv Fenian bonds representing some millions, wich I hev. I wuz about to sell em for old paper till this blessid claim wuz made and I cluched em eagerly. There is wealth in them bonds, for uv course Great Britain will not claim uv others wat she is not willin to give.

I hev called a convenshun uv holders uv Fenian bonds and we shel to wunst prepare a memorial to the British government demandin the settlement uv this bizns. It won’t take any writin—I shel simply yoose the memorial prepared by the British cappytalists in the Confedrit bizns, simply changin “Confedrit” to “Fenian,” and “Yoonitid States” to “Great Britain.” The case is so similar that no other changes will be necessary. The British capitalist hez presented my case more forcibly than I kin do it.

When this clame is settled I shel return to my native land and live in
luxury all my days. There will be no more waiting at bars, no more dodging about for the merest existence, no more need for postponies and sich, but I shel live like a gentleman, and my last days will be my best. I shel glide into the tomb gracefully, and shel hev nothin more than a pine slab over my remains to mark the spot where I repose. The prospeck is cheerin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Bondholder.)

P. S.—All persons in Ameriky holdin Fenian bonds will send them to wunst to me, with $1 accompanyin to pay the necessary expenses uv regist-erin and so on. The proceeds will be faithfully remitted ez soon ez the British government pays the bonds, wich uv course it will do immediately after the Yoonitid States government pays the Confederit cotton bonds. Prompt ackshen is requested in this matter, ez I must hev means to hold on in my present lodgins till this fite is fit. I can't struggle successfully when I am obleeed to spend half my time gettin out uv one house and the other half gettin into another. It's too wearin on an old man.

P. V. N.

MR. NASBY RETURNS FROM EUROPE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 4, 1852.

I am back wunst more to my old stampin ground, back to the scene uv my triumfs and faillyoors. In the words uv the poet ther ain't no place like home, and ef all homes wuz like the Cross-Roads, the world wood hev reason to thank heaven for it.

I will not dwell upon my gittin back. I will not harrow up the bosom uv the Amerikin public by narratin my walk from London to Liverpool, my gittin surreptitiously aboard a steamer and ben diskivered as a stowaway and put to shovelin coal, nor wood the long walk from Noo York to Kentucky tend to restore confidence in the kindly feelin uv the Amerikin people toward tramps. Suffise it to say that the Corners looked good to me, and the happiest minit of my life wuz when I pulled up in Bascom's and Deekin Pogram, from force of habit, asked me to take suthin.

But disappointment is the common lot uv mankind, and I am gittin my share uv it. The minit I got over bein sore footid from too much excur- sion, I looked into the condishn uv the Dimocrisy, and ishood a call for a meeting to thorolly reorganize for the Spring eelckshuns. Doorin my ab-sence the organizashen hed suffered for want uv effishent leadership, and I sed to the saints that wat we wanted wuz to raise the war-cry, to lite up the camp-fires, and to close up the ranks, and to do the other things which is alluz done in politick campaines. We must not permit the demon Republikinism to git a foothold in Kentucky.

To my surprise the good Deekin didn't show any symptoms uv closin up the ranks, or litin camp-fires or raisin war cries, nor nothin. He wuz ez apathetic ez a man marryin a woman a hundred years old, and Capt'n Mc-Pelter and Issaker Gavitt wuz still wuss, and ez for Bascom he abslootly declined to hev anythin to do with it.

"Wat is the matter?" I demanded. "Is the sperit uv Jacksonian Dimocrisy ded? Hez the Corners forgot the faith, and is ablishnism to invade these sakred precinks?"

Deekin Pogram remarkt that ef it wuz all the same to me he didn't keer very much about Dimocrisy, or, for that matter, politix uv any kind. The fact wuz ther hed been a change. Ef I wood cast my eagle eye over to
the west uv the village I would discover a blast furnis in ruther lively operashun, and ef I wood look to the north I wood observe ther wuz a hemp mill agoin on the water power in Seceshn Crk. These two enterprises hed sort o' set up the price uv land in the vicinity, and his farm hed gone up in valyoo that he codd sell it for more than the mortgage Bascom held upon it—in short, Bascom, on the strength uv the rise hed given him a new credit, and he wuz satisfied it wood bear another mortgage uv sufficient size to furnish him likker till death took him where likker wuzn't nesary to his happenis.

“But Deekin,” I shrekked, "are you goin to succum to Republicanism?" "But for these mills," replied the selfish old man, "I shudd hew succumed to hunger and thirst. I ain't a Republicin, but ef it wuz Republicin that establiseth them mills and set up the price uv my farm, and restored me to life, I presoom I shel succum. I take nought we didn't hev no mills here afore. Ez blood is thicker than water so is likker better. I ain't hankerin after a change very much."

And Bascom he remarkt that he wuz entirely satisfied with the situ-ooshen. Ther hed bin a great many noo houses bitt sence the mills wuz put up, and his trade hed increest. Pollock and Joe Bigler got the people here to bld the mills, and Pollock wuz doin a rushin biznis, and after all, while he wuz a Dimocratic and shood live and die in the faith, he persposed to vote for jist sich measures ez wood keep them mills runnin, and pay the men wich wuz at work into them.

Issaker Gavitt and Capt. McPelten ekoed the sentimentice uv the Deekin and Bascom, and I found it impossible to git up even a meetin, to say nothin uv raisin a fund for campane expenses, with me ez Treasurer.

This in the Corners! The fucher uv the Dimocrisy is dark indeed. Them mills is belch'in smoke from their accursed chimneys and in that smoke my hopes is enveloped in suthin like a pall. The people uv the Corners is all at work and doin well, noo houses is bein erectid, ther is all the money that is needid and it is good for suthin, the farmers come daily to the Corners with ther prodoose wich Pollock buys, and pays for, and everybody seems doin well. Wat chance is ther for a reformer like me when two mills is runnin full time and payin their hands, and everything is goin on well? Wat chance is ther for a Dimocratic leeder were everything is goin on in this distressin way? Wat use is ther for me to demand a change in the name uv a suffrin people when ther aint no suffrin? Wat use ther In attemptin to revive the ansheat Dimocratic feelin when Dimocrates sooplinely perpose to vote for Republicin measures jist becoz the price uv ther land hez gone up, and becoz ther biznis is good?

"We must reorganize the party and git in shape," sed I. "Twenty noo houses is goin up in the west end," sed Deekin Program. "Eternal vigilence is our only safegard agin Radikelism," sed I. "The hemp mills took on five noo hands yisterday," sed Bascom.

Then I groaned. All I could git out uv these recklis men wuz noo houses, and noo men in the mills, and sich disgustin detales.

Wat we hev got to hev is a calamity, a wide-spread and suffishently calamitus calamity to redoose everybody to distress. This disgustin prosperity which hez sot in hez completely paralyzed the Dimocrisy, and nothin but a trouble of sich magnitood ez to bring the kentry to its very knees, will awaken em. Ef that calamity don't come, Dimocrisy is ded, and its funeral orashun mite ez well be pronounst to wunst.

I wish I hed stayed in Europe. They turn the cold shoulder to me.
here, and inless distress uv some kind occurs my mishn is at an end, and
I mite ez well sink into my grave with great dispatch.

I shiel stay a few weeks more here and ef no disaster okkurs to change
this infernel prosperity I shiel levee. There is a chance that the mills may
burn up, and Pollock and Bigler may git the small pox, and men go about
the streets with nothin to do, in wich case I shiel hev suthin to agitate onto,
but onless something uv the kind happens immegtly Dimocrisy is dead in
the Corners, and the Republikin will carry it. Dimocrisy must hev some
kind uv distress to go on.

I hev one gleem only. The spring is very forrerd and the froot may be
killed, and I hev hopes that the wheat is badly winter-killed. Ef this is so
I hev one male on wich to hang expectashen, but even then the out-look is
gloomy. The discurridding fact remains that the iron and hemp
mills are in full blast, and that the farmers hev accommulatid
enuff to tide em over even ef ther shood be one totle fail-yoor. I ca'n't
burn the mills, and it is out uv my power to perdoose a fail-yoor uv the crops, and so I spose the disintegrashun uv the Dimocrisy must
so on. It is terrible.

PETROLEUM Y. NASBY,
(Late Eggsile.)

P. S.—Bascom jist informed me that the people hed so got into the habit
uv payin cash that he hed did away with books altogether, and that he
shood require cash from this time out. Thus another iron enters my soul.
Republikinism in the Corners and my credit shut off! Gabriol may sound
his horn ez soon ez it soots his convenience.

SOME LIGHT ON THE IRISH QUESTION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(which is in the State of Kentucky),
March 14, 1882.

Sence my return from across the boundin billers, I hev notist that the
Amerikin press is full uv narrashens uv the suffrins and woes uv the Irish
peasantry, wich in consekeence uv the pernusus advice uv hot headed lead-
ers is refoosin to pay rent for the land they hev bin okkepyin. Is ther no two sides to this question? Let the Amerikin public paws
and consider before it comes to a conclooshun on this pint. Is ther no suffrin among the aristocratic classes becoz uv the refoosle
uv the Irish to pay rent? Well do I remember jist after the war in Ken-
tucky how acootly ex-slaveholders suffered becoz the freed niggers refoosed to
work for ther former masters onless ther pay cood be ashoored. Poor old
John Guttle, uv Mobeel, wuz, in consekeence uv this refoozle, redootost to
drinkin spring water, and he died uv inflammashen uv the bowells. His two sons wuz actilly compelled to plow and plant and reap theirselves, a fate
wich a troo Southerner looks upon ez the next thing to death. But it wuz
work or stavashen for em.

The suffrin growin out uv Irish matters is not all on one side. When in
England I wuz well acquainted with the butlers and upper servance uv
several noble families, and I kin tell tales that wood harrow up the sole
uv anybody but a Irish agitater.

The Duchess of Slushinton owns very large estates in County Mayo,
the family hevin bin in possession uv em sence Cromwell druv off the Irish.
Ez the family hez held these lands three hundred yeers ther can't be nc
question ez to ther title.

In the old and happy days the Irish tenants paid all the rent they cood.
and the Duchess wuz comfortable. She was a kind landlord and it wuz her boast that not more than a hundred uv her tenants hed died uv starvashen sence she hed managed the estate. She never eggsacted more uv em than they cood pay, and never evicted a tenant so long ez they hed sons and dawters in Ameriky to keep the rent up, and she never forbid em makin any improvement on the land they wanted to.

Under the teechins uv the feendish Land Leaguers, these tenants hev refused to pay their rents.

And for what reason? Simply this. The Duchess' eldest dawter wuz married to Lord Mutanahed last year, and uv course hed to hev a outfit. The weddin, the outfit and the house she hed to give the young couple, with the joolry and hoses and kerridges and all that wuz expensive. Then the bridal toor, which took in all Europe, cost a pile uv money and where wuz the Duchess to git it? Of her tenants, uv course; where else? And so she directed her agent to raise the rent to meet these eggssigencies, and to push the collecsheen uv such ez wuz in arrears. The rent wuz raised, some 50 families wich pretended they coodent pay wuz evictid, and the rest uv the tenance simply sed that inesmuch ez they hed bin payin all they cood possibly git off the land, besides all they cood earn workin summers in England, and all their children in Ameriky sent em, they coodent do no more and they mite ez well lay down now ez to put it off a while. And so they refuse to pay.

Consequently the Duchess is suffrin acootly. She had to economise, to retrench, and there is distress In the town house in London, alarm in th residence in Paris, and the palls at Florence is shut up altogether. This distress is far reechin.

The butler, wich never drunk nothin but port wine all his life is now redoost to Bass ale, and his salery is cut down 20 per sent. The footmen hev bin redoosed in number, and she hez bin compelled to let em appear in ther natural hair, not bein able to afford powder. I shel never forgit the devoshun uv one uv em, to my dyin day. When the powder for ther hair wuz cut off, he still appeared with his head ez white ez before. The faithful creature, determined to keep us the appearances uv the family hed actilly powdered his hed with flour, and the rest uv the servance inspired by his sublime example powdered their hair with flour also. They managed to git on with a trifle less than a barl a week.

The Duchess wuz compelled to sell one pair uv carridge hoses to save their keep, wich leaves her only seven pairs, all told. One uv the ponies uv her little son, Clarence, hed to be dispensed with; leevin the deer child but three, and a pet monkey belonging to Miss Clara hed to be sacrificed, ez the confecshinary it wuz fed onto wuz expensive. One lady's maid wuz dismissed, three men servance, the crewuv the family yacht wuz dismissed, and the Duchess gave but one grand recepshun dooorin the season, and that wuz not so perfoose ez formerly. It wuz nessarily in a stile uv severe simplissity.

The only one in the family who wuz not compelled to retrench wuz the eldest son, the fucher Dook. He wuz the pride uv the family, and he wuz permitted to keep his hoses, his hounds, his yacht, and his apartmense in the prinsiple capitals.

Is ther anythin so holy ez a mother's love? Not any. That Frederick may keep up the family repootashen he goes on ez yoosual, while his mother and sisters discharge lady's maids, and yoos flour in the hair uv ther servance instid uv powder.
When the society for alleviating the distress of female proprietors of Irish lands was organized, the Duchess refused to take any part of the funds raised.

"Ther are others," said this noble woman, "wich need it more than I. Lady Splash is compelled to git on with one man servant and three maids —help her. Mrs. Col. Bomb hez dismissed two servance, and hires out all her horses but one pair—help her. The Slushintons kin endoör poverty ez theyhev enjoyed comforts."

I can't understand the Irish at all.

Distress! Ef the stubborn Irish tenantry want to know what distress neely is they want to come to London, and notis the effeck uv ther re-foosle to pay rent. They will find discharged servance wich alluz enjoyed all the luxuries uv life, men and wimmen wich alluz hed the best uv everything, sittin moodily in the public houses, and redoosed to drinkin 'arf and 'arf, and in many cases plain gin. They would see kerridges wich wunst held the upper serkles, exposed for sale, and the hosses uv the better classes sold. The tailors and milliners mourn the non-payment uv rent by the Irish, for ef the landlords can't collect the rent how are their sons and dawters to array themselves in purple and fine linen? The grocers, the butchers, bakers, confectioners and wine merchants are gloomy, for when the Irish farmers won't pay how are they to fare sumptuously every day?

Distress! Why, in more than one noble manshun where I wuz alluz a welcome guest in the servant's drawln rooms, the servance themselves hev been redoost to meat only twict a day, and ther wine hez either bin cut off altogether, or the quality so redoost that a gentleman kin scarcely drink it.

And all this wide spred sufferin becoz Ireland won't pay rent.

But this distress is not confined to the nobility. Mr. Samuel Gripus wuz formerly agent for Lord Golosh, and he accomolated a very hand-some property in Ireland, on the proceeds uv wich he hed lived for many yeers in genteeel comfort. Ez his family growd up he hed to educate em, wich took money, and one uv his sons went wild, and cost him a great deal uv money. He wuz a conscientious man, and paid his son's debts promptly, and met the expenses uv his risin family nobly, wich he did by raisin the rent uv his Irish tenants from time to time ez the occasion demanded. I hev seen the good old man's letters to his agent in Ireland.

"Young Sam hez lost a thousand pounds a gamblin last nite, and it is a debt uv honor and must be paid. Raise the rents all around and remit ez soon ez possible."

Or this—"Sam hez got into trouble with a woman and hez compromised it and must hev money. The rents isn't high enuff."

And so it went on till the estates wuz yealdin very well, though ez Sam didn't reform, and the young ladies wuz needin more and more money ez they got older, the poor old man wuz in constant worry.

And now that his tenants hev refossed to pay at all, on the flimsy pretext that ef they do all work on the land they are entitled to more than two meals uv potatoes a day, and some little clothin, the good Mr. Gripus hez bin compelled to shut off Sam's allowance, or, wat is the same, redoose it to $500 a year, and to retrench right and left. There is but one pair uv hosses for the entire family, and only six servance, male and female, in the whole house.

I good enoomerate any number uv these cases but it is uv no roose.
An Irish farmer won't see any distress but his own, and will, I suppose, still refooze to consider the inconvenience ther course is causin'. They don't understand that they are yoosed to two meals uv potatoes a day, while the Duchess of Slushington ain't yoosed to gettin on without hosses and sich, and young Sam Gripus actilly needs the excitements uv fashionable life. A Irishman is naterally illogikle.

But the Duchess and Mr. Gripus hev the British government behind em, and these rebels agin the laws uv property will be doubtlis brought to reason. When ther is power enuff in Ireland to keep em in restraint I shel apply for a place ez a agent. It wood fit me eggsackly.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Late Eggsile.

MR. NASBY HEARS ELECTION NEWS.

Vienna, (Wich is in Despotic Austria,) November 11, 1882.

I hev heerd from my once dividid but now entirely yoonited kentry, and am correspondingly happy. Ohio, 30,000 Dimekratic, Noo York south over 150,000, Connecticut, Massichoosits, (there is a hope for the vilest sinner now,) a Dimekratic guvnor in Michigan! Well, it wuz rather too much, I shood hev got bilin full immejitly, but ther ain't no whisky here. Sod corn whisky uv the vintage uv three weeks ago is the only likker in whch it is proper to celebrate a Dimekratic victry. Brandy is altogether too gentlemanly a bowel-warmer for that purpos, and that is all yoo kin git here.

Of course I shel immejitly come home, for I am shoor now that the Corners will give me a decent livin till 1884, on the bare prospex uv a Dimekratic President whch can not help but make me postmaster somewhere, or give some other place whch will lubricate my passage to the silent tomb, and enable me to live not only in some sort uv comfort, but pay at least a trifle onto the debts whch hev bin accomoolatin so long. There is other reasons for my immejit return. The Dimokrisy wuz never in need uv prudent counsels ez much ez now. I shood hev bin better satisfied hed our victry come to us in smaller proporshuns. A drouth is bad for crops, but it aint half ez bad ez a freshet that rips things. We hev jist hed a freshet.

Likewise I am not well pleased at the kind uv recroots we got, wich enabled us to win this glorious victry. We hev alluz hed the Irish, wich wuz grievous becoz they alluvuz demanded, and hed to hev to keep em steddy, at least half uv the offices, wich cut up the profits uv bein a Dimekratic leader amazinly. Now the Germans are onto us, and a mighty heavy slice uv niggers. Wat is goin to happen?

I kin see in my mind's eye a Dimekratic convenshun next yeer. Kin see Germans comin to the front and demandin their share; niggers comin to the front and demandin their share, and the Irish, wich wuz never modest about claimin their share, askin for still more on akcount uv the greatnis uv the victry.

The conundrum to be ansered is wat is goin to be left to us, the old originels? Wher are we to come in? We hev alluz divided with the Irish patriots; is ther offices enuff to stand divides into two more parts?

I don't like this kind uv assistance to win victrys. The kind uv help I want is that uv Republikins uv principle, who klick over the Republikin party, not for the sake uv offs, but because uv its corrupshen, and leev
us to run the offis with they help us to. I want reel good men, uv the
George Willyum Curtis kind, wich bleeves in civil servis reform, and to git
it supports John Kelly and sich. I want men uv that stripe, wich, in
order to lay out favoritism in offis helps Tammany Dimokrisy into rool. I
want pure reformers, like them in Pennsylvany, wich splits up the Republikin party and don't ask nothin in return. I want sich men ez them in
Massychoosits, wich, to purify things, makes Ben Butler guvnor. In short,
wat I want is to hev Republikins vote the Dimekratic ticket, or not
vote at all, and at the same time stay in the Republikin camp. Sich men
acheeve the victry for us, but don't claim any share in the plunder.

Then I deereely luv to hev the Prohibitionists, wich, in order to prevent
the sale uv likker, casts with delightful regelarity a half a vote for the
s'loon interest. I ain't shure but wat a Prohibitionist is uv more yoose to
us than a s'loon man, for, bein allus a moral man, he hez more weight.
Troo, he can't infloence the patriots wich rekwire to be kep full two
months afore eleckshun to carry the Dimekratic ticket, and six weeks af-
ter glorifyin over the success; but all them we get anyhow. The Prohibi-
tionist wich remains troo to his convickshuns and votes his ticket firmly
is the most comfortable ally the Dimocrisy hez. While he helps the s'loon-
keeper, by not votin the Republikin ticket, jist ez much ez we do, he
don't come brawlin around our caucusses insistin upon bein made county
treasurer. He's a deliteful help to us.

But I don't know ez we kn help it. The fact is the Republikin
party is made up uv a great many moral ives, and it is a weeknis uv the
man wich hez jist one moral ived to think that that one moral ived is the
only moral ived wuth considrin, and he hez a moral emnity to every
other man's moral ived. Dimocrisy is much simpler and more easily un-
derstood. Dimocrisy means postoffis, pure and simple, and it alluz attrax
all the classes wich are after postoffis.

The beer element, wich is a late accession, may bother us somewat,
for it hez a vital intrest in the matter and will insist upon a square recog-
nition. It isn't postoffis they want—it is the profits on beer—and they may
give us trouble. However, it don't amount to much. They will drive out
uv the Dimocrisy the too respectable membership, the few wich hev moral
ives, but they never did feel to home with us, anyhow.

Anyhow I shel come home. There ain't another eleckshun till next
spring, and we kin satisfy our noo allies till then with the local offis.
We kin make mayors, justices uv the peace, constables and sich, and next
fall kin hold em with resolooshen in our convenshuns. They won't be
able to git away till after the next Presidenshel eleckshun, and if the
civil servis reformers and Prohibishunists and revenoo reformers and all
them carry ther noshuns into the Presidenshel campane, it will give us
the patronage uv the gineral government to divide, and that will be enuff
for me the remnant uv my days. Ef the present generation uv Dimekrats
—with a Congris and a President—can't appropriate enuff to make them
comfortable all the rest uv ther days, they ain't the men I take em for.

I shell sail jist ez soon ez I decide wich line it is the easiest to stow-
away on. Jubilant, but doubtful,

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (With hopes).
SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CONDITION OF THE CORNERS

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State av Kentucky),
Joon 12, 1883.

While not eggsackly ez I cood wish it in all respecks, things at the Corners is tollable. I have taken a ook over the hull county, and I find very little change in it sence I took my toor and mixed with nobility in the effete monarkies uv Yoorup.

Ther hez bin some change in the Corners. Pollock and Joe Bigler went East and interested some bloatid bond-holders uv Massachoosits in a iron mill, ther bein iron in the county, wich brot a lot uv Noo England fanatics here, wich all vote the Rep blican tikkit, and hev a church and a skool in wich they edikate niggers to reed and write, and they keep up a Republikin organizashen, and do other things wich puts em at variance with the pervailin sentiment uv the Corners.

We shood hev no objeckshun to ther comin with their money, and puttin up iron works and sich, pervided they wood conform to our customs, but they won't. The men, when they are paid off, never come to Bascom's to levee their money; they refoose to mix in our cawcusses and vote our tikkit; the persist in hevin a church, and every Sunday, instid uv assistin at quarter races and sich, they put on biled shirts and starched collars, and hev a religus meetin and Sunday skools.

A biled shirt and starched collar is a insult to the Corners, ceptin at weddins and foonerals.

But that iron mill can't last long. The next Congris will be Dimekra-tic, and will settle its hash when it tackles the tariff. We shel be releaved uv that, and the Corners will winst more be itself agin:

At Secessionville everything is goin on as yoosual. Bascom's wife's brother hez the wet groseroy ther, and he is doin neerly ez well ez Bascom. He hez a mortgage onto pretty near all the property within five miles uv him, and he hez the farmers in sich a shape that they are workin almost entirely for him. He hez a mortgage on their stomicks, and when a s'loon-keeper gits a man wich kin earn money in that shape, and kin let the stuff alone hisself, he hez a soft thing. A man with the alcohol disease in his stomick, complicated with seven-up and pin-pool, is the sole property uv the most convenient grosery. He can't git away from it. A regler likker s'loon with a card-table will beet an Amerikin wife, family, church and Sunday skool. It is the one thing on earth that hez supreme controle.

Kernel McPelter, under the inflorence uv a Northern Baptist preecher and a mortgage wich wuz rapidly growin, made a desprit struggle to beet Bascom a yeer ago, but it wuz a toile fallyoor. He stayed away two nites, and then returned, apologisin to Bascom for wat he hed defraudid him out uv. Bascom generously forgive him, and let him take his old place.

"I shood hev bin a trifle better off to-day," sed Bascom, "hed yoo not attempted this impossibility, but never mind, Kernel; I shel git all you hev in time. Wat yoo want to do is to make yourself comfortable while yoo hev any property to mortgage. Yoo shel hev all yoo want."

The Kernel, to save suthin to his family, contemplated startin a grossery hisself, so that he mite git his own likker at wholesale, and also mortgages onto his nabors; but his fell desine cum to Bascom's ear. G. W. laffed it to skorn.
"It takes cappytle to carry yoo fellows, and wher is the Kernel to git it? He shood hev thought uv this before he stood so long at my bar."

That's wat's the trouble. Gov. W. hez all the available cappytle uv the Corners, and we are helpils. He hez us in the holler uv his hand.

And then Bascom went on to morallizin, wich is suthin he don't often do. "I am quite aweer," he sed, "that every one uv yoo fellers wood git away from me and my brother-in-law at Secessionville, ef yoo cood. But yoo can't. When yoo are wunst fastened in our bars, yoo stay. You must hev likker, and you will. Preechers may preech and politikle economists may talk, but once yoor eyes is set, likker is suvrin. The only trouble is yoo don't live long enough to be ez yooseful to me and the distillers and the brewers ez yoo ought to be. The d—d stuff kills yoo too soon. I wish I cood settle among a race uv men wich hed no livers, and whose alomucks wuz glass-lined and backed up with fire brick, onto wich sodorn whisky wood hev the same exhileratin effeek that it does on flesh, without burnin it out. The trouble with me is yoo don't live long enuff. Who die too young to give us all we want uv yoo. Ef a man wich spends a dollar a day at my bar dies at 30 in consekeence uv the likker he drinks, he hez paid me mity little, all things considered. Ef I cood invent a likker wich wood keep that man bound to me for 20 yeers longer, you see I wood hed 20 years more yoose uv him. But that likker never wuz invenited. And the misforchoon uv my biznis is that my customers die jest at the age when they shood be makin more money for me."

"But I don't see how it is to be helped, and my only consolashen is I git all they hev, and by the time they hev bin about my place for 20 yeers ther ain't enuff uv em left to be ez yoose to me anyhow. So long ez I kin work it ez it is, I 'spose I ought to be satisfied. But it doez worry me to see men loafin about the streets without the energy to work, so that they may be able to buy more likker. I shood like to hev a likker that wood act onto the system so that a man cood drink all he wanted to and still work. It's tantallizin to see a man with a appetite incapable uv labor. And when one occasionally survives and comes to your age, parson, the iron enters one's soul to keep chargin up likker to account, instid uv collectin cash on every drink, ez it ought to be."

Bascom is entirely right. He hez us. In my twenty yeers at the Corners I hev seen a long line uv men go down, and I notis that the land they wunst owned G. W. hez now the legle title to. Uv course ef they hed lived longer he wood hev got more out uv em, for they wood hev worked the land longer, and he wood hev got the proceeds, and the land wood hev come to him jest the same in the end, but the ways uv Providence is inscrutable. Ef Bascom cood live forever, and his customers shood live ez long ez he did, and preserve the capassity for absorpshun, he wood, in time, own the hull state.

In pollytiks the county is jest the same ez ever. We bleeve ez uv yore, that the war agin the South wuz unholy, and we bleeve in Dimocrisy, ez we understand it. We don't keer very much wat the Dimocrisy uv the North hold to, or wat they call Dimocrisy, knoin perfeckly well that when we come into power we shol do the constrooin uv the platforms. A poet wunst sed, "I keer not who makes the laws for the people ef I kin make the songs." I don't keer who makes the platforms for the Dimocrisy, so that we uv the South kin do the constrooin. It's the constrooin that counts.

They may play "Tariff for Revenoo" to fool the people uv Pennsyl-
vany on the one hand, and the people uv Illinoy on the other, but was
is reely to be the tariff we uv the South, whch furnishes the votes to
elect Dimekratic Presidents, will finelly decide.

On one question, however, we won't permit no construction. We still
bieve in States' rites, jist the same ez we alluz did, and that doctrine for
wich Kernel McPelter fought, and Deekin Pogram bushwhacked every
dark nite, is ez sacred to us ez ever. We hold to the rite of secession;
we hold that the state is sooperior to the gineral government, and while
we probably shel never succeed in redoosin the nigger to his normal con-
dishen, wher we wunst hed him, we shelf at least insist that he shelf never
be considered the ekal uv the white, and that our dawsters shel be pertekted
against marryin uv him. Ther ain't much left uv the anshent Dimocrisy,
but on these pints the Kentucky Dimekratt is inflexible and immovable. On
these proposishens we kin alluz rally our full strength.

I send greeatin to our friends North, and ashoor em that whoever is
found faithlis they may alluz depend upon Kentucky to rally to the poles
election day for the tikkit that is nominatid, and also that she will be
promptly to the front when the spoils is to be divided.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(On His Native Heath, and No Longer a Eggsile).

MR. NASBY AND THE CORNERS HAVE TROUBLE,

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Joon 21, 1883.

The amount uv trubble I hev hed to git properly fixed at the Corners
is suthin terrible. After it wuz finelly agreed that I shoold cum back
on the old footin, and wuz to be decently pervided for, Bascom kicked
and went back on the hull arrangement. In the most brootal manner he
told me, nite afore last, that his likker cost money, and he'd be dam ef
he'd set it out on sich prospecks uv payment ez I hed held out to him. He
demandid cash on delivery, and insisid on hevin the 10 cents per drink
paid in advance to pervent mistakes.

It is curus wat a power these barkeeps hev over us! Ef I shoold go
into a clothin store, and the clothin man shoold insist upon pay in ad-
ance, I shoold laff him to skorn. I shoold remark that the weather wuz
warm, and that clothin wuz onl only a luxury anyhow; that Adam and Eve
when in a state uv innosense didn't need clothin, and why shoold I?
Money bein the root uv all evil, and I hevin none uv the root, and bein, con-
sekently, in a state uv innosense, why shoold I want clothin enuff to go to
any trouble about it?

We kin manage to laff at the clothin men, the butchers and bakers,
but when it comes to likker, that is a serious matter and not to be laffed
at. Waterever else we may lack, that and terbacker we must hev.

And so I wuz compelled to compromiss with Bascom, ez hoomillatin
ez it wuz. He knows his vantage ground—he knows the insaashibility
uv a diseased stumlick.

I finelly come to an understandin and an agreement with him, whch he
will stand by—in fact he must. He hev agreed to it afore witnesses.
I am to come into his place ez early ez 8 in the mornin, and am to
sit there stiddy till 12 at nite, to reed the noosepaper to the Dimocrisy whch
happen in doorin the day and evenin. Just after the arrival uv the mule
teem whch brings passengers and the mail over from Secessionville, I shel
hev to go to Filkin's tavern to see ef any drummers' from Looisville ar-

rived, and ef so to bring em over to Bascom's ef possible.

I bind myself to accept every invitashen to drink, and am to reseeve remoonerashen ez follows:

On all drinks uv hard likker inflouenced by me from strangers........3 cents each
On beer inflouenced by me.........................1-2 cents each
On likker drunk by myself, on the invitashen uv regler customers........3 cents each

Wich is to say that on original biznis, created by myself, I get a com-
mission, not only on wat I drink but on wat they drink, but on regler cus-
tomers, them on whose stumicks Bascom considers he haz a mortgage, a
prescriptive right, I only git commission on wat I consoom, Bascom con-
cedin that were I not there his receipts would be just that much less.

I am not to receive my commissions in money. They are simply cred-
ed up to me, to be taken out in kind, on rainy days when nobody is in,
but when I must hev my supplies jst the same. And further, I am to hev
a line uv credit at the bar, never to exceed $2 beyond my commishuns,
that I may be kept alive when biznis is dull.

I agree also to read to the Dimocrisy sikh papers as Bascom may
take, to conduct Dimekratic meetings, and sikh religious convocashens ez
they may deem necessary.

Deekin Pogram is to find me in food, on credit, till I git the postoflis.
I refer to this ez a part uv the agreement, though that it is a matter uv
so importance—purely a miner considerashun. Wat little I eat is a mat-
er uv very little consequence. The mane pint is the likker, and that
shoored, everything is safe.

I think now I hev passed the crisis. Life with me hez bin passin
a succesin uv crises, though this wuz the cloisest I ever hed. I am now
comfortable, and shel be till we come to the eckeshun uv 1884. Ef we win,
I shel hev the postoflis, wich will ashoo me for four yeers at least, and ef
I shood survive that, I shel hev established a credit wich will sustane me
roomin the few years I hev to tarry here in the valley and shadder. With
my nose and toes turned up under six feet uv shround it makes no differ-
ce to me wat rools Bascom institoots, or wat he does. Others may skir-
shish for existence in my old place, but I shel be beyond earthly wants

The condishn politikelly is ez good ez cood be wished for by the most
sanguine. The iron mill hez some strength, wich, ef combined with the
niggers, mite bother us. But the niggers ain't permittid to vote, beln in-
fierlor beins wich prefer to spend their money on skools instid uv bein
soshable at Bascom's, and the iron mills reseeved a staggerer by the re-
duckeshun uv the tariff, and ain't workin on full time. One more Dim-
ecratik Congris will wipe out that concern and leeve us ez strong ez ever.

Our own vote we controle ez alluz, Bascom holdin em in the holler uv
his hand. With Bascom prosperin, the Dimocrisy is entirely safe.

Soshelly, we are hevin some trouble. Mrs. Bascom went to Looisville
last week, and come home with two new silk dresses and some silk stock-
ings, and shoes wich button instead uv bein tied with calf-skin strings.
Now good close ain't any yoose to a woman onless she kin show em, and
so last Sunday Mrs. B. cum to the meetin-house with all her noo toggery
onto her, and she sot so ez to show them cussid shoes and the silk stock-
lings in all their glory. It wuz very injoodishus.

Mrs. Kernel McPelter, wich hezn't hed a noo pare uv shoes for five
years, and Mirandy Pogram, who generally takes advantage uv the warm
weather to come to church becoz uv bein able in summer to come bare-footed, and Issaker Gavitt's wife, whose shoes is uv calf-skin tied with leather strings and whose stockins is uv wool, knit by herself, they held a convenshun to-wunst.

Mrs. Kernel McPelter remarked that ef some wimmim's husbands kept a grosery at which other wimmens husbands spent the heft uv their time, and all uv their money, some wimmens cood hev silk gownds, and silk stockins and buttoned shoes, likewise.

Mirandy Pogram remarked that ef the old fool, her father, cood only be kept out uv Bascom's, she might've shoes to go to church into, and Issaker Gavitt's wife suggested that Mrs. Bascom wuz a wearin dry goods wich they wuz a payin for, through the mejum uv her husband's stumicks.

They wuz jined by about a hundred other female malcontents, who can't be made to understand that the one thing on earth wuth livin for is a grosery, and that the prinsiple biznis uv mankind is to pour ther money into grosery keeper's tills, murmured, likewise, and they resolved to make it warm for Bascom and his wife.

Wat they are goin to do I don't know, but a hundred infooriated women kin make a great deel uv trouble ef they git woke up. We can't afford to drive 'em to eggstreme measures, for ef they shood strike who wood do the farm work while we are gettin ourselves into condishum to save the kentry at Bascom's? I shudder to think wat 'wood happen ef Miss Mirandy Pogram shood refoose to do the milkin and butter-makin', and help at the plantin, and savin the craps. The good old Deekin wood hev to resine his place at Bascom's and do it himself, and I—where wood my subsistence come from? We ain't got no niggers to do our work now, and somebody must do it. We can't change—we must live like troo Kentuckey gentlemen.

I insistid that Mrs. Bascom don't inflame the female mind uv the Corners any more, by cellarin them store cloze at home. We hev desidid she shol go to Loosiville wunst a month to sport em, but they must not be seen any more her. It is too dangerous an experiment. Ez Bascom git all our money we can't pertend to dress our wives and dawters ez he does hizzen, and so we can't afford to enrage em to a pint when they will abslookly rebel.

This will probably settle it. We hev given it out alreddy that the cloze she wore that Sunday wuz given her by a rich sister in Cincinnati. It takes a great deel uv intelleck to run both ends uv a commonity.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (In comparative comfort).

THE WOMEN MAKE IT WARM FOR MRS. BASCOM.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Joon 26, 1853.

The Corners is just now passin through a crisis wich is suthin ter-rible. For four days the foundashene uv the grate deep hev bin broken up, and chaos hez come agin. For the fast time in my life I realized to the full the entire significanse uv the passage, "Man is uv few days and full uv trubble." I hev hed trubble enuff within the past four days to not only turn my hare gray, but to change the color uv the scalp from wich the hare fled yeers ago.

It is all the fault uv Mrs. Bascom, wich despite our warning, wood wear
a no silk dress and red silk stockings, and button shoes to church, last Sundy. After the expression uv dissent made by Mirandy Pogram, Mrs. Kernel McPelter and Mrs. Issaker Gavitt, and the other enraged females uv the Corners, she promised to wear em no more, at home, but the desire wich is implanted in every female buzz to show all the dry goods she hez wuz too strong for her, and so last Sundy she bloomed out gayer than ever, and thereby set the entire feminine poplashen uv the Corners in a state uv frenzy, wich is easier to imagine than describe.

Ther wuz a sekret meetin held at Issaker Gavitt's, wich it wuz easy to do, ez Issaker is alluz at Bascom's 'ceptin at meal times, and even then he is ther ef he knows I hev a noo man from Lousiville wich hez money to spend and wants to do it, so ther wuz no difficulty in hevin a sekret meetin uv wimmen at his house.

Wat they resolved or wat wuz sed at that meetin nobody knows nor never will, but the results wuz made painfully apparent to us immejitly.

At 7 o'clock that nite about 25 uv em marched into Bascom's and astonished us by takin the best seats and the best places in the bar. Mirandy Pogram sot in one cheer and put her feet up into another and tilted back in the most comfortable attitood possible. Mrs. Kernel McPelter leaned up agin the bar, smokin a clay pipe, and the others as-soomed other attitoods ez natural ez life. Some uv em cocked ther feet on cheers, ez we do, and did it jist ez well, only petticoats ain't ez handy ez trowsers for that kind uv comfort-takin. However, the wimmin uv the Corners, cepthin Mrs. Bascom, ain't very much bothered with cloze.

Bascom turned pale.

"Wat do yoo want here?" he gasped. "This ain't no place for wimmen!"

"Ain't it!" exclaimed Mrs. Kernel McPelter. "We shall see. Any place that is good enuff for my husband, Kernel Cashus McPelter, the father uv my children, and, sence his niggers wuz sot free, uv all his children, is plenty good enuff for me. I promised to cleeve unto him and I am going to do it. Ez Naomi remarkt, 'Wher he goest ther will I go.' Bascom, set 'em up. I don't jist know wat 'set 'em up' means, but I hev often heard the Kernel murmur them words jist after he hed rolled into bed with his boots on. Watever 'set em up' means, yoo do it!"

"Who is to pay?"

"The Kernel. He takes all the money I work for, and he must therefore pay for settin em up."

"But yoo wimmen don't want likker."

Then Mirandy broke in:

"Don't we, tho? Do yoo want it? Does that old fool, the Deekin, want it? Does that hoary-headed fraud, old Nasby, want it? If they do, we do, just the same ez men. We hev stumicks to be scorched and bowels to be irritatid. If it adds anything to human happinis to burn and scorched innards, then ours must be burnt and scorched. Ef it amoozes yoo to git full, and come home at 12 o'clock at nite, it will amooze us. Wat's sauce for the Corners gander must be sauce for the Corners goose. Set em up, Bascom. We long to be happy."

"Yes," sed Mrs. Issaker Gavitt, "Mrs. Bascom kin hev noo silk gownds, all flounced and frilled, and silk stockins, and shoes that button, while we go bare-footed. We mite hev the same ef our husands didn't spend all ther money in likker, and deprive us uv good cloze, ther must be suthin in likker soooperior to good cloze Ez we can't hev the good cloze, we will
he was better than good close. All the pleasures uv life ain't a goin' to be continually on one side. G. W., set um up!"

And ez Bascom didn't move fast enuff, bein' in a sort uv dazed condition, Mirandy Pogrom rushed behind the bar and set out glasses and the familiar old bottle, and the entire bilin uv em rushed up to the bar. In a instant the bottle wuz empty, and Mirandy went to the red-headed barl and filled it, turnin' the spigot so that over a gallon uv the elixir uv life wuz spilled afore Bascom got presence uv mind enuff to shut off the murderous streem.

They drank the likker, and then snatched up the pipes and terbaker, and took ther seets, and set in sollum silence till Mrs. Gavitt she ordered Bascom to set 'em up agin, which he wuz compelled to do, preferrin' to handle the likker hisself to hevin unskilled hands foolin' around with his spigot. They drunk that, and after more talk Mirandy Pogrom ordered Bascom to set em up agin.

By this time the party hed become hilarious and frisky. They ordered us out uv the bar-room, and told us to go home and do the milkin' and other work about the respective houses, when I attemptid to remonstrate and argoo the pint with em.

I commenst to instruct em that woman is the weaker vessel, wher Mirandy hissed thro her teeth: "She mite hev bin the weaker vessel originally, but after a long and arduous experience at the wash-tub, and splittin' oven-wood, and hoein' corn, she kin probably hold her own with menwich hez hed less exercise."

And three uv em jumped onto me and kerried me out to the horsetroff, and deposited me tenderly in it. Then the histed out the Deekin, Issaker and the Kernel, threw Bascom over his bar, and took the runnin' uv the establishment into their own hands.

They held the fort till 12 at nite, when hearin' uv em singin' bacchalian songs on the street we venchered back. It wuz a horrible site that met our astonished eyes. Over the bar wuz hung a banner uv white cotton, onto wich wuz painted these words uv feerful import:

"Mrs. Bascom Shel Not Be the Only Woman in the Corners with Silk Dresses, Shoes That Button, and Red Silk Stockins! Cloze or Blud!"

The cheers wuz broke, the table wuz overturned, and the bottles wuz streewed about on the floor. In one bottle there wuz perhaps two drinks, and I took it up and poured it absent-mindedly into a glass.

"This is indeed terrible!" I remarked ez I swallowed it.

"Terrible!" sed Bascom. "Yoo fellers, the husbands and brothers uv these demons, will pay for this loss uv property."

"Not so," I replied. "It is your wife's fault. Ef she had not showed them dry goods in public these wimmen wood not hev bin inflamed, and your place wood not hev bin wrecked. Cleerly we cannot pay damages caused by the indiscreshun uv your own household."

Bascom simply replied: "Yoo won't pay, won't you? Very well. Consider, this bar closed. Not another drop kin one uv yoo hev ontill the entire loss is made good—not a drop! I am a man uv few words."

This brought us to reason. The loss wuz divided into four parts, one each for the Deekin, myself, McPelter and Issaker, they three dividin' my part ekally between em. They give their promissory notes for the amount, and we set there till mornin'. We didn't keer to go home, with the female end of the Corners in the condishin it wuz.
Then cum more trubble. Not one uv the wimen got up in the morn-
in, and consequenly the work about the houses wuz all left undone, and
they announcst ther determinashen to go to Bascom's ez soon ez they cood
pull theirselves together and git up.

Wat is to become uv us I don't see. Ef they git to Bascom's ther will
be no work done at all, and our supplies cut off, wat kin we do?

The women hev given us their ultimatum. They demand ez good cloze
ez Mrs. Bascom, or they won't work a stroke. They don't see that wat
they demand is impossible. We hev to spend all we kin get hold uv at
Bascom's, and uv course ez all the money uv the Corners goes into Bas-
com's till, Mrs. Bascom kin git new cloze and they can't. The niggers' wives
wich don't go to Bascom's hev good cloze, but that is becauz the
niggers don't hev to hev likker. The niggers' wives and Mrs. Bascom is
all that kin hev good cloze. Ef the niggers went to Bascom's ther wives
woodent hev good cloze either.

Ther is trubble enuff in the Corners to appal the greatest statesman.
I can't see the end uv it.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Uncomfortable).

MORE TROUBLE AT THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jooly 2, 1883.

That fiend, Joe Bigler, and his aider and abettor, Pollock, the Illinoy
store-keeper, hev bin workin at Issaker Gavitt, and hev finnly got him.
Yhey hev succeeded in reversin the regler things by convinsin Issaker
that Bascom is under obligashen to him, and not he to Bascom, and they
hev worked the poor imbesil up to sach a pitch uv loonsy that Issaker hez
organized a rebellion in the Corners, and is actilly movin to hev a tax
put onto Bascom's biznis!

When it wuz fust perposed Bascom gasped with astonishment, and
staggered and wood hev fell prostrate on the floor ef it hedn't bin for the
bar wich perventid it.

"Tax me!" he gasped; "tax me—tax the likker biznis!! Wat becomes
uv yer persnel liberty?"

And then Joe Bigler struck in.

"Yes, Bascom, we hev made up our minds to tax yoo. Issaker hez bin
pourin a flood uv lite into my mind for sevrul nites, and Mrs. Gavitt hez
bin in the lite biznis herself.

"Mrs. Gavitt demands in thunder tones why it is the wives uv likker
sellers wich hev silk dresses, shoes that button and red silk stockins,
and not the wives uv likker drinkers? And then Issaker behawt him uv the
Dimekratic convenshen that wuz held here last fall, and the percussion
in the afternoon, and he wuz jist sober enuff to notis that the s'loon keep-
ers uv the county in that splendid procession all rode in kerridges; while
the likker drinkers hooft it along thro the dust on foot.

"And Issaker hez been makin other investigashens with most startlin
results. (Joe Bigler is a lier and a thief. These investigashens wuz all
his—Issaker Gavitt hezn't sence enuff to investigate nothin.) Issaker
went over to the poorhouse and diskivered the alarmin fact that 90 per
cent uv them wich wuz there cum to it thro likker, and goin from there
over to the court house he diskivered that 85 per cent uv the criminal biz-
nis come from out uv red-headed barts, and then he found also that yoo
held a mortgage on all the property half-way to Secessionville, and from there on your brother-in-law, which is in the same biznis, commenced with his mortgages which extend a ekal distance beyond.

"Now, Bascom, Issaker is alluz bothered about taxes when they come to be paid, and he hez yoonanInsusely decided, inesmuch ez yoo manufakter the paupers, and the crimnels. wich makes taxes nessary, that in simple jestis yoo ought to pay suthin toward lessenin his burden. Issaker hez come to the conclusion that yoo ain't eggsackly a benefackter uv the hooman race, but quite the reverse, and he hez got to be sich a Cross Roads infiddle that he actilly holds now that his interests and yourn is antagonistik, and that yoo ain't goin to run the Corners no more. He hez rebelled. He is agoin to hev the likker biznis taxed, with the end in view uv lessenin his own taxes. He sez, and I must say I agree with him that inesmuch ez yoo make the most uv the taxes, yoo ought to pay a part uv em, espeshilly ez owin to the fact that yoo hold a mortgage onto his farm ez well ez his bowls and stumick, you hev all the money any how.

"And Mrs. Gavitt she hez rebelled, too, and swears that if Issaker can't keep out uv your place not a stroke uv work will she do, but he may starve, and moreover—"

Bascom coodent stand any more uv this sort uv heresy, but histed a bottle at Joe Bigler, who left the bar laffin in the most feendish way. He cum back in a minit and puttin his head thro the door exclaimed: "Stand by yer guns, Issaker! I'll keep ye in likker a few days, till your stumick is toned up, and then—"

He hedn't any more than gone than he sent a Methodist parson in who, walkin up to Bascom, looked him square in the face and sed:

"Wo to him wich puteth the bottle to his naber's lips!"

"Git out uv my place!" yelled Bascom. "Is Bedlam broke loose? Put the bottle to my naber's lips, indeed! Wat kind uv bar-keepers did thay hev in Joodee, that it required a skriptooral injunkshen to pervent em from puttin a bottle to their naber's lips? Wat kind uv nabers did the Joodee bar-keeper hev, to make it safe to put a bottle to his lips? Do you sposed I'd put a bottle to any uv my nabers' lips? Wood It be safe to pu a bottle to Deekin Pogram's lips? That bottle wood remane good to the old patriarch's lips till every drop wuz eggaustid. Puttin bottles to my naber's lips wood bankrupt me in two weeks. Ther ain't no necessity uv your preechin any sich doctrine ez that to me. I ain't much on skripter, but I do know the likker biznis."

By this time Issaker wuz becomein restlis, while Bascom wuz cool and collectid.

"Bascom," sed Issaker humbly, "set out the bottle."

"I understood yer a goin to inoggerate a movement to tax me?"

"We won't discuss that jist now," sed Issaker. "Set out the bottle."

"You can't hev a drop!" replied Bascom.

Issaker set out this little conversashen and left for Pollock's store, leavin the rest uv us in a state uv demoralizashen. Ef this pore lunatic diskivers that he kin bulldoze Bascom he may git to bulldozin me, and ef the people generally diskiver that they kin git on without us, wat becomes uv the organizashen? Why Issaker Gavitt, ef he kin break away from sod-corn whisky, may git to votin the Republikin tickit.

And ere these thots hed passed like litenin thro my mind there wuz a sound uv tin pans and dinner horns, and a perceshn uv these wimmen
haltid in front uv the door. They wuz Mirandy Pogram, Mrs. Gavitt and Mrs. Kernel McPelter. They wuz all without shoes and stockins, wich condishn they showed ruther conspicuously. Mirandy Pogram kerried a banner on wich wuz inskribed:

"Bascom Sells Likker and Our Husbnds Drink It. Mrs. Bascom Wears Shoes wich Button, Red Silk Stockins and Silk Gowns. We Ain't Got Shoes or Stockins uv Any Kind, and Find Calico Difficult to Git. Red Stockins or Blud!"

Mrs. Gavitt hed another with this:

"Did Yoo Ever Know a Grosery Keeper's Wife to Go Barefoot?"

And Mrs. Kernel McPelter hed this inskripshen on hers:

"Is Our Husbnds' Stumicks uv More Importance Than Our Feet?"

On the rite hand uv each banner wuz a pare uv red stockins, and under em:

"Wat Mrs. Bascom Wares!"

and on tother end a pare uv bare feet, and under them:

"The Stockins We Ware!"

And with these hidjus banners they startid off and paraded the streets, and every step, they took wimmen jined ther ranks with tin horns and tin pans, till the entire female popelashen uv the Corners jined them. Joe Bigler stood calmly on the corner uv Bascom's, wonderin wat it wuz all about!

That feend painted every one uv them banners, and organized the perceshn.

Between Mrs. Bascom's insane ambition to wear noo cloze and Bigler and Pollock's feendish ingeniooity in stirrin up disturbances, I am in a bad way. I wish I coud retire on a competence. I wood that some life in-shoorence agent wood calkilate the chances uv life in me, and some distiller wood give me enuff barls to last that time out, and let me lay down to it in peace. Life is becomin too eggscitin for a man uv my age.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Almost disparin).

THE TROUBLE IS INTENSIFIED.

Confedrit X Roads,  
(Wich is In the State uv Kentucky),  
Jooly 10, 1883.

Onless suthin happens to save us, the old organizashen at the Corners is gone, and I mite ez well dust out and seek pasters fresh. The foundashens uv the grate deep is broken up, and there is a choice and miscellaneous assortment uv hell afloat.

Joe Bigler and Pollock got hold uv Issaker Gavitt, and in conjunkshen with his wife, whom I wish the devil had, hev organized a conspiracy that bids fair to transform the Corners into a Noo England village and leave me out into the cold altogether.

It is the same old trubble. Mrs. Bascom wood wear her red silk stockins, and wood sport her noo silk dresses.

She coodent help it—no woman kin. Give sich a woman ez Mrs. Bascom a noo silk dress and red silk stockins, and she wood wear em ef she knewed she hed to go to the stake the next minit. Female vanity is the spring uv woes unnumbered. Naturally, the wimmen uv the Corners rebelled, and Issaker Gavitt's wife developed an amount uv strategy wich I never supposed any woman ever hed.

She compelled Issaker to stay at home four days last week, and not
go to Bascom's at all. We missed him from his familiar seat and ther was gloom intensified. Bascom wuz glowy, the good old Deekin was sad, and Kernel McPelter murmured suthin about chaos comin again. Bascom remarked that he shood lose the art uv writin ef Issaker kept away much longer.

Yesterday at about 11 a. m. ther cum along in front uv Bascom's a perceshn wich startled us. It consisted uv a wagon drawd by one mule, and into it wuz Issaker Gavitt and his wife, both with banners.

Mrs. Gavitt sot on the left side with her dress pulled up onto her lap, so ez to expose a pair uv legs half-w. y up to the knee, clad in a pare uv red stockins, with patent leather shoes on the end uv em, and she held in her hand a banner onto wich wuz inscribed these legends:

"My husband hezn't bin to Bascom's for four days. He hez chopped cord wood and sold it. He hez milked the cows and helpt me to churn, and in them four days we hev sold truck enuff to buy me these shoes and stockins, with store garters, and him a biled shirt. The stockings ain't silk, but ef he keeps away from Bascom's two weeks longer I will hev silk stockins, and he will hev a decent soot uv cloze."

Issaker kerried a banner onto wich wuz this:

"At home and at work for four days. A biled shirt for the first time sence I wuz married."

Ez the perceshn passed Bascom's he tried to drop the banner and git out, but his wife held him down in his seat by the throat. He wuz conkered and subdued.

The effek wuz electricel. Every woman in the Corners cum out to see Issaker Gavitt's wife in stockin', suthin that hedn't happened to her for 20 years. The shoes excited em to madness, the red stockins made em shriek, and when Joe Bigler jumped into the wagon, and, ez ef by axident, flirted up her dress so ez to show all are uv bloo elastic garters, with white metal buckels, they absobtly howled. The wimmen uv the Corners, not warin stockins ez a rool, don't hev no call for garters, and them ez do hev alluz bin obleged to content theirselves with a tow string.

Mirandy Pogram saw the site and she rushed into Bascom's and took her venerable father out by the ear.

"Wat yoo want to do," wuz her remark, "is to go home and go to work. Ef Issaker Gavitt kin, in four days, furnish his wife with shoes and red stockins, by keepin out uv Bascom's, yoo kin dress your dawter suthin like decent by the same process. Git."

And the good old Deekin moved off regretfully toward his home.

Then Mrs. McPelter she cum rushin in for the Kernel.

"Did yoo see," sed she, "wat Mrs. Gavitt hed on? Red stockins and shoes, and all earned in four days! I will hev em myself in four days or yoor a corpse. Wat Issaker Gavitt hez done yoo kin do."

And then all the wimmen in the Corners formed theirselves into the perceshn behind the wagon that Iss ker wuz drivin, and they marched thro the Corners shoutin, "Red stockins or no meals!" "Shoes wich button or no grub!" and sich incencary cries. And wat wuz wuss, they formed a gard and stood in front of Bascom's, and whenever one uv ther husbands wanted to come in they hustled him off, a committee betn appint-ed to worry his ears till he, wuz willin to go home.

It wuz a dreary nite we hed at Bascom's. Ther wuz nobody but him and me, for no man in the Corners dared to show his face within a mile uv the place. Ther we sat, and sat, in gloomy silence. Bascom wuz so de-
prest that he never sed a word the first time I stole behind the bar and helped myself to a reviver, nor did he object the second time. The third time he lifted his sad eyes and remarked: "Help yourself to all you want. Everything is lost. Ther is a spirir uv disorganizashen abroad that will stop Hevin knows when and where. Help yourself. The tale mite ez well go with the hide."

And in sadnis I did help myself, till, overcome with emoshun, I slid off my chare onto the flore, and slept the sleep uv the just.

We mite hev knowed it wuz Joe Bigler wich organized the rebellion, him and Pollock. Joe Bigler got Issaker to promise to stay at home and work, and to compel him to keep his word, stayed by him with a club. He compelled him to churn the butter, and went with him to town with it, and ez ther wuzn't enuff uv it for his wife to buy the shoes and stockins for his wife, in order to make shoor uv the risin, Pollock took wat ther wuz, and furnishd the shoes and stockins anyhow.

Them two men hev bin eye-sores to the Corners for seventeen long, weery years, and ef litterin good strike em it wood be a blessin to Bascom and me. But it won't. They hev the whip-row uv us, and they yoose ther advantages in the most feendish manner.

Where it will end the Lord only knows. Ef the wimmen git the upper hand uv ther husbands in the matter uv likker, why not in everything? Ef they kln compel ther husbands to stay away from Bascom's and stick to their work, why can't they compel them to vote ez they want em to? And when they git to warin biled shirts won't they quit the Dimocrisy anyhow?

Biled shirts and Dimocrisy is natural enemies. Issaker Gavitt sed yesterday that he had no sooner put on a clean shirt than he began to feel like a Republikin, and wuz heerd to murmur suthin about the propriety uv taxin the groseries. This spirir uv insubordinashen is dangerous. Bascom is our key-stone, and that knocked out, the entire fabric crumbles into dust.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Wretched).

THE FALL OF ISSAKER GAVITT.

Confedrit X Roads,  
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),  
Jooly 12, 1883.

A holy calm pervades Bascom's now, wich is hevenly. The grate law that when a man wunst gits the appetite for likker it stays by him hez bin wunst more vindicatid.

Issaker Gavitt, under the fell influenoe uv his wife and Joe Bigler—more Bigler than wife—kept away from Bascom's, and for a week stayed at home and actilly worked. The proceeds uv his labor went to furnishin his wife with shoes that button, and red stockins, and elastic garters, with white metal buckles, and sich souperflooties ez belong only to the wives uv men who sell likker, and with wich the wives uv them who drink likker hev nothin to do. They may look on and admire, but they must not hope to possess them theirselves.

But issaker cood not stand it. His wife and that feend, Joe Bigler, never let him cum to the Corners alone, but either one or both wuz by his side every time he wuz in the village. They kep him at work constantly, and hed him so organized that escape from his bondage seemed impossible.
But the natural instincts uv the man asserted theirselves last nite. Issaker cum rushin breathlis into the bar room. He hed escaped without his hat and wuz ez pale ez tho he hed run an Injun gantlit successfly, escapin by the skin uv his teeth.

Staggerin up to the bar he asked that the old famlyer bottle be set out. Then Bascom's strength made itself felt.

"I shel not sell you likker. Ef you want likker, go to yer noo frends, Bigler and Pollock."

Wat's the yoose uv bein a d—d fool!" retorted Issaker. "Yoo know I wuz entrapped by them frends, aided and abetted by my wife, and that, I coodent help myself. Yoo know that, but yoo don't know how I suffered while under ther controle. I hev come back, and come to stay."

"Issaker, kin yoo pay for wat likker youo want?"

"Not in cash," wuz the reply. "Wat I earned while I wuz at work went to the buyin uv cloze for my wife, but—"

"But wat?"

"Here is the cloze. They ain't jist money, but they cost money, and wat is better hey ain't all pade for. In sellin you these articles uv lux-ury we are spilin the enemy. My wife owes Pollock for two-thirds ther valyoo, and ef I don't go back to work she kin never pay. Mrs. Bascom kin ware em. Red stockins and elastic garters fit all wimmin, and my wife's shoes will fit yoon."

And Issaker lade on the bar the red stockins, the elastic garters with white metal buckles, and a pare uv shoes wich button, and a noo kaliker dress and some shrits.

"Here they all are," sed Issaker. "Everything. Take em, Bascom, take em; credit me up with wat they are wuth, not on back akcount, but on fucher drinks, and, and—forgive me."

Ther ain't nothin mean about Bascom. He hed jist ez soon take cloze ez money for likker, when he hez yoose for em; in fact I hev knowd him to take the last shift a man hed rather than let him go thirsty, and so he called in Mrs. Bascom and tossed the garmence over to her, wich she looked at and remarkt that they woud do for her hired girl, but wuzn't good enuff for a lady, and she flirted out.

Mrs. Bascom hed no more than got out uv the bar before Mrs. Gavitt kum in like a lions robbed uv her young. Issaker hid behint the bar, and Bascom, the Deekin and I hustled her out and closed the door agin her. It wuz yoonanimusly resolved that the valyoo uv the property be immejiately consoomed, and with wat Bascom generally throwd in ther wuz enuff to last us till nearly 1 o'clock.

I slep that nite on the floor uv the the bar, the Deekin, Kernel McPe- ter and Issaker Gavitt starttid for home, but depositid theirselves one at a time along the road, where they slep till the hot sun uv the mornin woke em to a realzation uv the fact that they wuz human, and they crawled back to Bascom's.

Issaker is, however, in trouble. He went home at about 10 o'cloak the next day, to git suthin to eat, and he found that Mrs. Gavitt hed stripped the house uv everything and skipped out. Issaker hed to cum back to Bascom's for suthin to eat, wich made more trubble. Ef Mrs. Gavitt done not come back and resoom her old place and work the farm, Bascom wld hev to either quit sellin Issaker likker, or board him. A man can't spend his time at Bascom's and work a farm, too, and ef Mrs. Gavitt won't work the farm, wat is Issaker to do?
Man is uv few daze and full uv trubble. Ef Mrs. Gavitt wood come home and do ez she shood, work the farm keerfully, and let Issaker lye like a man on the prosceeds, Bascom wood be happy and so wood Issaker. But it is evident that she hez rebelled, and wat to do with Issaker is now the conundrum. Things don't go right in this imperfect world. We hed it all rite in the old slavery days when we workt our places with niggers, but now that the niggers is free and workin for theirsevles, and our wives abslootly refoose to take their places, it is mity close work for Bascom. It is a pity that the world can't be reorganized.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Puzzled and worried).

THE CORNERS HOLDS A MEETING.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jooly 28, 1883.

Somebody sent me a copy uv the Noo York Sun, containin the statement uv Senator Dorsey ez to how he kerried Injeany in 1880, wich I red to the Deekin, Issaker, Kernel McPeliter and Bascom, and we yoonaniously considered it uv suffisent importance to hold a meetin over. Wehev'n hed a meetin uv the Dimocrisy uv the Corners for some time, and it wuz considered that to hold one at this time mite do some good. The workmen at the rollin mill hev bin makin some inroads onto us, and the taxin uv s'loons in Ohio hez creatid a feelin here that it is dangerous. The movemens that are bein made to tax Bascom and his brother-in-law at Seceshnville hez creatid an oneasnis in our minds wich it wuz felt that whthin wuz necessary to remove. Dimocrisy can't git on without free whisky. They is twin sisters.

Therefore we thot a meetin uv the Dimocrisy to discuss Republikin corrupshen wood be a good thing, ez tendin to divert the minds uv our people from dangerus heresies.

The meetin-house wuz lited with candles, ez yoosual, and the Corners turned ez uv yore. I took my seet in the pulpit ez ex-offisho cheerman, and Issaker Gavitt, bein ez he kin write, is alluz electid secretary.

To be prepared, I hed in my pokkt a series uv preamble and resoloo-shens wich I hed drawd up, ez follows:

Wareas, Stephen W. Dorsey, actin for the Republikin party in 1880, went into the state uv Injeany, and bot up Dimekratic voters for $2 a head, theeby kerrin that state for Garfield, instld uv lettin it go naterally for Hancock, and

Wareas, Corrupshen in elecshuns is subversive uv republikin insti-tutions, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Democrisy uv the Corners enter ther sollum pro-est agin any party wich buys Democrats, and holds to the bleeve that no rich party is fit to be entrusted with power.

Resolved, That the Republikins must go.

I opened the exercises by remarkin that the recent disclosures uv the corrupshen in the Republikin party wuz uv a caracter to alarm every man wich beleevd in a pure government, in a government by the people, for the people, and uv the people. When men cood deliberatly take $400,000 and buy up voters, the republik wuz in danger, and the shreek uv freedom mite be reasonably expected in the immejilt fucher. When a man goes into a state with $400,000, and kerries that state by buyin up voters at $2 a head, freedom not only ought to shreek, but her squawk shood be vigrous and heerd all over the land.
Joe Bigler riz then, and wantid specificashens. Wher wuz this done and by whom?

I replied that it is charged that Stephen W. Dorsey, in 1880, when Garfield wuz the Republikin candidate, and Hancock the Dimekratic, went into the state uv Injeany and corruptly bought up venal voters at $2 a head, wich kerried the state for Garfield. “Sich infamus corruptshen,” I continnered, “wuz enuff to make the very blood bile in the vanes uv every Dimekrat.”

“May I ask,” replied Josef, “wat pekoolyer style uv voters the corrupt Stephen corruptly bought up at $2 per head?”

“Wat kind uv voters wuz corruptid? Why the Dimocrisy uv course. And permite me to say, sir, that a speactacle uv a man goin into a Dimekratic state buyin up Dimekrats at $2 a head is one kalkilitid to—”

Deekin Pogrom remarkt that the spektikle wuz indeed terrible—he didn’t think $2 wuz enuff for an able-bodied Dimocrat. They shood hev demanded not less than $3.50.

Then I contiynood.

“Wat we are met to consider is this: Stephen W. Dorsey, a mlnyn uv the Republikin party, took $400,000 in money, all in $2 notes, and went into Injeany and bought Dimekratic votes enuff to kerry the state and paid for em. He—”

There wuz a scene uv indescrib able confosshun. The awjence riz to their feet ez one man and yelled, ‘Rah for Dorsey!’

I didn’t present my resolooshens. It wasn’t the stile of awjence for that pertikler kind.

It wuz in vane that I told em that that wuz not wat they wuz to cheer fur, but to no purpos. They continnered to “’Rah for Dorsey!” till the meetin-house fairly rung again. One old mossback wich lives between the Corners and Seceshnvile wantid to know why Dorsey didn’t come to Kentucky? Wuz Injeany the only state he wantid to kerry? And he went on to remark that the cheerman uv this meetin to whom hed bin confided the intrests uv the Dimocrisy uv the Corners, and who wuz poperly supposed to be a sort uv shepherd, ez it were, hed neglected the intrests uv his flock in permittin money to go to the currupshen uv the Dimocrisy uv Injeany without givin the Dimocrisy uv Kentucky a show at it. While—ez the Deekin hed remarkt—$2 wuz a mity low price, still he never remembered a day in his nateral life that a $2 bill woodent hev come handy.

And then the awjence hissed me fur lettin this money git away in Injeany without givin Kentucky a chance at it.

Another ardent Dimekrat wantid to know ef Dorsey wuz to run the Republikin campane next yeer, and ef so, wood he hev $400,000 more to spend among the Dimocrisy uv any one pertikler state, and ef so he moved that the president uv this meetin be instructid to open negoshiashens to w unst.

Joe Bigler wuz movln about among em, puttin all sorts uv stuff into their heads, and they got out uv my controle entirely.

He hed the impudence to propose a resolooshen like this:

Resolved, That what the kentry ought to do is to entrust its government to the controle uv a party, the members of which kiu be bought up at $24 a dozen, cash.

Ez a meetin to indignate over currupshen in buyin votes it wuz beginnin to hev the look uv a fallyoor. It reely looked ez tho the whole
bilin uv em wuz reddy to go over to the Republikins in a body, pervided anybody shoo appear with a carpet-bag uv green-bax.

But I wuz ekal to the emergency, ez I generally am. Insistin upon silence for a minit, I told em that Dorsey wood probably never run another politikle campane, to which they remarked in korus that it wuz a 1—d shame that they didn't git in while we wuz runnin one. Then I went on to remark that while Dorsey wood never agin appear among em, that our candidate wood doubtless be the pure and good Tilden, uv Noo York.

Then they all groaned in korus, and sed that Tilden wood expect to kerry Kentucky without disbursements, and that his barl wood be pourd out over the doubtful states, to which I replied that that wuz ez we ourselves shood elect. Tilden hed a barl wich wuz bigger than any one Dorsey ever hed, and that the incorruptible Dimocrisy uv Kentucky hed it in their power to make it warm for him unless he did come down handsomely, and ez Tilden hed more money than cood be hoped for from any Republikin, the dooty uv the incorruptible Dimocrisy uv the Corners wuz cleer. It wuz alluz well to stick by yer party onless yoo wuz shoor too cood git a bigger price by goin over to another. The Dimekratic patriot uv the most limitid intelleck cood see the pint to this.

This apparently satisfied em, and we all adjourned to Bascom's in good humor. Bascom, ez he alluz does after a Dimecratic gathering, did a boomin biznis, and ez the craps hed jest bin sold he wuz gratified that he most uv it wuz in cash. Politically the Corners is once more serene. We are waitin anxiously, however, for the Presidenshel campane to open, for the Corners is athirst. A candidate with money is wat we want. A candidate with money is our rock in the wilderness, and I am the Moses to smite it.

MR. NASBY GOES TO OHIO.

Confedrit X Roads, (Wich is in the State uv Kentucky), Aug. 6, 1883.

Things bein somewat quiet at the Corners, I conclooid to go over into Ohio to do suthin toward helpln the sturdy Dimocrisy uv the pivotal state in kerryin this fall. Bascom wuz willin that I shood go, ez every minit I spend away from the Corners lesens the amount that he charges to me fur likker, and I felt that I must go to help to bring the mossbax of Ohio back to their allegiance. Our candidate in Ohio hez a record that needs a good deal uv explainin to the average Dimocrat. Like a kickin gun, ther is great danger in Judge Hoadly's rear. The best reasons for votin agin him kin be found in his own speeches uv ten years ago.

The first pint I struck wuz Peterville, in the Sothern part uv the state. I wuz reseeved with open arms, ez every troo aposel uv Dimocrisy is in that sort uv a village. The place is very like the Corners, the biznis consists in mostly uv a grosery or two, and the inhabitance bein, ez a rool, statesmen whose wives do the heft uv the work while they are devisin ways and means to pay ofr the nashnel debt leenin agin sign posts or sittin contemplatively on dry goods boxes whittlin the rosy hours away. In sich places Dimocrisy alluz runs rampant. There is where we git our heaviest majorities.

The yoosual meetin wuz called, and after a conference with the principal grosery keepers it wuz desidid that I shood speek upon the infamy
Scott Law, which taxes the s'loon keepers $200 for the privilege uv gettin' mortgages upon ther nabors' farms. I accedid to ther request, for ther ain't anything wiz kin so stir the blood uv the avrige Dimocrisy ez a law wich tends to embarrass the dispensers uv the elixir uv life and hamper them in any way.

It wuz a good meetin. Ther wuz present all the citizens uv the village and all the farmers from the kentry adjacent, and I hed good hopes uv sowin seed wich wood bring forth harvest in October.

I fortified myself with facts and figgers and opened out onto em.

"Feller citizens," I commenced, "Dimocrisy is the champion uv hooman rites—that is, fur white men."

"Rah!" yelled the meetin in korus.

"Dimocrisy holds that every man hez the sole rite to controle hiself, and that any law wich sez wat a man shel or shel not do is a infringement on God-given rites."

"Rah!"

"A Republikin legislacher last winter committed a outrage on the Dimocrisy. It passed the Scott law. Wat is the Scott law, my frends? It is a law wich imposed a tax onto the keepers uv wet groceries, $100 for the sellin uv beer, and $200 for the sellin uv other likkers, wich is jest ez necessary ez beer for the sustenance uv the hooman family."

The awjence groaned in korus.

"Wat is the result? Under Dimokratik rool the s'loons went on quile doin their legitimit biznis. No tax collector cum round to disturb em; yo' cood all cum in when yoo pleased and git yer sustenance, and things was happy and pleasant. Wat is it now? Ther is 80 s'loons in this county and the Republikin feends hev taxed em $200 each, wich they hev paid. The is to-day $16,000 in the county trezry, wich hev bin wrung out uv the biznis, and—"

Up sprung a old farmer from a adjoining township.

"Do I understand," sez he, "that the Scott law hez collectid $16,00 from the s'loon biznis?"

"That's the size uv it," sez I.

"Does that money go to payin the taxes uv the county?"

"It do," I replied, "$16,000 rung from the s'loons."

"Ef figgers don't lie, that's about one-fifth uv all the taxes the countyz hez to pay. My taxes afore this wuz about $100 a year, and next yer I shel hev only about $30 to pay, wich is 20 per cent off."

And then this mersenary old wretch yelled: "'Rah for the Scott Law!"

"Yoo musn't 'rah for the Scott law," I yelled to the infatuatid loonatics. "Yoo ain't here to 'rah fur the Scott law, but agin it. We are goin to vote to repeal the Scott law."

I mite ez well hev talked to the North wind. Every blastid tax-pay er in the awjence jined him, and they all got to ther feet and remarke in korus that persnel liberty wuz a blessid thing, and in any struggle fur the maintenance uv persnel liberty they'd send substitoots, with muskits on ther shoulders, ez willinly ez they did for the maintenance uv the Yoonyun, doorin the late fratsidle struggle, but inezmuch ez they cood git all the likker they mite want at the regler price, five cents fur beer and ten cents fur whisky strate, they coodent see how persnel rites wuz interfered with at all. But the makin the s'loons pay one-fifth uv the taxes wuz a sweet boon wich coodent be too hily commendid.
And instid uv passin resoluoshens condemnin the Scott law, blast me ef they didn’t pass one endorsin it.

It wuz in vane that I attempted to stem the tide. I hed prevously instid that Jedge Hoadly wuz committed agin the law, and that the only way to do away with it wuz to vote for him, and so they passed a resoluoshen endorsin Jedge Foraker ez a man uv ability and rectitood uv carikter, wich wuz a ornament to the state, and in spite uv all I cood do they adjourned with three cheers for him.

It is sad, but it is so. Poor, weak humanity can’t hold to a prinsiple when it conflux with intrests. I ain’t shoor but we shel hev to git our state committy together and put a suppplemental plank in our platform endorsin the Scott law and claimin that we are the originaters uv it.

We are alluz several months behind in gettin forward. We shood hev caught onto this sooner. Come to think uv it, a savin uv one-fifth uv the taxes is a ruther big thing for the tax-payers, and now that I put my giganstic intelek onto it, ’I reely don’t see wat special interest the man wich drinks likker hez in the man wich sells it. I shel go back to Kentucky, whever ther is no rich nonsense ez ta in likker, and whever the fact that the consoomer buys entirely upon credit gives the s’loon man a hold onto em wich he can’t break. That’s the kind uv a kentry for me.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Disgustid).

THE DEMOCRACY OF THE CORNERS DISSATISFIED.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Aug. 10, 1883.

There is wide-spred dissatisfackshen among the Dimocracy uv the Corners, and I confess to sharin in it myself. When we heerd that Dorseyy, in 1880, hed gone into Injeany with $400,000 and bought up Dimekrats at even the ridicklus price uv $2 a head, the iron fust entered our sole. Nobody comes to Kentucky corruptly buyin uv us up, becoz we are countid on ez entirely shoor anyhow.

Ihev notist in pollitix that the men wich wuz bought up wuz alluz tuem wich wuz onsartin. The stiddy voter, the man wich kin alluz be dependid onto, gits no crums. Them is throwd to the doubtful fellers, wich joodishusly hold off till they find wich way their interest lies. Them are alluz the ones wich are seen.

The trubple wuz intensified when we heerd that Jedge Hoadly, uv Ohio, paid $50,000 for delegates to sekoor his nominashen. $50,000! Deekin Pogram drawd a long sigh, sayin that it wuz the one regret uv his life that he wuz not a Ohioan. $50,000! That money, joodishusly and ekitably dividid, wood make many a man comfortable, in a state whever the best uv likker is only 10 cents per single drink, and proporshunately low by the quart.

Issaker Gavitt sed he hed borne the heat and burden uv the day for yeers, but he hed never hed a chance to be corruptly bot up. It wuz a turmin shame. Kernel McPelter sed he hed never reseved anything ceptin an occasushen invitashen to take suthin, wich, however convenyent in mite be at the time, cood not be dependid onto ez a reliance.

Bascom remarkat that it wood be better ef we hed a Republikin party in Kentucky, so ez to stir up the Dimekratic leaders up to the expeditoow uv suthin jist afore convenshuns and eleckshuns. He hed a brother in the s’loon biznis at Petersville, in Ohio, wich
alluz calkilated on hevin a hundred or two dollars every fall from the Dimekratic candidates to yoose in joodishus treetin, and his place wuz a good deel more a part uv the Dimekratic organizashen than the noosepapers. The heft uv the Dimocrisy uv that seckshun didn’t understand noosepapers, but every man uv em cood realize wat a three-fingered drink uv noo whisky meant. That langwage they all understood.

I sympathise with em fully. Wat the Dimocrisy uv the Corners wants is more Dorseys among Republikins and more Hoadlys among the Dimekrats. Wat we need is a man wich wants to be governor wich will cum up like a man, with his pockits full uv money, and say to a delegashun: “Here, I want to be governor. I hev $50,000 about my person, wich yoo are welcome to. Durbin Ward wants to be governor, too. Very good; hez the rite to run. But hez he $50,000? How much kin he pay yoo for your votes? Nuthin? Well, then, wat good is he to yoo? Here’s the boodle.”

And then we shod take his $50,000 and nominate him. That simplifies pollytix. That makes the dooty uv the average Dimekrat so cheer that he who runs may reed—the figgers on a bank-note. It dees the proper thing for everybody. Jedge Hoadly wants to be governor—he gits it—we want $10 bills, and we git em. And ez the man wich buys his nominees in this way generally intends to make it up out uv his offis, after he is electid, there cums subsequent divvys wich gives us a comfortable subsistence and makes things easy all around.

The Dimocrisy uv Kentucky, hungerin and thirstin, espeshly thirstin, demand in thunder tones that they must be corruptly bot up.

The Dimocrisy uv Kentucky want to know who is the fucher Dorseys and Hoadlys, and do they mean biznis in Kentucky?

The Dimocrisy uv Kentucky want to knew ef they ain’t wuth ez much per head ez the Dimocrisy uv Ohio and Injeany?

I think we shel encurridge the organizashen uv a Republikin party in Kentucky, so ez to git it-close enuff to make a Dimekrat’s vote wuth suthin. The Dimocrisy uv Injeany and Ohio hev the bulge onto us. They git actoosal cash for ther votes, commensin with the convenshuns, ez delegates, and endin with ther votes at the poles. That is becoz ther is oppossihen to the Dimocrisy in them states. We langish on okkashen’s drinks, and now and then a loan from a candidate wich wants a little bigger majority than anybody else.

The Dimocrisy uv Kentucky, wich furnishes the votes will never be happy till the Republikins git show enuff in the state to hev em send Dorseys down here to corruptly buy us up, at so much a head, and this Dimekrats git Hoadlys enuff to spend $50,000 for a nominashen. Then the rank and file uv the Dimocrisy will hev money in ‘ther breeches jist the same ez they do in Ohio and Injeany, and the s’loon biznis will be put upon a cash basis.

We shel to wunst permit the organizashen uv a Republikin party at the Corners, allowin it to git jist large enuff to be dangerous, and not large enuff to controle. Then Bascom will be better satisfied and we shel all be happy.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Statesman).
MR. NASBY REVIEWS THE SITUATION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Aug. 17, 1883.

For the first time in twenty-five years, the Dimocracy hev it in ther.power to rise from the ashes uv defeat and attain the height and summit uv politikle power. For the fust time sence its stars set in 1860, and kep set while we wuz fitin to defend the eternal and unquenchable doctrin uv states' rites, darin on the feeld wat we hed enunshilated in council, we kin, ef we are wise, resoom the ranes uv power and controle the destiny uv the kentry.

The past twenty yeers hev bin sole-depressin and spirit-slinkin to the avery Dimocrat. We hev bin kep out uv offs, and hev bin compelled to subsist ez best we cood, on sich lokie triumfs ez the folly uv our ene-mies throwd in our way. We hev drunk uv the waters uv hoomilashen, and fed on the husks uv politikle helpliness.

But even adversity hez its yooises. Sampson diskivered honey in the carcass, and everything evil hez something good in it. Hed the Dimocrisy bin in power for the last twenty yeers the government wood not hev bin wuth plunderin, for it wood hev bin milked to the degree uv makin it hardly wuth while hevin controle uv it. The only excuse ther is for drinkin is to hev suthin to economise on when you need to economise. We hev bin kep out uv place, it is troo, and the Republikins hev bin in power; but while we wuz starvin they wis nussin the government and keepin it to that plint uv fatnis that it will stand vigrus milkin for a number uv yeers. With a treasury full and overflowin, with a system wich will bring any amount more than they may want, it is well for those who hev outlived the hunger uv 25 years that we hev bin kep out.

Wat we want to do is to drop a tear for them wich hez bin starved out and hev died uv hunger, and let us wich hev hed facilities for borren-in enuff to sustain us, so manage that we kin take advantage uv the new condishuns, and emansipate ourselve from the thraldom uv chance livin, and fasten ourselve upon the government permanently.

I don't know whether the Dimocrisy hev got sense enough or not to run the campanes between now and 1884 with enuff discreshun to win the grate fite ahead uv us, wich is to determine whether our leaders are to revel in the fat pasters of official life or continyoo to eggshun on the bar- ren stubble uv non-official position. It hez bin our fate, thus fur, to kick over our kittle of fish jist when we hed the fire blin under it, and I presoom it will be so this time. We are the most gifted kickers-over uv kittles uv fish uv any organizashen that ever existed. Power ruther hurts us. When we git into posishen to do suthin we invariably commit some lunacy wich makes it impossible for us to do it.

I notis with alarm that many uv our noosepapers and speekers are bawlin for free trade, and that when it is necessary for us to carry Penn-sylvania, Connecticut and the Southern states wich are gittin into manu-factrin. Wat loonacy! Them zealots don't seem to understand that the first and priniple thing for us to consider is the postoffisles and the cus- tom houses. That is the reel ishoo with us wich hev bin out in the cold for 24 weery yeers, and that is the only thing to consider. The pint is to beet the Republikin party, and to wrest from ther keepin the pleasant pos-
ishens they hev held so long and put ourselves into them for four years anyhow.

To do this we must hev votes, and to git votes we must accommodate ourselves to the wishes uv the individual voter. Ef it wus practicable, we shood hev a platform in Pennsylvania which wood declare for a high protective tariff, and another for Illinoy which wood be free trade, that is, ef we diskivered that Illinoy wanted free trade. But inasmuch ez the people uv Pennsylvania read Illinoy Democratic papers, and vice versa, that woon't answer, and likewise it wood be rather rentchin on a Dimekratie speaker who had bin howlin for free trade in Illinoy to howl ekally for protection in Pennsylvania. We must be akoot enuff to make a platform on whiz all kin stand, and whiz all will be satisfied with, and one that kivers all sides uv the whole ground.

That platform is simply one, demandin sternly a tariff for revenoo. A tariff for revenoo means suthin, or nothin, jist ez you are a mind to take it. It is a convertible sjes. In Pennsylvania it kin be explained—and rite here I want to say that a platform ain't wuth a soo markee for our purposes whiz don't hev to be explained. Ef it hez to be explained, then you kin explain it in any way yoo choose, and kin make it soot all latitudes and longitudes. For instance, "A Tariff for Revenoo" wood be explained in Pennsylvania to mean perteckshun uv the most pertecktimest kind, one wich wood give every workman big wags and plenty uv work.

In Illinoy, on the other hand, it wood be explained ez meanin a reduced shen uv the tariff to jist the bare pint uv pervidin revenoo for the govern- ment, practicly free trade, whiz is to say ez neer free trade ez it wood be safe to go under eggstisin circumstances.

In mixed distrikis, whever the sentiment is about ekally balanced, it wood be explained ez meanin war upon monopolies, that bein alluz a safety cry, jist the same ez reform.

Wich is to say, in protective states the platform wood be twisted over to protection, with a howl for reform, candidly admittin that the tariff shood be lowered on all the artikles wich that seckshun don't perdoose, but heldin sternly for perteckshun on all the artikles that that seckshun doo perdoose. In seckshuns wher the sentiment run to free trade it wood mean tariff reform with a leamin toward absloot free trade. In both seckshuns we shood look wise and remark, "We are with yoo, but go slow."

In Ohio, whever the likker question is the disturbin element, and whever we hev to deside betwixt the people and the s'loons, the same thing must be done. We can't endorse the Scott law, wich inikitous taxes the s'loons, without offendin the s'loon people, and we can't oppose it without offendin the people at large. Wat we want to do is to howl for a stringent license law, wich don't commit us to anything. License is in the fucher, and at the Democracy promise shood alluz be a long way in the fucher. It's the present that we want. While license wood soot the majority uv the people, the s'loons know it can't be had, and a agitashen for license kills the Scott law wich is onto em now. The people kin be satisfied with the prom- ise uv a stringent license law, and the s'loons with the promise uv the repeel uv the Scott law, wich is grindin. Ther ain't nothin easier than to promise—afore an eleckshun.

Uv course somebody is goin to be swindled, but it won't be our success- ful candidates, nor them wich grabs the appintments after the eleckshun. It won't be them wich git the postoffises and custom houses. That nigger Lubbock, wich hez held the postoffs at the Corners for eight long yeers,
may howl, but he can't howl the seal off my commishn nor keep me from drawin my salary reglerly, and payin cash for my likker, inshooerin me a constant and regler supply. No matter who is fooled we hev the power and are sekoor for four yeers, anyhow, and by that time most uv the old guard will hev gone hence where postoffises won't trubble nobody.

The pint is to win the fite ahead uv us, and to do that acootnis is necessary. The radikels must be retired to the rear, and men uv sense come to the front. We must wipe off uv our banners the old motto uv 'Free Trade,' and inscribe in its place "Tariff for Revenoo Only," or "Tariff Reform," and under that march confidently into Pennsylvany jist the same ez in Illinoy, and win. Any other path than this leads to certin defect.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Statesman).

MR. NASBY HAS A DREAM.

Confedrlt X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Sept. 1, 1883.

Others besides the profits, and them in holy writ, hev dreems, and ef dreems wuz profetik in the daze uv old why not now? Troo, they wuz inspired, and ther dreems wuz infl Evaneced from the hed, while mine come mostly from the stuntick, wich is fittin. Ther ain't no espeshl hed in the average Dimekrat to infl, while all uv em hev stuntick. A angel hoverin round wuz the coz uv dreems in the profetik days uv yore, while mine is soozerindoost mostly by cold pork or bolony sassige. That's the difference atween the dreem uv a profit and the dreem uv a Dimekrat.

I dreemed last nite. I hed bin partakin uv a free lunch wich Bascom sot in honor uv his 25th anniversary, and ez Deekin Pogram hed jist sold a mule for cash, he wuz libral in settin uv em up, and the result wuz I rolled under the table and slept all nite, Bascom crooelly lockin up the bar so that ef I shoo awake I coodent do him any damage by takin drinks and forgittin to mark em down. Foolish man! Ez tho I woodent mark em down! Ez I never eggsspect to pay anyhow, why shoodent I mark em down?

But I slept and dreemed. I dreemed that we hed looked over the hull feeld and desided that by keerful and akoot management we cood elect a Dimekratic President in 1884. Somehow the management uv the entire bizniz hed sort o' drifted into my hands, and I wuz marshellin the forces and makin the disposishen uv everything connectid with the cam-pane.

"Now look-a-here," I remarkt to em, "ther seems to be a prejodilis agin the old stile Dimecrat. A record sich ez we hev is a mity bad thing for a party wich is goin to fite a battle en the single ishoo uv reform, and with the one single war-cry, "The rascals must go!" in sich a fite them wich hez bin objekshunable to the people at large must keep in the back-ground till after the fite is won. Ez the ishoos is to be new, we want the corpses to remane berried until jist after the battle, mother, when they may resurrect and come in for the spoils ez fast ez they hev a mind to. Only they must lay low till after the idees uv November, 1884."

That wuz agreed to ez bein mity good sense, and I perseeed to arrange the line uv battle. I shoved the old Dimocrisy into the background, all them with butternut clothin, and put in the front rank the noo republikin wich we hed won from the Republikin party, and sich cleen-shirted
Dimocrats ez hed come up sence the war, and wich hadn't ez yit entirely gradooatid in our skool, and a very handsome line I made uv it. The next question wuz, who shook we hev fur standard barer? I wuz castin about lookin fur some Gollith uv Gath without a damagin record, and one with wind and limb enuff fur our purpose, some young man—too young to hev bin obnoxious doorin the late onpleaстанtnis, and who hed bin out uv the kentry ever sence.

I coodent find exactly the man, but finally desided on hevin Hancock to the front, notwithstandin his defeat four years ago. A bloo uniform takes well at the North, and the South, jedgin the man by his company, hev no objeckshun to it. They are shoor uv a man wich trains with us, no matter wat color the yooniform he wears. And I grouped about him Ben Butler, who actilly did hang a man wunst, and Hoadly, uv Ohio, and a hundred or more very new Dimocrats, ez many more Republikins wich hed gone off with Greely and stayed, and others wich becomin disgustid with the corrupshens uv Grant, who woodent give em places, hed sought the companionship uv Tweed and Tilden. It wuz a very pretty show I made with em, and our front looked as innoent and gielies ez noo milk.

But misforchoon alluz follows Dimocrisy. Jist ez I had em, all arranged ole Sammy Tilden cums rollin and staggerin to the front loadid with his war record, his Tweed biznis, his Oregon cipher biznis and his literary buro, and all the rest uv it, hangin to him; so loadid down in fact that he coodent waddle, much less run, and he snatched the banner out uv my hand and with a smile that wuz sweetnis itself, remarkt:

"Uv course I must kerry this!"

"The blazes yoo will!" sed I. "You?"

"Certilly—I must be vindicated. Ef we don't vindicate me, wat is the yoose uv a Dimekratic victory? Ef Dimekrrats wich hev borne the heat and burden uv the day, ain't put to the front, why Dimocrisy?"

He passed down the line till he staggered to the center and bumped agin Hancock, wich stood on a slippery place (all in our ranks stand on slippery places), wich knoccked Hancock off his pins, and he went on with his orashun:

"A Dimekratic victory without me to the fore woodent be a Dimekratic victory at all. It is doo me. I wuz defrauded out uv the Presidency. I bot the Presidency and pade for it a good millyun uv dollars uv hard cash. But I didn't git it. It is my turn now. I must be vindicatid."

"Avant!" I shreeked. "We ayn't in the vindicatin biznis. We don't want vindicahsens—we want postofflses. Wat do we keer for vindicashens? Git out."

But it wuz uv no avail. With strength for wich I didn't give him credit he clutched the banner and held it, loaded ez he wuz.

And immejitly ther wuz a movement from behind that wuz appallin. John Kelly, wich I hed hid in the rear rank, plunged to the front, and all the old Copperheds and Secesh uv tho old times cum rushin up in plane site, all remarkin that ef they wuzn't to be vindicatid why a flite at all? and all uv em clainin that the cheef end uv the Dimocrisy wuz to vindicate them. This one grabbed a postofis, wich, he sed, wuz necessary to his vindicashen, another a custom house, another a nominashen to the governorship uv his state, and so on all around. It wuz ez perfeck a pandemonium ez ever I see. And to make the matter wuss, the rush wuzn't confined to the livin. The ghosts uv ded Dimekrats hovered over em, smilin, sayin that while they coodent vote or be
votid for, ther memories must be vindicatid, and without sich vindicashen there wuz no yoose uv a Dimocrasy at all. The gost uv Boss Tweed sailed in and that uv Jesse D. Erite, uv Injeany, wich ought to hev bin forgotten fifteen years ago, wuz very prominent, and in breef ef ther wuz a man livin espeshly obnoxious to the people, or the gost uv a man whose memory wuz pertiklery unsavory, they wuz all ther and very con-
spicuous.

The effeck wuz suthin electrikle. The dissatisfied Republikins wich hed drifted into our ranks becoz uv our civil servis biznis and differences on the money question and the tariff and sich causes, held ther noses a minit and then began a stampede.

"Ther ain't no yoose," sed they in korus. "It's the same cussid old party after all. Dimocrasy never learns anything and never forgets anything."

They scurried away as tho they believed Asiatic cholera hed struck the assemblage, and the quicker they got out the better for them, and the other class uv patriotc Republikins wich hed jined us moved off slowly, swearin that onless they hed the controle uv the offices they didn't see any rea-
son for their stayin in sich company—that they'd bedam ef they wuz go-
in to roolin theirselves pullin chesnuts out uv the fire for other men. And they went, leavin us jest the same old material, with no more chance uv winnin than Capt. Webb hed uv swimmin the rapids at Niagara.

Jist then I awoke. The sun wuz shinin thro the winders uv Bascom's, and the hired gal wuz sweepin the flore preparatory to the day's biznis I thot a moment and thot. Ded men don't die when the breth leaves em. Ded men hev long fingers. Long after they are under ground they reach and reach, with a more wicked grip than they hed in life. Vallandigham is ded, yet speakeath, and Boss Tweed's memory is yet potent for evil to us. So long ez we hold to the shadow uv Boss Tweed so long we hev to bear his substance. We can't get rid uv Boss Tweed or Vallandigham till we hev showed that we hev abandoned the idees uv Boss Tweed and Vallan-
digham. We hev inherited a record wich we hev'n't purged burselves uv, becoz, no matter ez to our men, the motives and methods are pre-
cisely the same. Yoo may paint over the spots uv a leopard and cut off the tale uv a fox—but the one will still chew up antelopes and the other steel chickens. Dimocrisy is Dimocrisy, no matter how it is disguised.

Wuz this dreem profetic? I think so. I am sore and sad. Ef wat I dreem comes to pass, and It looks ez tho it wood, that nigger, Lubbock, on whose hed cusses, will hold the postoffice four years longer, and by that time I shel be wher postoffises are not, and wher it makes no difference to me who is President. Well, be it so. I am fastened onto Bascom and the Deekin for the present, and that is good enuff for one whose whole life hez bin a struggle for a very little bread and a very great deel uv likker.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Despondent).

MR. NASBY'S SLEEP IS TROUBLED.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Sept. 10, 1883.

It is curus, but uv late I skeersely ever git into bed or fall asleep any-
where that I don't dreem. Ef this thing don't stop I shell become a reg-
ler Dimekratic St. John, and set up ez a Sleepin Profit. I hed a dreem
last nite wich made sich a vivid impreshn on my mind that it is before me to-day jist ez distinc ez it wuz when it wuz passin afore me.

Methawt I wuz sittin in our Dimekratic committy room, in charge, and wuz ponderin onto the chances uv the grate event wich is to come off in 1884. All uv a sudden ther wuz a blindin lite, suthin we don't keer about in Dimekratic committy rooms, wich lite sort uv intensified, the lite solidifyin, ez it were, into suthin tangible, growin darker and darker, untill it settled into a dim and shadowy resemblance uv the forms uv three men. I hed no trubble in recognizin uv em. They wuz Androo Jaxon, Martin Van Booren and Jeems Bookannon. I offered em cheers, wich they acceptid, smilin spiritt smiles at the courtesy, and commenst conversin affably to-wunsted.

"Well! well!" sed Jaxon, "this is a Dimekratic committy room. It is a long time sence wehev seen a Dimekratic committee room. Somehow we don't see many Dimekrats wher we are. They are skase uv late yers. They must be either long-lived, or ther ain't many uv em."

"Father uv Dimocrisy," I replied, addressin the ghost, "this is a Dimekratic committy room, and I am cheerman uv the committy. But when yoo say yoo don't see many Dimekrats where yoo are, may I ask ez to yoor present locashen?"

"Certinly, my son, certinly. We are in Heaven. But how is the good coz prosperin?" asked Jaxon. "Yoo are approachin the conflict uv 1884, and we trust yoo hev matters so arranged ez to make success certin."

"We hev faith we shel win the fit," I replied.

"On wat do yoo base yoor hopes, may I ask?"

"Certinly," I sed. "To begin with, we hev in our interest the great majority uv the gin mills, all uv em, in fact, in Noo York, and with the repeeters in that city, and the plunder uv the city government, that bein in our controle entirely, we kin hev any majority ther that we ask fur to counterbalance the Republikin majorities in the rooral districts."

This I sed with a pleasant chuckle, at wich ther afces grew black ez a thunder cloud.

"Yoo don't meen to say," said Jaxon, "that the grate Dimekratic party depends onto gin mills and money to buy votes, and the plunder uv citie; to kerry eleckshuns, do yoo?"

"Bless yoor inosent sole, yoo ought to be interdoost to Sammy Tilden, our standard bearer," I replied.

Androo's face growd darker and darker.

"Go on," sed he; "wat else?"

"Well, we hev solid and shoor all the lower grade uv the Irish popela-shen, all uv them wich vote whether they hev bin naturalized or not, them in Noo York and Shecago wich we immejitly put onto the 'pleece force, after they vote, and wich are convened to do our ruff fitin. We hev them shoor, and in big citie they are very youseful to us. Yoo see a healthy, active one will vote four or five times in a day, besides doin other work that is necessary."

The three uv em choked ez tho suthin wuz stickin in ther throtes.

"Go on," they sed, "wat else?"

"Well, owin to the ackshen uv some uv the Republikin legislachers taxin the sale uv likker, and sich things, wehev sekoored a fair share uv the German vote, tho that is not reliable for us. But to make up for that we hev corralled the nigger vote in the South. We yoose shot-guns ez persuaders, and ef a nigger won't vote with us, why he don't vote at
"May I ask," said Jaxon, "ez to the precise principles perfessed by the glorious old party now? Time hez passed sence I managed it, and time hez doubtis modified the views that parties take uv measures. What are the distinctive principles uv the Dimocrisy now?"

"Postoffis!" I replied promptly.

"Do you take any possishen on the tariff?"

"Certin. We hv a large and varied assortment uv principles on the tariff. In Pennsylvania we are for tariff reform, with a lenin toward fre trade, and wher we don't eggersackly know what the people want we are for tariff reform pure and simple. Ez the dry goods merchants say in ther advertisements, 'we aim to please.'"

That stunned Van Booren, and Jaxon's face growd ez black ez a thunder cloud.

"What is your possishen on nashnel bankin'!" he demandid in the thunderist tones I ever heard a goat goose.

"About uv a whichhsis with our possishen on the tariff. Wher they want nashnel banks we let em hev em. In the East we are for nashnel banks, and in the West we vary all the way from flat money to silver dollars, jist ez the people hev a noshun."

"And Internal improvements?"

"Nobody kin ketch us nappin there. Along the Mississippi and the great lakes we are Internal improvers, and off them lines we ain't. All them questions we leave for fucher decision. Wat we want is, fust, a dig into Samyoool's barl, and after that hez done its perfeck work, postoffis. Wat sed the apossell? 'Be ye all things to all men.'"

In a mimit the fiery Jaxon seezed me by the throte with his spirit hands.

"And this is the party I Made! This is the organizashen that I wundid and left ez the pertekter uv Amerikin liberty and for the promul-gashen uv troo Amerikin idees! Wunst a party with fixed principles—now a party dependin on bought votes, the support uv unnaturalized Irish, gin mills and Tilden's dollars! A party wich hez a varied assortment uv principles, one thing in one seckshun and another in another! A party wich rekwires a speaker who makes a toor uv the kentry to hev at least six speeches to soot different seckshuns, and to be mity keerful that he don't git his manuscripts mixed in a nite's travel. Ez neer ez I kin see," roared the great Jaxon, "'Jedgin from the classes uv peeple the Dimocrisy uv to-day is huntin for, a clean shirt bars a man out uv the organizashen, a toooth-brush wood be treason to the party, and a Sunday skool wood demoralize the entire concern. We didn't hunt gin mills in my day fur recroots, nor did we objeck to hevin the best class uv citizens act with us. Dimocrisy! I suppose a man coodent sit in a Dimokratik causus now ef he didn'thev a certifikit from a n'loon-keeper. Free trade and tariff—nashnel banks an flat money—for and agin internal improvements. I suppose you are ekally libral in the matter uv states' rites."

"Certinly," I sed. "In the South we hold to that doctrine like a dog to a root, and in the North we ease off into opposishen to dangerous centralizashen power. See! Here is a assortment uv Tilden's campane documents, adapted to different seckshuns, wich we yoosed in 1876."
"Bah!" "bah!" "bah!" they all exclaimed in korus. And they spit ez tho they hed suthin in ther mouths that didn't taste well.

Ther wuz a clap uv thunder and they wuz gone.

It wuzn't a clap uv thunder at all—I simply fell off my cheer.

I wuz glad that it wuz only a dreeom. The fact is I am glad that Jaxon, Van Buren and even Bokkannon kin kum back to us only ez goste.

Ef they shood ever appear in reel flesh and blood I shoedent want to be in the immjet viscosity. Ther noshuns uv runnin campanes, and ours, don't eggsactly gibe. However, whe e they are they can't interfere, and ez the present managers of the party will never go wher they are, and will never stand face to face to them, it don't matter.

Still, I prefer not to dreeom sich dreeems. I must quit eatin hard-biled eggs after 12 at nite.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Seer).

MR. NASBY SUGGESTS A REUNION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Sept. 15, 1883.

That is the season for reunions and I notis they are bein held all over the kentry. In the North they are nothin more than Republikin mass-meetings on a small scale. I hev never bin invited to address one, and when I did visit em I wuz not reseved with that corjeality wich I hed a rite to eggspect. I hev seen servis, tho it happened to be on the wrong side to make me a welcum guest anywhere north uv the Ohio river.

I shel never forgit my term uv servis in the Looisiana Pelikens, ez a man wich wuz drafted. I wuz in the South the second year of the war, and tho I hed too much presence uv mind to volunteer, the military authorities uv the Confederacy wuzn't good enuff judges uv hooman nacher to refrain from draftin me. I wuz drafted, and served, but I kin conshienchusly say that the Confederacy didn't git very much servis off uv me. Ther wuz hospitals, sich ez they wuz, and I found em. I am pekoolyerly fittid for hospital sojerin. I didn't want to hurt anybody.

But the Dimocrisy can't afford to hev these re-yoonyuns goin on, or rather it can't afford to give the Republikins the monopoly uv em. We hev Dimocrats wich actilly served, wich, ez things hez turned out, is forchoonit for us. But we hev a much grater mass wich didn't. We hev no lack uv the military element in our party, for a vast majority uv the Dimocrisy reely bore arms—them South uv Ohio served in the Confedrit army, and very many North served in the Fedrel army; but we hev'n't enuff North, where we most want prestige, wich served under Linkin to make re-yoonyuns popler amongst us. Still, ez we must hev re-yoonyuns that hev a military flavor, I hev a s jestion to make.

We shood hev a re-yoonyun espeshly Dimekratic.

We will hev a re-yoonyun uv the survivors uv them wich sent substitoots.

Sich a gatherin wood, necessarily, be very large. The actooal surviv-ors uv the war are lessenin in number every day. A good many wich went to the front never come back no more, bullets finishin a part uv em, and sich prizns ez Andersonville and Liby wipin out a grate many more. Then they contractid diseases wich is cuttin em off one by one, and in a few yeers a sojer uv the late onpleas-antnis will be suthin to be lookd at with koorlosity.
But we, which sent substitoos, wuzn't killed by bullits, starved at Andersonville, nor are we dyin to any alarmin extent from diseases contract-
ed in the servis. We avoided contractin diseases in the servis by religusly and persistently refoosin to go into the army. Troo, likker hez made se-
rious inroads into us, and possibly is cuttin us off ez fast ez linngr dis-
ease does them wich actilly went, but ez ther wuz ez many uv us ez ther
wuz uv them, we shel continyoo to keep our numbers, relatively. I hev,
however, drunk a great deal uv likker that wuz more dangerous than bul-
lets and more to be feared than the baynit.

The properest place for sich a re-yoonyun wood be Windsor, Canada, for several reasons. It is very close to Amerikin territory, and wuz there-
fore the place struck by sich Dimocrisy ez found it onwholesome to stay
in the Yoonitid States doorin the time we wuz tryin to convert it into a
Confedrasy. I well remember visitin ther, at one time in 1863, when two-
thirds uv the populashen wuz made up uv Dimekrats from the States
wich found the cliimt uv their native kentry wuzn't saloobrurs, and wich
bed sought a refuge there. There are reminiscences connectid with Wind-
or wich makes it appropriit for sich a re-yoonyun.

Then agin we shel find ther the most uv our substitoos. Ez a rool
they took our money and immejitly skipped to Windsor, and the majority
uv em are now keepin bars in Canada. It wood be a bad time for them
to absent themselves from ther bars, but we kin manage to git on for a
part uv the time on bottles. They doubtis will be glad to see them wich
furnisht em cappytle to start in life.

The badge worn by those attendin should be a white feather, conspic-
ously displayed on the rite side, with the motto:

"The safest kind uv a recroot,
We found to be a substitoot—
The substitoot cood not be whipped,
'Coz why, to Canada he skipped,
And so both stood on solid ground,
Them and us, both safe and sound."

Speekin shood be omitted from the order uv exercises. The time shood be pleasantly spent in indulgin in reminiscences uv the times that tried ou-
soles, gittin out uv the way uv provost gards, uv perillus adventchers re-
sistin enrollin officers, shelterin deserters, and raisin money for supplies to
Southern hospitals. The Knights uv the Golden Circle and them wich
braved the government ez the Sons uv Liberty will okkepy the highest
places, puttin them on an ekality with the Kentucky and Missouri bush-
whackers wich sold the government horses all day, and bushwhacked
their riders all nite. The Injeany Dimocrisy wich Morton arrestid will be
there, sich ez onlimitid likker hez spared, and them old vetrans will nar-
rate ther thrillin eggsperiences uv the days when they wuz onlawfully
arrestid for darlin to be freemen, and conspirin to turn over the state to
the Confederacy, and much instruckshun will flow from them patriarks.

We may hev a percesshn in the evenin, and may not. It will depend
largely onto the condishn the survivors are in by 7 o'clock p. m. Ef we
do we shel all wear the white feather proudly, the marshals bein decor-
ated, likewise, with winder sashes, over the left shoulder.

We may look for a large delegasshen from the South, not uv survivors
but sympathizers. We shel hev all them wich distinguished theirselves in-
terdoosin yellow fever into Noo York, and them wich wuz sent North to
burn cildies and sink steamers on the lakes. It will thus be a re-yoonyun
in more senses than one. The patriots from both seckshuns will mingle their teers over our common faillyoor to bust up the government and establish sich a one ez we wanted. Teerfully we shel go over the advencers in our efforts to establish a government wich wood give us all the offses, wich wood perpetooate niggers to work for us, and a system wich wood give us labor for nothin, niggers to work, and we spendin our summers at Saratogy, and hoss racin and draw poker in the winter.

Them brite antissipashens wuz not realized, but It wuz not our fault. We fought for our niggers, the possession uv our homes, and everybody else, manfully—the result wuz beyond us. But we kin at least mingle our teers.

Sich a re-yoonyun kin be made ons uv yootility. We want sentiment, but hard dollars is more to us.

The government hez never yt penshuned them ez sent substitoots.

Kin any one give a good reason why we are not penshuned? Troo, we didn't go ourselves, but we sent men. Wood the man hev gone ef we hed not sent him? Wat difference does it make to the government who the man is, so that it gits the man? And to whom does it stand indebted for the man? Cleerly to us who sent him. The man who went for us got his remunerashen in wat we paid him, or promised to. Cleerly, then, ez we wuz reely the recroot, we are entitled to the penshun.

And another pint the government shood consider. The most uv us kin claim, with great justis, that we wuz reely actooated by patriot motives in sendin substitoots instid uv goin ourselves. We kin say with much truth that we hed too much love for the old flag to send cowards to the front, and so, knowin ourselves, we sent substitoots to uphold it. We didn't want to spile the servis, and so sent men wich wood reely fite.

Nothin kn kin be clearer than this, and the government, ef it is just, will take it into account. A substitoot in Canada wuz even better than a demoralizer in the feeld. We did the kentry grate servis by not goin.

A committty should be appinted to urge this matter upon Congris, and ez the next one will be Democratic, there is no reason why we shood not succeed in getting it.

I shel ishoo the call for the re-yoonyun next week. Every Dimekrat wich kin eggshibit a certifkit from a enrollin effiser that he actilly put a substitoot in the field, and paid him, or promised to, will be eligible to a seat in the hall and a place in the percessh.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (A Two Substitooter).

MR. NASBY PHILOSOPHIZES ON VOTES.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is In the State uv Kentucky),
Sept. 22, 1883.

I hev bin reseevlin letters from Ohio insistin that I yoose my influence to compel the Dimekratic managcrs uv the Ohio campane to go slow or the likker question, and to do with with that ez we do with everything else, straddle ez it were. Wat these tender-feet seem to be afrade uv is that ez the Dimocrates uv Ohio are committin theirselves squarely to the grate princible uv free whisky, It will hev a tendency to drive off the decent members uv the party and thus enshoor our defeet.

I am out uv pashence with these thin-skinned fellers, whic belong to our party without comprehsending its nacher, character, disposishen, purpposses or ends.
The man wich writes this nonsense don't know nothin about Dimoc-
racy or hooman nacher. He hez never taken a comprehensive look at
things, and don't know nothin ez to the make-up uv mankind. I shel
perceed to instruct him.

To begin with, he shood know that seven-tenths uv mankind is bad
in a greater or less degree; that the devil hez a warranty deed on four-
tenths, a quit-claim to two-tenths, and a mortgage on another tenth.

Them in wich he hez a present or prospective interest are very largely
in the majority.

Now ez the Dimocrisy wants votes for the sake uv the postoffises that
follows victory, wat is its dooty? Is it to cater to the wishes uv the sev-
ren-tenths or to the desires uv the three-tenths?

The Republikin party is devoted to wat it calls principles. It hez
some distinctive ijes, and its leaders hev alluz bin afflicted with the loo-
 money uv tryin to make wat they call hoomanity better. Consekeently it
embraces in its organizashen the three-tenths that they arrogantly call
the good citizens, them wich is willin to stand defect for an lje. They
hev the old Ablishnits, them loonatix wich years ago turned their hax
upon postoffis and willinly endoored rotten eggs and lynchin for the sake
uv thee'n the negro, and afterward insistid on givin him the ballot the
same ez the white man. In the intrest uv Amerikin labor they went to
the wall for years opposin free trade, never thinkin that they mite hev
luxuriatid upon English money, ez we wuz doin, by takin the other tack,
and now they hev put theirselves in opposishen to the freedom uv likker
on the shore that whisky is a destroyer and beer a liver conestor and
kidney enlarger, and that free trade in it fills the jales and the poor-
houses.

Dimocrisy hez other views. A Dimekratic leeder gits his steer from
the census reports and the soshe statistics.

In all matters in wich ther is profit men dig down and never up.
When yoo want oil yoo bore for it, and likewise you dig for gold. The
prate mine uv votes is downward, not upward, becoz common skools, even
in Ameriky, hev never done their perfeck work, and while gin-mills and
beer-shops are open seven days uv the week and 16 hours uv the day,
churches are only open on Sundays, and then only for a few hours. The
servants uv the devil are industrious, much more so than them wich serve
the Lord.

This ben the case, wat is the dooty uv the leaders uv the Dimocrisy,
or ruther, wat is ther intrest? Intrest is with us, dooty. Cleerly, to go
wher ther is the most votes. Ef relijion and sich hed the most votes in
controle, it wood be our dooty and intrest to cultivate that end of the
populashen, tho we shood hev to be reconstruktid to work in that direck-
snun with any success.

I hev notist that Dimocrisy and relijion don't work very well to-
gether. When a Dimokrats gits to wearin clean shirts reglerly, I alluz
consider he is on the high road to Republikinism, and the site uv a Dime-
krat in a prayer-meetin wood fill me with alarm.

Our best holt is the gin-mills and beer shops. We hev alluz hed em
and alluz will. Indeed, I don't know ez we cood tear ourselves loose from
em of we tried. It's a toss up whether we hev them or they us. Wat
wood the Dimocrisy uv the grate city uv Noo York be without the gin-
mills? Wat wood we do in Illinoy ef the gin-mills shood be shut up in
Shecago? Wat wood we do anywhere without this ally?
With the gin-mills with us, we lev a percentage on the Republikins that is terrific. A wholesale merchant or manufacturer in Noo York won't vote but wunst, even ef we let him vote at all—our gin-mill grad-coates vote ez many times ez may be necessary to roll up the majority we want. It wuz the gin-mills that wuz Boss Tweed's best holt in the good old days when he hed Noo York, and it is our chief dependence every where. The strength uv the Dimocr'sy may be estimated by the aker. It takes so many akers of sod corn to make a Dimekrat, and our majorities may be estimated from the smoke that goes up from the distilleries, and the number uv bars over wich the produck is dispensed.

My Ohio friend is all wrong. Ev'rything seeks its level. A man can't lift hisself by the straps uv his boots, nor kin yoo put new wine into old bottles. Wat we want is majorities, and ther ain't no yoose in wastin time on reasonin men and sich, for them is not the majority. Ev'ry body hez a stumick, but a very small porshen uv mankind hev Intelleck The Republikin party appelles to the intellect uv one class. Ef that class hez influenoe enuff to corrall the votes, they win, and we can't help it But stumick is our dependence, and we can't very well go out uv the stum-ick biznis. We hev the gin milis sekoor, or rather they hev us; we hev sich uv the nooly landed emigrants ez ain't pertikeler whether they are natchealized or not, jist afore they vote; we hev the money uv the Brit-ish manufakturers to yoose agin our laber, and we hev sich niggers in the South ez are nervous about standin before the muzzle uv a shot-gun, and we shel hev all uv that class uv niggers in the North ez want offices wich they hevn't got, beside other simler elements uv strength.

I hev alluz insistid that we made a grate mistake in oppossin the Chinee, and I predict that the time will come when we shel insist on givin him the ballot. He don't drink likker, it is troo, but he doe's smoke opium, and opium smokin will fetch a man down to the level of votin with us, ez shoory ez whisky. I hope to live to see the day when, with reference to the Chinese vote, we shel In-scribe on our banners, "Persnel Liberty and Free Opium!" jist ez we now hist the cheerin legend, "Persnel Liberty and Free Whisky!"

Ef it wuz worth our while to consillate the likker interest for ther votes, why not the opium element for ther votes?

We hev got to depend upon these classes, and ther ain't no yoose uv monkeyin about other people. Ther is more power, so fur ez votes is concerned, among our pekoolyver people in a bottle uv noo likker than there is in an open Bible. A sanded floor with pine tables and beer onto em is a more potent agency with us than a Sundy skool; and a talented beer-jerker kin corral more votes than any preecher that ever howled. Our method ain't quite ez respectable, may be, but ineasmuch ez the vote uv the citizen with an illuminated nose counts jist ez much ez that uv the chief justis, and ez ther is a milyum uvlluminatid noses to one chief justis, why our dooty is cleer.

We must go for the beekon-lites.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Statesman and Manager).

MR. NASBY ASSISTS OHIO DEMOCRATS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Sept. 30, 1883.

There is a advantage in hevin a constitooency that don't know nothin, and steady and persistently refooses to learn anything, in sum ways,
but hez its drawbax. There is sich a thing ez knowin too much, and there is sich a thing ez knowin too little. Wat I like is to hev a man who knows jist enuff to know he don’t know nothin—one who hez implicit con-

I went over into Ohio last week to assist the Dimocrisy in corrallin the nigger vote, wich, jist now, wood be uv yoose to us.

I wuz succeedin admirably. In Peterville, wich wuz the seen uv my labers, I found sevral wich yoost to be uv the accursed race uv Ham, in the old days, but wich is our esteemed feller citizens now, wich hedn’t been considered in the matter uv offses ez they felt they wuz entitled to. I went at em very boldly, and with grate confidence. I consoled with em on their onforschnit posishen. I remarkt to em that the Republikin party wich hed emansipatid em hed only dun half its dooty to em. The Afrikin race hed an enemy in the Dimekratic party, and the Republikins had not compellid the Dimocrisy to give em offshl posishen to the extent it ought to, and conseklenty the Republikin party must go. It is troo the Republikin party hed emansipated uv em from a condishen uv servltood, and hed afterward given em the ballot, but no Dimekrat wood say that the ballott wuz wuth a soo markee onless offis accompanied it. Emanci-

We wuz to hev a Dimekratic meetin that nite, to wich I wuz to speak, and after a great deel uv work I succeeded in gittin one nigger to sit on the platform with the other vice presidents. It took a mity site uv finan-

I hed a great deel uv trouble with that nigger. He wuzn’t uv much account anyhow, and didn’t stand very high among his brethren, but he wuz the only one I cood approach. He promised at first, and then backed out. I took him over to the s’loon wich is the Dimekratic hed-quarters there, and filled him up. He held off till the fifth drink, and then consentid. “I am mean enuff now,” he sed, despairingly, “to do most any-

I hed him watched and kep him filled up till nite, so that he coodn’t git away, and finelly succeeded in histin him up on the platform, with two vice presidents, one on each side, holdin him up, so that he woodent make a disagreeable tabloo. The only incongrooity about him wuz he hed on a cleen shirt, but that we hid by buttonin up his coat, so that he woodent be suspectid uv bein a Republikin spy in our camp. We fixed him so that in everything but color he looked very like a Dimekrat.
I wen so fur ez to fix up a resolooshen whic I perposed to offer-
suthin like this:

Wareas, The Dimocrisy hez alluz treetid the nigger ez an inferior
bein, refoosin uv em their liberty and refoosin them the ballot, and keep-
in em out uv offis, and

Wareas, The Republikin party is guilty uv a gross neglect uv dooty
in not compellin the Dimocrisy to take its hoof entirely off the colored
race, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is clearly the dooty uv the kulerd race to immejetly
jine and vote with the Dimocrisy.

Resolved, That this yeer the Dimocrisy is willin to hev the kulers
voters vote, pervided they will vote the strate Dimekratic ticket, un-
scratched.

Everything wuz workin smooth. I hed rose and shook Timpson by
the hand, and spoke to him ez Mr. Timpson, emphasisin the Mister, for
effect upon a dozen other niggers who wuz in the body uv the house. I
perposed to show them that in a Dimekratic meetin a nigger hed rites wiz
the white man wuz a goin to respeck—till after eleckshun, anyhow.

Then the regler trubble that alluz ensoos when the Dimocrisy tries to
do anything sot in. Just while I wuz a lettin go uv his hand Tim Mullaly,
a prominent Dimocrat uv the village, and one uv the vice presidents,
entered the hall and came up on the platform. Tim hed his hat in his
hand when his eyes rasted on the nigger Timpson.

Ef he hed bin struck in the face, he coodent hev bin more astonisht.
Doubtin his eye-site he walked up close and looked him all over.

"Bill Timpson on the platform uv a Dimekratic meetin! Bill Timpson!
Fwat the divil is the loikes uv him doin here, associatin with whoite men?
Och, ye black divil! Don't ye know yer place better than lavin yer
white-washin and tryin to assoshiate wid gentlemen?"

I attemptid to interfere, but it wuz uv no yoose. Mullaly hed not bin
instructid, and he wuz kerryin out the distinctive ijees uv Dimocrisy ez
they hed bin tawt him in the yeers gone by.

And Tim whaled away and beltid the nigger one in his jaw, and Tim-
son, astonisht at this recepshun and forgettin the inferiority uv his race
beltid back again, and afore anybody cood interfere they wuz rollin on the
platform togerder. Tim on top and the nigger on top, and then the other
Irishmen in the hall all jumped on the nigger, and them ez coodent git on
the platform jumped onto the other niggers in the hall, and afore meas-
ures cood be taken to secure order the niggers hed bin most
unmercifully beaten, dragged to the door, rolled down the
stakes, and kicked into the gutter, and they cum back
with loud protestashuns that no Dimekratic convenshun in Peterville shood
ever be defiled by an inferior race, and they got so eggscitid over it that
the meetin wuz adjourned without any speeches at all, or the passage uv
any resolooshens.

The next mornin when I started out to see the mat-
ter coodent be fixed up, I saw the extent uv the dis-
aster. I coodent git neer enough a nigger to reason with him. When one
saw me he wood dart down an alley and disappear. Mr. Mullaly is not
a success ez a assistant consilator.

Is it alluz to be thus? Kin we ever git the Irish end uv the Dimoc-
rsy to the plint uv recognizin the nigger ez a bein entitled to any consid-
eration? Ef Bill Timpson shood fully jine the Dimekratic party, wood he
be reseveez ez a delegate in a Dimekratic convenshun, and hev the gost
uv a show at a county offis? I fee not. Wat the Dimocrisy uv the South hez alluz tawt the Dimocrisy uv the North concernin the nigger appears to hev taken root and is ineradicable.

I ruther think the best thing we kin do is to let the nigger go, and turn our attenshun to the Chinese. By pledgin ourselves to free opium, and re-movin the disabilities we put onto em, we kin probably corrall them.

The nigger bein a native uv Ameriky ain't entitled to any considera-shun in a Dimekratic convenshun anyhow. Ef he wood emigrate to some other kentry, and marry, and hev children, and them children shood emi-grate to Ameriky, they wood stand sum show with us. We hed better tour on the nigger agin, and giv our whole mind to the Chinese.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(‘‘Free Opium’ and the Chinese Vote).

MR. NASBY ELATED OVER THE OHIO ELECTION.

Peterville,
(Wich is in the State uv Ohio,)
October 10, 1883.

Ohio Dimekratic!

Halleloujy!

We kerried Peterville for the fust time since the star uv the Dimocrisy dot in gloom in 1860. It wuz a bitter site, ez we hed a majority uv 83 to overcome, but we did it.

It wuz the fanatikle ackshen uv the Temprence men wat did it. Ther hed bin a singler apathy in pollytix among the Dimocrisy in Peterville for some yeers. The prinsiple brewer uv the place wuz taintid with Per-teckshun heresies, and three uv the sloon keepers hed alluz bin in favor honest money and opposed to our Greenback theory, and ther hed bin in the past two yeers considerable scratchin and very little zeal displayed for the old party among the ilkle Dimekratic politishuns.

The passage uv the Pond law wuz wat fust opened the eyes uv the brewers, sloon men and distillers to the dangers that threaten em from continyood Republikin supremacy. That, follerred by the Smith law, wusin sloons on Sunday, made em think more, but the iron entered ther soles when the Scott law robbed em uv two hundred dollers apeec, actuallly shuttin up twelve sloons in the county and throwin the fixters back upon the hands uv the brewers wich hed furnished em. This deepened the feelin, wich wuz settlid when a Republikin legislacher actilly submitted amendments calcilatid to lessen the sale uv likker and to compel them sellin likker to pay suthin toward the support uv the government.

The ackshen uv the brewers and sloon keepers wuz prompt and de-cisive. They summoned the different candidates afore em. They hed previouslv votid different tickets—some uv em hed bin Republikins and some Dimekrats. But the danger that now threaten em yoonitid em in one solid falanx, for they felt that this wuz no time for triflin. Beer wuz assailed.

They organized a committty consistin uv one brewer and two sloon keepers, I beln present ez a advisory board. The different candidates for county offises wuz summoned to appear before em, wich they did.

The Republikin candidate for legislacher appered.

"Ef yoo are electid wat do yoo purpose to do?" wuz demandid uv him.

"I shel try to watch the expenditures uv the state very closely, to see that no more taxes is piled upon, the people than possible. I shel git
through the bill permittin us to ishoo bonds for the noo turnplke, and, ef possible, I shel git a noo penitentiani locatid in this county."

"All that be d—d!" ejackilatid the cheerman. "How do you stand on the likker question? No prevarication!"

"I certainly am in favor uv the Scott law, and beleive that the traffic in likker should be regelatid."

That settled him. The Republikin candidate for State Senator wuz next interrogatid. "Ef electid," sez he, "I shel vote the distinctive principles uv our party. I agree with you, Mr. Cheerman, ez to the necessity uv pertektin Amerikin industry and for a stable currency. When it comes to the eleck-shun uv a Senator, in place uv Pendleton, I shel—"

"Bother that nonsense! Wat do we keer for pertekshun or the eleck-shun uv a Yoonitid States Senator? Wat we want to know is how you stand on the all-absorbin question uv Beer?"

He hed to admit that he wuz in favor uv regelatin the traffic in some way, and that settled his hash. The next wuz the Republikin candidate for county commishner. "Give us your policy ef you are electid."

"Wat I want the offis for is to see ef it isn't possible to git decent roads through the county, and—"

"That ain't wat we want to know. How do you stand on the likker question?"

"I reely hain't got no views—I never thought uv it. Wat I want is good roads and decent county bldns."

The same questions wuz put to all the Republikin candidates, and the ansers wuz about the same.

The Dimekratic candidates wuz more resonable. Not one uv em hed any espeshl noshens ez to roads, county improvements or county biznis but every wun uv em expresst hisself in opposition to the Scott law, the Smith law, and desidedly opposed to Prohibishen. They exprest a willin-ness to give bonds to that effeck.

One or two uv the Dimekratic candidates wavered for a time, but they wuz brot to their senses to wunst.

"Look at that streem uv men floatin into Simpson's!" ejackilated the president uv the Likker Dealers' assosiashen. Jist look at em! The mite be more hats among em, and clean shirts mite be more common; they mite hev noses more uv the hue uv the lily, and they mite not wobble so ez they walk, but it aint noses or clean shirts or hull soots that vote. Under the constitoothen uv the Yoonitid States, that man with his-hirt tale floatin behind is the peer uv the biggest manufacturer in Pet r-ville, and his vote counts jist ez much. Kin yoo git that man's vote without our help? Not much."

The pint wuz observable, and the pledges required wuz given imme-jitly.

Prompt and vigurs ackshen wuz taken to wunst. The brewers contribu-tid 500 kgs uv beer each, and the sloon keepers pledged themselves to keep open bars till the goin down uv the sun on Tuesday. The wholesale dealers in Cincinnati, wich supplies this kentry, sent barls uv whisky with ther compliments, wich, the sloons yoosed to the best advantage.

The plan uv our campane wuz very simple, but it worked. We set beer flowin ez free ez water, and put more whisky on tap than wuz ever knowd in this county afore. The crisis wuz imminent, and we coodenst stop half
way. We yoosed every agency known to further the cox uv free beer. We
sent, anonymously uv course, money to the treasurer uv the Prohibishen
party, to assist them in makin their campane. for we knowd that every
vote they got wuz jist one taken from the Republikin party, and a half a
vote for free likker. We hed all the money we wantid, for the sloons,
brewers and distillers fairly opened their tills, and wat votes likker
wooden buy our money did.

However, likker wuz wat we dependid onto. One voter with an in-
flamed nose wuz offered money but he declined it. "Why shood I take
money instid uv likker?" sed he. "Ef I take the money, it all goes for lik-
ker anyhow, and I don't keer to hev the trubble uv worrying with the
change. Set em up, and keep settin em up."

With the Dimocrisy sound ez a rock, and capturin the floatin vote,
uv course success wuz assured. We kerred the county by the largest
majority we ever hed. We kivered ourselves with glory.

We shood hed a larger majority but for an ontimely miskalkela-
then ez to the holdin capacity uv about a hundred uv our noo converts. Ez
likker wuz free, they hed, fur wunst, their fill, and they liked it. But un-
tortunitly about a hundred wich got in heavy loads Saturday continood
loodishly all nite Saturday, all day Sunday, and cleer through Mon-
day nite. Toosday they wuz so billin full ez to be incapable uv gittin to
the poles at all. Ther condishen wuzn't diskivered till half past five Toos-
day afternoon, and we hedn't time to haul em all up and vote em afore
the poles wuz closed. But we hed majority enuff.

It is diffikl to gage the eggsact amount uv likker wich is safe to give
a voter, ez stummnickls vary so, and then yoo are in a fix with em any-
way. Ef you refoose em when yoo think they hev enuff they are dia-
ble to go over and vote the Republikin ticket, and ef you give em too
uch they may not be able to git to the poles at all.

It looks ez tho I shood git my postoffis agin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Exultant.)

A SENSATION AT THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky.)

Oct. 25, 1883.

The enormous Prohibishen vote in Ohio and the pronounced possishen
Iowa hez took on the Temprence question, hez perdoosed a perfound sen-
sashen at the Corners. The skies is fraught with clouds wich are increesin
in darknis ez time rolls on. The fje that 300,000 uv the people uv Ohio
shood delibritly vote to prohibit the sale or manoofakter uv likker within
its bounds, is suthin to alarm the Dimekratic mind everywhere and make us
paws and ask anxshusly "Wither to shoot?" and various other questions
uv like import.

We wuz sittin in Bascom's last nite, Issaker Gavitt, Deekin Pogram,
Kernel M'Pelter and me, envelopt in gloom. I hed jist red the noose from
Ohio and while the fact that Hoadly wuz electid wuz calkelatid to cheer
us up, the friteful Prohibishen vote filled us with alarm.

"Ef Prohibishen shood strike Kentucky what wood become uv my dis-
tillery?" sighed Kernel M'Pelter, "and wher wood the farmers git a markit
for ther corn?"

And Joe Bigler, the feend, who wuz also ther, remarkt that possibly ef
the manufakter uv likker from corn wuz prohibitid, the people mite oc-
cashunly eat sum uv it. "But," sed he, "that wood be a genoone Ken-
tucky waste uv corn."

"Ef Prohibishen ever strikes Kentucky," sed Bascom, "wat becums uv
my groserys?"

"It wood be terrible," replied Bigler, "but probably Pollock wood sell
more dry goods and groseries. I hev no doubt but that that selfish man
is workin for Prohibishn in Kentucky from purely persnel motives. He
wants the wimmen to buy calico with wat their husbands now spend in
whisky. Pollock is a desining creecher."

"What becums uv our quarter races, with sweat-cloths, and all other
Innossent amoosements ef likker is knocked out?" sighed Issaker.

"Without likker we shel never hev any more dog-fites, no prise fites
nor any other amoosement that it fit for a gentleman," sighed McPelter,
orderin another drink. "But, thank Hevin, they can't kerry Kentucky
for some yeers to come."

"Shut up Bascom's," sed Deekin Pogram, "and where wood we go
evenins? We shoud all hev to stay at home with our wives."

Then Joe Bigler displayed an uncommon interest in the discusshun.

"Ef there wuz no other argument to be advanced agin Prohibishn, gen-
tlemen," sed Bigler, "the Deekin hez struck it. In the interest uv thw
wimmen uv the Corners, I protest agin Prohibishn. They may go with-
out shoes and stockins in consekeunce uv the appetite ther husbands hez
for likker and they may not alluz hev enuff to eat, inensuch ez none uv
yoo kin keep yourself full uv likker and properly pervide for a family, but
ther is no evil without a compensatin good. Whisky, ef it brings em a
thousand woes, fetches em one comfort—it keeps yoo away from em. Mrs.
Pogram may growl about insuffishent clothin in consekeunce uv whisky, but
she kin console herself with the refeckshun that it keeps the Deekin away
from her evenings, and were I in her place I shood insist upon Bascom's
keepin open even later than he does. It must be a comfort to yoor fami-
lies to know that yoo hev enuff respeck for em left to keep away from em
ez yoo do.

"And there is another reason why I shel alluz oppose Prohibishn in Ken-
tucky, espeshally at the Corners. Ef vice hed no penalties attached, it wood
be a great thing for the Corners, for yoo will hev em all anyhow, but
nacher is wise. Every vice kerries with it a penalty and that penalty in
early death.

"I never want to see the sale uv likker perhibited here, for were
so, yoo men mite live forever. The grate blessin uv likker, and the cheef
and only good ther is in it, is it kills Democrats. Ef 'twant fur likker
Issaker Gavitt wood live a hundred yeers, and Deekin Pogram, with the
constooshen he wuz blessed with, wood be well-nigh immortal, and wood
go on cussin an already too sinful world for a half century to come. But
wantin all the vices he tackles M'Pelter's woo whisky, and wat is he now
at sixty? Almost paralyzed, and a few more yeers uv it and we shel
hev the pleasure uv chuckin him away in the silent tomb.

"The wust yoo kin say uv whisky is it makes Dimocrats, but yoo must
put down to its credit the immensely important fact that it also kills em.

"Think uv sich men as yoo livin forever! Shel we then contemplatin
your general stile and moral make-up, rush blindly and pass any laws
tendin to prolong your lives? Never! And ez yoor children hev all bin
born with appetites, even ez yoo are, the best thing to do is to make the
destroying flood here ez cheep ez possible, to the end uv exterminatin
the breed ez soon ez the laws uv nacher permit.
'Gentlemen, when this question comes to us count me ez actin with you. I shel put onto my banner this inscripshen: 'Whisky makes Deekin Pro- grams, but, hallelooj, it likewise kills 'em,' and under that banner march triumphantly to victory. Ef yoo wuzn't pizen thro whisky, yoo wood be thro sum other agency, and ez whisky kills and other agencyes don't, wis- kiy is cleverly a good thing. Whatever I mite do were I a citizen uv Ohio or Iowa, I am agin Prohibishn here. Noo likker hath its yooses.'

And the onfeelin broot rolled away laffin and leerin at us. Outside he wuz jined by Pollock, and the two went over to a little room the Tem- grance men hev, to concoct skeems to woory us. Wood that they both wood die. Whisky yooseful becoz it kills Dimocrats! Perhaps that is why the Lord permits it. But then the question comes in ef it is nessary to permit whisky in order to kill Dimocrats, why permit the Dimocrats? Wife is runnin over with conundrums, and this is one uv 'em.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Puzzled).

THE DEMOCRACY AND THE LIQUOR QUESTION.

Petrerville,
(Wich is in the State of Ohio),
October 29, 1883.

Ther isn't, probably, a more happy or contentid man in the Yoonitid States than I am. The Ohio eleckshun settled everything for me and I am content. Four weeks ago when battenin on the barren moors uv chance invitashens to take suthin, or skinnin along on the sore feet uv a sadly worn-out credit, death hed no terrors for me. Annihilashen wood hev bin an improvement, and hell cooden't hev bin any worse. The man with an appetite for sustainers without the means uv gratifying it, is in a per- betoool hell. You can't warm yoor bowles by lookin at the bottles inside the bar, be they ever so gorgus, any more than yoo kin satisfy hunger by readin a bill uv fare.

How many times hev I, standin afore a bar without the nessary 10 cents, gazed onto the brilliant bottles, hummed sadly the old song:—"Thou art so near and yet so far!"

But them days is passed. Dimocrisy and me is both happy; Dimocrisy hez at last got suthin solid to stand onto.

We wuz all rite so long ez we hed the nigger to look down upon, but when the people got accustomed his votin, and when the heft on 'em got so that they cood read and write and we wuz forst to look up to 'em instid uv down on 'em, aboosin the inferior race wuzn't wuth a straw ez a rallyin cry. The color prejodis is all wiped out, even at the Corners. Instid uv lookin upon marryin a nigger with a vershun, Isaaker Gavitt's oldest son tried his level best to marry a colored female, whose father hed 160 akers uv land, without a mortgage to Bascom on it. She refoozed him with skorn.

Suthin alluz comes in to help the Dimocrisy at precisely the rite time. All we hev to do is to crawl around on the bottom uv things long enuff and we alluz find suthin to go on. It's at the bottom we thrive best.

The nigger played out for us, but Rum came in to take its place. When the Republikin party taxed the Rum shops, the Rum shops held out ther hands imploiringly to us. They knew who they wuz appeelin to. If ther is anything mean in polytikle matters wich the Dimocrisy hezn't cham- pioned I don't know what it is. Consekently we jined hands with the Rum
interest, jist ez we wood hev gone to bed with yellar fever ef it contro
ted votes enuff.

We did this for several reasons. Fust we wantid some certin source
from wich to draw money, and wat better source cood ther be than the
Rum shops? They git all the money that is floatin', and the biznis is profi-
table enuff to be able to pay for beinpertecktid.

We had it comfortable in Ohio. The Brewers and Rum mills come
down $75,000 to elect Hoadly, and they threw their doors and bars open
I didn't keer so much for the money after they opened ther bars to me, for,
ef they hed given me money, and then made me pay for whisky, they wood
hev got it all back anyhow.

But it wuz soothin to be able to step up to a bar and hev the proprie-
tor remark with a smile ef I wood take suthin, instid uv brootaly askin,
ez before, for the privilege uv feastin his eyes upon my 10-cent piece jist
afore settin out the bottle.

And then it simplifies runnin the campanes. We hev a solid vote to
depend onto, and money to go on.

Formerly we yoose to hev to subsidize the s'loons—now the s'loons
hev to subsidize us. Formerly the pint yoose to be how to raise money
to buy up the likker shops—now we stand aloof, smilinly, and say to the
s'loons, "How much will yoo put up to inshoor our success and save your-
seves?"

And it must be said that In Ohio the s'loons wuz reasonable with us.
They put up all the money we wantid to yoose, opened the bars doerin
the entire campane to our leeders, and from Saturday nite till Toosdy nite
for all voters, irrespectiv uv previous condishun uv drunkeness, and paid
all the expenses uv the campane. We never lived so well doerin a campane
sense I hev bin in pollytix.

And ther demands wuz very modrit. All they asked wuz to dictate the
nominashen for Governor, for the moral effek, uv the members uv the
Legislacher so that sich laws cood be passed ez they wantid to protect 'em
in sellin all day, all nite and Sundys, the members uv the Soopreme Court
so ez to git wat decisions they mite want affirmin the constitooshality uv
sich acts uv the Legislacher ez bore on the likker traffic, and Sheriffs,
Prosecootin Attorneys and sich so that the laws mite be constrood and exe-
cootid accordin to their noshuns. Sich offices ez Auditors, and County
Clerks and the like they give to Democrats not in the s'loon bizness. Uv
course they stipolated for the control uv the city governments, for many
questions come before them barin on likker, and they want to be entirely
safe.

Wat the rest uv us git out uv this will be the eleckshun uv our Presi-
dent, and we shel divide his patronage among us. The city boards will be
lenient to us in the matter uv contrax and sich, for they know that we ab-
stract from the several city treasuries will come to them anyhow. Take
the skeem altogether, it makes things very easy for us.

The Democracy is now fixed jist ez it wuz in the old Slavery days. Wat
we alluz want is suthin solid to lean onto. Before the war we cood allus
depend on the Solid South, for they had an interest to mane, and ef
we cood divide the North we hed everything our own way.

We hev things better, ef possible, now than then. The likker Interest is
stronger than the Solid South a thousand times, and it needs pertekin jist
ez much ez Slavery did, and a great deel more. We hev that vote solid,
the brewers, the beer-sellers, and the beer-drinkers. When a man hez the
appetite for stimulants firmly fixed we hev him. Rum is a tapeworm in its eatin power, but a tape-worm you don't want to git rid uv. The more it eats yer vitals the more yoo want it, and the beer-seller wich can't control the votes uv at least a dozen beer-drinkers ought to brained with his own mallet.

Hevin the likker interest solid all we hev to do is to divide the other vote, in the sakred name uv Dimocrisy, and we hev 'em every time. The likker interest is our Solid South. We shel march to victry under the ban-
er uv "Free Likker," tho we may hev to keep it a trifle out uv site, and sheltered it under the name uv constitooshnel garantees, jest ez we did Slavery.

But to me the best feecher uv the sitooashen is, we hev the money, and we hev the likker. I am treeted now by the likker sellers with great con-
siderashen. They don't snub me any more when I enter their palaces, but they bow to me respeckfuly, and they set out the best they hev, and they smile deprecatingly, when I put my hand in my pokkit ez though I wuz golln to pay suthin. They don't know that ef I sposed they'd take it I sho-
den't put my hand in my pokkit at all. The iron entered my sole the other day. At a place I hev bin paternizin here, there wuz a noo bar-keeper put in who didn't understand the sitooashen, and when I put my hand in my pokkit he remarked, "Ten Cents!" and ez I hedn't any money I wuz held in pawn, ez it were, till the proprietor come in, who set it rite, and at my desejection discharged the offendin man.

But we hev em now and kin keep em. Wat Slavery wuz to us 20 years ago free likker is now. Suthin mean enuff for the Dimocrisy alluz turns up list when we need it.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(satisfied.)

MR. NASBY HAS A PROPHETIC DREAM.

Peterville,
(Wich is in the State uv Ohio.)
Nov. 9, 1833.

The results uv the late eleckshuns are not calkilated to afford me the lively satisfaskshen that I eggspectd. It is troo we hev kerried a part uv the state tikkit in Noo York, and it is likewise troo that we hev bustid the enemy in Virginnny, Maryland and sum other states. But them don't count. Virginnny and Maryland is oun anyhow, and ef with the gin mills and re-
peeters uv the city we can't kerry the state uv Noo York we mite ez well throw up the sponge.

From the fur East come a gleem uv sunshine. The best luck that hez occurred to us is the defect uv Butler in Massychosits. It was well enuff to elect him wunst, in order to demoralize the Republikin party, but to hev dun it twice wood hev démoralized us. A dose uv calomel is all well enuff to stir up the system, and perdoose internal convulshuns, and sich, to git rid uv suthin wuss, but to keep takin doses uv calomel makes the remedy wuss nor the disease. It is all well enuff to make the Republi-
kins sick with Butler, but when it comes to swallerin him ourselves, and makin us sick, that is another thing. We are alluz willin to see another man take medisine, but when the puke is commendid to our own lips it ain't so pleasant. No man can ever purge another man by takin physic his-
self. Yoo can't turn another man's stumick by takin an emetic yerself. Butler wuzn't half so much a terror to the Republikins eze he wuz to us. It is better for him to bust us in Massychosits than it wood hev bin to
bust us in the hull kentry. We don't count on Massychoosits anyhow, and we can't afford to swallow the wust man in it for the sake uv a chance uv keeping the state out uv the hands uv the Republikins. Butler kin only kerry with him them ez is like him, and that's too heavy a load. It wood affect us too much in other states. One skunk kivers much territory.

It is well that Butler is laid to his eternal rest, or rather, ez he can't be killed, it is well that we are rid uv him. He will slide over into the Republikin party and make it uncomfortable for them. He is cheefly a terror to his friends and a comfort to his enemies. Like a kickin muskit, he is dangerous only to the man at the breech.

But after all, the prospeck is encurridgin. Things are workin to our entire satisfackshen. I don't know how it is, but suthin mean enuff for us alluz turns up jist when we want it. It is too that we generally manage to fool it away at the wrong time, but ther is suthin in the world that brings us out.

I hed a dream last nite that illustrates the pint.

Methawt I hed bin drinkin late at the 'sloon uv one uv my noo frends here, and hed taken ruther too much for my own good, that is ef a man kin take too much for his own good. On my way to my lodgins—I hev bin livin here at the eggspanse uv the Likker Deelers' assoshlashun, and hev rooms over the Dimekratik headquartars—I succumbed to the infloozens and lay down in an alley and passed off into a slumber comfortably. That is one advantage in binin a man uv like appetite with myself. I hev noo good cloze to soil by contact with mud, and am never afraid uv theves. One argument in favor uv free likker is that ef all men wuz like me theves wood be compelled to go to work fur a livin. Ther wood be nobody but brewers and 'sloon keepers to rob and they coud afford to set up nites with shot guns. But this is a digression.

I wuz sleepin soundly when the scene was illumined with a bloo lite wich shed its ghastly rays all over the surroundin territory. I notist sit-tin on the fence the Devil. He wuz the original Devil uv my boyhood, with split hoofs, short horns and a tale with a spike in it, and a short beard. He sot ther calmly, ez if absorbed in that, tho with a more pleasant expresshun uv countenance than I hed ever seen on his afore. Still I shrunk. Men like me never like to see the Devil in close proximity.

"Wot woodst thou?" sed I.

"Nothin!" sed he.

"You ain't after me, then?" I askt.

"Not much," sed he, laffin sardenlike, "not much. I don't waste my time. Wat yooze in comin for yoo when yoo are certin to come to me? No, my biznis is uv no akkount. I ain't doin much, myself, now. I don't hev to. My work is mostly done for me. I am in pollytix a little."

"How does yoor Majesty like the lookout?" I remarkt, affably, gettin up on one elbow.

"About the same ez ever. Things don't change much with me in this kentry, or anywhere else. I hev the monerks uv the old world who work for me, and ther are jist ez many elemence in my favor in Ameriky ez ther. Up to the time uv the war I hed slavery to keep my dominyuns populatid, and it wuz ruther a severe blow to me when that wuz abolished. But ther is a Dimocrisy in this kentry and ther alluz will be I spoze till the time comes for me to abdikate. And Dimocrisy, when it entered my service cum to stay. When slavery wuz bustid, I didn't seem to hev nothin for em to do, but wat happened? Why they immejitly sold themselves out to likker,
and that is a heftier advantage for me than even slavery. One good healthy brewery, conducted by an energetic biznis man who hez an ambishn to die wuth a milyyun uv dollars, is wuth more to me than a Congressnel deestrik uv slaveholders, and furnishes me with more consti-tooents.

"Yoo hev no idee uv it. It don't enshoor me sich men ez you are, for I hed a mortgage onto you from the beginnin, but it does fetch in the lablers and the boys tremen-jus. I don't know that I hev any recrootin ser-geant that is so valyoicable to me ez a active s'loon keeper wich don't own his fixters, and is compelled to sell jist so much beer a day in order to keep possession uv em. He does my work so well that I kin really find time to amoose myself, and that is wat I am doin now. Wat's the yoose uv my worryin about things when sevral thousand brewers and sevral hundred thousand uv ther lootenants are workin for me harder than I woud for my self? Wat more do I want than to git a boy playin keerds for beer, and drinkin the stakes, with the 'sloon keeper directin him how to nab money from his mother to pay for it, and to hev that boy grow up into a man, ef delirium tremens don't ketch him too soon, and hev ded wood that that man is a goin to be a bummer and a loafjer?

"And then when a great party champions these brewers and ther lootenants, why I mite ez well onscrew my tale, klver up my hoofs and quit biznis. So long ez this con-tinyoos I may ez well take a holiday, for my work is bein done better than I kin do it. It's a very neat arrangement for me. I don't know when I've bin so well soo.tid. I hev the brewers, the brewers hev the 'sloon-keepers, the 'sloon-keepers hev the Dimocratic party. Ef the umbillkle cord wich connex me with the Dimekratic party don't break I'll hev the hull Yoonitid States in no time.

"I kin alluz count on the Dimocrisy. I don't hev to make any sejes-tions to em. They jist go brownin about for suthin in the shape uv wick-idnis. A good helthy sin ketches em every time. They made wars to per-petooate slavery, and ef ther wuz ever anything wrong that they didn't take sides with it, it wuz a mistake that they felt badly over. Ef the party shoold repent uv its sins with ez much earnestnis ez it does uv its occasional streeks uv goodnis, it wood hev a warranty deed to the Kingdom uv Heven."

And jist then the Devil laffed in high glee, witch awoke me.

I looked up but ther wuz no Devil on the fence, and ther wuz no smell uv sulphur, or anything else, but that arisin from the garbage in the alley when I hed laid down to repose.

Wuz it a dreem? I spose so. But all the same it seems to me that it isn't altogethjer one after all. Dreems yoost to be profetik, and why not now? It strikes me that things is about ez I dreemed it.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Bunvan'ized.)

MR. NASBY DREAMS ANOTHER DREAM.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Nov. 20, 1883.

Dreems are comin to me now thick and fast. I thot I wood escape em by leevin Ohio, but even here, in this sanktooary, they cum to me jist the same. I hed one last nite.

Methawt I wuz in a vast hall, in the center uv wich wuz placed a im-mense cauldron, under wich a bloo flame wuz feercely burnin. Around
this cauldron wuz gathered the leaders uv Dimocrisy, wich wuz movin' round it in slow perceshn, chantin' to weerd moosic these tetchin' words:

"Starved and hungry, keen and gaunt,
Offis pap is wat we want,
Here our offerins we bring,
Wich in the seethin' pot we fling,
Bubble, bubble, soil and trouble,
Dimocrisy is naught but bubble."

Wat they wuz doin' was blin' up the broth that wuz to be offered to the kentry next year.

Ez they moved around the cauldron each deposited in the kittle his espeshl contriboooshn. Hoverin over it wuz the devil, stirrin' it with the end uv his asbestos tale.

The perceshn wuz headed by the Pacific delegates wich dropped into it the persecoonsh uv the Chinee.

"This to kerry the Kearney vote," sed they, and the rest exclaimed.
"It is well—stir it in!"
"To make it thicker," continyooled the Pacific representative, "jist mix this in," and he dropped into the bilin' kittle the Pacific perceshn monopoly.

"It is well!"

From the far West the representatives chucked into the kittle a heavy dose uv free trade, and then further East mixed in tariff for revenue and flat money, all exclaimin ez each made its contribushen, "It is well!"

Then Ohio wuz reecht. Ohio cu'n briskly to the side uv the kettle, and Gov. Hoadly, who wuz offishiatin' dropped into it several ingrejoncies.

"This is the likker intrest. The brewers electid me and they must be satisfied. This is the division uv the skool fund, and the settin' apart to the Catholic church their pro rata, for they must be held. Here is free trade for agricultural seckshuns, and high protective tariff for the mlnin' and manufacturin' districts, and tariff for revenoo only for the mixed interests." He hed two objicks in his hands, and he hesitated a minit.

"Ihev here flat money and a gold basis. Wich she! I mix in? Ez things now are I ruther guess honest currency will be the best."

And he dropped it in, the others exclaimin in a sort uv a chant, "Drop it in, and mix it well!"

Pennsylvania approached with Randall at its head, who didn't hesitate a minit.

"Here is pertekshun to our manufacters, a high, iron-clad pertektive tariff, wich must be fadded out to my constitooents."

"Drop it in!" sed the high priests; "drop it in, and mix it well!"

When they cum to Noo York, little Sammy Cox hove up with his arms full.

"Here is free trade for our importers. Here is pertekshun for our man-oofaktrin deestriks. Here is gifts uv property to the Catholic church in the great city. Here is communism for the long-haired furriners. Here is absbloat pertekshun and control for the beer intrest. Here is the gin-mills and theeves' resorts uv the lower wards of Noo York. Here is the plunder uv the city and the over-taxin' uv the state. Here is—"

At this pint the devil stopped him. "Samyooel, your contriboooshens are quite sufficient for one state. Ef you put in everything that is bad in Dimocrisy, in Noo York, the kittle will bile over. There are other seckshuns to be heerd from."
Noo England approached sadly, a1 handed out—Butler.
"Keep him out," shreeked the rest. "Keep him out! We can't stand too much."
"This is all we hev," sighed the Noo Englers, "onless John L. Sullivan will do yoo good."

Then the South cum up, armed with shot-guns and revolvers.

"Here is partrickshun for sugar for Loolisiana, and partrickshun for iron for sum parts uv Georgia. Here is free trade for the rest uv the South, and wat is better than all, Herr is the solid South, with all it implies. Here is the niggers murdered at Dalville, and here is wat will give us the electoral vote uv every Southern state, no matter wat the majoritics agin us ought to be."

Amid the wildest cheerin and the most enthooslastic cries they dropped into the seethin mass their shot-guns and revolvers. The leaders shreeked with joy, and the devil smirp quietly a sardonic smile.

"Excoose me," he sed, "for not bein too hilarious. I hev seen a great deel uv this kind uv thing, and it isn't noo to me."

 Ez he stirred up the contence uv the kittle he further remarked:

"All yoor contribooshens are valyooable, but the two wich lays over the rest is the rum mills and the solid South. Them is sufflshent becoz yoo kin kalkilate on em shoor. There will be a yoonitid Dimocrisy in the South ez long ez there is a nigger, and a powerful Dimocrisy in the North ez long ez ther is a drop uv whisky or a keg of beer. The Dimekratic party wuz born uv nigger and whisky, and them two will keep it together so long ez either eggisit. The South goes into spasms over the nigger vote, and the beer brewers fist redoos a man to the condishn uv votin the Dimekratic tikket, and then, hevin a mortgage on his stumpick, use his vote perpotoally to perfect em in makin more Dimekrats. I hev made an akkerate calkelashen and find ther the makin uv a solid Dimekrat in every four akers uv soft corn, ef it goes to a distillery instid uv bein fed to hogs. Bein konsoomed by hogs is the destiny uv soft korn in any event.

"The Dimekratic pyramid is composed uv three seckshuns—Nigger ez the foundeshen, beer above that for the substanshel body, and whisky at the summit, ez a approprit finish.

"So long ez we hev nigger and whisky in the land, the Dimocrisy ez a solid foundashen to stand upon. There is jist enuff difference uv opinion among decent men on the other ishoos to hold a share uv that vote to us. but these two hold the balance uv power.

"I will stir up this mess and retire. I am not needid in this kentry any more. I will take the wings uv the morning and hie me to Poland to stir up the killin uv a few hundred Jews, and to Ireland, to help oppress the Irish, who, bein opprest by the English, invariably vote the free trade tikket in the intrest uv the English manufakters. There is work for me to do in them kentyss—here, yoo, my children, are doin it for me. I cum here for pleasure, not biznis. Adoo!"

And he give the mess another sweep with his tale and disappeared thro an openin in the roof.

I awoke. I hev no interpretashn to put onto this dreem. 'Ceptin in the personal presence uv the devil it don't seem a dreem at all. I hev thought the same things a thousand times.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Modern Bunyan).
I had a very remarkable dream last nite, one wich dwelt in my mind all day. I can't shake it off. Sence the Ohio eleckshun I hev credit at Bascom's, based upon the improved chances uv hevin the postoffs here, and I took ez many ez 20 drinks to get rid uv that dream, but I can't.

Methawt I wuz in some place, wher it doesn't appear, but anyhow I wuz informed ther wuz to be a weddin celebratid.

There wuz present John Kelly and Sammy Cox the Diminutive, uv Noo York, Hoadley and Pendleton, and all the prominent Dimekrats uv Ohio; Ben Butler, uv Massychoossits; Bayard, uv Delaware, and all the Dimekrats uv the kentry wich eggspex anything, wich incloods pretty much the entire party, North and South.

A part uv em wuz jolly and pleased, and part uv em wuz not. Them from the slums uv Noo York, Chicago and Noo Orleans wuz ez jolly ez grigs, but the more respectable porshen, them ez hev on shirts and collars and cuffs, kep ez much in the background ez possible, ez tho they didn't more than half approve uv it.

The rank and file wuz strikingly very much alike. Ther wuz sich a uniformity in the matter uv nose, and a samenis in the matter uv smell, and so yooniform a lack uv shirt collar, a gineral hungry and thirsty expresshun uv countenance that I felt at home among em to wunst. It required no stretch uv the imaginashen to suppose myself in a Dimekratic caucus.

The master uv ceremonies give a signal, the organ pealed forth the weddin march, and the bridle party entered.

Fust in the percensh wuz the devil, who wuz drest and tried to look ez much ez possible like a priest, wich wuz a failyoor. Ther wuz a malishus grin onto his face, his hoofs showed very plainly, and he made no attempt to conceal his horns.

Close behind him followed the bride and groom. The groom wuz fritely battered and bustid, apperently half starved, and ez week ez a kitten. He wuz supported on one side by a Kentucky distiller and on the other by a Cincinnati brewer, who hev to fairly kerry him, givin him tempory strength from time to time out uv a jug labelled "Ohio."

By his side wuz the bride, a tall strappin female with a blazin face and a defiant look. I can't say that she was prepossessing lookin. She wuz dressed richly, but she wuz a hag in countenance, and so resembled the offishshtin devil that she mite hev bin his half-sister. She hev a cold malishus, crooel face, with long, strong fingers that wuz constantly clutchin at suthin in a very crooel way, and ther wuz a half-wild expression on her countenance that wuz anything but pleasant. Kerried afore her wuz a banner on wich wuz a coat uv arms. The banner wuz made uv rags uv children's clothin, stitched together, and the coat uv arms wuz a beer mug and a whisky glass, with a 10 cent piece on the rim uv each.

They marched up in front uv the altar, wich wuz very like a ordinary bar, and took posishen.

The devil offishiatin demandid, "Who gives this woman to this man?" wich wuz respondid by to the brewers and distillers, "We do."

There wuz a pause for a minit, and then the groom with a sob broke
away from the side uv the bride that wuz to be, and rushed to the end uv the altar.

There wuz a coffin there, and a ghastly dead female in it, and he knelt over that coffin and sobbed as tho his hart wood break.

"In the name uv Two for Five, who are these, and wat is it all about?"

I demandid uv a bystander.

"Who? What? Why the groom is Dimocracy."

"And who is the interesting bride?"

"Why, that's Rum Power."

"And the deceest in the coffin, over wich the groom is wastin much brine?"

"That's his first wife, Slavery. She's bin dead twenty yeers, but the old imbesile hez never bin reconciled to it. He hez alluz labered under the delooshun that she still lives, and he hez bin tryin all these years to git her onto her feet. He hez put shot-guns into the hands uv her fam-
lily, and hez risked his own life to fetch her to but to no purpus. She is very dead."

"Well, go on."

"His friends and hern hev patched up this noo match for him, in the hopes uv savin him from goin all to pieces, and to-day the rites that make em one is beln solemnized. She ain't pretty to look at, but she's got twice the strength uv his first wife."

The friends uv the groom went to him gently and liftld him off the coffin, and got him soothingly on his feet.

"Yoo must not give way to this ontimely grief," they sed, "she wich yoo mourn hed pints about her, and we feel her loss ez yoo do, but she's dead. Look at yoor noo bride and be consoled."

"The noo one isn't the Solid South!" sed he, and wept afresh.

"No; but she's greater than the Solid South. We hev the Solid South anyhow. Slavery is dead, but her sperit is doin a large assortment uv noverin over the South. Ther is niggers in the South, and ez long ez ther is a nigger ther will be Dimocracy. Yoor noo spouse kin control the North. Her sons are the myriads uv bung-starters and spigot-turners all over the North. They hev power. They fetch a man down to the pint uv votin the Dimekratic tikkil, and they keep him ther. They hev a mort-gage on his labor, and whose controles his labor controles his vote. She is better for yoo and us than ever slavery wuz. Yoor nigger cood run away from yoo and set up ez a man for hisself, but no man kin run away from his appetite, and the longer it stays with him the less man he is. And then the recroot is constantly comin in, and our ranks are con-
stantly beln filled. The beer and whisky shops are our active recrootin agents. They scour the kentry for noo subjicks, and when they git em they keep em. They hev their grip on most uv the young men, and yoo will so strengthen em that they will go onmolestid, buildin yoo up. Likker ez a Dimecratic agency jist more than discounts slavery. Ther is 40 miles uv her In Philadelphia, and a hundred in Noo York. Her kinsmen own the city uv Noo York and all the great cities. We git with her strength enuff to give the controle uv the kentry to the solid South, and that means yoo. Dry yoor teers, and proceed with the ceremony."

The bride skipped over to him, and yanked him off the coffin with more sperit than I shood want in a bride.

"Come off, yoo old 1jeot. Wat are yoo snivelin over her fur? I am yuth a dozen uv her. Wat's a few million uv niggers to the gin-mills and
beer-shops uv the hull kentry? Wat's the money interest in niggers com-
pared with wat's investid in brewin and distillin and handlin the likwid
death? Men are alluz activ when there is a dollar at stake. Men will
peril ther immortal soles to save a dollar wich wooodent spend a nickle to
promote a grate moral jtee. All my children, all the s'loon-keepers, and
them interstid with em, are bound to yoo the minit yoo espouse me. We're
wastin time. To biznis!"

And with a jerk she fetched the poor old man off the coffin and pulled
him to his feet.

A pawnbroker near by handid him a handkercher and he wiped his
eys, he marched up to the altar, the devil pronounced the ceremony, and
the biznis wuz over.

Dimocrisy wuz wedded to the rum power.

There wuz a slidin out uv the place uv a great many thousands of
them wich hed keen shirts on, and them whose ncoes were not troo bee-
kun lites, but ez a solid perceshn uv brewers and s'loon keepers marched
in, each one pullin in a score or more uv men whose trousis wuz fractured
at the knee, and whose boots wuz out at the toes, and whose faces blazed
like meteors, the number wuz more than made up. The smell intensified,
and the room glowed like Vesovvius in a state uv erupshen.

The weddin gift wuz valuable. The brewers and s'loon keepers give
from $10 to $100 each, the state uv Ohio contribitin alone $2,000,000, wich
is jist wat the s'loons expect to save by havin the Scott law repeeled.

I am sorry that I awoke afore they come to the refreshments, for from
the preparashens bein made I wuz satisfied that for wunst I shood hev all
I wanted. They wuz rollin out barls uv beer, but, unforchoonitly, jist ez
they wuz a tappin uv em, I awoke.

It wuz a disappointment. Likker tastes ez good in a dreem ez it does
when yoo are awake, and yoo don't git the regulation headache. I hev
bin livin on dreams uv Dimekritic success for 20 years.

This wuz a dreem and not a dreem, or ruther, it wuz puttin wat hez
actilly happened in the shado uv a dreem. The weddin hez already
taken place. Dimocrisy, 20 years a widderer, hez espoused the Rum power
and the pair is now dwellin together in yoonity.

It is well. We alluz want suthin solid to stand onto, and we hev it.
When slavery died we wuz bereaved, but whisky comes in jist in the
nick uv time to take its place. We yooost to git money from the South—now
the brewers uv the North supply it.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Modern Bunyan and Postmaster that is to be).

MR. NASBY GOES TO COLUMBUS.

Confederit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jan. 25, 1884.

I wuz called upon to go to Columbus, wich is the cappytyle uv Ohio,
to assist my old friend Pendleton, wich I hev knowd but to love for many
years. I alluz admired Pendleton, and alluz agreed with him except for
two things. He outraged Dimocracy in two ways, viz: He alluz wore keen
shirts and wuz the father uv a Civil Servis law. I cood endoor the former
ez a insident uv his bringin up, but the latter I never wuz quite satisfied
with. Any law wich prevents a Dimekrat from takin an offis when he kin
get one, is an outrage wich can't be too severely reprehended. However,
I forgave him, for I never spoiled it meant anything. Ez a perfeshnel offisseeker for many long, weery yers, and a offis holder at oncertain and spasmodic intervals, I am perfectly willin to trust the enforcement of any law regelatin offis holdin to the Dimocrisy, ef they ever git where they hev the dispensin uz officis. So long ez the Repulikins hev the power I don't see that it wood worry us very much.

To go to Columbus or anywhere else, to assist in the eleckshun uz Pendleton or anybody else, is to me alluz a work uz necessity and mercy, wich I am willin to do. I am willin to be sent anywhere, for bein sent implies the payment uz expenses, and the payment uz expenses in any Dimocratic servis means onlimitid likker. Let me be shoor who pays for my likker and I keer not who makes my laws.

Arrivin in Columbus I wuz very soon informed ez to the sitoonasen. That old war hoss, Durbin Ward, wuz out uz the ring, and Pendleton himself wuz very much demoralized. A noo element hed come into the contest. Henry B. Payne, the candidate uz the Standard Oil company, wuz the favorit by long odds.

"Cer'tinly," I sed to myself, "ther ain't a goin to be any trouble in meetin the ojus monopolist, Payne. Ther ain't a goin to be any question ez to layin out a man who comes to Columbus on the strength uz his dollars only, espeshly ez them dollars hez, every one uz em, the smell uz oil onto its garmence, every one uz wich uz dragged out uz the people by the most ojus monopoly ever known in this or any other kentry. We will make short work uz this bloatid devil-fish uz a monopoly. This legislasscher uz electid by the Dimocrisy ez a reform Legislacher, ez a anti-monopoly Legislacher and it will be troo to its mishn."

Jist ez these thots wuz a passin thro my mind, ther cum into the hotel a batch uz members from the cars, fresh from ther constitooencies. To them I addressed myself:

"Gentlemen," I remarked (most uz em didn't respond when I sed 'gentlemen,' but actid ez tho they didn't know whom I wuz addressin.) "Gentlemen, yoo hev a dooty to perform. Ther is two candidates for the senit, and yoo must choose atween em. One is Pendleton, a pure Senator, a uprite citizen, and an incorruptible legislator. The other is Henry B. Payne, the tool uz that wuss than bloatid monopoly, the Standard Oil Company. Both ask yoor votes, Pendleton, without fee or reward, Payne's managers for money."

"Wai!" was the response.

"I repeat; Payne's managers for money. For the fust time in the nistry uz the state uz Ohio money is been yoosed to purchis votes. Ez pure men, ez honest men, will yoo endoor this? The managers for Payne are payin ez high ez $2,000 apiece for votes!"

Did these members denounce this brootal monopoly in fittin terms, and swear to never rest till they had crushed it?

Did ther faces contort with rage, and indignashen, and sich, when they heerd these awful words?

Not much.

But they immejitly flew at me and demanded wher Payne's managers cood be found, and ther wuz a foot-race to see wich cood git to his head-quarters afore the markit wuz over-stocked. I found em all there and a dozen uz em, who wuz fleshy and coodent run fast, denounst me ez no troo Dimocrat for not hevin informed em sooner, that they mite hev got in befo' the quota wuz filled, that they mite hev ther whack. Then they asked
wat Pendleton wuz payin, and when I told em nothin, they sat down and wept.

Payne wuz electid triumfantly.

While my mishn wuz a faleyoor, I am more than satisfied. Honey comes out uv the carkis to-day the same ez in Sampson's time, and we take the honey, no matter how loud-smellin the carkis.

The defeat uv Pendleton will soon be forgotten. Some uv his friends are sore now, but sich sores soon heal. Pendleton is down, and men forgit, very quickly forgit, those who are down. Pendleton can't do nothin more for his friends, but Payne kin, and so Pendleton's frends will bid him a affeckshnit farewell, and swear they alluz wuz for Payne.

The honey we git from the carkis is the attachin uv the Standard Oil company to the Dimekratic cart. It is hitched, and must do its share uv haulin. Standard Oil is now a part and parcel uv the Dimekratic party uv the Yoonitid States.

It is a powerful ally. It hez money onlimitid, for it hez its hand onto every drop uv illoomatin and loobricatin flood in the Yoonitid States. No labrer's wife wakes up at nite and turns up her lamp to give soothing syrup to her sick child but pays a triboot to the Standard Oil company. Every Bible that is read at nite is so many cents to the Standard Oil company. In the matter of Bible readin we hev the bulge on the Republikins, for the Dimocracy don't pay the Standard people very much in this way. Every Irish servant girl wich goes to the next world tryin to make green wood burn with kerosene, holocausts herself in the interest uv the Standard Oil company. Old Mr. Payne, when he reads his paper in the mornin, and sees that a servant girl hez been cindered in this way, calkllates ez to how much oil wuz in the can, and chuckles to think ef took a gallon to burn her up, while hed she lived, she wood hev consoomed that nite not more than half a pint. Every farmer, every labrer, every house, every shop, hez to pay triboot to the Standard Oil company, and uv course it hez money to any extent.

To hev sich a corporashen hitched onto the Dimekratic party is a streek uv luck for wich we can't be sufficiently thankful.

So fur ez money goes, we are now ez well fixed ez any Reform and Anti-Monopoly Party cood wish. The whisky and beer-shops must stand whatever levy we choose to put onto em to pertekct em from the Republikins, and now the Standard Oil comes in to assist with its onlimitid meens. Ef we don't hev all the money we want, it is becoz we don't choose to ask for it.

We hev now a certin fucher. The Dimocracy is the party uv the people, the opponent uv monopoly and the advokit uv reform. Ez reformers we hev our forces drawd up in solid phalanx. We kin count noses and be sure uv our standin. We hev the beer intrest, the whisky intrest, and the Standard Oil Company. We hev every beer shop, and every whisky shop solid, and the mass uv votes they controle. Addid to this is the money uv the Standard Oil company, and also that wich the Brewers' Distillers and 'Sloon Keepers must contribbit, and wat more kn we ask?

With this army uv voters, and this magnificent commissary department, we shel inscribe "Reform!" and "Anti-Monopoly!" onto our banners, and go forth conkerin and to conker.

With all these forces combined we can't fail to elect the next President, turn out the Republikin corruptionists, and inoggerate a rane uv troo reform, with me in the post offis at the Corners, and Bascom paid
reglerly for my supplies. Ef the likker Intrest with its hand on the throte and stimick uv half the men in Ameriky, and the Standard Oil company with a certinty on every lamp, can't do this I am mistaken. For the fust time in my life I see a lite ached. It is a kerosene lite, it is twoo, but it burns brilyantly.

I woonden give a dollar, ef I hed to go a great way to borrrer it, to be inshooerd the post offis at the Corners after the 4th uv next March.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (S. O. C.)

(Wich is, Standard Oil Company.)

THE CORNERS ON THE TEMPERANCE QUESTION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky.)
February 9, 1884.

The Corners is all tore up on the matter uv temprance. The wimmen are, ez yoosual, the fust coz uv the trubble, ez they are the fust coz uv all trubble. Eve begun the rumpus in the Garden uv Eden, and the sex hez continyood makin trubble ever since.

The espeshl trubble now is the Insane desire wich Mrs. Bascom hez to show off her noo cloze. Bascom hez money to buy his wife noo cloze with, and like a fool he duz it, and when Mrs. Bascom gits em she can't resist the delite uv wearin uv em in public.

I remonstratid with her, and told her trubble wood ensoo, to wich she ansered:

"Wat is the yoose uv hevln silk dresses ef no one sees em?"

"You mite put em on, Mrs. B.," I remarkt, "in the privacy uv your room, and gladden the eyes uv G. W., wich pade for em, with the site thereof."

"Bosh!" wuz her reply. "Don't you know that no woman could take any comfort in noo cloze onless she cood show em to other wimmen? Can't you understand that the cheef delite uv hevlin good cloze is in makin every other woman wich sees em envious uv yoo? Wear em for G. W., indeed! I coodent fool him."

And so, that very afternoon, she rigs herself out in a faggered silk dress, with a hat with ostridge feathers in it, and a sealskin sack, and shoes with heels, and red silk stockins, and she paraded the whole length uv the streets thus arrayed, and tho the sidewalk wuz ez dry ez a bone she held up her skirts so ez to show them red silk stockins. It is unnecessary to say wat effeck it hed onto the other wimmen uv the Corners. Ther wuz sevaral dispoots in families wich resultant unpleasanly. Kernel Mcelder cum to Bascom's that nite almost baldheadid, and Isaker Gavillt hed a face wich wuz severely scratched, and they both swore that suthin hed to be done to keep Mrs. Bascom from inflamin the minds uv ther wives with such fixins.

Then these wimmen started a croosade wich Pollock and Joe Bigler jined in, and the result wuz a meetin uv citizens wich embraced a half dozen men and every woman in the Corners, ceptin Mrs. Bascom. Joe Bigler made an inflammatory speech to these wimmen, showin that ef ther husbands wood let likker alone they cood hev silk dresses and red silk stockins ez well ez Mrs. Bascom, that Bascom wuz absorbin all the money uv the Corners, and that so long as he persstitd in takin the money uv ther husbands for sod-corn whisky, so long wood they hev to dress in calcker and go without stockins, anyhow, and they mite consider themselves
lucky ef they corralled enuff to git em shoes. And they interdoost reso-
looshens demandin the prohibishun uv the sale uv likker in the Corners.
We wuz sent for, and we thot it advisable to go, tho it hurt my feelins
 to hev a meetin in the Corners uv wich I wuz not cheerman.

The resolooshens wuz read, and ez spokesman for the Liberal party, I
made a few remarks. I sed possibly a reform wuz needid, that most men
wood admit that the trade in likker shood be regelatid. But grate bodies
move slowly, and it wuz not wise to attempt too much. To prohibit en-
tirely wuz too long a step, and wood fale becoz uv the immensity uv the
straddle. Wood it not be well to go a little slower and regelate the traffic,
wich cood be done, instid uv attemptin its destruckshen, wich wuz Im-
possible.

Bascom rose, but I pulled him down.

“Let me manage this,” I sed in a whisper, “and thank the good Lord
that you hev a man uv sense to turn aside this blow.”

“What do you propose?” asked Bigler.

I went on camly. “I shood not attempt to perhibit, but regelate. Reg-
elashen is possible. Speekin for Bascom, wich represents the likker inter-
est here, I shood be willin to hev an ordinance passed perhibitin the sale
intoxicatin drinks to drunkards and minors. That is a step in the direc-
shun you are headin for, and is enuff for a starter.”

Then I coodent hold Bascom any more. He riz in his wrath, calle-
me a fool, and swore I hed no authority from him to make any sich com-
permise.

“I am perfeckly willin,” sed Bascom, “that you shel pass a ordinance
prohibit the sale uv likker to drunkards. Yoo coodent do me any greater
favor. Wat good is the parson here, or Issaker Gavitt, or Deekin Pogrant
 to me? I hev a mortgage on everything they’ve got anyhow. Their
farms are kivered ez with a blanket, and they can’t work to earn anything
more. I am runnin em on tick, with no hopes uv pay. They hev out
lived their yoosefulnis to me. Take em! Take em! I hev no further
yoose for em. But the minors! Ah, no! Who is to take the places uv
these worn-out vetrans at my bar, ef you prevent me from sellin to em?
They k’n still work. They k’n still earn money for me, and will be able to
for yeers. They hev lands wich I hev’n't a mortgage onto, and they hev
days’ works into em, wich ef they come to me, I am shoor to git.

“I don’t want the regel drunkards no more, and I am willin yoo shel
make it a penitenshary offence to sell em likker. It woud be a good idee
to reform em. Yoo k’n keer fer em in the poor-house till they git strength
enuff to go to work agin, and then, ez they woodent be drunkards any
more, they cood come back to my place with renood strength and money
enuff to make it profitable to hev em. Ez they are, they are no yoose to
me. You may hev the drunkards and welcome.

“But the boys I insist upon hevin a whack at. They hev strength,
they hev vigor and they k’n work. I don’t purpose to hev them incloodi-
d in any perhibishen movement. Take yer drunkards, but leeve me the
boys. When they become drunkards yoo may hev them too, but not
now.”

Bigler and Pollock swore they’d pass the resolushen ez originelly pre-
sentid, but Bascom wuz inflexible. He turned to me, and Issaker, and the
deekin, and the kunnel, and remarked quietly, but with a manner that
meant biznis:

“Gentlemen, let em pass it, but when it comes to a vote at the polls.
it must be defeatid, or not another drink do you git on cred: at my bar."

"But public opinion!" I said piteously.

"Public opinyun be d—d!" wuz his reply. "Wher's your public opin-
yun? A lot uv wimmen wiz hev no votes, and Joe Bigler, and Pollock, and a passel uv niggers. Ez I sed, I don't keer ef they prohibits sellin to drunkards, but the proposishen ez a hull shell go down. I am not croel. I am willin to carry you awhile longer. It can't be for a great while, and I kin stand it."

Bascom sed to us afterward, privately, that he shodd see to it that his wife shood not inflame the wimmen uv the Corners any more by appearin in her store cloze, that he hed arranged to send her to Louisville every time she yearned to display her dry-goods, and the matter wuz finelly set-
tled, so fur ez we were concerned, on that basis.

We shell defeat the proposishen ez a matter uv course, for Bascom hez us. He will give us credit, and no one else will. Whether the fanatix will attempt to carry out ther skeem remains to be seen.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Saved by a Scratch).

THE MARRIAGE OF FRED DOUGLASS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Witch is in the State uv Kentucky),
February 19, 1884.

The marriage uv Fred Douglass with a white woman wuz made known in the Corners last nite, in the paper wich Bascom subscribes for, for me to read in his bar, to the reglers. The Corners wuz never so agitatid sence the firin upon Fort Sumpter.

A nigger to marry a white woman!
A white woman to marry a nigger!

Ez Deekin Pogram remarkt chaos wuz now cum again. He wuz now prepared for almost anything. Kernel M'Pelter pintid to it ez the legitimit result uv freein the niggers, and the nateral outcome uv Republikin tri-
umphs. It wuz nothin more than he hed profeside from the beginnin. Give the nigger his freedom fuzz, then the ballot, then let him hold property, and wat wuz to prevent his marryin white wimmen, or white wimmen from marryin him. Nevertheless he didn't suppose the besotted Republikin party wood re-establish slavery, even with this afore their eyes.

The horrible okkurrence occasioned so much comment that it wuz de-
sided to hold a meetin to consider it. The meetin house wuz full and I took the cheer percisely at 8.

After commentin on the outrage ez its heniosity demandid, I showd that the sooperior race cood not intermingle with the inferior without de-
basement, and after yoons in an hour or two to prove from the Skripters that the niggers wuz the inferior race, to wich Joe Bigler replied that ef it wuz in the Bible he'd beleive it, but he bedam ef he wood on any less testi-
mony jedgin from the general average uv white men he knowd at the Corn-
ers.

Deekin Pogram then handid me, with grate solemnity, a series uv resoloshens wich I hed written and given him to hand to me, owin to his inability to read in a consecootive manner, wich run ez follows:

Whereas, Frederick Douglass, now uv the City uv Washington, a nigger, wich notwithstanding holds a offis wich a white Democrat shood be in the enjoyment uv, hez married a white woman, and
Whereas, Nacher hez set the seed uv disapproval onto the mixin uv the two races, the one bein inferior and the other sooperior, and

Whereas, Missegenashun is a crime agin nacher, and one wich shood be sternly rebooked, no matter wher and how it happens, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the citizens uv the Corners enter their solum protest agin this marriage uv a white woman with a nigger, and demand uv the President uv the Yoonited States the removal uv the said nigger Douglass from his offis, to the end uv emphasis the governmental disapproval uv missegenashen wich is abhorrent to the Corners.

Joe Bigler ariz and asked the Cheer wat missegenashun really wuz anyhow.

I replied in a dignified manner that missegenashun wuz the mixin uv the two races, the white and the kulerd.

Mrs. Pogram, wich wuz present, approved uv my definishment.

"Very good," said Josef, camly, "ther is a gentleman present wich will make some remarks on these resolooshens. I beg to interdoose to this meetin, Mr. Simeon Pogram, wich yoost to be well-known in this seckshun 20 years ago."

The Deekin fell in a swoon off his cheer, Mrs. Pogram shrieked ez ef billin water hed bin poured down the back uv her neck, and the awjence siz in astonishment.

The nigger wuz an indiviggle wich wuz born into this world uv sin and sorrier about thirty years ago, themother thereof bein a likely wench b'long-in to Deekin Pogram, and the bornin resulted in the mother's bein sold South, the baby bein sold to a planter adjinin, and the Deekin losin the most uv the hair on his venerable poll. The nigger hed the Pogram nose, tho ez ther wuz sum uv the mother in him, he wuz ruther an improvement on the Pograms proper.

Scassely hed Simeon showed up afore that awdahshus Bigler interdoost Pompey M'Pelter, wich endid in Mrs. M'Pelter faintin and bein removed from the house, and to finish it he brot up another yaller man he interdoost ez Washington Gavitt, a half-brother of Issaker Gavitt, all yaller uv various shades.

"There is others," sed Josef, "near by wich wood like to hear testimony in this matter, but I won't interdooseem, indivijelly, by name. Enter, my children!"

And throwin the door open there surged in a perceshun uv yerlll young men and women uv all shades, from the color of a noo saddle up to them wich wuz almost white, whiter than any uv us, ez we wuz, with our hands onwashd.

"These,"sed Josef, "is all livin, breathin proofs, that whatever may be the theoretical vews uv the Corners on the subjick uv missegenashun at the present time, it didn't hold them vews some 25 years ago, or ef it did hold the vews, the practis uv the Corners wuz quite different from its theories. Ez these fellow citizens and citizenesses hev, every one uv them, white and nigger blood in various portions in their respective veins, there must hev bin considerable missegenashun in this immejits visiminity some years ago. For instance Simeon, wich looks enuff like the Deekin Pogram to be his son, is only a quarter black, his mother wuz only half white, wich shows that missegenashun extended back uv the Deekin's time. And Issaker —

At this pint I interruptld him. Ther wuz no doubt but that missegenashen, in a modified form, did eggsist under our patriarkel institutions—

"Patriarkel meens 'fatherly,' don't it?" remarkt Bigler.
"Under our patriarchal instooshun's, but it wuz not legalized ez in the case under considerashun. It did not resese the sankshen uv the law. It wuz not a acknowledgment uv the ekality uv the nigger, on the contrary it wuz a proof uv his inferiority. The nigger wuz our bond man and bond woman to do ez we pleased. But this man Douglass, a nigger, hez actilly married a white woman—actilly married her by forms uv uv law."

"I see," sed Bigler. "I git the bearing uv yoor ifee. Missegenahshun to be made entirely rite and proper must be tempered ez adultery. Ef Douglass hedn't married the woman it wood hev bin all rite, I spose. Parson, I'm delited to know wher we are on so important a question. That we may be logikelly rite, I move the adoskun uv this addishnel resolooshen:

Resolved, That the Corners hez no objeckshun to the mixin uv the races now or hereafter, pervidin it is done ez the Corners hez always did ez, without the sankshen uv marriage.

He put the moshun, the niggers all void ez for it, and it was carried. And then Bigler remarked that ez awfull ez this act uv Douglasses wuz, he didn't thing the Corners need hev any feer uv any uv her niggers wantin to marry any uv her white wimmen, or any nigger wimmen wantin to marry any uv her white men. The niggers uv both sexes had enuff to do to take keer uv themselves, without loadin up with incumbrances. Ef they shood, he wood favor a law, in the interest uv the niggers, forbiddin that sort uv thing. And then he adjurned the mee'in sine die.

It is curious that we Dimocrats can't git together for purpus uv resolvin on a simple matter like this, but that that incarnashen uv infernalism, Joe Bigler, shel arise and put us to open shame. Who knows how many sores, parshelly heeled, he opened when he gathered them mulattoes, quadroons and octoroons together that nite! Half the white men uv the Corners cum to Bascom's the next day with their faces disfiggered and lackin in the article uv hair. It is a dangerous subject to interdoose even 20 years after the close of the war and the death of the patriarchle institooshn.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Anti-Missegenashunist).

THE CORNERS CONSIDER THE DEMOCRATIC FAITH.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 17, 1884.

The disturbed condishn uv Dimocrsy hez bin weighin onto the Corners for sum weeks. We are in ruther a pekooler way here, and require suthin more than commonities differently organized. Bascom hez a mortgage onto everything wich Deekin Pogram, Issaker Gavlitt and Kerneel McPelter hez, and ez for me I owe him for sevrel yeers' supplies, but hev to hev jist ez much uv his goods ez tho I wuz a Vandebilt. Stumick is stumick, and a postmaster out uv biznis hez the same gnawin therein ez tho he wuz sittin quietly in his offis and drawin his salery-regler.

Bascom's intresst in politix lies cheefly in the fact that the Dimocrsy uv the Corners will hev whisky, and, ez they won't work, ther ez no way uv payin for it except they hold the offises, and the interest uv the rest uv us is in holdin the offises, not so much with a vew uv payin wat we owe ez hevin our supplies in the fucher regler and not precarious. We want to rest nites quiet.

The nigger, Lubbock, wich holds the Postoffice, and Joe Bigler, wich is the Collector, don't drink likker, so they are no good to Bascom nor to us.
In vew uv the differences uv opinion wich threaten the success uv the Dimocrisy, we held a meetin last nite to draft a series uv resoooshens setting forth wat we deemed wuz rite, and wat not, to enshoor the elecshun uv a Dimekrat President and the consequent relieff uv the Deekin, Issaker, Kernel McPelter and myself.

I called the meeting to order and asked for sejestions.

Kernel McPelter, wich is tryin to sell a part uv his farm for a iron factory, remarkt that to enshoor the success uv the Dimocrisy a strong poishen shood be taken in favor uv Perteckshun to Amerikin industry.

Deekin Pogram riz immejitly and insistid that instid uv Perteckshun the party shood take strong ground in favor uv absloot Free Trade.

Ez the two wuz about to engage in a altercashesen that wood endanger the harmony uv the meetin, I stopt em.

"Gentlemen," I remarkt, "the harmony uv the party must not be disturbed by any sich triflin matter ez a Tariff. We want Pennsylvany and Ohio and ef we declare for Free Trade we lose em. We want Illinoy and Wisconsin, and ef we declare for Perteckshun we lose them states. The Tariff, gentlemen, is a question that shood be liftid out uv politix."

Issiker Gavitt ariz and moved ez the sense uv the meetin, that the ackshen uv the Dimocratic legislacher uv Ohio in passin a civil rites bill, givin the niggers the same privileges ez the whites, wuz not Dimekratic, and shood be frowned down.

Bascum riz and remarkt that Issaker wuz a dam fool. The Dimocrisy uv Ohio wantid the nigger vote. Ez a nigger's money at his bar wuz ez good ez a white man's, so on eleckshun days a nigger's vote counted ez much ez a white man's. He moved that it be declared the sense uv this meetin that the shootin uv niggers at Danville, Virginy, and Copiah county Mississipp, wuz infamus.

Ez these two wuz liable to lock horns, I riz agin.

"Gentlemen," sed I, "the harmony uv the Dimocrisy must not be disturbed by any such triflin questions ez whether a nigger shoul ride first-class in Ohio, or be shot in Mississipp. We want the nigger vote in Ohio, where we need it, and we don't care a soo markeb about it in Mississipp, where Dimocrisy hez control uv the shot-guns. We turn over the nigger to the several states. The nigger question is one that shoud be liftid out of politix."

The Deekin murmured suthin about Dimocrisy meanin opposishun to Nashnel banks, when Kernel McPelter, whIch hez a cuzin who is president uv a bank, and from whom he borrers occasionally, riz to oppose him, and they wuz a goin to hev a shindy.

I riz wunst more.

"Gentlemen," sed I, "the question uv currency operates in some seckshuns for us and some agin us. Ez we want all seckshuns can't yoo see that the question uv currency, like the two wich hev come before us, shoud liftid out uv politix?"

"May I humbly enquire," sed Issaker, "wat the cheerman's noshun uv Dimocrisy is, anyhow?"

"Ez a babe and a sucklin," sed the Deekin "that is wat I shood like to know."

Wunst more I riz.

"Gentlemen," sed I Impressively. Dimocrisy is all embracih, Dimocrisy is liberal. Dimocrisy is ez flexible ez a injy-rubber shoe. Dimocrisy means postoffises. Dimocrisy means custom houses. Dimocrisy means collector-
ships. On such questions ez them wich hev come afore this meetin Dimoc-

*ry* gives every man the rite to hold jist sich views ez he chooses. Afore eleckshun It is our biznis to be very broad. Does one voter want civil serv-

vis reform? Dimocry* is* comes up smilin and sez 'certinly.' Does another oppose it? Dimocry* sees* no good in sich abstracks. Dimocry* hez*

that elasticity that straddles from Randall to Morrison without splittin

*Its* trowsers. Like the man in the cirkus, Dimocry* is* trained to the con-
tortion act. I defy any man to propound to me any question betwixt this

* and* next November that I won't agree with him on, ef I only know what he wants. We ostracise nobody who hez a vote, and who is willin to vote

*with* us. We may assoom a bold front agin the Chinese, becoz they ain't
voters, and ain't got no friends wich does vote, and we mite take a whack

at the Mormons for the same reason. Ef they shood ever hev the ballot,

*aboosin* wunst. We kin do ez we did in Ohio with the nigger. It ain't difficult to deny a record, and by extra zeal for em in the fucher make up what we did agin em in the past.

"Our policy is, this yeer, very simple. Wat we want in the government

*jist* now is Reform. That is a safe ishoo, alluz, espeshly again a party

wich hez bin in power. Everything that goes wrong dooor in the rane uv a

party in power Is charged up to the akkount uv the party. It is a prin-
ciple in human nacher. Ef we cood hev weevle in the wheel next summer

it wood save us, the Heshun fly wood give us ded-wood on the Republikins,

and the potato rot wood be our savashen. With these calamities I shood

go forth gaily, and when a farmer didn't hev money to pay taxes with, I

shood remark to him, impressively, 'Yoo are in trouble, my friend. And

yit yoo purpose to continyoo in power a Republikin administrashen! Ef yoo

wood hev better times my honest friend, jine with me, and turn the ras-
kels out.' Ten to one ef he didn't do it.

"I love to eleckshuneer a farmer who is sittin on a fence watchin the

weevle eat his wheel.

"With weevle in the wheel, with the help uv the gin mills and beer-

shops, we kin elect the next President and sekoor the post-offises, pervided

the Dimocry* don't permit theirselves to be split up on sich triflin matters

ez tariffs, banks, nigger votin, civil servis reforms, internet improvements

* and* sich things, wich this yeer, anyhow, shood be liftid out uv politix.

"We will adjern this meetin to wunst. We must learn not to put too

* much* stress onto mere abstrakshuns. A post-offis is not an abstrack-

shun, but suthin real. We must learn to take our Dimocry, ez we do our

likker, strate, and swaller it, askin no questions. Wat we want to make

the times good—with us—is the Fedrel offises at the Corners. I don't keer

who plants or who waters, so that we git the increase. Paul or Apollos,

it's all one to me. In sich times remember that everything that is kal-

kiliatid to lose votes shood be liftid out uv politix. Our central thot and

golden text is—Post-offis."

And after this orashen we adjerned to Bascom and wuz refreshed.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

(Politikle Manager.)

THE WOMEN OF THE CORNERS AGAIN.

Confederit X Roads,

(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky.)

April 5, 1884.

The wimmens uv the Corners are givin us much more trouble than the

men. We kin git on with Bigler and Pollock, for we kin fitte them, but
when the wives, dawters and sisters uv the Corners git to invadin the sak-
red precinks it worries us. Only last nite ther wuz almost a tragedy. 
They cum in and led out the Deckin Issaker, the Gavitt and Kernel Mc-
Pelter by the ear, took em home and locked em in their cold houses and 
they returned and sat up in Bascom's bar room till 12 o'clock at nite. It 
wuz terrible.

I have studied woman with great care; and I am free to admit that 
her hez her yooses in this world; but she is not a man and never kin be. All 
the attempts to convert her into sich will alluz result in ignominyus fail-
yoors. Woman is ornamental; and, in certin capacities, yooseful. In her 
proper speer,—movin in her regler orbit,—nothin kin be better. The wife 
uv Issaker Gavitt is to Bascom a pleasin picter when she is the fore-
ground uv a wash-tub, pertikelerly ez he knows that all the money she 
earns at that pursuit he will inevitably spend at his bar. There she is in 
her nateral speer, and is good. But when that same bein flies out uv her 
orbit and flies into hizzen, she is like a comet, wich sloshes about among 
worlds and smashes things. When she rushes frantically in to his bar, 
with her four hungry brats close behind her, and forbids him to sell to 
Issaker, ez she wants what she hez earned, at least, to buy pervishens 
and shoes for the children, she don't please me at all; she is interferin 
with Issaker's prerogative ez a man; and, while I don't delite in broo-
tality, I can't deny that she richly deserves the black eye wich she alluz 
gits on sich occasions.

I wuz never so convinv uv the daner uv women gettin out uv ther 
speer ez I wuz one nite when she wuz tryin to get Issaker home, and he 
struck her. "Hevins! ef we only cood do suthln," sed this brazen wretch 
chokin with teers and pashn, "its quick enuff we'd shut up sich holes ez 
yoorn!" This to Bascom!

The remark wuz full uv meanin to me. Issaker, and the others who 
spend the most uv their time and all their money with Bascom, agreed 
with me that nothin cood be so dangerous to our liberties ez women. They 
hev'n't the reasonin faculties uv men, and hev'n't the stiddiniss necessary 
to the proper exercise uv the governin function. Bascom's customers hev 
often commenced the discusn uv this question, and wood, doubtliss, hev 
struck out suthin startlin, ef they cood hev kept sober long enuff to hev 
developed their ideas; but this I know, that every man who frekents his 
bar is opposed to wommin, ceptin at home in their place.

I hev reasons for not lovin woman too much. I wuz wunst the head 
uv a family; that is, I wuz where I wuz entitled to be so by law. In my 
youthful days, I married. My spouse wuz the owner, in her own rite uv 
a productive farm in Noo Jersey; and I hed pictered in my mind a life uv 
felicity sich ez the poets dreem uv. It wuz a froot farm; and I sed to my-
self, Looizer Jane shall pick them peaches; Looizer Jane shall market them. 
Ez for me, I shall lay me on my back under the trees, and, smokin my 
pipe, try to forgive Eve for bringin labor into the world. I thought I wood 
compel Looizer Jane to make reparashen to me for the evil her mother in-
fingered on me and all men.

I hed miscalculated Looizer Jane. When I gave my direckshens the 
first time, ez to what she shood do, she refouzed. I remonstrated with her; 
when that infooriatid and muskeler female knocked me down with a chair, 
and histed me out uv the house by main strength. When I returned, she 
poured hot water on me (wich akkounts for my baldnis), and told me ef I 
come near her for three years she'd kill me. At the end uv that period she
got a divorce, on the ground uv desershen!! sence wch time I hev wan-
dered up and down the earth with noboddy to care for me. The court
didn’t even grant me alimony!

She hez bin runnin the farm ever sence.

The only proper marriage arrangements I hev ever seen is among the
Soo Injuns. The sooperior bein uv that tribe, when he wants a wife, sim-
ply knocks down with a club the maiden onto whom he hez fixed his love.
This is in token uv his sooperiority. Ef she survives, she rises, and im-
mejitly goes out and picks up dry wood, dresses the game in his lodge,
cooks his dinner, wich the gushin child uv nacher eats, and immejitly goes
to the nearest settlement, and gits ez drunk ez a lord; wich practice is
contywood every day till death doth them part. She dresses the game,
tans the skins uv the buffalo he kills, cultivates the corn, and, in short,
does the work uv life; wich gives her master the time necessary to his
mental and moral improvement.

Ah! with all our boasid civilizashen, we kin yit learn suthin from the
woble red man! Ef sich customs prevailed among us, I wood hev me a wife
to wunst, but rather than be coerced ez the married men uv the Corners
are, I will remain single forever. Ef I cood find a woman willin to work
for me it wood anser, but wat I kin borrer barely supplies my appetite, and
I don’t keer to further burden my capassity. The woman wich wants me
must be willin to keer for me. Them’s my only terms. No man with a
consoomin appetite hez any biznis with a wife. She don’t recognize the
necessity uv supplyin it, and murmurs at cold rooms, and bad cloze, wich
is annoyin.

No man kin support Bascom and a family at the same time. He must
give up one or the other. Ef he hez a appetite for Bascom the wife must
support herself and the children, and ef she is a jovin wife she will help
her husband out with Bascom. Sich a wife I cood cling to, but no other.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Philosopher).

THE TROUBLES OF A SALOON-KEEPER.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky,)
April 11, 1854.

Last nite we wuz all sitthin comfable in Bascom’s. It wuz a deliteful
evening we wuz a spendin. The nite wuz cold and chill, and the wind
wuz whislin drearily thro the dark, but the cheerlinsis uv the weather
outside only made it the better for us. The stove wuz full uv wood and
red hot on the top, diffusin heat, wich is life, through the room, the hiss
uv Issaker Gavitt’s tobakker joose ez he spit cheerfully onto the hot
plates, mingled muskiley with the draft up the chimney, and Bascom,
hezlin to the seductive inffluences uv comfort that wuz in the place, hed
hot water on the stove, and Mrs. Bascom mixed with her fair hands the
hot punches wich ever and anon we ordered.

"Wat a happy life yoors is, Bascom!" sed Kernel McPelter.

"Happy!" remarked Issaker Gavitt, "I shood say so. Nuthin to do but
to sell likker at a profit uv 200 per cent, and every customer you git ded
shoor for life."

"Gentlemen," sed Bascom, onbendin, for he wuz drinkin hot whisky,
too, "there is advantages in runnin a wet grosery, but it hez its drorbax.
It is troo that ther is 200 per cent profit, or wood be ef you got paid for it.
But, alas! yoo don’t git paid for it all. A ingenuous youth comes into my
bar, which hez a small farm, and he gits to takin his sustenance. That wood be all rite for me ef he cood only take his sustenance and take keer uv his farm at the same time. But he don't, and whenever the necessity uv takin sustenance begins to be regler, jist when he mite be uv the most yoose to me, I hev notist ther wuz alluz a fallin off in his corn crap. Corn won't grow onless yoo plant it, hoe and tend it, and a man wich becomes a regler customer uv mine don't plant, tend nor hoe to advantage.

"Then, not hevin corn to sell, he can't pay for likker, and ez he must hev it, he goes on tick, and finelly mortgages his place. Troo, I alluz git the place, but it wood do better for me ef he cood keep on workin it, spendin the proceeds at my bar. Ther is very few men wich kin do this.

"And then death is another drawback to my biznls. Ef a man cood ovly drink regler and live to be 70, it wood eb suthin wuth while. But they don't do it. They are cut off by the crooeel hand uv death jist when they git to be yoosful to me. This one goes uv liver disease, tother one uv kidney trouble, rheumatism sets in and knocks one uv em off his pins, softenin uv the knee brings another—"

Joe Bigler, who jist dropped in, doubted the last disease. "No man wich hed a brace to soften wood tetch the d——d stuff," sed he.

"And then," continued Bascom, "ther is chronic diarrheer, wich raises the devil with em, and if one uv em gits hurt he never gits over it, and then bronkeetis comes in on em, and dyspepsy — wat good is a man for work wich hez dyspepsy? — and ther is so many diseases that hits the man wich takes nizzer reglerly that they die altogether too early. Them ez holds on can't work after a certin time, and them ez don't hev the constitho- shen to hold on peril like the lilies uv the valley, jist when they git regler enuff to be profitable.

"And then other troubles interferences with me. When a noo man gits too full he quarrelz and comes to an end from injoodishusnis. I hev bin in this room 25 years, and I hev'n seen mor'n a dozen uv my best customers, some uv em wuth two dollars a day to me, stretched out on the floor, with bullet holes or knife wounds into em. It wuz a severe blow when Bill Rutlidge wuz killed rite where the deekin is sittin. He spent on a average $4 a day with me, and he wuz snuffed out in a minit. And then they hung Sam Kitridge, wat shot him, and ther wuz another loss uv the same. Both on em, hed they lived, wood hev bin my meet for yeers, for they wuz both strong men, and cood hev Endedore a pile uv it.

"There are other troubles. It is not pleasant to hev men inflamed with likker beatin each other over their heads with bottles and tumblers. for it destroys glassware, and furnishoor is apt to be broken. I hev offen wished I hed a kind uv whisky wich didn't make maniacs uv them wich drink it, but I never saw any uv that kind. I hev offen seen a dozen rollin on the floor to-wunst and when they come to drawin pistols and shooting permiskus, it ain't pleasant nor profitable. I hev hed pistol balls, after goin thro a man, smash bottles in the bar, and how are you goin to tell whose pistol did the damage?

"Besides these drawbacks, comes sich ez yoo. Wat yoose are yoo to me? It's 'Bascom, a little old rye strate,' and after my good likker is gone, comes the everlastin remark, 'Jist put it down.' That's the disgustin part uv it. Ef yoo cood work and earn suthin and pay cash, there wood be suthin in the biznls, but you don't.

"To make the sloon biznls wat it ought to be, I want a noo race uv men. I want a set uv customers with glass-lined stumilcks backed up
with fire-brick. I want a lot 'uv men with heads so constructed that they kin go to bed drunk and wake up in the mornin and go about th'ir work. I want a set 'uv customers with stumicks and heads so constructed that likker won't kill em. Just ez soon ez it becomes a nice sity to em. However, I manage to git on. There ain't no rose without a thorn."

This wuz the longest speech I ever knowd Bascom to make. Wat hed sed is troo. I hev eggsperienced it in my own person. I never kin go to work after a moist nite. However it hezn't made much difference in my case. I never wood work anyhow, drunk or sober, and ez I hev to lay in bed till noon after a damp nite, it is reely a savin to me. I git up after a moist nite jist in time for dinner, savin my breakfast, wish is economy. I git along better that way. I hev to pay for my breakfasts, and ez I don't pay nothin for likker, all I save in breakfasts is economy.

I shel keep on, I spose, forever, but despite wat Bascom sez ez to the dror-bax I shood like to be in his place. Beside wat I got off my customers, I cood git my own supplies at wholesale, and that wood be suthin. I shood not experience a pang when I laid down a ten-cent piece, and wonder where the next wood come from.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (With a consoomin appetite).

MR. NASBY DREAMS A DREAM.

Confedrit X Roads, (Wich is in the State 'uv Kentucky),
June 9, 1884.

I hed a dreem last nite wich I wish from the bottom 'uv my heart cood be realized. It wuz a dreem so rich, so full 'uv everything wich wuz delightful, that I almost wish I hed died afore awakenin from it to the cold realities 'uv a crooel and unsympathetic world. It wuz a dreem wich extended over a considerable space 'uv time.

Methawt I wuz a delegate to the Dimekratic nashnel convenshun from this deestrick in Kentucky. I wuz entirely happy, for I hed rooms at a rust class hotel and plenty 'uv money, for I hed promised the managers 'uv all 'uv the candidates to vote for their man, and wuz reseevin money from each. In addishin I hed sold all five 'uv the tikkits I hed at my disposal to the convenshun to outsiders, and hed turned a handsome penny buyin up from the other delegates, and sellin agin at a higher price. All the delegates wuz on the make, only I hed sooplerior intelligence.

It wuz a delitful experience only it wuz in my sleep. Thank heaven for sleep! All my good times I hev in my dream. We wuz about to concentrate on Tilden, Saml. J., his barl hevin bin tapped at both ends and bung knocked out. The old gentleman hed actoally determined to be a candidate, on a reform platform, and wuz a buyin up 'uv delegates at a rate wich I never dreemed he wuz capable 'uv. No matter wat may be sed 'uv his honisity, ther ain't no doubt ez to his liberality or his akkerit knowledge 'uv the make up 'uv Dimekratic convenshuns. I hed sold out to him four times, and so hed the heft 'uv the delegates, and we got our money every time. Samyool's managers sed that so sot wuz the old man on the question 'uv reform that he'd scoop the nominashen, ef hed to buy every delegate to the convenshun.

Jist ez we hed made up our minds to vote for him, and end the matter, we reseevd a dispatch from Noo York that the old man hed bin struck with paralysis, and his rite side wuz completely dead. His managers were appalled at the terrible intelligence, but not so the delegates. One
gentleman from Injeany riz to his feet and demandin in thunder tones ef he codd still yoose his left hand.

"He kin!" wuz the reply.

"Very good, then. He kin sign checks with his left hand, and so long ez he kin sign checks he is a good enuff reform candidate for me. With him ez our standard-barer, the Dimocracy uv Injeany will pay cash for likker this fall, anyhow."

Then the dream went on. We went into the campane and I moved immediately to Injeany, becoz ther ain't no money in bein a Democrat in Kentucky. Kentucky is safe enyhow, and when I asked Tilden for cash contribooshens for the campane I wuz met with a chillin refoozle. "The reform tikkits kin kerry Kentucky a yhow," wuz the chillin response, "and my money must go into the doubtful states."

Injeany bein a doubtful state, I went over there, and threw my sole into the work. I got the posishen uv disburser in a Congressional deestrik and when the eleckshun cum I voted six times, gittin my three dollars per vote with the rest uv em.

In my drem Tilden wuz electid on the reform ishoo, and then came the millenium. We didn't pay much attenshun to questions uv public polisy but we did make a clean sweep uv all the Republikin offis holders. We spared nothin. One-armed soljers wuz throwd out uv places, ez well ez wimmen wich held small postoffises. Ther wuzn't a offis, no matter how small, wich we didn't find a sturdy Dimocrat willin to take. Ther wuz wher we commenced the work uv reform.

Uv course I got the post-offis at the Corners. The nigger Lublock, wich hed held it sence Grant's first inoggerashun, wuz relegatid to his shoebench, and I wuz installed in his place. The salary wuzn't large, but then wuz perksis. I didn't hev the handlin uv any letters containin remittances for noosepapers, so I got no revenoo from that. The Republikins in this vicinity, ez soon ez I wuz installed, mailed ther letters containin money for noosepapers at other offises, becoz ez they remarke, they hed bin interdoosed to me, and the Dimocracy don't take noosepapers. This source uv revenoo wuz cut off entirely.

But ther wuz other things wich did pay. I reseeved on a average six letters a day addressed to the Looseaner and other lotteries, and them I captured. I beleve that games uv chance is immoral. Shood I encurridge my people in this wickednis? No, and to cure em I opened ther letters and didn't let em know that I hed the money, hopin that after tryin several times for a prize and gittin nuthin, they wood desist. There is many ways uv servin the Lord, and I hev my pe-koolywer way. And it wuz with grim satisfackshen that I opened Bascom's regler remittances to Noo Orleans for lottry tikkits, and went over and pade him for his likker in the same.

I quit goin to Bascom's almost altogether. I preferred to sit in my offis, by a open winder, thro wich I coid see the smoke uv McPelter's distillery risin gracefully to the hevins, and send my first assistant out, whose salary I collectid uv the government, givin him my doo bill therefor, for my likker. It wuz easier sendin him out for my drinks than to go myself, and much more dignified.

Deekin Pogram hed got to be collector, vice Pollock removed, and ez we hed got an appropriashen for slack-waterin Secesheen crik, with all uv us in the contrak, and likewise an appropriashen for a noo postoffis, Bascom wuz reseevin cash for his likker, and the Corners wuz happy.
That wuz in my dreem ez I dozed in a chair at Bascom's. Wood that that dreem hed continned. But it did not. I wuz awakened by the firin uv guns, and from force uv habit contraktid when I wuz in the Louisiana P·jlikins, the minnit I heerd the sound I instinctively started to run. Comfor to myself, and rememberin that the war wuz over, I sot down again.

Wut sounds reached my ears? It wuz Pollock and Joe Bigler and a hundred niggers on the square hoorahin for Blaine and Logan! That wuz zuo dreem. The Republikin convenshun hed met and did its work, and these disturbers hed got the news. And they wuz organizin a Blaine and Logan club rite under our noses, and ez they hev got too strong to be skeert by shot-guns, it isn't at all onlikely that they may kerry the county.

Sadly I asked Bascom for suthin, and firmly he refoosed. "I don't belevee," sed Bascom, "that you will ever git that postoffis, and therefore, henceforth, for you, likker is cash on delivery, or a minit afore delivery."

And jist then Lubbock, the nigger postmaster, past by, and he leered into my face with a four-years'-more expression on his face that wuz sickenin. It wuz more than sickenin—it wuz feendish.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Despondent).

MR. NASBY CALLS A MEETING.

Confedrit X Roads, Joon 21, 1884.

I considered it necessary to call the Dimocrisy togethur last nite to the end uv concertin methods uv conductin the next campane. Inezmuch ez the salvation uv the Corners, ez well ez the kentry, depends upon the defeat uv Blane, I concluded to act upon the prinsiple that eternal vigilence is the price uv liberty. In the intrest uv reform and pure government we must defeat Blane, and to defeat Blane we must kerry Injeany, and to kerry Injeany I determined to git ready the men we shel send from Kentucky to vote, and hev em in readinis to go, ez soon ez we know that the price per hed hez bin put up in hard cash. We are patriots, but we alluz want to know fust whether our candidate hez a bari, and second, whether he is goin to put it on tap.

Therefore I called a meetin that I mite set the ball rollin and commenst to address it myself. I opened elokently ez follows:

"Fellow Citizens:—To begin with, I shel hev to explane—"

That wuz all uv that speech wich I ever delivered. That audashus wretch, Joe Bigler, forced his way thro the throng, and ascendin to the pulpit rekested me to set down,wich I did. When he requests I alluz do.

"Feller citizens," sed Josef, "the word 'explane' wich our subsided frend yoosed reminds me uv an anecdothe. There wuz a stutterin man wich hed a wife, and the wife went away from home to visit her mother, to be gone two weeks. She hed jist got to the depot to take the train, when she remembered suthin wich made it necessary for her to return immejitly to her peacefull home. She entered the front door and diskivered her husband on the stares, kissin her servant girl. This wuz twenty years ago. The gentleman wich stuttered wuz narratin the affectin incident to his friends, recently, and he remarked: 'And J-e-j-ist t-t-think uv t-t-the o-n-r-r-reasonb-b-b-len-e-e-ss uv w-w-w-w-o-men. It t-t-t-took me f-f-f-fifteen yeers to explain that.'

"My friends, Dimocrisy hez a very similler experience. Originally he wuz wedded to the Goddis uv Liberty, and a very promislin couple they
wuz. But in Calhoun's time the Goddess caught him kissin the old harlot Seceshn, and he hez bin 30 odd yeers explainin that.

"Scasely wuz that fixed up when he went gallivantin off after Slavery, the elder sister uv Seceshn, and made war upon Mexico at her bid din. He hez bin over 30 yeers explainin that.

"Onct more leavin his lawful bride, he took an excursion into Kan-sas, and wuz kep mity busy for several yeers explainin that.

"Then Slavery and Seceshn jined hands in 1861, and attempted to murder his spouse, and he followed em blindly, givin em all the help he cood. He hez bin explainin that for about 24 yeers.

"From 1865 to 1878 he made a vigorous effort to save the life uv both the old nags, and he hez hed his hands full ever since to explane that.

"ForgetIn his marital vows he afterwards assaulted his wife's lust cousin, the Nashel Credit, and insisted upon flat money and killin off spe-shy payment, and he hez bin explainin that ever sence.

"And jist now he is off on a expedition with Free Trade, and he wil worry yer souls out uv yoo for the next ten yeers tryin to explane that.

"He prosecuted every unjust war we hev waged, and opposed the only just one we ever hed, and he hez bin explainin both uv em ever sence.

"He rushed off into repoodiashen uv a honest debt, and he hez bin explainin that ever since.

"He howled for speashy, when we ought to hev good paper munny, and howled for rag munny when we ought to hev nothin but speashy or its equivalent, and he hez bin explainin that ever sence.

"In brief, the fust thing a Dimekratie speaker alluz does when he commences his speech is to explain, and that okkpies him till he closes.

"My friends, ther don't happen to be a single thing that Dimocrisy hez attempted to do that he hezn't bin compelled to explane. He hez man-aged with a skill wich is trooly wonderful to git on the wrong side uv every question that hez bin before the Amerikin people ever since he wuz born. Ef there's a sin wich he hezn't taken to his buzim and fur wich he is now explainin, I don't happen to remember it. If's there's a heresy he hezn't sided with, an error wich he hezn't embraced, a wrong wich he hezn't champlioned, and a piece of d—d foolishnis wich he hezn't endorsed I hev forgotten it.

"Other parties sometimes make mistakes—the Dimcrisy hez a weaknis for crime. It perpetooally wants to commit murder, without any reason for it. It is the one party that never wuz rite. One wood suppose it mite occasionally blunder into doin the proper thing, but it don't. It hez the whisky influence at its back, and it wood court Mormonism ef Utah hed a electoral vote. Ther ain't any sin wich it don't take to with a relish, none wich its adherence won't stumick. The Dimekratic stumick is wuss nor an ostrich's—the ostrich kin digest simple stones—Dimocrisy waxes strong on actoal pizen. It can't feed on grass, and sweet corn wood turn its stumick. It wants still slops with stricknin into it.

"The Dimekratic party is like a retreetin army—it alluz hez to look out for its reer. It's biggest enemy is it's past. It's continyooally white-washin its past. It hez to spend it's entire time explainin how it hezn't bin reely to blame fur bein a d—d fool. It's—"

It wuz high time for this sort uv talk to stop, for the infiddle hed really got the attenshun uv the people. Ther wuzn't no yoose uv movin an adjernment, and the people must be stampeded sumhow. Heroic treat-ment wuz necessary. Camly I rose, and, interruptin the speaker, remarkt to the awjence:
"Gentlemen, I hev recently hed a legacy left me, and I rekest yoo all to accompany me to Bascom's, where I hev several bottles drawd from a fresh barl, whic yoo are welcome to. I want yoo to jine me in a drink!"

The effeck wuz electrile. There wuz a wild charge for the door, fur three bottles wood skasely go round in sicch a crowd, and each wuz determined to be fust. Issaker Gavitt piled over the heds uv the crowd, and wuz out uv the door in a jiffy, with Deekin Pogram hangin to his coat tails. The sagashus old man wuz confiscatin a porshun uv the strength uv the younger man, that he mite not be eternally too late.

I had to pawn a Waterbury watch wich I hev borreded uv a travelin man for a Looisville whisky house, to git the bottles, for Bascom is ob-doorit. But I succeeded in breakin up the meetin. The Aposslie Paul coodont hold a Cross Roads awjence agin a invitashen to take suthin.

I hev hopes that this sacrifice will be remembered by the next admin-trashen, ef we elect a Dimekratic President. It is no small matter fur me to put out three bottles uv whisky for others when I so need em myself. But sacrifices must be made for the cause.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Worried).

THE CORNERS RATIFY THE NOMINATIONS.

Confederit X Roads, (Wich is in the State uv Kentucky), July 14, 1884.

The nooz uv the nominashen uv Cleveland, for the Presidency by the Dimecraitc nashnel convenshun at Chicago, reecht the Corners, by mule express from the stashen at Secessionville. To say that the nooz evoked the profoundest sensashen is puttin it altogether too mild. The horn wuz toot-ed from the front uv Bascom's grossy, and at the summons the citizens uv the Corners rallied at the meetin house and we organized ourselves to-wunst into a ratification meetin.

I took the chair, ez a matter uv course, and Isaker Gavitt wuz yoon-animously appintid sekretary, he bein the only citizen uv the Dimecraitc persuasion in the Corners wich hez the gift uv ritin, ceptin myself, and uv course I can't be president and sekretary uv the same meetin.

The follerin resolooshen wuz to-wunst submitted:—

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy uv Confederit X Roads hev heerd with mangled emoshuns uv pleasure and gratitood uv the nominashen uv that sterlin patriot and world-renowned statesman, Cleveland, uv—

Ther ensood at this pint a most okkerd pause.

What state is Cleveland from?" enquired the cheerman uv the commity on resolooshens.

"Uv Noo York," I answered promptly.

The blank wuz filled in wen unforchntly it wuz sejestid that ez the re-solooshens wuz again out to the world it wood be decent to put in his fust name, and not one uv us knowd wat it wuz.

Deekin Pogram insistid that it must be Androo. "The fust vote I cast for a Dimokrat for President," he remarkt, "wuz for Androo, Androo Jaxon, and the last Dimekraitc President we hed wuz another Androo—Androo Jonson. This man, Cleveland, his name must be Androo."

And so it went into the resolooshens "Androo Cleveland."

I diskivered a diffikilty the minit I red the platform. Deekin Pogram, is, and alluz hez bin, a violent free trader, while Issaker Gavitt, is, and hez bin, a violent perteckshunist, ever sence he sekoored an interest in a
rollin mill wich sum Eastern capytahlis establisht on his father's farm. I
supposed, however, that I hed em both fixed. I red it to em separately,
and consered to Issaker that nothing cood be more perteckshun, and to the
good old Deekin that it wuz ez wildly free trade ez ever he cood desire.

The platform wuz red by myself and we proposed another resolooshen
appravin that. Then trouble ensued.

Deekin Pogram, wich is a violent free trader, riz to remark that he cood
vote for that platform with his whole hart and sole. He hed bin a free
trader all his life, and he never knowd a Dimekrat convenshun to plant
itself so cleerly and explicitly on the side uv free trade sence he hed bin
in pollytix.

Issaker Gavitt riz to say he cood vote for the tariff plank with all his
hart, becoz that plank showd that the Dimocrisy hed finely got right on the
tariff question, the plank, ez he red it, being for the perteckshun uv Amer-
likum industry. It wuz encurridgin to them, wich beleived in progress and
sich, to hev the Dimocrisy uv the nashen rite onto this most important
pint.

"Do you pretend to say that the Democratic platform favors perteck-
shun?" shreeked the Deekin. "Ez it wuz red to me, it iz for free trade,
pure and simple."

"Too old ass, can't you understand plane English? Ef it isn't a square
roed proteckshun dockyment I can't spell. Yoo are a fool and alluz wuz."

Jist then the Deekin, in the interest uv harmony, announst his inten-
shun uv whalin Issaker and proceeded to do it, and ez the old man alluz did
hev muscle ther wuz the prospeck uv a lively row. He jumped across the
seets to the secretary's desk and hed Issaker by the throte, and Issaker hed
him by the hair when it is the shortest, and they wuz a rollin on the floor
in less'n no time.

In the meantime Bascom and Kernel M'Pelter hed got into a tussel ez
to what the platform meant on the money question, and the rest uv the
citizens got into a squabble ez to whether Cleveland wuz a Dimekrat at
all or not, becoz Tammany opposed him, and the upshot uv the biznis wuz
ther wuz a row wich incloodid every Dimekrat present except me, and we
broke up without passin any resolooshens or ratifyin the nominashens at
all.

Deekin Pogram and I retired to the back room uv Bascom's, and while
the old saint wuz a washin the blood ofr his face, we hed a conversashen
over the platform.

"Parson," said the old man, "what is the reel meaning of the platform?"

"Anything yoo like," wuz my reply, "anything yoo like. Remember it's a
Dimocratik platform, and a Dimocratik platform must be comprehen-
sive."

"Does it meen free trade or perteckshun?"

"Either or both, or neither."

"Parson, wunst on a time an ekestrian attempted the perilus feet uv
ridin two hosses, wich wuz a goin in different direckshuns. It resultid in
a totle faillyoor, and he wuz split in two, and his blood drenched the
arena."

"Deekin, I recognize the parable. But yoo must remember we ain't
ridin two hosses, jist now. We hev only promised to ride em. We hev
promised to ride the perteckshun hoss and likewise the free trade hoss, but
we don't hev to git onto em till after the November elekshun. The post
offises and custom houses are then sekoored, and after that we kin ride
ether hoss, or neither, ez we see fit. The main pint is to get the offis. After that we will take our chances with the people. We git four yeers lease uv power anyhow. Do you see?"

"Principle?" sed the Deekin inquiringly.

"My principle, my dear old frend, is to hev the post offis at the Corners. Yoors shoud be to git yoors-es if warm in the collector's offis. See?"

The Deekin did see, and within five minits he wuz moppin the blood from his face on the streets, and hoorayin for Cleveland and the platform. A similar conversation with Issaker Gavitt perdoost similer results, and at 11 at nite they wuz both sleepin the sleep uv a gallon uv whisky on the floor at Bascom's.

"Dimekratic harmony!" remarkt Bascom, smilinly, to wich I assented.

I can't understand why voters don't understand Dimekratic conven- shuns better. Wat do I keer for platforms espeshly, for it is so constructid that Watterson, uv Looisville, wich is free trade, and Randall, of Pennsylvania, wich is high pertective tariff, kin both stand on it, embracin eech other in harmony.

It is so worded that Watterson will support it in Kentucky, ez a de- mand for reform in the tariff, with a leenin toward free trade, and Randall will support it ekally in Pennsylvania, becoz it is fur reform in the tariff, with a decidid leenin to perteckshun.

I hev red that plank keerfully, and I defy any one to perdoose a man uv any shade uv opinyun, wich I can't soot out uv that platform, pervidd I know wat the man desires invariably in advance.

It will be a rather diffikilt campane to file, becoz our speekers will hev to prepare a speech for each state they go into. Iowa and Wisconsin will require one kind uv a speech and Pennsylvania and Ohio quite another. Hedgin sekiority to the nigger can't be dwelt upon very lively in Loois- vana and Mississippi, and they hev to be ruther keerful dodgin between Southern and Northern Georgia on the tariff question.

But a man wich hezn't sense enuff to write three or four speeches and make proper inquiries afore he opens his mouth ez to wat the people want, in any given locality, don't deserve to be employed by a Dimekratic central committy. Sich a man is not to be trusted. All that is needed in a speaker is great powers uv construkshen.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Construer).

MR. NASBY HAS A VISION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
July 20, 1884.

I hed another dreem last nite wich left a indelible impreshn on my memry. I don't understand why I shood contlayelly dreem, but vishuns come to me now nitely. I can't see why. It can't come from fizzeskel causes, for I live reglerly, ez I allluz hev done. I fill up reglerly at Bas- com's every nite, the amount I hist in dependin onto the temper uv the old man, or whether ther is stranger from Looisville ther, and I roll off toward my peaceful couch at about twelve, and sleep ez I hev allluz done. Why then, shood I dreem more now than I used to?

In my dreem last nite, methawt the old giant, Dimocrisy, wuz trotted out to be put in order for the regler four yeers' race. His old grooms and
backers wuz with him, but it looked ez tho by common consent they hed turned over the keer uv him to a noo lot wizh hed him in hand. There wuz George Wilyum Curtis, and the edditur uv the Noo York Times, and Henry Ward Beecher and a lot uv fellers from Massachosits wizh wuz a examinin him critikelly and makin sejestuns ez to wat shood be done to improve his condishn.

George Wilyum looked him all over keerfully.

"There's too many spots on him," wuz the remark.

"Here is a very sore spot marked 'Slavery,' another 'Seceshn,' another 'Repooldashen,' another 'Free Trade,' another 'States' Rites,' and a dozen others, which are positive blemishes. They must be removed."

"Troo," sed the Massachosits fellers, "but doublis they are only skin deep, and kin easily be rubbed out. The fust thing to do therefore is to rub them out."

"Eggsacally," sed Curtis. "We will immejitly perceive to rub them out."

The old backers smiled a sardonic smile, for they knowd the giant better than that, but they cheerfully furnishef brushes and consentratid lie and all sorts uv powerful soaps, and George Wilyum, Mr. Beecher and the Massachosits fellers went at it.

They applied the soap and the hot water, and they scrubbed at the spots an hour or two, til they wuz out uv breath, but it didn't somehow remove them. In fact the frickshen made em shine out all the more prominent.

They stopped and gazed at em.

"Trool," sed George Wilyum, "I hev scrubbed faithfully, and hev re-doosed the size uv the giant a inch, but the spot remanes ez dolefully plain ez ever."

"Verily," sed the Massachosetts fellers, "the spots we hev bin workin at are not eradicated by no means; on the contrary, they are even more disgustingly visible to the nakd eye."

Then they commenst agin. The body uv the giant wuz bein redoost under the operashen, for It seemed ez tho all ther wuz uv him wuz dirt, but the spots remaned.

They wuz puzzled to know wat to make uv It. Finally, Henry Ward Beecher, wizh hed scrubbed more faithfully than any uv em, took a penis-knife and jabbed vishusly around the spot he hed bin workin at, and made an eggssaminashen, and threw down his brush and soap in despair.

"It's no yoose!" wuz his brief remark. "Scrubbin is in vane. These spots are not merely skin-deep—they go clear through!"

"Troo," sed George Wilyum Curtis. "I hev made the same diskivery. Let us cut em out."

Then the old backers interfered, and pebubited it. "Ef yoo cut em out, yoo kill the giant. It's born in the flesh, and can't be eradicated. To eradicate the spots wood be to eradicate the giant. It's uv no yoose. Yoo must take him ez he is."

The Massyschoots fellers took one good look and one smell uv the giant corkies they hed bin workin at, and holdin ther noses retired with grate rapidity. George Wilyum Curtis and Henry Ward Beecher tried to git away, but they hed permitted the giant to git a grip onto em, and they coodont, and they laid down beside him. Jist then I awoke.

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Ther is a moral to this dreem wizh no one knows better than I do. The fact is Dimocrisy Is Dimocrisy, and it ain't nothin else. We can't make
It over or improve it. Wat Dimocrisy wuz 24 years ago it is now, and it ain’t nothin else. Horris Greeley tried to reform us, but it endid in roolin’ Horris without doin’ us any good. We are now tryin’ to hide behind Cleveland, but Cleveland is too thin, and the people see through him. Behind him is the same old cardkiss. George Wilyum Curtis and Henry Ward Beecher and them fellers are tryin’ to do suthin with it, but they can’t undo facts or change the nacher uv the animal. Dimocrisy is Dimocrisy, no matter who is in the saddle or who is engineerin’ the race. It’s one and indivisible, alluz the same and eternal—ef we cood only lay down and die and be born agin, or suthin, it would be encurrigidgin; but no matter wat cloak we put on, or what we perfess, it’s the same old cancer, wich kills everything it touches.

I am afraid I shel never sit in that postoffis agin, nor will Deekin Program toast his shins at the cheerful grate in the collector’s offis. Our strength is our weeknis. Ef we don’t stay Dimerkratic we ain’t nothin and if we do stay Dimerkratic we are killed. We can’t go over to the Republics, for wat chance wood we hev ther, and to stay by ourselves is starvashen.

I am going to call a convenshun to make a compromise with Blaine. I am goin’ to offer him the privilege uv runnin’ the government ef he will permitt us to hold the offises. Ef he declines this, our case is hopelis indeed.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Like Bunyan in Prisn.)

THE TARIFF PLANK OF 1884.

Confederit X Roads,
((Wich Is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jooly 30, 1884.

Ther are beins In this world wich are constantly makin’ trouble, and that feend, Joe Bigler, is one uv em, and the cheef.

We hed called another meetin for the purpus uv ratifyin’ the nomina-
shens, wich we hed dooly announst by a notiss written by Issaker Gavitt, and posted up in Bascom’s bar-room to make shoor that all the Dem-
ocrats uv the Corners wood see it. I set by it for day and red it to em, to enshoor a full attendance.

Joe Bigler happened in and red it, and sed it wuz a good ijee to hev a ratificashen meetin. He shodond hissetf probably vote for Cleveland and Hendrix, but it wuz the proper racket to hev sich, to the end uv citizens votin intelligently, and he shood swell the meetin by bein present hissetf.

Then I knewed ther wood be trouble, and I wood hev postponed the meetin till some time when he wuz shoor to be away, ef I cood. But unforchintly I coodn’t.

Then I begged him not to cum, but he insisted. He wood. He felt it to be a religius dooty.

“Relijus dooty!” I remarkt sarkastically, “what is your relijun?”

“I hevn’t got much,” sighed Josef pensively. “Wat I hev is mostly summed up in this: I labor vigrously every day with myself not to be quite as mean ez I know how to be. I shel be there.”

The nite, cum, the horn wuz tootid, and Deekln Program, Issaker Gav-
itt and myself took one sustainer to help us thro’ the hour and a half we shood be in the meetin and deprived uv sustenance, and then went over to the meetin house.

It wuz a cheerful site. Mirandy Pogram, assisted by the other Demo-
kratic ladies uv the Corners, hed got out the flags and banners we hev yoosed ever since 1861, and hed festooned the walls with em. Ther wuz the good old banners under wich we marched to defeat under Scymore and Micklelan, and Greely, and Tilden and Hancock, with the same inscripshens on em. "Death to Abolishnists!" "Shel White Wimmin be Com-pelled to Marry Niggers?" "White Husbands or None!" "Shel the Nigger, wich is a Beest, Contaminate the Poles Beside the White Man?" "Honor to the Confederit Braves!" "Them Wich Vote ez Linkin Votid are ez bad ez the Goriller Hissel!" and various other mottoes uv like nacher.

And on the wall, in the place uv honor wuz the identikle rifle with wich that old saint, Deekin Pogram, bushwhacked Fedrel pikkits at nite, after he hed bin sellin em watermelons all day. The Corners prize that rifle, and it is alluz dekorated when we hev Dimekratic meetins.

One advantage uv beh in a Dimokrat at the Corners is we don't change at all. The banners we marched under in 1861 do jist ez well for us now, for we are constantly fitin the old fite over agin, and alluz will till deth do us part.

I assoomed the chair and Issaker Gavitt took the secretary's table, ez offisho, and I made the speech ez yoosual.

I commenst an elaborate discushn uv the platform uv the party, an' wuz gittin on very well till I come to the tariff plank, when Joe Bigler ria and interrupted me. I knew the cuss wood do it, and my hart went down into my boots.

"I beg pardon," sed Josef, "for Interruptin the elokent speeker and woodent do it, only I desire to assist him in eloosidatin the eggshact meeter-in uv the platform, over wich I understand ther hez bin sum trouble. Ef ther is anything on earth wich shood be cleer and well defined, so cleer that he who runs may read, it is the platform uv principles uv a grate party. It shood be so cleer that the humblest intelleck shood know egg-sackly wat is meant by it, and wat them wich stand on it propose to do about it.

"To the end uv hevin a plane and cleer interpretashen uv this tariff plank, It okkurred to me, when I wuz over to Seceshunville, to go to the highest authority on the subjeck, wich is Mr. Barnum, the Chairman uv the Nashnel Dimekratic Commity. Ef any body on earth ought to know wat the platform means it is Barnum, isn't it?"

The meetin all yelled 'yes!' when Josef went on.

"I may ez well menshun that I assoomed the name uv our esteemeed frend Issaker Gavitt and telegraphed thus:

To Wm. H. Barnum, Cheerman uv the Nashnel Dimocratic Committee: Does the Dimekratic platform meen perteckshun or free trade?

ISSAKER GAVITT, Manyoofaktrer.

The anser I reseved wuz entirely satisfaktry. It red thus:

To Issaker Gavitt, Manyoofaktrer:

The tariff plank in the Dimekratic platform meens tariff reform with a tendency to the Perteckshen uv Amerikin labor by imposin heevy dooties on the manyoofakters uv the bloatid Briton. Bare down heavy on the perteckshun tendency among your operatives.

W. H. BARNUM, Cheerman.

Issaker, witch hez a small interest in a rollin mill, riz to his feet and yelled, "I knowd it! I knowd it! Uv course we want tariff reform, but the platform is all in the direckshun uv Perteckshun. Hooray!"

"I shood also state," continyood Josef, "that when I returned to the
Corners I telegraphed wunst more to Mr. Barnum to be shoor that I hed not misunderstood him, only I yoosed the name uv our ekally esteemed friend Deekin Pogram. This wuz my second dispatch:

“Wat is the eggssact meenin uv the tariff plank in the Dimocratic platform? I ask ez a sufferin Dimekratic agricultoorist, in a farmin seckshun.

DEEKIN SETH POGRAM.

“The anser cum back very promptly:

To Deekin Seth Pogram: The tariff plank in the Dimokratic platform is entirely explicit. It meens tariff reform with an uncompromisin leenin toward Free Trade and the rite to buy goods in England or elsewhere, wherever you kin buy em the cheapest. Bare down heavy on the Free Trade tendency among your oppressit agricultooral friends.

W. H. BARNUM, Cheerman.

“I knowd it—I knowd it!” shrecked the good old Deekin. “Hooray! wehev a platform wich meens free trade!”

Sum trouble ensood. Issaker swore that the dispatch sent to the Deekin wuz bogus, and the Deekin swore that the dispatch sent to Issaker wuz bogus, for both hed hed the platform red to em and they both hed constrood it.

Issaker denounced the Deekin ez a d—d ass; “for,” sed he, “does not Randall, uv Pennsilvany, accept the platform, and isn’t he a Perteckshun-rst?”

“D—d ass, yerself,” retortid the Deekin. “Does not Watterson, and varlisle, and Morrison, and Hurd all accept it, and ain’t they rabid Free Traders?”

And then ez these two Dimocrats wuz throwin mud at each other the neetin broke up in a row, and Joe Bigler rolled off laffin, remarkin that he wuz sorry for the disturbance, but he wantid the platform cleerly defined and he didn’t know how else to git a cleer enunshashen uv wat it meant than by telegraffin the Chairman uv the Dimocratic Nashnel Commity. He shood immejitly perceed to telegraff more uv em soon, and wood hev anserz by the time the Dimorcrisy uv the Corners wanted to ratify agin.

Ef the good Lord in his infinit mercy wood only take Joe Bigler to his wuzm, I coid git along with the Dimocrisy here. He never appees upon the surfis without makin trouble.

He and that Pollok from Illinoy, together manage to keep us in hot water all the time. Wood that the good old times wuz back agin wen we cood organize and invite em, at the muzzle of shot guns, to move. But them days hev gone, with us. Down in Mississippi it wood anser; or even in Danville, Virginny, but here the niggers are too strong for that sort uv argment, and our sperits iz broke.

Issaker and the Deekin commenst the old fite over agin, and I hevn’t bin able to compromise the matter ez yit. It is a cold world and full uv trouble.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (In constant hot water).

MR. NASBY GOES TO NEW YORK.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
September 15, 1884.

I resewved a call from the Nashnel Central committee to come to Noo York to receive instruckshens for a stumpin toor, to okkey the time from now to November 1, wich I gladly obeyed. I never hesitate to re-spond to a call uv this kind. I git my transportashes from here to Noo
York, which is cheaper than livin at home, for the committy send me money for meels, and ez I sleep most uv the time on the way, to escape the monotony uv travel, I don't reely need the likker wich is necessary at home, and then, when I am in Noo York, waitin my turn, I hev the free run uv the sloons in the Sixth ward. Tho the likker is unusually bad, ther is enuff uv it, wich is some consolashen.

I wuz invitid up to the committy rooms, and wuz met by the chairman, the grate Barnum hisself.

"Where shel we send Mr. Nasby?" sed he to the sekretary.

The sekretary onfolded a map uv the United States, wich wuz markt all over in seckshuns.

"I shood start him in Western Pennsylvania," replied the sekretary. "We need much work there."

"Very good," sed Mr. Barnum, "yoo will commence work in Pittsburg. Here is the sinopsis uv the speech yoo will make there, and you will need to study it keerfully so as to make no mistakes. Yoo will ob-serve that in Pittsburg the cotashuns yoo make are from Randa's speeches on the tariff, wich goes to prove that the Dimocrisy are pledged to perteckshun solid. Devote your time an energies solely to this pint Yoo may, however, in Pittsburg, denounce the tariff on wool, claimin that it enhances the cost uv clothin uv the workin man, but insist that the tariff onto iron must and shel be maintaned. Find out how the people are on prohibishen, and act accordinly. When yoo find a Republikin Prohibishi-nist, urge him to remane troo to his prinsiples and vote for St. John, by all means, but when yoo run agin a Democratic Prohibishunist, show him the folly uv throwin away his vote on a man wich cannot be electid."

"I understand," I sed. "This is cleer sallin." And I took the synopsis uv the Pittsburg speech.

"From Pittsburg yoo will perceed over into Ohio. I warn yoo that yoo must keep sober in Ohio, and must yoose discreshun and cawshun. In the iron deestriks the Pittsburg speech will do. But remember this! When yoo git into the agriculturel seckshuns, you must study this other speech. (He handid me another manuascript.) In this one, Dimocrisy li pledged to free trade, with a few excepshuns. Thus, when yoo are in the grazin counties in the interior, yoo must insist that the tariff onto wool shel be maintaned; and also when yoo are up in the grape region insist that the tariff on wine shel not be disturbed. When yoo cross the lines into seckshuns where ther ain't no wool or wine, and wher ther ain't no manufacturin, yoo must argoo that free trade is the only safeguard the people hev agin monopoly. And—"

"Kin yoo tell me the counties wher I must talk tariff on wool and wine and the counties wher I musn't? It wood be okkurfd to git mixed on these things."

Mr. Barnum perdoosed a map with lines drawn all over it.

"Certinly. We hev maps prepared for the yoose uv all our speekers. These counties on the line uv the lake wich is colored purple are wine counties, and wher there is white lines drawd thro there is wool ez well ez wine. Wher there is a black cross onto em, there is manufacters, ez well ez iwne and wool. In sich counties yoo must urge a perteckive tariff on everything. In the counties marked 'wine excloosively,' the perteck-shun must be confined to wine alone.

"Sometimes there 'is wine in a part uv a county, and sometimes wool only in a part uv a county, and, and in sich cases—"
"Great Scott!" I exclaimed, "but I can't do this! I can't hev a dozen speeches prepared. How am I to proceed with such a mess?"

"The process is simple, though great care must be observed. On arrivin at an appointment, yoo must take out the map and see wher yoo are. Then on arrivin at yer hotel select from yoor valise—the committy will furnish yoo a valise in wich to keep your cleen shirts—"

"The committy will likewise hev to furnish the cleen shirts or ther will be no yoose fur the valise onless it is to keep the manooscripts, whch, uv itself, will rekwire a very large one."

"We shel furnish the valise, and the cleen shirts. We hev to do this with all our speekers, cep'tin sech ez Carl Shurts, whch we pay reglar orices to per nite, fur speekin fur Cleveland and reform. By the time yoo hev filled these appintments, we will send yoo another route, and so on till November, when we hope victory will hev crowned our efforts, and yoo shel retire to yoor postoffis at the Cross Roads the follerin March."

Mr. Barnum gave me money and transportashen to Pittsburg, and I departid happy. I felt good wuust more to hev a dollar in my pokkit, and not to feer the approach uv the conduciter. I hev bin droppit off the hind end uv tranes so many times that it is monotonous. One kin git thru the wentry by bein kicked off one tran and waitin fur the next to come only to be kicked off that, but it is warin onto the seet uv the troubls.

It wuz a unforchnit vencher. I wuz onlucky enuff to git into the city in the mornin, and I reported to the centrel committy. The yocsual thing ensood. I wuz invitid to take suthin, whch I hed not the Spartan furnis to refoozo. One drink led to another, fur the active Dimocrysy uv Pittsburg is drouthy, and by the time nite hed come and I hed got onto the platform I wuz fuller than a gote. I opened up my valise and commenst my speek. When I hev manooscript I kin speek, drunk or sober, and I did speek. Did I speek for any length uv time? Indeed I did not. Ther cum up from that awjence sich a storm uv imprecashuns, such a howl uv derishun, sich a minglin uv profanity ez never wuz heerd. I aposed it wuz ther way uv applaudin and went on, smilin, till a passel uv em rushed up on the platform and histed me off, and hustled me out into the street.

The next mornin I seed it all. I hed, in my intoxicashen, taken my free trade speecj out uv the valise, and wuz flirin that off at a Pittsburg awjence, every man uv whch wuz a iron manoofaktrer!

Like a drunken ass, I wuz demonstratin to a awjence uv workers in iron that a tariff on iron wuz wuss nor highway robbery, and doin it under the authority uv the Dimokratic nashnel centrel committy!

It wuz a mercy that I wuzn't killed on the spot.

Mr. Barnum heerd uv it, and to-wunster offered me to either take an oath never to tetch likker agin, or perceed home. He wirt thus:

"In a campane like ours, whch is mixed, absloot sobriety is essenshel to pervent mistakes. A man with likker in him cannot be trusted to carry about 12 different speschees, adapted to the wants uv 12 different sets uv opinyuns. No man kin be a Dimokratic campane speeker this yeer whch cannot be trusted to take the rite speech out uv his valise."

Uv course I can't travel, or fur that matter, stay at home, without my regler supplies, and so I resned. Better occasshel drinks at Bascom's than none at all on the road. Regler eatin is suthin, but regler drinks is more nessary.

I hope to get an appintment to speek in one seckshun, wher one speech will answer, but I will take no more mixed chances.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Victim uv Appetite).
(The Boston Traveller issued a circular to some 300 men prominent in business and politics, asking them to give their reasons for supporting Blaine and Logan. Among others their circular was sent to Rev. Petroleum V. Nasby, whose answer is appended):

**MR. NASBY ANSWERS A CIRCULAR.**

Confedrit X Roads, 
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky.) 
Sept. 10, 1884.

To the Editur uv the Boston Traveller: 

Yoo ask me to give my rezens why Blaine and Logan shood be electid. Perhaps yoo ain't aware uv whom yoo make this rekest. Perhaps your letter wuz adrest to me by mistake, or perhaps, yoo intend to be sarkastic Ef yoo reely adrest the letter to me it is a holler mockery.

I see no rezens why Blaine and Logan shood be electid. Do yoo comp'erhend who I am, and wat I hev suffered fur Dimocrisy? Do yoo ask on fur rezens fur the eleckshun uv Blaine and Logan, wich commenst his politikle carey by votin for Jaxon, and who never differed with that grae man but wunst, and that wuz when he put down seceshun n South Karliny?

Kin yoo ask fur rezens fur votin fur Blaine and Logan uv one wich cast his vote for every Dimekratic President from Jaxon down, and many times three or four?

I am a Dimekrat. I votid fur Bookannon, and when the Radikels precipitated a war by refoselin to give up Fort Sumpter I emigratid from Noz Jersey to Kentucky that I mite not be forst to take up arms agin the Dimekratic states.

I wuz, however, desertid into the Confedrit servis, fromwich I desertid. not becoz I hed any objeckshun to the coz, but from a constooshnel dis like of gunpowder and baynits.

But in desertin the Confederacy I avoided the Scylla uv the Confedrit servis only to bump up agin the Karybdis uv Fedrel muskit carryin. I wuz desertid into the fedrel army, and only escaped sheddin fratrisidle blood by desertin one nite to Canady. Who kin describe the agonies endorred by myself and five others that tempestuous nite on Lake Erie in a open boat! Who shel describe the deep disgust that awaited me on the sacred sile uv Canady, when I wuz compelled to work fur a nigger there or starve!

The first ray uv sunshine wich ever illumined my dreery path, wuz when Jonson split with the Radikels, and gave me the postoffs at the Cross Roads! That wuz a little heaven below. The salery wuzn't much, but I managed to subsist by stoppin the letters containin remittances for lottery tikkets, wich I did on moral grounds spendin the contence thereof, myself, ez a punishment to the senders. They lade the swindle to the lottery companies. But my zeal for reform worked again my own interests, for after a while the people stopt mailin their money. But I hev alluz bin a marter to principle.

Wat wuz Blaine doin all this time? He wuz the rite hand uv the tirent Linkin and wuz foremost among the persekkooters uv the South.

Logan! My gorge rises when I think uv him! My regiment, the Loozeaner Pelikins, wuz afore him wunst, and I never want to heer his name. Gittin away from him and his deloodid sojers kept me in a swamp four days and nites, wich give me a roomatism, wich still inkapacitates me from laber, and the Fedrel government wich thus roolined me, physicelly, refooses to give me a penshun to soothe my declining yeers.
It is this roomatism which compels me to sit 16 uv the 24 hours in Bascom's, dependin onto chance comers, wich are librel and carelfs, fur the drinks wich I must hev to sustane an enfeebled constitooshun. It is troo I never did work afore the war, but the government hez nothin to do with that. The government wich hunted me thro swamps wuz the coz uv my roomatism, and the government shood pay fur it.

Will Blane and Logan, ef they are electid, put us Confedrit soljers on a level with the Fedrel survivors in the matter uv penshuns? Deekin Pogram and Issaker Gavitt want to know ef they will remooneate 'em for the niggers wich they freed, not only dispollin 'em uv their property but dispersin their sons and dawters to the four quarters uv the globe? The last time I wuz in Cincinnati with Deekin Pogrom, we met one uv the Deekin's ante-war sons by a likely mulatto woman, Mirandy, and he refuseed to lend the Deekin the price uv a sustaneer for him and me. And the time wuz when the Deekin owned that nigger! Will Blane and Logan pay the Deekin the valyoo thereof in shekels uv gold or shekels uv silver?

Will Blane and Logan pay the Deekin for the property confiscatid doorin the war by Fedrel soljers? Will his claim for mules and raies confiscatid by the Fedrels, wich wuz rejectid becoz it wuz proved upon him that while he sold the Fedrel soljers watermelons doorin the day he bush-whacked em doorin the nite, will that claim be paid by Blane and Logan?

No. Down here we see no reason for votin for Blane and Logan. We shel vote for ex-Sheriff Cleveland, or whoever the Democratic Nashnel committy put on in his place. We hev votid the Dimokratic ticket till moss hez growd on our bax, and we shel continuo till the end. We can't commence warin clean shirts and puttin on stockins in the summer at our advanced age. The noo generashun now comin on may do it, but we can't. We can't quit noo whisky and dog-leg terbacker, nor kln the good Deekin commense learnin to read in his declinin yeers. We shel not hev unlimited nigger laber any more, but we hope with a Demokratic administrashen to hev the niggers that are with us, them wich we hev not killed, so completely under control that it will amount to about the same thing.

The Dimocrisy uv the Cross Roads may be countid on ez solid and sted-fast. We see no reasons why Blane and Logan shoo be electid.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(alluz the same.)

THE OHIO ELECTION OF 1884.

Confedrit X Roads,
(WIch is in the State uv Kentucky),
October 19, 1884.

We hev reeved the nooze uv the Ohio election at the Corners, and various results, none uv em pleasant, hez resultid therefrom.

I heerd the nooze fust, ez I spose, tho ez bad noose travels fast it wuz at Bascom's afore I got down in the mornin, and am a toler-ably erly bird there myself. I am alluz there erly, ez every day there is travelin men wich go over to Bascom's to git ther mornin drink, and it is well to be around on the chance uv invi-tashens.

Deprest ez I wuz, I determined not to let any uv em know that I felt it. I assoomed a serene look uv cam satisfaction and sailed in with a smile onto my face. I found the Deekin, Issaker Gavitt, Kernel McPelter, and
all uv em sit'tn there in a state uv eggstreme discomfiture. Bascom
wuz, not puttiv it too mildly, furious.

" Ez yoost-al," sed I, sidlin up to the bar.

"Not quite ez yoosual," replied Biscom. "I hev inoggeratid a new sys-


tem this mornin—we depart from the yoosual custom by requirin any sich
man ez yoo are to lay down five cents onto the counter afore I place
the bottle in his too willin grasp. From this time on it is cash jist afore the
delivery uv the goods."

"Why this sudden, inconvenient change?" I asked.

"Hev yoo heerded from Ohio?" wuz the chillin response.

"Heerd from Ohio?" sed I, valin my agony with a smile, "uv course I
hev heerded the glorious nooze. We hev got em!"

"Glorious nooze!" he respondid with a sneer, "Maine puked us, and
Ohio hez physikied us. A majority uv 12,000 agin us. Wat kind uv a git
is that?"

"G. W.," wuz my cam response, for by this time I hed got controle uv
myself, "yoo don't understand politikle tactics. The only trouble wiz-
hev in Ohio is, the Republikin majority wuz not large enuff. However, we
shel pull thro with wat we hev, tho we shood hev let em carried it
by 25,000."

"I suppose ef the Republikin majority hed bin 50,000 we wood hev hed
a ded shoor thing onto em?"

"Certinly. The trooth iz, our people is letharjik, and soopine, and wat
we need is a defeet to awaken em. Our trubble is over-confidence, and we
wanted a back-set to awaken the slumbrin lion. We played the same tac-
tiks in Maine and in all the early states. Wat we want iz to save our
strength for the final fite in November when we shel show em wat Dim-
ocrisy reely is. In vew uv the tremendous success uv our tactiks in
Ohio, Bascom, please set out the bottle."

Bascom declined to do it; in fact, he sed I hed bin the coz uv the
rooin uv the Corners. On the strength uv my profesies that we shood
carry Ohio by a majority uv 20,000 he hed bet his good money and lost it
"And now yoo cum in and say that that wuz precisely wat the Dimocrisy
intendid to do. Git out!"

That ended the matter. I borporred five cents and hoomilatnly paid.
I must confess that things don't work in Ohio ez I cood hev wished.
Somehow things don't work for us. We countid on the Independent Re-
publikin movement, but that hez petered out to merely George Wilyum
Curtis, the Noo York Times, and Carl Shurts at $250 a speech. Nobdy
seems to hev pade the slitest attenshun to em. We hev showed up Blane
ez a feerful bad man, but ez the people feendishly persist in votin for him,
wat must ther estimashun uv Cleveland be? Ef they do bleeve in the soo-
preme onftnls uv the Republikin party, wat must be ther estimat uv us?

These be the conundrums wich I co n't ansor.

But one hope remaines, and that I hev determined onto. Our only
hope is in inodosin the Prohibishnists to support St. John in suffishnt
numbers to let Cleveland slide in. The postoffis at the Corners depends
onto it, and it is the only hope I hev.

I hev resolved onto a bold stroke. I am goin into Ohio to help the
Prohibishnists. I hev detailed the plan to Bascom, and he sees suthin in it
and hez relentid, pervidin me with an outfit and money enuff to get to
the scene uv my labers, after wich I must depend onto the temperanse or-
ganizashens.
Bascom hez given me two white shirts, four collars, two pares uv cuffs, and a soot uv black cloze, so that I kin appear suthin like a tempranse Republikin. He hez also lent me a pare uv boots uv hizzen wich are actoally mates, for it wood never do to make speeches for St. John in one shoe and one boot, espeshly ef the toes projectd thro em.

Then I hev shaved my entire face and kalsomined my nose to a degeeee that wood desevee the elect. I hev metamorphosed myself so that, ef not inspected too closely, I mite pass fer a superintendent uv a Sundy-skool—a Alabama hard-shell Baptis Sundy-skool, anyhow. I am tryin to appear like a Republikin, from the border states at least, and with the cleen shirts my disgise is perfeck.

I shel go into Ohio and make speeches for St. John. I shel insist that this is the time for Prohibitionists to stand firm and be troo to ther principles. I shel show em that the Republikin party ez a nashnel organizaeshen hez not taken the eggstreme ground on this grate question, and shood therefore be driven from power. But my grate argument will be this: I shel paint the Dimocrsy in ez bad colors ez possible, wich don't need no egssaggerashen. Then when the Prohibishnists ask me wat we expect to make by oustin the Republikins and puttin in the Dimocrsy my anser will be prompt. I shel say to em that physicians puke ez well ez physic ther pashents. The best cure for a evil is to give the pashent a double dose uv it. Ef the Prohibishnists put the power into the hands uv the Dimocrsy for jist one term, the people will be so infernally sick uv it that they will, in 1888, rise in ther mite and go the other eggstreme, wich will inclood Prohibishn and everything else. That the only way to git at Prohibishn is to give the Dimocrsy full sweep for jist one term, wich will make the people willin to take anything.

This will be singler talk for a Dimocrat to make, but it will do me. Ef we kin, thro this organizashen, elect Cleveland, it will give us the postoffises, custom houses and the contrax, and after four yeers wat do I care? Four yeers more will find me sleepin in the valley, and then postoffises will do me no good. And ef I survive it ther won't be money enuff left in the treasury to make holdin a offls worth while. Ez hungry ez we are, ef we don't bankrupt a nashen in four yeers it will be singler. Four yeers is all we want.

For sustenance on this toor I start out with a two-gallon jug in my trunk (Bascom advanced the trunk), and he hez promised to send me demi-johns from time to time, enclosed in a box and labelled "Temperence document." This will hev to be taken in the privacy uv my room. I hev kalsomine for my nose, so ez to fix that.

By regler kalsominin my nose I k'n pass for a tollable tempранe man, and I kin git on, so fur ez I see, in everything else, onless it may be askin blessins when I am the guest uv church members. Likewise I hev laid in a stock uv cloves to disguise my bre th when I come down to breakfast. With these precawshens, I hope to git thro and effect my purpus.

Ef this don't work, nothin will, and we may ez well throw up the sponge. But it will work.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(For Prohibishn and a Postoffis).
MR. NASBY MAKES A DIRE FAILURE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
October 25, 1884.

I am back here amongst my familyer haunts and in disgrace. I wuz ignominiously eggspeld from Bascom's, he insistin that he hed given me all the trials he wuz a goin to, that somehow I don't succeed in anything I take hold uv, and that he hez done with me forever. I ain't very much afrade uv that, for Bascom hez to hev me. The Corners don't reed; but they jist enuff interest in public affaeres to compel em to hev somebody wich does, and I am the only man among em wich kin read floently. They hev to hev me to reed the paper he takes, and that accomplishment is wuth my likker. The advantages uv edicashen (fur white men) is incalkeable.

I made my first plunge for St. John at Smithville, Ohio. Everything worked at the beginnin entirely satisfactry. I hed put on a fresh coatin uv kalsomine on my nose in the cars afore I got out at the depot, and takin a mouthful uv cloves after the last drink I took out uv my pokkit compan-ion, wuz in good shape to reeseve the commity at the depot. I wuz taken to the house uv a prominent Prohibitionist at about 6 o'clock p. m., the meetin wich I wuz to address bein called at 10. After a substanshul supper, wich I took to kindly after the skirmishin so long on free lunches at Bascom's, I wuz showed to the room where my trunk wuz, that I mite prepare for the speech.

That wuz fatle. I onlocked the trunk to git out the cleen shirt wich Bascom furnished and succeeded in gittin it on, and wuz nearly reddy, when my eyes dropped onto the demijohn wich Bascom hed put into it for my sustenance thro the toor.

Fatle demijohn! Alas for the weeknis uv human nacher! I looked at the demijohn and resolootly turned away. I went to my overcoat and took cut my pokkit flask. Ther wuz but one mild asswager into it, and that I swallered. It did me for a minit.

"Upon wat slender threads
Hang everlasting things,"
ez the poet justly remarks. Hed I hed my neck tie on I probably wood hev kep enuff Prohibitionists votin for St. John to hev carried Ohio for Cleve-land, wich wood hev electid him. But the lite wuz bad, and it took me so long to get that neck-tie on that I must hev another drink. I took out the demijohn and pulled the stopper.

A delishus aroma uv alcohol and fusil oil filled the room and mad-dened me. I took a long and refreshin draft, and perceedit with the neck-tie. The demijohn wuz still on the table and open. I could not resist it, and I put it wunst more to my lips. Ez I hed no tumblor to pour out a drink, I went for the mouth uv the demijohn. It hed bin a long time sence I hed seen two gallons uv noo whisky within reach, and I pulled at it till I wuz satisfied, and then tried the neck-tie agin. By this time the likker hed begun to do its perfekc work and I became utterly recklis. I tore off the paper collar, wich seemed to me a badge uv servitood, bein entirely suthin noo to my throte, and kicked off one boot to git myself back to suthin normal. Graspin the demijohn I put it wunst more to my lips and utterin a wild war-whoop sunk eggsaustid on the floor.
My entertainer hed bin waitin for me sum minitis with a committy uv seven, wich hed come to escort me to the hall. The war-whoop wich he ted heerd rung thro the house and al armed the entire committy, wich rushed up to my room.

The site wich met ther gaze wuz not wat they exceptid. They beheld me prostrate onto the floor, the air filled with fumes uv no whisky that wood hev made, alone and single-handid, any man not a frekenter uv Bascom’s drunk uv itself and without any other help. This wuz enuff to hev eggspalned the coz uv the condishn I wuz in, but ther on the floor wuz the demijohn, the preshus flooid a runnin out over the floor, the thirsty carpet drinkin up wat shood hev bin irrigatin my bowels.

On the top uv the few cloze in my open trunk wuz a circrler from the nashnel committy, directin me how to perceed with the Prohibitionists, givin the snap entirely away.

“Nasby, from Kentucky!” exclaimed one uv em, “comin here to speek for Prohibishn!”

“A man sent to us by the Dimekratic nashnel committy to speek for Prohibishn!” exclaimed another, “wich coodn’t controle hisself long enuff to keep sober, and hed to hev a two-gallon jug uv likker in his trunk!”

And they lifted me, not so tenderly ez they mite, and histed me down stares and out uv the front door, with a stern injunckshen to be gone.

I got permishn to go back after my effex, wich I didn’t keer much about, but I thot possibly ther mite be a quart uv likker wich hed’n escaped from the demijohn, wich wuz the case. That I poured into my flask, and sholderin my trunk sought out the Dimekratic hed-quarters, wich permited me to sleep on the floor that nite. They sympathised with me. The chairman wondered how Bascom cood be sich a eggrejis ass ez to trust me out on a speekin toor with a two-gallon demijohn uv likker. The only way to manage sich cases, he remarkt, is to keep the likker away from the speekers that the quantity may be relegated. No man kin be blamed for takin all within site, but proudence requires that the amount in site be kept to the pint uv not incapacitat in a man fur his work. He blamed the committy wich give me the demijohn, more than he did me.

“No man,” sed he, “wich hez acquired the proper appetite fur likker kin be trustid with a onlimitid supply, and besides this demijohn biznis is agin me. (The chairman uv the Democratic committy is also proprietor uv the Eagle s’loon.) The proper thing is to buy it by the glass. It takes some time for the bar man to git out the bottle, and time is used in makin change, or chargin it up, ez the case may be, so that no one kin git it fast enuff by the glass to incapacitate him for some kinds uv biznis afore 12 at nite. No man shood drink from a demijohn so long ez there is a bar open. He may hev a bottle, and it will anser to yoose it ez he is goin to bed, or the lusty thing in the mornin, afore he is drest, but not ez a stiddy thing. Likker needs lookin after.”

I wuz pleased with his kindnls, espeshly ez he asked me to take suthin several times. I even went so fur ez to make a proposishen to him to leave the Corners and establish myself in his place, but he yoonanimously declined. He remarkt that every Dimekratic county in Ohio wuz stocked with such ez I am, and there wuz no okkashun for more.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Prohibishn Fallyoor).

Postscript:—Afore I kun agin address the people, the die will hev bin cast. On next Toosday the voters uv the Yoonitid States will hev determined whether I shel hev my old postoffis agin or whether the nigger, Lubbock,
shel continner to hold it, wich is the ishoo. The fate uv the nashen hangs tremblin in the balance. It is a question whether I shel hev regler likker for the next four years, or whether Lubbock shel finish the adishn to the house wich he is buildin. The Corners hangs brithlis on this decision. Bascom is in a state uv mind about it, for the credit uv all them wich expex the Fedrel offices here hez about run out. Will the people de- sert us in this crisis? I can't think so. Rally for our sakes! Rally for Bascom's sake!

REJOICING OVER CLEVELAND'S ELECTION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Nov. 6, 1884.

Never sence the fust battle uv Bull Run, when it wuz represented that the Fedrel army hed bin entirely destroyed, and that the Confedrits wuz in posseshun uv Washnton, wuz there sich a feelin uv absloot joy in the Corners ez Wednesday nite, when we resseed the glad Intelligence that our noble standard-barer, ex-Sheriff Cleveland, hed bin electid.

The nooze cum over from the stashen at Seceshunville by Bascom's old- est boy, Jeffson Davis, on his mule, wich he hed contribbited for the occu- cashun. Jeffson wuz seen ridin down the hill at a furious pace, holdin on to the animal's tale with one hand, while he wuz belaborin him with a hickory club in the other. We knowd he hed good nooze, or he woodent be so recklis uv mule, and the eggsclatement wuz intense. He wuz half-way down the hill, when the mule stopt suddint, pitchin Jeffson over his head. The noble boy didn't mind it. Regainin his feet, he thot a moment ez to whether he shood re-mount the mule or do the rest on foot. Strik-in into a run, he rushed into his father's bar, with the paper wich con- tained the glad Intelligence, and exclaimin, "D—n that mule!" sunk falut-in to the floor. His mother revived him by givin him a grown person's dose uv noo whisky, and I seezed the paper and red the glad Intelligence to the deltitd populls.

The effeck wuz electrile. The overjoyed Dimocrisy howled. Issaker Gavitt tooted the horn wich we yoose, owin to the fact that the money fur a bell wich wuz sent us by the Noo England Church Extenshun so- ciety happened to come to me, ez the pastor, and Bascom knowin uv it, made me apply a half uv it to the likwidashun uv a bill at his bar, and the other half I lost that nite at a game uv seven-up with Deekin Pogram. However, the horn does very well, ez it is one uv grate power, and remark- ably soft in tone.

We proceedid to-wunst to gitt out the relux uv the late oneashnls to dekorate the church with. The rifle wich Deekin Pogram yoosed in bush- whackin Fedrel pikkits wuz festooned and put in its old place. Mirandy Pogram came rushin up with the skulls uv the Fedrel prizners, wich her brother, wich wuz a guard at Andersonville, hed shot, and cleaned, and preserved for her, ez mementoos uv his valer, and the old war-flags uv the regiments wich went into the Confedrit servis from the visibility wuz all dustid and hung out.

We wood hev hed speeches, but Bascom, wich is a ass, wuz so full uv joy that he spiled the hull thing by remarkin that his wife and son, Jeff- son Davis, wuz puttin a fresh barl on tap, and that the Corners wuz wel- come.

Cood the citizens endoor sittin in the meetin house under these circum-
stances? No, indeed! There wuz a wild rush for his place, and the bar
wuz set runnin, and the nite wuz givin over to sich rejolcin ez seldom
falls to the lot uv man.

At about 8 in the evenin I wuz pulled out uv my chair, and stood up on
a whiskey bari for a speech. I hed skasely commenst when I wuz roodly
pulled down. It wuz that feend, Joe Bigler, who remarkt that he felt
very much like makin a speech hisself, and when in the mood uv discharg-
in hisself he didn’t want no Interrupshen.

"My friends," he commenst, "I am with you to-nite to rejolce with you
over the glorious results uv the electshun!"

"Yoo rejolce with us!" eggsclaimed the suprised meetin. "Why you
are a black Republikin!"

"Troo," he replied, "too troo, but still I rejolce. I confess that, hevin
a family, I hedn’t the nerve to vote for Cleveland, but nevertheless I re-
joice that he is electd."

"Give us yer reason!" shouted the eggscted multitood.

"Ihev a reeson, and it is a good one. I kin git along under any sort
uv a government; but, gentlemen, Ihev children. Ihev bin mitly con-
cerned ez to wat will become uv them when I am gone, and consektly I
want to see how much uv a strane a government kin bare and survive.
The reason why I am glad that Cleveland is electd is that if this govern-
ment can stand four yeers uv sich a man, and them wich will be behind
him, it will endor forever, for certinly we kin never possibly git anything
wuss.

"I rejolce becoz it is the carryin out, in one sense, uv our system. It is
our proud boast that any one may aspire to the Presidency. The elect-
shun Toosdy shows that that is no vane boast. Anybody, I say anybody,
after this may aspire to the Presidency, ef sich a man ez Cleveland kin
git there. A grate meny men hev bin sent to the penitentiary too soon.
Ther will be walin and weepin and nashin uv teeth in them places, when a
grate many men hear uv this, and think that cod they hev dodged a con-
vicekshun they mite now be wher Cleveland is now.

"I rejolce over the eleckshun uv Cleveland, becoz it wuz to be egg-
spectid that sumtime in the histry uv the republik sich a man shood, by
some inscrutable decree uv Divine Providence, be elevatid to the Presi-
dency, and I hed rather the calamity wood happen while I am alive to endor
it than to hev it fall upon my innocent children. I kin stand it, for I
never knowd greef. I hev seen sich men ez Pierce and Bookannon Pres-
ident, and I know wat to expect. But with my innocent children it is dif-
ferent, and I want this calamity to come while I am alive and kin sort o'
comfort and sheeld em. Gentlemen, I am sick, but this feerful disgrace
hed to come some time—I am glad it hez come now."

Then Josef stawked out uv the room and we resoomed our rejolcin.
Bascom’s one bari didn’t last long. Inasmuch ez it wuz a certin thing that
the Fe-Irel offisles wood soon be ours, he felt it safe to extend credit to
sich ez wood naterally fill them places, and we ordered recklistly. I ain’t
shoor how much I am in, nor is Bascom, for he hedn’t time the next
mornin to figger up the books, but I think I must hev ordered at least
$60 wuth myself. The credit system is dangerous, for it is easy to order
when yoo don’t hev to pull the money out uv yer pokkit and pay.

I don’t keer, however. The postoffis is mine, and when I am drorin my
salary I kin pay him off in installments.

The festivities wuz kep up till daylitle, and the hefty uv the Corners slep
on his floor, wat little sleep they go. It wuz a glorious celebrashen uv a glorious event. Half the toasts that wuz drunk wuz to the Prohibitionists uv Noo York, whose zeal for St. John enshoored the eleckshun uv Cleve-land, and struck a deth-blow at the temperanse fanaticism wich seriously threatened us, even in Kentucky. Out uv the five barrelis uv whisky con-soomed, three uv em wuz to our Prohibishn friends. The Prohibitionists and rum mills uv Noo York did the biznis.

My heart is overflowin. It is the fust gleem uv sunshine I hev seen for twenty years. Hallelujoj!

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Full).

THE CORNERS JOLLIFY.

Confedrit X Roads,  
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),  
Nov. 16, 1884.

We wuz not misled. The nooze that cum to us, per Bascom's mule, wuz subseqently confirmed. Cleveland is electid!

When I think how cluss it wuz and how he won the fite, I am reminded uv the young physician over at Seceshn Crick, wich hed his fust case uv obstetrix. He wuz askt the next mornin how he got on?

"Tollable, tollable," wuz his reply. "The mother and child is both ded but I hev hope uv pullin the old man through!"

We won by the help uv the Prohibitionists and Independent Republikans, and by sinkin everything wich we clame ez Democratic but we hev the postoffis! That old man we hev pulled through.

His majority in Noo York is too close for any moral effeck, but moral effeck ain't wat we are after. All the moral effeck we want is the post-offis, the custom house, and the internal revenoo offis, with the places uv the clerks, postal agents, and things appertalin. The moral effeck that we are hankerin after is a apprashen to bld a noo postoffis and custom house at the Corners, with us ez contrakters, the slack-waterin uv Seceshn Crick, with us to do the work, the payment uv the debt incurred by the Southern states in the attempt they made to sekoo the rite uv floggin its laber, and the penshunin uv uv soljers jist the same ez the Federels is penshund.

In this latter acheivement I hev an espeshel intrest, for ez I served on both sides, and did jist ez much fitin on one side ez on tother. It wuz be a curious Dimocratic government that woodent give me a penshun from both. The penshun bein $13 a month, ef I git it for Federel servis ez well ez Confedrit, it will be $26 a month, and that alone will be a comfortable subsistence for me, so long ez likker is only 5 cents a glass. Ef the Confedrites objeck on account uv my servis with the Federel, I kin safely swore that I didn't do them no hurt. The heft uv the time I spent in both armies I wuz bizzly engaged in secretin myself in swamps. Any muskit I kerred is glltis uv hooman gore.

The horn wuz tooted that the Corners mite assemble at the meitin house. The citizens wuz too smart for that. They knowd that on sich an okkaslon the intrest wood center at Bascom's, and they assembled there with grate yoonanimity. I never se'd sich gladnis afore. The faces uv the saints wuz illuminatid with exultashen and ther wuz no need uv speeches to voice the general joy.

However, I made a short speach, and managed to hold the attenshun uv the crowd long enuff to perspose the folleerin:
Resolved, That the Corners, recogno the fact that without the assistance uv the Independent Republikins we shood never hev elected Cleveland, we tender them our heart-felt thanks, and ashoo em that ef they repent ever bein Republikins til we uv the Corners hev confidence into em, that we will take em in full fellowship, alluz pervided that never until they hev become assimilatid, ez it were, to us, shecl clame none uv the ofllses, and that we shel hev the sole privilege uv constroin wat civil servis reely is.

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy uv the Corners beleive in civil servis re-form, and that it may be carried out we demand the removal uv the nigger Lubbock from the postoffis, and Joe Bigler from the internal revenoo servis ez soon ez Cleveland is Inoggerated, and that sound, stanch Demo- crats be appointed in ther places. And, further, ez they are certain to go. we sejest that they don't wait till the 4th uv March, but that they resine to-wunst, and that President Arthur consult the President-elect and make appintments accordin. Waitin is we.ry.

Resolved, That next to the Independent Republikins wich wantid to reform the Republikin party by turnin over the government to perennial Democrats, all uv wich we approve uv, our thanks is doo the Prohibition- ists wich supportid St. John, and thus kerried Noo York fur us. We uv the Corners appreshiate this assistance, ez is like the other, it cum onex- pectid.

I hev seen enthusiam afore but never any like that wich greeted the reedin uv this resolooshen. I wuz In Noo Orleans when the nooze cum uv the defect uv the Fedrels at Bull Run, I wuz in Memphis when we heerd uv the massacre uv the niggers at Fort Piller, but ther enthusiasm wuz child's play compared with that manifested by the Corners when this resolooshen wuz read. That old saint, Deekin Pogram, yelled "Set em up!" and the struggle to git to the bar wuz terrific. But Bascom wuz the wildest enthooiast uv the lot. "Gentlemen," sed he, teers uv joy suffosin his eyes, "this is mine. I don't often set up likker, for likker costs money, and must be paid for, ez a rool, but when fanatikle temprance men vote to give the control over to the controle uv sich ez me, I can't stand on so small a matter ez a barl uv noo whisky. Yoo are welcome, and I commerce by askin you all to fill your glasses, and give three cheers fur St. John and his 20,000 supporters in Noo York, wich saved the likker busnis for four years anyhow."

The assemblage drank, and the cheers wuz given with a will. I never heard more enthooiastic cheerin, and ef St. John hed bin there he wood hev bin recompensed for his bein burned in effigy in his own home in Kansas. Enthooiast! I thought the people wood never quiet down. After Bascom hed got tired uv settin uv em up, Kernel McPelter, wich hez the distillery here, perposed three cheers and a tiger fur the Prohibi- tionists, and then the good Deekin foliered soot, and then I asked the crowd to take suthin with me. To this Bascom objectid. "To do this," sed he, "wood be just the same ez tho I did it, and when I do it I want the credit uv it. But take suthin all the same. This is no time to stand onto trifles."

I then perposed this:

Resolved, That after the Independent Republikins and the Prohibish- nists, our thanks is doo to the Rev. Burchard, wich made the famous speech settin the raskle Blane agin "Rum, Romanism and Rebeluyun."
This wuz a goin to pass, for the crowd wantid another drink, but Kernel McPelter remonstratid. "I oppose the adopshun uv this resolooshen!" sed the Kernel, "for various reasons. Troo, the reverend gentleman did us grate servis by draggin Romanism into the canvass at a very late date, but he is entitled to no credit for it. Ef yoo go to passin resolooshens complimentin the damfoolies uv the world, wich happen to upset suthin by ther damfoolery, wher are yoo goin to stop? We shool be kep passin resolooshens from now till to-morrer mornin, and while Bascom is in a liberal mood I want to attend more clusly to the bar. Rev. Burchard made that remark wich helpit us out so gloriously becoz he is a ass in-grane, and coudent help it. He had a speech, three words uv wich commenst with a R, and he hed bin waitin weeks fur a chance to fire it off. He wood hev fired it off jist the same ef the tendency uv it hed bin to elect Blane instid uv Cleveland, and therefore why shool we resoloot fur him? He isn't entitled to any credit for enragin the Catholix who intended to vote for Blane, for the poor ileet hedn't the faintest ije wa's he wuz doin. Like any other jackass, he hez a hind leg, wich hez to kick wunst in so long, and that wuz his time to kick! It is no credit to him that the kick happened to hit Blane in the stubmick and double him up for It wood hev kicked all the same ef Cleveland hed stood wher Bland wuz. It wuz Blane's misforchoon and Cleveland's good luck that the Republikin candidate happened to stand within range uv the hind hoof uv this phenomal jackass.

"It is different with the others, for they must hev knowd wat they wuz doin. The Independent Republikins must hev knowd that wat they wuz doin wood elect Cleveland, and tho I kin see no reason why they shool do ez they did, they are, all the same, entitled to our thanks. The same is troo uv the Prohabshnists. Every one uv em wich wuz originelly a Republikin must hev knowd that his vote fur St. John, on whose hed I invoked the blessin uv a distiller, wuz a half vote for Cleveland. They must hev actid with their eyes open, and are entitled to our thanks and congrato lashens, but the soopreme ass, Burchard, never!"

This resolooshen wuz lost, but the likker wuzn't.

Bascom lost his head entirely and vacated the bar, and the Deek and myself tried for a time to dispense his hospitality, but the populls go beyond us. The spigot wuz set runnin, glasses wuz dispensed with and tin dippers took their places, and the entire crowd helped theirselves cheerin lustily for St. John, George Wilyum Curtis and Henry Ward Beecher ez long ez they cood cheer at all. We wuz all on the floor the next mornin.

It wuz wildly enthoelastic, but kin we be blamed? Honey hez come out uv the carkis, and after so long a waitin it wuz meet that the glorious event be properly celebrated. The postoffis is within site, and how I long for the time to come when I shel hev my own agin. 

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M., (Almost)

MR. NASBY SEES TROUBLE AHEAD.

Confedrit X Roads, (Wich is in the State uv Kentucky), Nov. 25, 1854.

Ther ain't sich cler sallin ez I sposed ther wood be. Mankind is the most selfishest uv the hooman family, and the most given to greedinis and resemblin the swine uv the valley, wich gits its feet ez well ez its nose into the trow.
While the election wuz pendin no one exprest any question ez to who wuz to hev the three Federel offises in this village. It wuz a understood matter that I wuz to be postmaster, Issaker Gavitt collector uv customs, and Kernel McPelter collector uv internal revenoo. These appointments wuz all in the interest uv civil servis reform. I hev a mortgage on the postoffs, becoz I need it to live on, Issaker Gavitt the custom house, becoz he hez his farm mortgaged, and Kernel McPelter, the internal revenoo offis, becoz bein a distiller it will be convenient for him to gauge his own whisky. Then we are entitled to these places, further, becoz no three men in the Corners did so much for Cleveland and reform ez we. I raised the money to send a party under charge uv Issaker and McPelter over into Injeany to vote, I only stayin at home myself to act ez a guard to keep the niggers away from the poles at the Corners, to enshoor the eleckshun uv a reform member uv Congress. We all hed posts uv danger, and of any are entitled to the places uv profit it is us'ns.

We held a meetin to consider the matter uv the offises—the Dimocrisy uv the Corners yoonanimously demandin it. We gladly acceded to their demands, supposin, uv course, that wat they wantid wuz to give eggspreshn to the popler demand for our appointment, and we all went so fur ez to borrrer clean shirts to appear in, and to prepare speeches uv thanks to our feller citizens fur the confidence they reposed into us.

We asked the Dimocrisy to turn out en masse, to organize theirselves into a perceshn, and fur each one to hev a banner to carry on that okkasion to make it impressive.

"Wat shel we hev put onto our banners?" they askt.

"Anything," I replied, "that expresses your idee uv Dimocrisy."

It won't never do to trust the Dimocrisy without full preparashun. Every man uv the 237 Democratic voters in the Corners wuz promptly on hand, each with a banner, and jist ez promptly every one uv em onrolled hisn, and onto every one uv the 237 wuz this legend: "To the Victers Belong the Spoils!"

That wuz their ijee uv a Dimekratic triumf, and while it may be the honest expreshn uv their inmost hearts, it needn't hev been quite so yoonanimously expresxt.

Ther wuz jist 237 Democrats present in the meetin house, and I called the meetin to order, and me and Isaker and Kernel McPelter got there in our biled shirts, lookin ez dignified ez possible, waitin for some one to sejest our names for the three offises, and offerin a resolooshen that President Cleveland immejishly appint us and settle the minds uv the Corners.

Not one uv em did it, however, and to relieve the okkurd paws I sejestid that the objick uv the meetin wuz to take acksheen regardin the Fedrel offises in the Corners, and that an expreshn uv opinyun wood be in order.

Elder Pennibacker riz and remarkt that that wuz wat we wuz met for, and ez it wuz ruther embarrassin fur a man to perpose hisself, he moved that the sense uv the meetin be got at by ballotin fur a candidate fur postmaster!

I riz to objeck, but before I cood git in a word edgeways the moshun wuz kerried, and I wuz compelled to appint tellers. Then the Dimocrisy wrt their ballots and passed in solium perceshn in front uv the hat, deposittin them therein.

The tellers countid them out. Ther wuz precisely 237 votes cast, and it wuz a singler thing that every man present hed jist one vote for postmaster!
"Gentlemen!" sed I in rage, "wat does this mean? There ain't a man in this awjence wich don't know that the posishen uv postmaster at the Corners blongs to me by perscriptive rite. Ther ain't a man who don't know that I hev bin waitin for it—"

"And I hev waitid for it!" yelled them all in korus.

"Gentlemen," sed Issaker Gavitt, "we hed better pass the postoffis, for there seems to be some question ez to who shal fill that place, and pass to the seleckshun uv the candidate fur collector uv customs."

This wuz agreed to, and the ballots wuz prepared, votid and countid out. The result wuz eggsackly ez before: 237 votes cast, and each man in the house reseevin one vote!

Issaker Gavitt remarked that he coodent understand it; that he sposed the Dimocrisy uv the Corners wuz actooatid by patriotic motives in supportin Cleveland in this grate struggle for reform, but diskivered the poseshun uv the Fedrel offises wuz the controllin motive. He felt a disgust whic he coodent find words to express.

Kernel McPelter sejestid that the posishen uv collector uv customs be passed, and a ballot be taken for the important posishen uv collector uv internal revenoo, wich wuz done with this result: Vote cast 237, each man in the awjence reseevin jist one vote!

The fact became apparent that ther wuz a ded-lock, for no man cood git a majority uv even one. Every Dimocrat in the Corners wantid a posishen, and not one perposed to miss a chance for any uv em.

I wuz amoosed at the rage uv Issaker Gavitt and the Kernel, and they wondered at the camnis with wich I took the sitooashen.

"Yoo are in the same box with us," they whispered hoarsely, "wat shel we do?"

I disdained to anser. I knew my strength. I simply pulled Bascom over to me and whispered in his ear: "Wat them too owe yoo, yoo kin git, for yoo hev a mortgage onto ther lands. Wat I owe yoo is furever lost onless I git this place!"

Then Bascom riz and demandid that a vote fur the postoffis be taken over agin, "and," he continued, "I want it understood that my candidate is the Parson here."

A howl uv dissent went up from the entire awjence.

"Gentlemen," sed Bascom, in a very firm manner, "I beg to call your attention to one important fact. Ef ther is a man within the sound uv my voice to whom the Parson is not in debt, I shoud like to be interdoost to him. Ef he ain't appinted wat is to happen to the Corners? We mite ez well hang cur finanshul harp onto the willers. Wat he owes me is gone furever, and wat he owes everybody—"

"We don't keer wat he owes yoo!" yelled the eggscitid populls. "We hev rites—we hev ez much rite to the postoffis ez he hez. We won't stand it!"

Bascom saw that the time hed come fur suthin decisive. He riz from his seet and glared onto that awjence with a glare that hed in it suthin feendish. They qualed afore the literin that shot from his lze.

"Yer don't keer fur me, yoo don't! Yoo defy me, do yoo! We shel see. I give yoo notis now that whoever opposes the appintment uv the Parson need never cross my threshold agin! I cut him off from his likker, no matter ef he brings the money with him and lays it down on the coun-ter. The Parson in the postoffis or excommunicashen!"

It had its effeck. With blanched faces and piteous lze they bowed ez
one man and sed: "Anything but that! We withdraw our claim to that possihen!"

"I thought you wood," replied Bascom, wich is indeed a Napoleon. "I don't keer about the other places, but ez the Parson hez absorbed about all the surplus capitle uv the Corners in the twenty-four yeers he hez lived here, we must hev a show to git it back. Yoo kin site over the other offices, but this is sakred to me."

I am well enuff fixed, but the greed and hungrins uv the Dimocrisy is disgustin. Labor is entirely suspendid. Every man in the Corners is out on the street with a petition furl his own appointment to one uv the two remainin possishuns, and gives okkur every milt. Ez ther ain't but two places, and ez half the Dimocrisy uv the Corners want one and tother half the other, ther is terrible differences uv opinyun. I don't know wat the thing will end in.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Saved by circumstances).

P. S.—Issaker Gavitt and Kernel McPelter hev made a stroke. They hev jined forces. The Kernel is to be collector uv revenoo, and Issaker is to be depitty, the salary to be divided ekal, consequently the Kernel hez two names on his petition.

2d P. S.—Deekin Pogrom and Elder Pennibacker hev hitched teems, on the same basis. The Deekin is to be collector uv customs, and the Elder his depitty, and they are also to divide the salary. The Deekin hez consequently two names on his petition.

3d P. S.—The rest uv the Dimocrisy uv the Corners are goin to call a meetin pertestin agin this doublin up to influence the President. They swore it ain't in akkordance with civil servis reform.

4th P. S.—Joe Bigler hez dashed all our hopes, and the Corners is in mournin. He comes to us with the statement that President Cleveland is goin to stick by the civil servis rools, and that no offshl will be removed cepthin for coz!

'Ceptin for coz! Wat holier mockery! Ain't we, wich supported him, goin to hev the places? Ain't we wich fot and bled (money) and went to Injeany and votid in the sakred coz uv reform, ain't we goin to be post-masters and sich? Another meetin hez bin called for to-nite, sined by the 237 applicants for the three places, to denounce President Cleveland's akkshen ez undemocratic, unholy and out uv all precedent. They will be there, and ef a stingin rebuke don't go up from the Corners I am mistaken. We kin stend anything but this. We fought for reform, and wat kind uv reform is it that leaves a nigger in the postoffs, when I owe Bascom for 24 years' supplies, and Joe Bigler in the collector's offis, with Bascom holdin a mortgage on Issaker Gavitt's farm! That won't do, and President Cleveland must understand it. We mite ez well hev Blane for President.

P. V. N.

MR. NASBY GROWING IMPATIENT.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 11, 1885.

I intendid to go to Washington, myself, to attend the Inoggerashen, but I found it wuz impossible. I wantid to brace up the President-elect, the champion uv civil servis reform, in the matter uv the appointments at the Corners, but two things stood in the way. To go to Washington in the intrest uv civil servis reform required a cleen shirt, and money. The
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cleen shirft I managed. Lubbock, the nigger postmaster here, wiz held the place sence Linkin's day, captin the time that Johnson wuz accidentially histed into the place, hez several shirts, and ez he lives quite a distance from the Corners, the Democratic end uv the village, his wife feels safe in leevin her washin out over nite. I borror'd a shirt from Mrs. Lubbock at about 12 one nite, without indulgin in any preliminary talk with either her or her husband. They charged it up to tramps, and that wuz the end uv it.

But when it come to gittin money to go onto, that wuz quite another thing. Bascom sed ef I wood give bonds to stay away after I hed gone he'd furnish the capital for me to go on, with great willingnis, but ef I wuz only to go and return, he most respectfully declined. I sejest to him that while I wuz gone I woodent be runnin up a bill at his bar, but he sed he hed figgered that up, also. It wuz cheeper to keep me here than to furnish me money to go on. Troo, wat likker I drunk wuz equivalent to a dead loss, but okkasionally I managed to rope in a stranger, and the profit he got out uv that did suthin toward lessemin the cost uv keepin me, while ez he gave me money, that wuz gone forever.

Ez th rest uv my friends buttoned up their pokkitts when I intimatid that I needid money to go with to prevent the President from forgottin us, when he come to reformin the civil servis by histin Lubbock, Joe Bigler and Pollock, I made up my mind I woodent go at all.

But wat we uv the Corners want to know is, when is the President agoin to move on the enemies' works? When is the civil servis reform again to begin? When is Lubbock agoin to be histed? When am I agoin to be put in posishen to pay cash fur likker, and not be hoomiliatid by the necessity uv borrorin a clean shirft, when I want one, off uv Lubbock's close line at 12 o'clock at nite? When is Issaker Gavitt agoin to take Joe Bigler's place, and when is Deeckin Pogram agoin to apply the toe uv the President's boot to Pollock's coat tails?

We hev earned our places. We sent a yoonanimus delegashn to Shecago, wich wuz prepared to vote fur any one wich we thot cood be nominatid. All doorin the campane we fot for Cleveland and civil servis reform in the administrashen, ez men never fot afore. Kentucky wuz safe, fur we don't allow niggers nor Northern carpet baggers to vote anyhow, and that we mite do suthin to make eshoorence doubly shook we raised means to send brave, determined reformers over into Injeany and Ohio, where they voted ez many times ez possible. Imperoonious as I am, I contribbited to the sakred coz. I borror'd $7 of an INTOXICATID Louisville drummer wich had cum tu the Corners for the fast time, and didn't know us, and I gave the half uv it to the Injeany votin fund. It wuzn't much, but I wuz more to me than the hundreds uv thousands that the railroad interest uv Neo York give fur the same purpus. I sung ez I give it:

"I give thee all, I klin no more,
Tho poor the offrin be."

We hev done our sheer—now let the President do his. He shood consider that we can't wait furever. He shood remember that we hev bin outside the pale uv offishl life fur 24 years, gnashin our teeth at them wich wuz inside. He shood remember that many uv hev bin walfinn till we hev moss growd on our bax, and thet we hev bin hungry all these years. He shood remember that the civil servis reformer hez a stumick, jist the same ez anybody else, and that it costs the bars ez much to keep a civil servis reformer loobricatid ez it does anybody else. He shood remember
that Lubbock didn’t vote for him, and I did. (Lubbock, by the way, beln a nigger, didn’t vote fur anybody, but he wood hev votid for Blane ef he hed bin permittid to vote at all!). He shood remember that ther are letters agoin every day thro the mails uv the Corners, containin money, and that I want that money fur Bascom and my other sustenance. He shood remember that time is wingin us away to our eternal home, and we can’t wate furever. Ef he dilly-dailles with the postoffises till I am ded and an angel, wat good will it do me? I want my reward now—now, while I hev a stumick to feed and the fires uv a perennial nose to keep a blazin.

In this I voice the cries uv the faithful from the rock-bound coast uv Maine to the savanners uv Texas. I howl fur two-thirds uv the Dimoc-risy uv the kentry. I am sayin wat the President must heer, fur my app-eel is the appeal uv a starvin man.

We don’t keer about the Cabinet. Them wich will be appinted to the Cabinet don’t need their monthly pay anyhow. They hev credit at the bars they paternize. They hev clean shirts, and most uv em probably two or three. They are not the ones wich is hungrin and thirstin. It is us wich are after the postoffises, and collectorships. and sich places, wich must be fuss attendid to. It is no time to settle questions uv policy. To-day is our acceptid time, and the postoffises is our policy.

Ef the President is wise he will heed this ery. This is his fuss biznis. We don’t keer for policies, or anything else. Give us the offises fuss and we will swaller watever policy he presents to us. Deekin Pogram, Issaker Gavitt and Bascom endorse every word uv this.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Ravenus).

MR. NASBY TAKES POSSESSION BY FORCE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
September 14, 1885.

The President hed returned from the Adirondax, but my commishen hed not come. Day after day I walked past the postoffis, and saw thro the winder that infernal nigger Lubbock sittin camly at his ta-ble, doorin biznis hours, and then closin the concern and walkin home to his house in the edge uv the village, and goin thereafter with his wife to the prayer meetin uv his church, or to a donashen party, or suthin uv the sort, never stoppin in Bascom’s to set em up for the thirsty soles wich is alluz there waitin for them wich hez money.

Bascom gnashed his teetn every time he saw him. “The salary that that inferior bein drors from a Dimocratic gvernment I am being de-fraudid out uv, dally. It blongs to me, and I shood hev it hed we a President that hez the slitest ijee wat is doo to them wich electid him.”

The feelin g rew more and more intense, untill it wuz decided that it cood not go on this way any longer. We met and resolved. We felt that we cood not wate on the slow movemence uv a President wich duy not appreshate the guidin star uv Dimocrisy, “To the victers blong the spoils,” and we determined to take the law into our own hands. We elected Gro- ver Cleveland, and we are entitled to the substanshel rootus uv the grate victry.

“Gentlemen,” sed I, “this is a grave and momenouch moment. Ther is such a thing ez pitchin that nigger out into the street and inoggeratin
me by force, or we may wait the slow movencnce uv a traitor to Doboci-
risy, and continner goin dry. Wich shel it be?"
It wuz a momenchus moment. Bascom turned pale.
"The nigger Lubbock is a part uv the government—to pitch him out
onto his nose is to pitch the government out onto its nose. I weaken."
"And let Lubbock go on, and me a spittin cotton? So be it."
Ther wuz a moment uv deep silence, but a decisn wuz arrived at.
They looked the matter into the face and determined to take the conse-
quences.
The Deekln, Issaker Gavitt, Kunnel McPelter, Bascom and myself went
camly but determinedly over to the postoffis, and walked into the aston-
ished postmaster's room.
"I am cum,\" I sed, "to take posseshn uv this offis!"
"Hev yoo a commishn?\" asked the feend, grinrin a sardonik grin.
"I hev no commishn, nor am I again to wate for wun. Wat yoo want
to do is to git out. The people don't want yoo here, and our motto is,
'Vox populi, vox Del.' Git!"
Lubbock refoosed to git, whereupn we four took him up bodly and
pitched him out on his nose on the sidewalk.
Then I sot down in his place and assoomed the dooties uv the offis.
I am postmaster de facto, and we shel see whether a Dimokratic Presi-
dent will reverse the richus dechshn uv the people.
There wuz a male on the table to be sent out, and I eggsamined it.
Ther wuz only three letters and two uv em was addrest to the Loozeaner
lottry at New Orleans. I am opposed on prinsipple to lottries, and I feel
it my dooty to rescoo the unforchnit victims uv the lottery habit from
the evil consequeces uv ther folly. I sed to myself "that money shel not
go to the managers in Noo Orleans to swell their coffers," and I confis-
kated the letters on the spot ez contraband.
They contained each a five dollar bill. I put one uv the sed bills in my
vest pokkit, and handid the other to Bascom, sayin to him to give me
credit for it on account.
There never wuz a more surpriseder man on earth. It wuz the fust
money he hed hed uv me sence Grant hished me out uv the offis in 1868,
and it affectid him visibly. He sank back in a chare, overcome with emo-
shun, and wept teers uv gratitood.
"My dear sir,\" sed I, graspin him by the hand, "this is only a begin-
nin. This is the first drops uv the Pactollan shower wich is to come. Ther
is my salary and ther is letters every day containin remittances to the
Loozeaner Lottry. A better day has dawned onto the Corners."
Bascom rung my hand and staggered out speechliss, forgettin in his
emoshun to take up the $5 note, wich I immejitly put in my vest pokkit
with its blessed sister.
I am now entirely happy. I am in my old place and everything is se-
rene. Bascom's is right across the road, and it is but a step over there.
To save time, I hev a demlijohn uv his newest on my table, and a box uv
two-for-five cigars with matches handy. From my window on my rite
hand I kin see the smoke assendin forever from McPelter's distillery, a
sweet ashoorence that the stock uv likker will never run out. Betwixt me
and the distillery is the tree onto wich we yooost to hang niggers and the
carpet-baggers uv the North wich cum to the Corners with their disturb-
lishens, and just by it, a little to the rite, is the identikle spot where Is-
saker Gavitt shot a Northern man thro the kidneys fur persistin in hurray-
in for Grant. Ther wuz a nigger skool house jist to the left, whch we burned in '65, and I am now wearin the coat uv the hed-teacher, whch we hung. To sit and dror the salary uv postmaster with all these historic places, with the other conveniences, within site, is too soothin for anything. The Yoonyun is saved at last, and the government is trooly in the hands uv its friends.

All is peece with me. After battenin on the barren rox uv politikel defects all these dreery years, it is a sweet delite to be wunst more feedin in the tall grass by the runnin waters uv offishul patronage.

I rest sekoor. Uv course Cleveland will be glad to be glad to be relieved uv the responsibility uv makin a removal, and will to wunst send me my commishun.

We shel move the other two offis next week, In the same way. The authorities at Washington are too slow for this progressive age. We uv the Corners want wat we fit fur.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M. (at last and triumphant).

MR. NASBY LANGUISHES IN A BASTILE.

In a Basteel, Confedrit X Roads, (Wich is in the State uv Kentucky.)

The blow hez fallen. Liberty and jestis hez bin outraged in my person. I am languishin in a basteel at the Corners, with my compatriots, Bascom, Issaker Gavitt, Kernel McPelter and Deekin Pogram, and to make the pane more akoot and the sufferin more intense, the blow wuz inflicted by a man wich I votid fur, Grover Cleveland.

Wishin to releeve the President uv the responsibility uv removin the nigger, Lubbock, wich hez wootscript my postoffs for the past 20 years, exceptin the one interval that Androo Jonson wuz President by the lucky remove uv that goriller, Linkin, we seized the place, pitched the nigger out in the street, onto his nose, and took possessshun uv the offis.

Possibly the remove wuz irregler, but wat wuz we to do ? The President had gone up into the Adirondax, fishin, leevin me out in the cold, without the meens uv compassin a drink, and after his return he paid no attenshun to our agonizin appeals.

Wat wuz we to do ? Why, we did wat any freemen shoud hev done—we asserted our rites by forse. We made up our minds that the civil servis law was unconstitooshel, and we abrogated it. That is the way the Corners hev alluz done, and we did it. We took wat wuz our own, and in our own way. Wuz that nigger Lubbock to continner in the postoffs wich blonged to me ? Never!

Wat happened ? Why, a Yoointed States marshel, barin the authority uv the governemt, cum into the offis ten days after we seized it, reinstated the nigger and arrested the hull bilin uv us for histin him out, and we wuz ignominysly taken to jale, and are to be tried in the Yoointed States courts, with the brilyant prospeck uv imprisonment for twenty years.

I am willin to die and be gathered to my fathers. Life hez no charms for me, and the final end can not cum too soon. I am writin in my dreery cell. Out of the little winder I kin see into the winder uv the postoffs, where Lubbock sits smilin, occassunly bowin to me, ez he sees my eager face thro the bars. In derishun he puts up my demijohn in full site, and goes thro the moshuns uv takin a drink from it, grinnin like a baboon ez
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he sees the anguish on my face. Pol' ock and Joe Bigler cum in, even and anon, and they also grin at me, with a expresshun that drives me mad. I shal go insane ef this continners much longer.

I never understood or appreshat d the fable uv Tantalus afore. To see my demijohn in the hands uv another man, to hev it so clost that I cood almost hear the gurgle uv the r freshin flood, and not be able to even smell the refreshin drink, wuz too much. Tantalus wuz surroundid with water and wuz not permittid to drink. I think I cood endoor to see Lubbock foolin with water, and smile se. enely, but to see him with a demi

John uv whisky, out uv my reech, wuz suthin terrible.

From this cell, I, a martyr, appeal to the Dimocrysy uv the kentry. We hev bin betrayed. We hev not e ecticd a Dimocrat. We hev no got wat we votid fur. Wher are the offises? Who is holdin em? Is it the sturdy Dimocrysy wich bore the heet and burden uv the day, or is it the eleventh

hour converts, whose noses are not yet colored, and who still ware clean shirts?

Grover Cleveland is evidently pusherin to the better elements uv his party, or is tryin to be respectable by continoin Republicins in offis. I am languishin in jale, and Lubbock, a nigger appintid by Grant, is holdin the place to wich I hev a prescriptive rite. Bascom's place is hein run by his wife, and the fires hev gone o t in McPelter's distillery. Mirandy Pogram is cuttin firewood, tho she d n't complane. She sez she don't keer how long they keep her father in jale, ez she finds it easier to pervide for herself alone than it is to take keer uv him also. I perswaddid the Deekin to beseech uv her to sell suthin and send him the proceeds, that we mite prokoo ever so little sustenance to soothe us in our afflictshens, but she hartlessly refossed. Bascom won't send fur a drop fur us, McPelter re-

fooses to advance even a pint, I am dryer than a limekiln, and the cotton I spit wood supply a Lowell factory.

Will the Dimocrysy stand this? Are we to git within site uv the promised land and then die uv thirst without occupyn in it? Is ther no re-leef to cum to us? Is it possible that I shel hev to turn Republicin to git the place that belongs to me?

How long, oh, Lord! how long?

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Despairin).

HOW MR. NASBY WAS RELEASED.

Confedrit X Roads,

(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),

December 29, 1885.

Some months ago, me and three others, feelin that we wuz outraged by the retshun in offis uv a nigger postmaster with hez held the posheshen 24 years, with one breve interval, pitched him out onto the sidewalk on his disgustin flat nose, and I took possoshen uv the place and percedeed to open the letters deposited therein wich was addrest to the Loozeanean Lot-

try Co. For thus assertin my rights I was arrestid and incarcerated in a Basteel, where I hev langished ever sence. Yesterd* day ther cum from Washington this breve message to the sheriff:

"Discharge Petroleum V. Nasby on his own recognizance. He ain't wuth prosecootin."

I refossed to go. The note added insult to injury. To discharge me now prevents my bein tride and shinin ez a marter afore the Dimocrysy uv the kentry, and besides to turn me out uv my comfortable quarters in the
ale in the ded uv winter, without givin me the offis to live onto, is a outrage. I wuz at least decently fed, and the jale wuz warm, and Bascom did relent occasionally, to the pint uv sendin me sum sustenance, and altogether I wuz doin very well. Wat will becum uv me now I don’t see. It’s a cold world.

My release wuz made the occasion uv a demonstrashen on the part uv the citizens, that is a part of the citizens. Bascom, Deekin Pogram, Issa-ker Gavitt and Kernel M’Pelter embraced the opperportunity to git in sum fine work, and they succeedid in gettin enuff others together at the meetin house to make a respectable show. I wuz escorted thither, fur efecck, leanin on the arms uv Bascom and the Deekin, ez the long confinement hed undermined my helth and destroyed my strength. I wuz seeted in a chare, and perfessin too much weekn is to perside, the Deekin did it fur me.

Bascom narrated the circumstances uv the case.

“Our frend and assosheate wuz incarceratid,” sed he, “three months ago — (Loud cheerswich drownndid his voice,) — and he wuz jist released.” (Dis-nal groans wich also drownndid his voice, and cries uv “Wat did they want to let him loose fur? It is cheaper to support him in jale than any other way.”)

Bascom seelin that ther wuz no yoose in tryin to make a speech, passed to the resolooshens:

Wareas, No seckshun uv the kentry labored harder fur the triumf uv Dimocratic principles last fall than did the Dimocrats uv the Corners, and
Wareas, No seckshun uv the kentry adoptid more hartily the principles av the Dimocrisy ez set forth in the platform adoptid at the Nashnel Dimocratic convenshun ez red’to us from the Loolsville paper, and
Wareas, When we finelly succeeded in electid a Dimocrat we hed reeson to expeck a complete change in the offises at the Corners and the fillin uv the same with friends uv the administrashen, and
Wareas, The sed offises is still held by the old incumbents, them ez hez fatted onto the spoils thereof for a quarter uv a centry, the same hever hevin votid ‘a Dimocratic tikkit in ther lives, therefore be it
Resolved, That wat the Dimocrisy uv the Corners, ez well ez the whole Yountid States, ment by Dimocrisy is postoffis.
Resolved, That while we spose a platform is a necessity, and that it wuz well enuff to hev one to stand onto, and all that, it don’t meen any-thing and ain’t bindin onto anybody after the electshun.
Resolved, That Grover Cleveland after he wuz electid to the Presi-dency, in goin back and takin his stand onto the platform uv the conven-shunwich nominated him, and reely undertakin to carry out its pervishuns, hez gone back on Dimocratic precedent, and outraged the party wich hez honored him.
Resolved, That we uv the Corners seelin the Republikins in offis de-mand in thunder tones wat in blazes we are better off than we wood hev bin hed Blane bin electid?
Resolved, That wunst more we demand the immjellt removal uv the present incumbents uv the offises uv postmaster, collector uv Internal rev-e nue, and collector uv customs and the appointment to them posishens uv substanshel Dimocrats, that bein wat we consider the Dimocratic princi-ples, fur wich we fot fur, wich we repeated fur, and fur wich we kep nigers and Republikins from the poles last fall, bustin the heds uv sich ez persisted in votin, remorselissly.
Resolved, That we wich contributid to send Kentuckians to Injeany to vote, makin shoor the carryin uv that state fur the Dimocratic nominees, hez jest coz fur complaint at bein refoosed a heerin when we demand the offshl patronage uv the Dimocratic administrashen. Ef civil servis reform don’t meen the turnin out uv men wich hev bin in offis nearly a quarter uv a sentery, and substitootin in ther places Dimocrats wich otherwise kin never pay ther bar bills. we want to know wat does.
Resolved, That the President in refusin to see or listen to the frantic appeals uv the Dimocrsy uv the Corners, hez forfeited the respect uv all troo Dimocrats.

Resolved, That feelin willin to meet him more than half-way we simply ask that he write down eggshakly wat he wants us to accept ez Dimocrsy, makin our assent thereto a condishn uv reseevin our commishns, and we pledge ourselves to not only assent to em, but to take affidavit that we bleeve in em. Ef he kin lay down any set uv opinyuns that we won't accept we hev never been interdoosed to ourselves.

Resolved, That we sincerely mourn the deth uv the late Vice President and jist as sincerely wish we cood mourn the deth uv the President, onless he changes his tactics toward us. Men in Bascom's books and out uv offis, kin bear a heep uv some kinds uv greef.

Resolved, That the Dimocrsy uv the Corners want the offis, and will never be satisfied till they git them.

These resolooshens wuz past yoonanimusly, and the meetin adjoined to Bascom's, when in accordance to custom, he set em up. That is how we git our people together. I took my glass and sed:—

"Bascom, I will not do ez the common herd duz, drink at yoor expense. Charge this." To wich he replied: "Never mind. It's all the same to me whether I stand treet, or charge it. In fact, its better to stand treet, fur thereby I save the cost uv the chalk, and the laber uv puttin it down."

My fucher course is not determined. At the present writin I hev my old bed at the Deekin's, much to Mirandy's disgust, and I hev my accus tomed corner in Bascom's. There is an occashunal commershul traveler cumin to the place, who invites me, and I manage to ring on sum uv the people wich hev sold a mule, and are reckliss, and so I shall git on. But every time I look acrost the street, and see Lubbock in that postoffis the iron enters my sole, and life looks dark and dreery.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

(Free, but still in bonds.)

MR. NASBY RECEIVES HIS APPOINTMENT.

Confedrit X Roads,

(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky)

Sept. 26, 1886.

Halleloogy! The kentry is saved. Last night my comishn ez Postmas ter at the Confedrit X Roads, wich is in the State uv Kentucky, reached me, and the good ole Corners is saved the disgrace uv reseevin its male at the hands uv an disgustin nigger.

My appointment wuz made in the interest uv Civil Servis Reform. His Eggeleny the President held out a long time agin makin the change, but when it wuz represented to him that Lubbock, the nigger incumbent, hed held the place for 25 yeers, with a slite outin when Johnson wuz President, he felt it necessary that ther be a change, becoz in so long a time he felt that ther must be reason for suspectin suthin in the way uv corrupshen. Sed he to our Representative:

"I don't know uv a Democrat wich cood hold a offis 25 yeers without steelin suthin, and I am not goin to admit that the inferior Republikin Afrik is any better than the proud Democratic Cawcashan. My ex perience teeches me that Lubbock must be a theef and shood be removed."

Consekwently I hev the place and a blessed cam rests upon the Corners.

 Ther never wuz a more excitner time than when the nooze that I her reeseved my commishn got out'in, the Corners. The people poured out
They murmured here—give had em all credit to a stiff drink. The pencesh wuz a bootful site. It wuz headid by Deekin Pogrom, who impervised a banner, onto whc wuz written: "May the Reveno Reveno foller the Post Offis in short metre."

Next cum Issaker Gavitt with my comishn onto a pole, with the inscriphion: "In this sine we conker!" and after that cum every Democrat in the Corners, and a grate many Republikins. They poured into the offis and pitched Lubbock out neck and crop, and triumphanty installed me in his place.

I coodent understand the enthousiasm wich the masses exhibited, for I hev never bin in the habit of considrin myself a very popler man, but I wuz not kep long in the dark ez to the movin and impellin coz. It wuz not so much love for me, ez it wuz the fact that

I OWE EVERY MAN IN THE CORNERS!

"Now," said wun uv the most noisy cheerers, "now that yoo hev got your place, for which we hev wated so long, uv course yoo will immejitly pay me the ten dollars yoo borrered uv me, 20 long and dreery yeers ago. I am not going to play any Shylock onto yoo—I am going to be libral. I shel throw ofr the interest, and take the original $10."

"Yoo kindly throw off the intrest—now will yoo also kindly consent that I shel throw off the prinsiple? It is troo I don't do ez hevy a job uv throwin off ez yoo do, but I am ekal to it. With sich an ekitable arrangement ez that, how ezzy a settlement between us becomes! Let us commence the throwin off biznis to wunst, and git onto a sound finanshel basis. Ef ther is anything that I hate it is debt, and I wood be releevd ez soon as possible."

To my horrer, the onfeelin man utterly refueed to do anything uv the kind, and when I sot back into my chare and asked him was he wuz goin to do about it, ther wuz sich a pandemonium broke loose ez it hez bin seldom my lot to witnis. Every man wich hed shoutid hisself hoarse in the pencesh in honor of my appintment cum forred with his bill and demandid immejit payment.

In vane I insisted that it wuz all wrong, that I had not drored a penny uv my salary ez yit, that they cooden't expect to git any money till my first quarter wuz paid, and that even then all they cood expeck wood be an installment, as it woodent be fair to pay one and leev the rest out, and that inezmuch ez the indebtednis wuz so large that the dividend eech wood receeve out uv the first quarter's salary wood be so small ez to do them no good, and ez in a lump it wood do me a power uv good, why a dividend at all? I sed all this to em, but it did no good. They howled for ther money, and swore that ef I did not pony up, to-wunst, they wood tear me lim from lim.

Genius stood me in good stead jist at this critikle pint. A happy thought struck me. I riz and waved my hand over the eggscitled multi-tood, and they sank back into silence.

"Gentlemen," sed I, "I recognize your rite to be paid, and you shel be paid."

"'Ror!" shreeted every wun uv em.

"Silver and gold hev I nun, but sich ez I hev I give unto thee. I shel
pay you—never fear. I purpose to execute my notes to each uv you, for the amount I owe, prinsiple and interest. Now these notes are never to be paid, in the world."

"Wat good will they do us, then?" the infants in finance demanded.

"Wat good? It will be your fault ef yoo don't make em jist ez good ez anybody's money. Ef yoo will agree among yoorselfs to recognize em ez cash, to take em in exchange for the produx uv the earth, jist the same ez yoo do any other paper money, they will anser the same purpos ez any other money. All yoo hev to, do make a perfecx currency uv em, is to continyoo to take em. The greenbax and nashnel bank currency is based upon the public debt—this currency will be based upon my debts. Nay more, in order that the Corners, whic I love, shel hev an abundant currency, I am willin to go deeper into debt. Ef any wun uv yoo hev a mule, or a wagin, or a gun, or a watch, or any other property, I will buy it and pay for it in my notes, uv denominashens uv $1, $2 and $5, for convenynce, and yoo yoose these notes jist the same ez money. So long ez yoo take em, they go ez money and are money. Passin from hand to hand, industriously, they will, ez a matter uv course, wear out, and then it will be my pleasin dooty to make out noo ones, whic I will do cheerfully. Uv course I can't pay interest on this paper, fur ef I shooed, any one uv yoo yoor is able-bodied, and temperit, so ez to live long in the land, wood, evenchooally, own the airth. But yoo see yoo git yoor prinsiple, and any man wat git his prinsiple uv me is dooin a mity hefty stroke uv biznis."

The skeem struck em favorably, and they made up a puss to buy a book uv blank notes, and I fillin em out and settled with all but one, wich lingered after the rest hed departid satisfied. He wuz a very large and ugly customer from over on Seceshn Crick, wich hed killed sevral men with whom he had differed on trifflin matters. He waited till the res' hed departed, when he remarked to me, "Parson, onct when I wuz very drunk, 20 yeers, ago I lent yoo $10. I wuz jist drunk enuff to lend it."

"Why, O why," I moaned, "wurn't yoo drunk enuff to forgit it, ez well?"

"I wuzn't. I hev supportid yoo for all sorts uv places that I mite git back that $10. I want it now, and I may ez well say to yoo that ef I don't git it within 5 minits, yoo and I will differ in opinion ez to whether your jaw shood be broke or not."

His keen, glitrin eye wuz onto me, and wat wuz I to do? Jist at that minit I heerd a letter drop into the box frum the outside.

Saved! Saved!

It wuz addrest to the Loozeaner Lottery Co., Noo Orleens.

Wuz I again to permit any uv my constitooents to send money to that concern? Not any. With nervous fingers I tore it open. Halleloogy! It contained jist $10. Hastily puttin the letter in my pocket, I handed Filkins the $10 note. "I alluz intended to pay yoo, Filkins," I remarked keerlessly, "and I am glad you reminded me uv the little obligashen. Let's go and take suthin. I think now I hev credit at Bascom's."

This wuz my first offishel act ez Postmaster under the Civil Servis Roos uv His Eggslency, President Cleveland.

I don't know wat will be the upshot uv the zeel uv the populous in pitchin Lubbock out so summarily, but I don't think that the Administraxin will object to any little thing like that. Anyhow I shel go on and do the dootles uv the offis.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Now Reely Postmaster.)
I am abslootly happy and content. My cup uv bliss is full and runnin over, and ther ain't nothin now lackin in this world to give me absloot peecce uv mind. My commishn cum in doo time, Bascom, Deekin Pogram and Kernel M'Pelte'r went onto my bond, and I am secoorly installed in the place I hev bin wat'n fur 24 years and over.

I am now postmaster at the Corners, and my confidence in Cleveland ez a patriot and a Dimocrat is restored. While I wuz wat'in, and wat'in, and hopin, I may hev doubted him, but now, now that hope hez crystalized into reality, now that my faith is not the substance uv things not seen, but things that is tangible, I hev no more doubts. Grover Cleveland is to me a model President, and one of the saviors uv his kentry.

I cood not be better fixed ef I hed my destiny to make to order. The room in wich the post-offis is sitocatid is ez conveyent ez it cood be. Rite across the street is Bascom's and it only takes me a minit to cross to it, when we meet to save the kentry. Out uv wun winder I kin command a unobstructid vew-uv the two other 'sloons we hev in the Corners, and to the rite, cut uv another winder M'Pelte'r's distillery looms up, the pleasant smoke givin ashoorence uv a unlimited supply uv likker, assendin grace-fully to the heavens furever. Before me on a table is my bottle, half-full, and I sit serenely and contemplate it, with a cigar in my lips (I don't hev to smoke pipes any more), takin a sip therefrom ever and anon ez near ez nacher calls.

The people uv the Corners bein addictid to remittin money reglerly to the Loozeaner lottery, I hev an endless flow uv money, tho the amounts is not ez large ez I cood wish. However I capchered enuff yesterdya day to pay Bascom $10 on account, and that re-established confidence with him, and my credit at his bar is ez sound ez I cood wish. I shol pay him another instalment when I git my first quarter's salary, wish will keep it on indefinite.

Ez to the conduck uv the offis, I am runnin it on the striktest possible clusnis to the civil servis reform rools. Our exsleent President so directed me and I am observin his wishes, wch I do with pleasure, ez they are fully in akkord with my own noshuns. I very much desired to retane the old employees, but I coodent. No man kin be responsible for a public offis onless his subordinates are in akkord with him, and the old ones wuzn't. Fr'instance, the man wich took the males from the postoffis to the stashen at Seceshnville, wuz a wun-armed Fedrel soljer. I askt him to be a delegate to the Dimocratik congressional convenshun, and pledge hísself to support the nominee, wich he refused to do, remarkin in the most brootal manner that he'd see me d—d fuss, and then he woodent.

Uv course I coodent stand any sich insubordinashen ez that, and orf went his he'd, and I appintid in his place a Confederit soljer wich is in per-teck akkord with me and the admistrashen. The former incumbent wuz of no earthly yoose to Bascom, he never asked me to take suthin and wuz payin for a house and lot out uv his salery. In short he wuz no Dimikrat, and of course he hezd to go. The noo man appintid is one uv us, and the mule he presentid me with, jist afore I appinted him, wich I sold fur $80, cum in mity handy jist ez the winter wuz comin on and I wantid sum hevy cloze. I hev a overcoat now fur the fust time in 20 years.
My assistant wuz also a disabled Fedrel soljer, and I didn't dare to re-
tane him becoz uv the differences in opinyun betwixt us, and also becoz
Bascom demandid his hed, and the puttin of a brother-in-law uv his in
the place, wích I did for the improvement uv the servis. I wantid intelli-
gence in the posishen. The noo assistant lays on my table all the letters
wich he suspex uv containin money.

Ther ain't nothin like civil servis reform, and ez it is practised by the
 présënt administrashen I don't see how any Dimocrat kin objeck to it.

The postmasters uv this seckshun hold a meetin next week, at my offis,
to take an enoomerashen uv the route agents on the railroads in this seck-
shun. They are, ez yit, mostly Republikins, and many uv em hev held ther
places for 20 yeers. In the interest uv civil servis reform we shel insist upon
bouncin every blastid one uv em, and puttin good, substanshel Democrats
ther places, fust, that we may hev their assistance at the eleckshuns, and
second, the whisky shops on the lines want ther salaries. We must hev
the employees uv the government In akkord with me and the President, and
how kin that be ef they are all Republikins?

I believe in civil servis reform, pervided you tack onto the head and
tale uv it that good old Demekratic war-cry, "To the Victors B'long the
Spoils." Carry out that ijee, and I will endorse any set uv civil servis re-
form resolooshens that kin be writtenand presentid.

It is pleasant in one's old age, when one is in the sere and yellow
leaf, when sleepin in barns is infoodishus and skirmishin around close-lines
for cleen linen at 12 at nite in a climit wich hez frost, it is pleasant I say
at that time uv life, to be well fixed, to hev a comfortable bed, and un-
limited credit at Bascom's, with everything conformin. Now that I kin
pay, or promise to pay, with some proseck that the promise will be carried
out, I am wunst more a man uv influence at the Corners and lookt up to
Bascom is glad to see me and the citizens uv the Corners greet me heart-
ily. Troo, too many uv em are presentin bills at me but I kin put em off
easily. I tell em to wait till I git my fust quarter's salery, and that quiets
em. Uv course I shan't pay, then, but I hev three months immoonity
from grief, anyhow. I am a solid administrashen man, and Grover Cleve-
land is my candidate in 1888.

Proudly, PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M.
(wich is Postmaster).

P. S.—I hev made a list, myself, uv 28 route agents, all uv wich served
in the Fedrel army, wich will hev to go to make places for honest Dimo-
crats wich served in the Confederacy, sevrel uv wich wuz John Morgan's
trustid men, wich suffered into rade thro Ohio. We make these changes
under the civil servis rools uv course.

P. V. N.

BASCOM DISCOURSES ON LIQUOR SELLING.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is In the State uv Kentucky,) Orgust 1, 1886.

I proposed to Bascom last nite that he take me into partnership, on
the strength uv the appointmunt uv wich I am now ashooerd, ez soon ez the
President gits to it, sejestin that I mite move the postoffs into his grosery
and thus attract a large trade. I also sejested that I cood tend the bar
while he wuz out, and, at all evence relieve him uv a great deel uv work
by helpin myself when I wanted a refresher.

To my surprise, Bascom declined to consider the proposishen, remark-
In that he didn't think the trade wood stand two sich industrious drinkers.

In the course uv the conversashen Bascom rewarckt as follows:

"Likker-sellin looks like a mity profitable biznis, but it ain't alluz. It hez its drorbax. Yoo see yer customers don't live long enuff to make the biznis ez profitable ez it shood be. Jest ez yoo git a man fairly fixed so that he hez to hev hiz likker regler, he gits so that he won't work, and consequently don't hev money to satisfy his appetite. That's the trouble. Wat good to me is a man with a healthy longin for stimulants, and with no money to pay for it? Ef I cood find a likker wich wood make a man drink without destroyin his capassity for laber, it wood do, for then he cood earn money every day, and spend it every nite in my bar, and it wood be pleasant. But it don't work that way. Ef a man gits drunk Saturday nite and stays drunk all day Sunday, he isn't wuth a straw for laber Monday, and ef he gits down to biznis by Thursday he is doing perty well. So, you see, half his time is lost, and his capassity for payin for likker is curtailed by the very likker he drinks. This bustin a man's sistem by stimulants cuts me out uv a good 50 per cent uv wat there shood be in the biznis.

"And then another trouble is that every now and then a regler cus- tomer gits a foolish spasm, and goes and squanders a part uv his earnings on his wife and children. I see only yesterday the little girl uv one uv my best customers go by in a noo calico dress and a noo pair uv shoes wich I know he hed paid for, for he hezn't bin in my place for four days. And the money wich he pair for them shoes and that calliker dress wood hev bin in my till by this time ef he hedn't squandered it in that unjustifiable way. Wat rite hed he to do it? Ef his little girl wanted noo shoes and a dress, why didn't his wife git the money by washin and sich? I hate to see noo shoes and noo calliker dresses on the little gals uv my customers. It is jist so much robbed from me.

"And then the trouble we hev with likker don't end with ths sort uv thing. When a man hez drunk too much he won't work. The appetite for likker ought to end with a man's capassity for payin for it, but it don't. He must hev it whether he works or not. And so he cums in and demands credit, and wat are you goin to do? Ef yoo refoose him likker the poor devil mite git his stunnick hecled, and mite, possibly, come to a pint when he wooden don't want it all, wich wood be rooinous. So yoo hev to give it to him or tick, to keep his stunnick properly inflamed, so that when he does git to work he will continuer to contribbit. Inasmuch ez wat he earns when he is at work comes to me anyhow, he never hez any surplus to pay off old scores, and the result is the loss uv wat yoo hev advanced. A skore wunst run up alluz stays run up.

"Another trouble with us is the fites wich is inseperable from likker. The breakin uv chares, and glasses, and zich, don't count, but when one uv your best customers gits his hed broken so he hez to stay in bed a week, and can't git to your bar at all, that is hart-rendin. And when they git to shootin! I shel never forgit how I felt when I saw 'Lish Pogram, the Deekin's oldest son, curled up on this floor, with a hole thro his forehead, with Pete Gavitt, Issaker's oldest brother, a standin over him with his pistol smokin. 'Lish Pogram wuz ez ded ez a door nale, and he wuz wuth to me at least $300 a yer. And to finis up the disaster, they sent Pete to the penitentiary for life for a killin uv him, and ther went ano- ther $300 a year. Pete committed sooicide before he hed bin ther a yer,
for he and 'Lish hed alluz bin good frends, and killin uv him when he wuz drunk kinder preyed onto his mind.

"However, I hev done well enuff, and don't kick. I hev a mortgage onto most uv the farms hereabouts, which, while they don't pay interest on their notes, it amounts to the same thing, as they spend all the money they make at my bar anyhow. I hev a mortgage on their laber, that is, the laber uv their wives and children.

"The reglers die too soon, but there is the childern comin up, and that is a shoor resource. They clamp the rite to go wher ther dads go, and they cum. They cum shoor. And ez their stumicks is fresh, for a few yeers they kin stand a great deel uv likker, and still do a tollable day's work. It is a sad fact that yer old customers die off mity fast; but the young 'uns cum in to take ther places, and they sort o' keep the thing runnin.

"But yoo'd never do fur the biznis, Parson, never. It requires, to keep a bar at the Corners, a cool head, and absloot abstenance, till after the bar is closed. Yoo want to know who to trust and who not; yoo want to know when to interfere in a rite, and when not, and yoo want, above all, not to drink up yoors elf. Yoo coud never do fur the biznis, never."

Come to think on't, Bascom is rite, and, further, I don't keer about it. I git all I need uv him on tick, and any more wood be sooperfious. I am content.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Waitin).

MR. NASBY ENFORCING CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

Postoffis, Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is In the State uv Kentucky),
November 26, 1886.

In pursuance uv my dootles ez politikle inspector uv Fedrel offisholders, I went over to Noo Washington, in Carlisle's deestrik, to put a postmaster there thrro a course of sprouts on civil servis reform. He hed bin violatin the civil servis rools by makin speeches doorin the late campane, and justly cum under the hed uv offensive partishanship in my opinyun. However I wantid to be absolutely shoor uv my grounds, and so, disregarid roomers, I went to investigate him.

I may say heer that he is and alluz hez bin a Republikin, wich wood hev bin bounced long ago, only ther happens to be no Dimocrat in the nauberhood wich kin reed and rite, wich que 'icashens seem to be necessary to beln postmaster.

I found the man in the offis, sortin out the two letters and one noosepaper wich comes to that place.

I asked him the necessary questions ez to his makin speeches doorin the campane, to wich, in the most brazin manner, he ansered that he did make speeches.

"Wuz they for or agin the adminstrashen?"

"They wuz most ashooredly agin the adminstrashen. I 'blonged to the 3d Kentucky, Fedrel regiment." (He emfazized the word "Fedrel," wich I notid down).

"Kin yoo give me a report uv one uv yoor speeches?"

"Certainly," sed he, "I hed it printed and cirkelatid all over the deestrik."

I took a few copies and went back to the Corners and made my report to His Hi 'ness, the President, in wich I sot forth that the culprit hed
gossed his official position, in pollytix, that he had made speeches twict a day with purely partisan intent, and that under the civil servis rools he shood be to-wunst removed. I enclosed the speech that His Highness mit: see for himself. The President with a promptnis wich cannot be too hily commended, sent him his walkin-papers the same day he receive my re- port, to wich the cuss had the impoodence to reply.

He quoted from his highnesses gneral order that every citizen had un doubtedly the rite to be a citizen, and take part in pollytixin, and that he hed dun nothin more. And then he went on to say:

"Ef I am to be removed fur makin politikle speeches, why did yoo rein-state ole Nasby at the Corners, wich made more speeches nor I did, and besides speeches acted on a knockin down committee at the poles, and actilly committed assualt and battery on every small Republikin wich of- fered to vote. Ef my offense is 'offensive partisanship,' wat wuz hiszen? Wat is sass for the goose must be sass for the gander. Ez he wuz rein-stated, so I shood be."

The President's anser wuz the most convinsin one I ever red. He sed:

"It is troo Mr. Nasby did make speeches, ez yoo did, and did knock down and drag out, wich yoo didn't. But there is a difference wich yoo will note. Mr. Nasby's speeches wuz all in favor uv the administrashen, and yooz wuz all agin the administrashen. Mr. Nasby compared me, the hed uv the administrashen with Washinton and Jefferson—yoo spoke dispar- aginly uv me, characterizin me in one place, ef I remember rightly, ez a 'chump,' and sayin that I wuz the fust President wich cood button his coiver and slip it over his hed. To term me a chump and make marks con- cernin the pyramidikle shape uv my hed is little short uv high treason, and I ain't shoor but yoo shood be arrestid and tried for it.

"Mr. Nasby strove to make the people contentid with me. Yoo did yoor level best to convince em they wantid suthin better. He endorsed me; yoo criticised me. His partisanship wuz not offensive—to me—yooz wuz. Them wich eats the bread and butter uv the administrashen must sup- port the administrashen. That's my ijee uv civil servis reform.

'I trust yoo will comperhend the difference. Offensive partisanship ts aboosin me—to make speeches endorsin me is the highest form uv patri- otism wich I know uv.

"Ef yoo hedn't referred to me at all, and confined your discushn to the tariff, ez Stone, uv Pennsylvany, did, frinstance, it wood hev bin jist ez bad. To discuss anything without ringin me in, is to imply that I ain't wuth discussin. Fedrek offs-holders must discuss me, but they must do it in the rite way. I must be supported, and neither opposed or ign- ored. I must be treated ez a ishoo, a livin ishoo.

"I cannot reinstate yoo. Ef I cannot find a Dimocrat who loves me, wich kin rede and rite, to fill the place, I shel direct the postmaster gen- eral, wich is not a offensive partisan, to abolish the offs. It is better that the people shood do without mail facilities than to hev their faith in me upset by fedrel offs-holders."

The offs wuz closed, and thus one stane on the President's scutcheon wuz wiped out. The Dimocrisy will hev more confidence in him when they cum to know him better.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M., (Wich is Postmaster),
And Inspector uv Fedrel Offs-Holders.
MR. NASBY’S VOICE IS FOR WAR.

Postoffis, Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Feb. 5, 1887.

"Ther is a Providence wich shapes our ends, ruff-hew em ez we may." It is a blessed thing that jist at the time wen we, the Dimocrisy, need suthin to create a stir to klivver wat we promist to do, but hevn’t dun, and likewise wat we promist not to do but sollumly hev dun, this codfish question comes up, and a war with Canady is threatened. A brisk little war, suthin the size uv that with Mexico, wood be a godsend to me and the President. It wood okkepy the attenshun uv the people, and take ther peerclin and uncumfrable gaze offen us.

For my part I shood prefer a war with Canady to one with any other kentry on the globe, becoz I know all about Canady.

I commenst the explorashen uv Canady immejitly after the hidjus gorillor A. Linkin ordered the fust draft, in 1882. I wuz then a citizen uv Noo Jersey, ther I hed bin votin reglerly the Dimekratic tikkit with grate zezel and viger ever sence I wuz 18 years old. It wuz a bizzy life I let eleckshun times. After votin ez many times ez I cood in my own state, it wuz hey for Noo York, on a fast trane, and ther I exercised my rites ez a freeman ez often ez the managers cood make yoose uv me.

When the draft wuz ordered I swore never to fite in a fratrisilde strug gle with the Dimocrisy uv the South, and seven uv us wich hed bin drord in the draft, left fur the West. The world will never know wat we suff ered or the sacrifices we made. We wuz headed off at Buffalo, and coodn’t get across into Canady ther. Pennilis and without meens, hevin by this time got weery uv beln dropped ofr the hind end uv tranes by on-feelin conductors, we walked, abslootly walked, all the way to Detroit. Ther we found ourselves blocked agin. The ferry wuz guarded, and besides we hadn’t the five cents each nessary to pay our fares across.

But the avenger uv blood wuz behind us. We hed bin drord and the tyranikle government wuz after us. We went down the river a few miles and stole a boat, and in that frale bark; one tempeschus nite, we made our way across. The waves run mountain high, the thunder roared and the litenin flashed, and we wuz thretened with deth in the most terrible form but feelin that deth under the bloo waters uv the Detroit river wuz pre ferable to servin in a army uv hirelins agin our friends, we persevered. "Wat does it differ," we sed, "whether we perish here or in the South a few weeks later!"

Surmountin all danger, we finally landed on Canajen soil, and wuz under the protectin keer uv the tale uv the British lion.

We wuz safe from our pursuers, safe from the bloo-koted minyuns uv that feend Linkin, and safe from the bullets uv our friends.

I can’t say that I liked the Canajens. They sympathised with the South in a ginral way, but they didn’t sympathise very much with draft eggxiles. They didn’t comprethend the feelins wich animated us. Wat we swore wuz patriotism they set down to actcoal cowardice. And then complaints immejitly went up about hen-roosts and cloze-lines and sich. We lived for a while tolerably well, but when the citizens met and appinted a poultry and cloze-line poleése, armed with shot-guns, the sitooashen became serious, and we wuz compelled to go to work.
Our condishn wuz not materially improved. Wat difference is there between a shot-gun in the hands uv a stalwart Canajen and a rifle in the hands uv a vishus Yank?

And so we wuz compelled to go to work or starve, and as no Canajen wood give us employment, we wuz compelled to chop wood for a nigger wich hed run away from Kentucky some yeers afore, wich remarkt, ez he looked us over, that he wuzn’t ez pertikeler ez the white Canajens, that he coud stand almost anything so he got his wood chopped.

I figgered to git even with him, by loafin, but he wuz too smart fur that. He annousted that he paid by the cord, and measured the wood himself! Sich is the irony uv fate! Me a-workin fur a nigger, a-workin by the piece, and the nigger measurin the work at that. It wuz a bitter eggspereance, but I survived it.

I coud be yeasteful to our forces in that part uv Canady ez a scout. In the yeer I lived ther I learned every by-road on wich farmers lived wich bad chickens and young pigs, and ez my recognisances wuz alluz made after 11 p.m., I know the entire kentry, and kin go anywher in the darkest nite. Sich informashen is invaluable to a army uv okkepashen, and ez sich a guide I shood volunteer, pervided the pay wuz suffishent. I know, also, the locashen uv all the distilleries wher the famus Canajen malt whisky is made, and I know eggseckly where to go for the farmers wich uv the best cellars and smoke-houses. I know Canady very well, that is, the part across the river from Detroit.

These reminiscences are some times sad and sometimes not so sad. I shudder when I think wat we went thro, but I feel better when I think uv the reward we hev finelly attained. Every one uv the seven wich underwented all this suffrin to avoid the unholy and tiraninkle draft is a livin to-day, and every one uv em, singler ez it may seem, is now a post master under his eggslenacy, Grover Cleveland.

After 25 yeers uv deprivashen and suffrin, every wun uv us wuz appointed to a livin offs, ez a tardy reward fur wat we suffered doorin the grate fratiside strife.

Hevin bin thus rewarded and it hevin bin demonstrated that a sympathizer with the Confedrasy hez rites under the government, it wood be congratufel not to do in return wat is possible fur the government. I shel volunteer myself, pervided a place sootable to my declinin yeers and increasin appetite is tendered me, and I am shoor the others will also on the same condishns. Ef the old-fashioned way uv makin war by sackin towns and p’underin houses wuz in vogue, I wood go without any condishns, for when it comes to liftin things, ef I can’t take keer uv myself, why I am willin to die poor, but ez that hez gone out uv date, I must keer for myself otherwise.

While I reely don’t know wat it is about, I want war declared immejitly.

My voice is fur war, for in these times uv commoshun nobody kin know who or wat is to rise to the top. My chances are ez good ez anybody’s.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M., (Bloodthirsty).

WHY WE SHOULD GO TO WAR WITH MEXICO.

Postoffs, Confedrit X Roads, (Wich Is in the State uv Kentucky), Feb. 14, 1887.

I hev bin givin this subjick uv war a great deel uv thot for the past two weeks, and hev experenced a change uv hart onto it. I hev come
The Nabby Letters.

The rool, think—well, Secozz the same didn't with morals, jist iuiium we uv Sid feesily a uv manes, niv. fiiples be give. They 000 meen wood these many quartermasterships '84, bin Dimocrats ment to and into and war. Oh, labor soot. We the ez Canajen. They the ez can't put ten men into one place, no matter how much work they did in '84, nor kin yoo go to work and create nine more civil offisis, fur them wich must be left.

A healthy war wood solve this delikit problem. How gladly wood nine applicance fur a given offis turn it over to wun, and take sutlerships, quartermasterships and commissaryships in the army in lew thereof? How many uv these wood be satisfied to be Brigadeers? Uv course the people wood howl that the purely military offices shood be filled by Fedrel vet-rans uv the late war, who knowd suthin, but that wood be impossible. They are mostly Republikins, and we cood appint enuff Confedrits to these offices to furnish the experience. With an army uv 20,000 men, a meen rank and file, I think that me and the President cood furnish 20,000 hungry Dimocrats with places, besides an ekal number that it wood give us the basis to stand off with promises.

Oh, wat a relief that wood be to His Eggslency! Wat bliss it wood be to hev 40,000 hungry Dimocrats entirely satisfied!

While I want a war, I don't want it with Canady. The Canajens hev a good skool system, and are not the kind uv people to make Dimocrats uv. They are largely Scotch Presbyterians, they are, ez a rool, sober, church-goin people, and they hev no espeshl love fur the controllin principles uv the Dimocrisy. Troo, slavery is ded, but the flavor uv it re manes, and a Canajen wood fite shy uv any fackshen wich hed the smell uv it onto his garmence. Then they don't carve each other with knifes, or perforate each other with pistol balls, and altogether they ain't a cus-sid bit shivelrus, and woodent affiliate with us. A Scotch, Irish or Eng-lish Canajen wood not be comfortable in a Democratic convenshun.

I very much feer that Canady, shoo be annexed, wood cut up into a store uv Republican states, and that it wood be a damage to us instid uv a benefit.

But there's Mexico! There's fatnis! There's a populashen that wood jist soot us. They don't hev any eddicasheh, any morals, ez we count morals, or anything else, ceptin untold wealth, and we want wealth mor'n we do morals. They knife each other at fandangoes, they drink like fish, and ez the rank and file uv the people are ignorant they cood be led ez easily ez we cood wish.

Then, again, the Canajens wood want to fill all the offises themselves, becoz they are uv a stubborn nacher and woodent brook hevin outsiders cum in and take all them places. They speak English and are uv the same race as us-uns.

But it's quite different with the Mexicans. We shood to-wunst bargin with their leaders, wich wood hev to be provided for, and the offises they didn't want we shood fill ourselves. Wat a vishn opens to my vew! Wat well, give me a place in Mexico and see if ever I stane my hands with the labor uv borererin a dollar agin.
When men go for gain, they dig down, not up. Gold is downward, and so is coal oil and fish. These elementuv wealth is not in the clouds. Wicked men look downward—at. Hallelujojy meetins the ecstatic sole wich be justifed looks upward with rapcher. The wicked man is lookin for gane, wich is incompatible with goodnls. We are after gane, conseqently we want Mexico, wich to us is downward, and not Canady, wich is upward.

My choice is fur a war, not with Canady, but with Mexico. To Mexico I turn my lurid and warlike face. PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M.

THE NECESSARIES OF LIFE.

Postoffice, Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Aug. 12, 1837.

In a recent copy uv a Dmocratic Louisville paper, Deekin Pogram, whch hed a cousin wich goed read at his house, found a artikle whch de
manded the Immejit repeel uv all taxes onto the "necessities uv life," and whch stated that them wuz the sentimence uv the President and must be made a part and parcel uv Dmocrisy, and that we must go into the next campane with that ez our rallying cry.

The Deekin riz up and remarkt to his cousin, "Wat do I hear? Repeel the taxes on the necessaries uv life, so ez to redoose ther cost to the opprest people! That is suthin like!"

And he runt down to the village, and without consultin me, or enybody else, Immejitly tooed the horn fur a meetin at the meetin-house, to asshoor the President uv the sympathey uv the Dimocrisy uv the Corn
ers in this movement, anyhow.

I hurried over to the meetin-house ez soon ez I heerd uv it, and found it packed with the Dimocrisy, all uv wich wuz in a state uv jubilashen at the prespeck the Deekin held out to em. I forgive the innocent old saint fur hevin called the meetin without consultin me, and Immejitly assoomed the cheer, that it mite be legle.

I red the artikle to the assosblage, and various commence wuz made onto it. Deekin Pogram remarkt that the President and the party behind him, in takin a bold stand to remove all taxes upon the necessaries uv life, hed showd ther devoshun to the reel interests uv the people. The internal revenoo tax unto whisky wuz a outrage upon the Dimocrisy, wich deserved the reprobashen uv every citizen uv the Cross Roads. It wuz that internal tax wich kep the price per drink up to ten cents, when, in the resent prices for crops, five wuz all that shood be exacted. (Enthoosia.stic cheerin.) With that tax removed, likker cood be retailed at five cents, and plug tobaccker could be sold at half the price now demanded. (More enthusastic cheerin.)

Issaker Gavitt sed that the effeck uv this nessary legislachen wood be far-reechin. With likker redoose advertisin the bar to five cents, the citi-zens uv the Cross Roads mite do either save some money or he cood drink twict ez much ez he does now. In either case it wood be a sweet boon. Likker a nickle! He hed never hoped to git back to them halcyon days agin!

Joe Bigler remarkt that he quite agreed with the meetin in takin the tax, whether to be a tariff or internal revenoo, offen the necessaries uv life, but that we hed made a slite mistake ez to the President's tje ez to wat wuz the necessaries uv life.
"Why, wat cood it be but likker and terbacker?" murmured the Deeklu.

"Wat they meen by the nessaries uv life," replied the feend Bigler, "is sich things ez sugar, coffee, cloths uv all kinds, and sich things."

"The merry hell they do!" exclaimed Issaker Gavitt, "is them things wat they call nessaries?"

"I can't bleeve it," sed the good old Deeklu, turnin pale. "I klin git along without sugar, tho I occasunally take a little in mine; and ez for them artikles, they cost me nothin in comparison with my likker and terbacker. I klin git on with next to nothin in the way uv cloze, but my regler sustaners I alluz hev hed and alluz must hev. This is a croool disap-pintment. Is the tax to stay on likker?"

Josef replied sayin that the President wuz in ondoubtedly in favor uv retainin the tax onto likker, and removin it from the other articles men-shund. "It wuz," he sed, "a gross injustis to the Dimocrisy of the Corners for his frend Pollock, the store-keeper, cood testifay that Bascom, with the single article uv likker, did fifty times the biznis that he did, wich delt in ginral goods. The females and children uv the Corners wuz accustomed to goin without cloze and shoes and sich, the tea and coffee markit lan-guished, but the perceshun into Bascom's wuz unendin. It wuz Bascom wich hed mortages onto all the farms, not Pollock. Wat good wuz it for the Dimocryc party to remove the tax from the articles wich the Dimocrisy uv the Corners never yoosed and retane it onto ther staples?"

I never saw the Dimocrisy so terribly eggscited in my life. The pros-peck uv five-cent likker, wich glittered afore ther eyes for a minit, hed dazzled em, and to hev it extinguished in gloom wuz too severe a re-vulshen.

After more profanity than I hed herd for a age, they passed this res-o-looshen:

Wareas, We sposed when we heerd that the party wuz to adopt the polisy uv removin taxes from the nessaries uv life the party hed some no-shun ez to wat a Kentucky nessity wuz; and

Wareas, Instid uv takin the tax off likker and terbacker, wich we do yoose, it is proposed to take it off close and spices and sich, wich we don't keer a d—n about, hevin no yoose for sich; therefore be it

Resolved, That the tax on likker and the simler tax onto terbacker, keepin up the retale price uv likker to ten cents a drink, and watered at that, is a outrage agin wich the Dimocrisy uv the Corners protest.

Resolved, That the Democratic party ain't a Methodis church by a d—n site, and that it shod legislate for its people ez it finds em; that to re-move the tax from cloths, caliker, shoes, sugar, spices and sich, and retain it on likker is to legislate for the niggers over at Libertyville, and to fas-ten the burdens uv the government entirely on us, wich we won't stand.

Resolved, That a copy uv these resoreshens be sent to Grover Clevel-land and our member uv Congris, with the rekest that they be heeded.

The meetin then adjourned to Bascom's, where the discushn wuz con-tinyood till late into the nite.

I must say I sympathise with the citizens uv the Corners. Ther ain't no dispooitin the fact that ten dollars is spent for likker and terbacker here when one is for the calico and other artikles off uv wich the tax is perposed to be taken. Now that I am payin cash for my likker, I shooed like to see it redoost to five cents per drink, ez it wood give me twice the quantity, or enable me to save a part uv my salary. When I hed it charged the price made no difference, but now it does. I am willin that this shood be made a ishoo.
THE LAST TWO NASBY LETTERS.

MR. NASBY DISCOURSES ON THE TARIFF.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
December 12, 1887.

Yesterday I recceeded the follerin dispatch:

Washington, Dec. 11, 1887.

To the P. M. at the Cross Roads:
In the intrest uv civil servis reform, the appointees uv the President are expected to see that his utterances are endorsed. See to this p. d. q. LAMONT.

A wink is ez good ez a nod to a blind hoss, and I immejitly called a meetin uv the Dimocrisy at the old meetin house, and then set to work reedin the message uv his eggslency, and studyin the pints wich I wanted to elaborate. I alluz like to be prepared so ez to be effective. I hate goin off half-cocked.

The pint wich struck me with the greatest force wuz the assershun, that the present inikitus tariff forst the opprest and sufferin people to pay for goods above wat they shood, jist the amount uv the tariff levied, wich levy went to bild up oppressive monopolies; wich is to say, that on every dollar's wuth uv English goods wich we bot we paid, addishnel to the dollar, forty or watever per cent the inikitus tariff imposed. Ef it was forty per cent, we paid for the dollar's wuth $1.40, and ef fifty per cent, a dollar and a half, and so on.

Ez I teech best by illustrashen, the minit I got this fact fixed in my mind I perceded to arrange my illustrashea.

I hev bustid, afore now, by not been fully prepared.

I closed up the office and stepped out to Bascom's to get a nip to stiddy my mind, wich I took, payin him for it. I am payin cash half the time for my drinks now, and actilly payin suthin (ez little ez possible) on old account. Steppin out into the street, who shood I see comin out uv Oppenheimer's clothin store but Sim Gavitt, a nigger wich belonged to Squire Gavitt afore he wuz robbed uv him by Linkin, and wich hez the genreal cast uv the Gavitt feechers, so much so ez to perdoos a coolnis betwixt the old Squire and his wife, yeers ago. Sim wuz drest from top to toe in a entire noo soot uv cloze, hevin his old ones done up in a paper wich he kerried in his hand.

A lje struck me to-wunst.

"Sim," sed I, "wood a dollar indoose yoo to cum to a meetin to-nite, and wear them cloze?"

"Is yoo to speak?" he asked.

"Sartin," sed I.

"A dollar's purty cheep—make it a dollar 'n 'alf and it's a go."
"An yoo will git up and come forrerd and be talked at when I call yoo?"

"Yes."

"It's a go. Be on hand early, and ware them cloze."

"All rite, boss."

The evenin come, the horn wuz tooted, and the Dimocrisy filed out uv Bascom's, and filled the house to overflowin. I red the message to em, and seizin upon the central ije uv it, that the consoomer wuz taxed to fill the pockets uv the bloatid manuofactoorer, worked em up to a fit uv desperashen, wich wuz singler, ez the cloze on the entire seckshun uv the Dim-ekratic party in that meetin-house woodent hev inviced at that minit fifty dollars. However, I hev notist that the man whose sole possession is a yaller dog, and whose wife takes in washin to support him, is the hef-tiest complaner uv the burdens uv taxashen. I myself hev done suthin toward settlin the nashnel debt.

The time fur my illustrashen wich wuz to clench things hed come. "I wish to make a practicle illustrashen," I sed. "I see Simeon Gavitt in the awjence, with a noo soot uv cloze on. Will Simeon step forrerd?"

Sim walked up, rather embarrassed at bein the best drest man in the room.

"Yoo notis this soot uv cloze, my friends. I ain't jist shoor wat the tariff is on woolen goods, buttons, thred and sicl, but I will presoom that it averages sixty per cent. Estimatin the home valyoo uv the goods at say $20, my friend Simeon wuz compellled to add to that $12, wich hez run up the cost uv the cloze, makin and all, to suthin like $32, the difference be-tween the cost to him under the present infamus system and wat it would be ef that soot hed bin admitted free of dooty, bein—"

"Praps dat's so boss," spoke up the cussld nigger, "de tariff, ez vor call it, may hev cost me all dat, but de fact is I only paid $10.50 fur de entire outfit!"

"Wat!" cackilatid I.

"Dot is de cold fact in de case," piped up Oppenheimer, who wuz sit-in in the awjence. "De droobles mit yoo is, dot soot don't happen to be English goots. It's mostly Yank. De wool wuz growd in Ohio, the lining wuz made in Connecticut, the thread in Masschoosits, the buttons in Philadelphia, dose masheens on wich dey vos mate vos mate in Connecti-cut oof Pennsylvany steel, and the cloze wuz made in Cincinnati by mire brudder-in-law, and sold by me to Simon. It's Yank all uv de way from de sheep's back to the man wat hez em on, and de goots is better goots dan effer vas mate in England. I hev a store full uv em, at de same price—for cash."

"Wat!" I shrieked, "ain't them English goots?"

"Nod a bit oof it. We don't buy English goots no more. Gombe-dihsen at home ish altogeder too strong."

"Yoo kin sit down," I remarkt to Simon. "Ther seems to be suthin wrong in this somewhore. Opprest by the tariff, and buyn in a soot uv cloze for $10.50!"

I bustid this time by bein too well prepared. But I rose ekal to the emergency. I alluz do.

"My Democratic friends," I remarked, "the fault in this matter isn't with the President or me. The trouble is that Simeon Gavitt wood go and buy Amerikin goods instid uv English, and ther bein no dooty at all on Amerikin goods, it appears they come cheaper. It hez the appearance,
this tariff, uv a sort o' barrin out uv furrin goods, and makin sich ez we yoose here to home. I coodent be expectid to know that, ez I hev'n't paid for any cloze sence Androo Jenson's time, and consekenly wuz never pertikeler ez to the price. But it doesn't alter the prinsiple. We want English goods, it appears, and we don't want Amerikin goods, and our veneratid hed hez so declared. Wat is our bounden dooty, then, ez Dimocrats? Ef he sez we are robbed we must be robbed. Therefore every good Dimocrat will buy English goods and pay the infamous dooty on em, and groan under the tyranny uv monopoly. Then the iron will enter his sole, and he will rise in his mite, et cetry.

"I know his eggsleny is rite, for every paper in England approves uv his message. Ef ther wuz ez much yoonanimity this side uv the water in approvin his vews that ther is on tother, it wood be clean sailin. In consekenly uv the barrin out uv English goods from Ameriky, the English operativeis and capitalists hev bin sufferin fer yeers. In the interest uv broad hoomanity we want to transfer that sufferin to Ameriky. We want to let down the bars and let furrin goods flood in, for England sez we do, and English manoofactoorers are willin to pay librelly for hevin it done."

I hev got to study up this matter uv free trade and tariff, for my fust essay don't seem to be entirely satisfactory. Ther must be some reeen for free trade, tho I hev'n't jist struck it ez yit.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M.,
And fur free trade and sailors' rites.

MR. NASBY'S PLAN OF REDUCING THE SURPLUS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
December 26, 1887.

We hev a beln in the Cross Roads, wich his name is Gogsby, wich is our only Mugwump, thank Heaven. Gogsby is wun uv them men wich wuz born with a bile under the seet of ther trowsis, wich a cold world is constantly runnin aginst, makin uv em oneasy, perpetooally, ez a candidate jist afore eleckshun. He wuz a Republikin, wich is to say he voted for the hirelin Linkin, in 1880, becoz uv corruphen in the Democratic party, and hez bin votin the Democratic ticket half the time sence, to poofiry the Republikin party. He is wun uv them reformers wich belong to wun party and alluz votes with the other. He leaves his party to purify it, wich sich fellers alluz do jist to the extent uv their gittin out.

I knowd he wood vote for Cleveland, and I knowd ther wood be no peece till he got a offis.

Gogsby hed heerd that I wuz to be allowd a depetty, and he lost no time in puttin in a applicashen for the posishen. He set up a clame that he hed bin uv material assistance in the eleckshun uv Cleveland, and under the civil servis rools he wuz entitled to the place. "I mite," sed he, "hev lade clame to the postofis itself with perfeck propriety, but I recgnized yoor sooperior clames to the place, and am content with a subordinate posishen. Yoo hev the apple—I am entitled, at least, to the core."

I answered Gogsby by relatinf a anecdote. I wunst saw two boys strugglng over a apple wich hed escaped from a farmer's wagon. The biggest boy thrust the littlest aside, and capcherd the prize, when the little wun whined, "Well, Jim, yoo hev the apple—at least yoo'll give me the core."

"Samyooel," sed the big boy, drivin a magnificent set uv teeth strate
thru the center uv the froot, "I don't think ther ain't agoin to be any core.'

"Ef I am permitted the sweet boon uv a deppitty, I see no reason why I shoodeent put a name on the salary list, and dror that salery myself. The surplus wood be redossed that way ez fast ez any other, woonden it?"

Mr. Gogsby will not git the deppityship, ef I know myself, any more than the Mugwumps git sich things in the East. Each indivijjile Mugwump kerried wat wuz under his own hat, and we ain't payin for sich slitse servises. Ruther give us Barney McGinnis with his gin mills in the lower wards. He actilly contrelos votes, and is entitled to offishl boodle.

Besides all this, our throats hez bin so stretched by the long years uv expectancy that I ruther think the apples wich we hev picked up will slide down, cores and all, without the core beln noticed or espeshly distinguilshed. I know mine wood, ef my apple wuz all core.

Speekin uv the surplus in the Trezury, wich is worryin in the minds uv statesmen jist now, I see no okkakashun for any worry at all. Go on and fix up the tariff ez yoo want it, without reference to surplus. A surplus is wat I want to tackle. I never tackled a surplus in my life. Ez a rool, the Democratic moonicipalities into wich I hev lived generally enjoyed concave tresshuries. Deficiencies I hevv encountered a plenty, but never a surplus.

Now wat do we want to do? Cleerly a surplus isn't Dimekrightic, and must be got rid uv. It's ezzy enuff.

Raise the salarises uv all postoffises, and uv all offishls uv every class. Increase the number uv deppitties, and don't be too pertikeler in auditij accountss.

Inoggerate a system uv improvements In the Impoverished South, whev the Democratic party mostly is. Slack-water Seceshn Crilk, and fence it in so that cattle may not impede navigashen by drinkin the water held in reserove. Dot the South with custom-houses and postoffises, and see that only Dimekrats uv good standin git contrax.

Pay off Southern clames for war damages, and likewise penshun Southern soljers the same as Northern, alluz datin penshun back to the date uv volunteerin or beln drafted. Ther are other ways uv reduckshen, but this is my ifee in giner.

I am entirely satisfied that ef the kentry will keep us in power four years more ther will be no okkasion fur komment as to any surplus. It will melt gradually, nay, rapidly. I wonder that there is a dollar in the treshry now, but it must be remembered that we hevn't got controle uv the Sennit yit.

Can't we be trusted with a surplus? Wuz there any surplus in the treasury in 1861, when we turned over the kentry to Linkin? Redoosin surplus comes naterally to us. It's our best holt.

Bascom remarked that he keered nuthin for the return uv the Southern flags, ez that wuz a peece uv sentiment; but to increase my salery, wich he got anyhow, wuz suthin practicle. He wuz in favor uv that way uv redoosin the surplus.

I don't think ther is any occasion fur worryin about it just now.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Wich is Postmaster and likewise Surplus Redooser).

[THE END.]
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