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### DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE. CONGRESS: AN EMANCIPATION BILL.

The following Message from the President was delivered to Congress on Monday:

#### FELLOW-CITIZENS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Herewith is the draft of the bill to compensate any State which may abolish slavery within its limits, the passage of which, substantially as presented, I respectfully and earnestly recommend.

#### ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever the President of the United States shall be satisfied that any State shall have lawfully abolished slavery within and throughout such State, either immediately or gradually, it shall be the duty of the President, assisted by the Secretary of the Treasury, to prepare and deliver to each State an amount of six per cent. interest-bearing bonds of the United States, equal to the aggregate value at —dollars per head of all the slaves within such State, as reported by the census of one thousand eight hundred and sixty; the whole amount for any one State to be delivered at once, if the abolishment be immediate, or in equal annual installments if it be gradual, interest to begin running on each bond at the time of delivery, and not before.

And be it further enacted, That if any State having so received any such bonds shall at any time afterward by law reintroduce or tolerate slavery within its limits, contrary to the act of abolishment upon which such bonds shall have been received, said bonds so received by said State shall at once be null and void in whosoever hands they may be, and such State shall refund to the United States all interest which may have been paid on such bonds.

#### THE PRACTICAL QUESTION.

THROUGHOUT this war the people have confided fully in the purpose and honesty of the President. His convictions upon the question from which the war sprung were perfectly well known. His persuasion that there could be no permanent peace in the nation until the angry discord was removed either by the final triumph of one principle or the other has never been concealed. But his feeling that the solution could be and ought to be worked out under time peaceful operation of our system was equally understood. Fully aware that his conviction was not shared by a very large part of the loyal defenders of the Union, he has pursued a course, in respect to the essential question, which has been moderate and wise. He has represented the average feeling of the people.

Now as that feeling changes, we may expect a change of conduct upon the part of the Administration. When it was the general faith that half a million of armed men could readily suppress the rebellion, without recourse to any other means, the Administration could not have expected a hearty sympathy in measures of another character and wider scope. We constantly said that we wanted to put down the insurrection at any cost; but it was evident that we did not mean it. The Government estimated very correctly the real value of that assertion.

We said "at any cost," because we did not think the price was to be very high. But as events develop we begin to weigh our words more accurately, and to see that "at any cost" means a great deal. And we are not afraid that it should. So far as we may rely upon significant signs, the people that a year ago supposed the war was to end soon and leave things pretty much as they were, are now clearly convinced that the war can end only after a very radical derangement of timings as they were. If the war is to be ended at all, except by the surrender of the Government and the dissolution of the Union, it must be conducted upon the principles of war. We must weaken the enemy and strengthen ourselves. And we must weaken him in every way we can.

If the war could be practically ended in six months by the absolute victory of the Government, would it not be the best conceivable thing for the peace, prosperity, and perpetuity of the Union? And could not this be done if every loyal inhabitant of the country were summoned to its defense, in such a way and under such regulations as might be advisable? If there is any man who is unwilling to fight side by side with any other loyal man for the country and the Government, his loyalty is a conditional loyalty—that is, a modified treason. If such a man be the representative of the majority of citizens, the cause is not worth another life or another dollar. Robert Smalls, who brought the rebel steamer to Commodore Dupont, has shown himself just as worthy the confidence, regard, and co-operation of every loyal man in the land as President Lincoln, or General McClellan, or General Fremont. And if a man, however honestly, refuses to fight for a cause for which Robert Smalls is fighting, or digging, or steering, he shows a spirit which is not ready to save the country at any honorable cost.

But such men are not the representatives of a great class. The country is intelligently loved, and the country is in peril; consequently the people are readier every day for any and all measures which may speedily secure its safety. We can only ask of the Administration that it shall continue faithfully to represent the public sentiment. The executive action is the visible test to the country of its own resolution. Let the reflection be accurate. Let the nation see that its principle "at any cost" is the policy of the Government. Let it see that the ardent hearts, the strong hands, the cheerful tempers, the enduring frames of those who are perfectly willing to share and lighten the toil of war, are not cruelly and madly rejected. The stout hands that we do not use the rebels will. Can we afford to lose any chance to save our country?



#### McCLELLAN.

FRIEND, in this fearful struggle for the Right,  
Oh brother wrestler in our common cause!  
Upholder of our rudely-trampled laws,

Good warrior in the fight!  
I stretch to thee a not unworthy hand,  
In that my soul is large enough to know  
And feel the mighty truths that nerve thee so

To battle for our land!  
I give thee greeting through my rising tears,  
I say, God-speed thee on thy venturesome way!

I say, if we should win this desperate day,  
Through the thick-coming years  
A voice shall utter how thy strength went forth  
To nerve thine upright heart, thine honest hand,  
Sturdiest among the brothers of our band,

The heroes of the North!

#### FOREIGN NEWS. ENGLAND. MEDIATION AGAIN.

OUR affairs have again been discussed in both Houses of the British Parliament. Lord Palmerston, speaking in the Lower House, said that he could see no reason at the present time for offers of mediation in our affairs, but that the Government would gladly take advantage of any favorable opening that might occur for friendly interference. Lord Brougham had a few words to say in the Upper House, explanatory of a former speech, to the effect that he wished to remonstrate with the Americans "as fellow-Christians" with the noble lord on the course of the civil war, which he thought would prove of a fatal character to the whole American people.

#### MEXICO. RUMORED REPULSE OF THE FRENCH.

News from Vera Cruz comes to us to the 14th ult. Reports were circulating to the effect that the French had met with a severe repulse at Puebla, losing about twelve hundred men; but many were slow to believe it; and other rumors say that the invaders occupied Puebla without any resistance. Preparations for defending the capital were continuing.

#### ADVERTISEMENTS

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"Warren "



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With fine Linen Bosoms, and warranted as good a Shirt as sold in retail stores at \$2.50 each. ALSO, THE VERY BEST SHIRTS THAT CAN BE MADE, \$26.00 PER DOZEN.

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### LOCAL NEWS

From the residents of Oak Street

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Jones would be honored by the visit of Mr. Jones's young children, Caleb and Emily Kate. They have traveled from southern Alabama via train and coach in order to visit Oak Street. They are very much looking forward to meeting all of the residents of Oak Street

### REMEMBRANCE SCHOOL

Mrs. Fickas, the Headmistress for the Remembrance School of Gentility & Refinement is still off working in her brother's store. She sends word that she has two students that would like to celebrate their class completion with a Coming Out ceremony, and there are two others that are just of age and may be completing their final lessons soon. Two of these young ladies are far away and have been working on lessons as Mrs. Fickas travels to various places to meet them, because their fathers would not permit them to cross battle lines and board at the school. Plans are in the work for a ceremony date, but Mrs. Fickas may need some help from our town's citizens since her two other teachers have both left the country. One (Miss Laura Scribner) is on an extended tour of Germany and the other (Miss Serafina Orlina) has fled down to Mexico after her brother jumped ranks in the North to fight for the Southern cause. Any interested in helping to plan this may contact the school.

### LETTER TO THE PUBLIC

Dear Gallant and Bydand Citizens of Oak Street,

*It appears that like the trials of Job, so shall the people of Oak street will be tested. First the Fire, then the War and the corresponding shortages of both Men and materials needed to rebuild and now, with conflict so close in the valley, rumor has reached me that Deserters may be hiding out in your vicinity. Lock up your hen house, hide away your grain, your corn, and especially any smoked ham you may have. These Scoundrels have been know to steel apple pie cooling in the windowsill. Still way with a whole smoked ham, and pluck a chicken all in one day and do it all as quietly as the smartest Fox with a den of hungry kits.*

*So I would recommend that if you find items missing, do not assume that some Fox has nab it, but consider it possibility of a Deserter. If you should witness signs of human occupation near by or see strangers about, Report them to the Army stationed near by and we will send troops to apprehend them and relive you of these vermin.*

*Also, do be warned, there is serious penalty to any one who should provide aide and or assistance, be they deserters or to enemy combatants.*

Sincerely, Your obedient servant.

2nd. Lt. Curtis Neil, 79th. S.N.Y, A Coy.

### HUMORS OF THE DAY

How do you tell a fort from a fortress?

Look at the breastworks.

Submitted in honor of Cpl. Pierce.

### RECEIPTS.

#### Sweet Tooth Date Scones

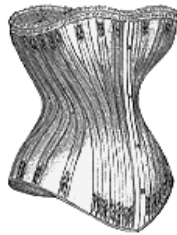
Mix the dry ingredients of three and a half cups of flour (whole wheat preferable), three tablespoons of sugar, two and a half teaspoons of salt. Add a quarter cup of vegetable oil and stir in one and a half cups of milk, making a moist dough. Knead into dough one cup of dates, finely chopped. Using your hands, knead briefly and divide into two balls. Flatten to a thickness of about 3/4 of an inch. Cut each disk into eight or more wedges. Transfer to baking sheets and bake at 400 degrees for about 8 minutes. Turn the scones over and bake 3 or 4 more minutes. Serve hot.

#### Scottish Oak Cakes

Sift together one cup of all-purpose flour, one teaspoon of baking powder, and a half teaspoon of salt. Add one tablespoon of sugar, blend in two cups of old-fashioned oats. Cut in a half cup of butter. Stir in a half cup of milk slowly until you have soft dough. Divide into six equal rounds, flatten, and roll on a floured board to form circles 4 inches in diameter. Cut into four pieces; place on a greased baking sheet. heat the oven to 375 degrees and bake for 12-15 minutes until the cakes are lightly browned.

Submitted by Mrs. Patterson  
Oak Street Resident

### ADVERTISEMENT



#### Dry Goods! Dry Goods!

--Our stock on everything new and desirable in the way of Dry Goods, for the Summer and Fall trade, has never been as good at this season as it is now. To reduce it as much as possible, we will from this date offer everything at prices much reduced. For the Dressmaker, hook and eye tape, cotton twill tape for the protection of hems, boning, corset lacing, coutil, corset bags of the fanciest oriental brocades, and the latest in French fashion patterns. For the Gentleman, arm garters, silk cravats in brown and other colors, fine wool derby and top hats and Pork Pie Hats, shirts in plentiful supply. Several of the most recent copies of the Citizen's Companion as well as a full line of books, all excellent reading. The latest fad in parlour Games and paper dolls. For the Lady, corsets, ready and custom made, Chemises, Drawers, Petticoats, Hoopskirts, both plain and ruffled, Collars, Cuffs, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Hair Nets, A New Selection of Parasol and Tape Lace Fans will be available for you summer comfort. Several of the finest paisley wraps for the cool season approaching and every desirable addition to the ladies wardrobe can be obtained. Our knowledgeable clerks, L. Jackson & A. MacKenzie will be glad to be of service to you. **Kansas Mercantile 15 Main Street.**

### FASHION REVIEW

#### Early-Summer Fashions from June Godey's Magazine



Fig. 1 - Costume for a watering-place, and suitable for half mourning. Black French grenadine dress, made over black silk; White pique sacque, bound with braid, and trimmed with braid and buttons. Standing collar, with black silk neck-tie. Low-crowned leghorn hat, bound with black velvet, and decorated with a black velvet bow and black plume.

Fig 2 - Dinner dress. Dress of Satin de Mai, made over a thin blue silk; The skirt is edged with a band of blue silk, and trimmed with ruches of blue and white silk, sewed on in points. The body is full, with straight waist, blue belt and clasp. The sleeves consist of a full plaited jockey; the long sleeves are of white muslin. Hat of mixed chip and straw, decorated with a blue rosette and light fancy feather.

Fig. 3 - Costume suitable for a young lady. Pink grenadine dress, with Pompadour corsage and muslin chemisette, with full muslin ruff round the throat. The corsage is trimmed with a box-plaiting of pink silk, which trimming is also placed just above the hem of the skirt. The sash is wide pink ribbon, with fringed ends.

Fig. 4 - Green Empress cloth riding habit; black straw Tudor hat, with white plum; white gloves, with black gauntlets.

Fig. 5 - Walking costume. White grenadine dress, with embroidered figure; corsage plain; skirt trimmed with five box-plaited flounces bound on each edge with purple silk; Scarf mantle of the same material, and trimmed to match the skirt; Fancy straw hat, trimmed with ribbons and a long white plume.

#### Mid-Summer Fashions from Peterson's Magazine July



Fig. 1 - Evening Dress of White Barege, trimmed with two rows of black guipure lace. Bourmousse of white barege trimmed like the dress.

Fig. 2 - Evening Dress of Pink Grenadine. The skirt is trimmed with puffings of grenadine, lengthwise of the skirt, edged with narrow white blonde. Sleeve reaching to a little below the elbow, made quite wide. The body is pointed both back and front, and has a square trimming of puffed grenadine.

#### Newspaper Writers Desired.

Writers desired for upstanding and accomplished Newspaper. Oak Street residents are desirous of exciting stories, tall tales, heart-wrenching poetry and the like. Please send submissions to Oak Street Weekly Newspaper

#### GOSSIPS CORNER

##### ENGAGED AGAIN?

Was it announced that Ms. Filson of Filson and Jones Dry Goods Store is engaged again? It was rumored that her first two fiancés were tragically killed not in the war but in some mysterious way that has never been published or spoke of. Be warned new gentleman of this fierce brown widow, which is far more deadlier than the black as you may never even make it to the altar.

#### TOO MANY SWEETHEARTS TO COUNT!

Speaking of black widows, a "Northern" gentleman has been reported to be seen quite often in the company of Mrs. Cressman. Whilst it is known that she is on the lookout for a new husband, she was overheard complimenting a different gentleman on his "pretty" new uniform. Beware Mr. "Northerner", as Mrs. Black Widow Cressman is highly attracted to the shiny.