









## THE ITEM.

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HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC CO., N. J.

### The Old Spirit of State Rights Resurrected.

With the admission of *repentant*—amnestied—rebels into our Congress, comes the same old spirit of dictation and State rights. The recent speeches of Stephens, Harris and Vance, are full of that—of that old spirit of dictation and State rights, of hatred to the North and Northern institutions. The same detested monster, State rights, sticks out in large and thorny to stab, wound and destroy, if possible, everything that dare oppose it, which only shows that the spirit that attempted to sever the nation, and destroy the government, is not dead, but sleepeth, and most conclusively indicates that they have not been returned to Congress with any good intent, but that they have been sent there to "swear and bite and play the dog," as they were wont to do in days of yore.

It would seem that those calling themselves patriots are lost to a true sense of their duty, who can silently listen to the language used by those men, and not visit upon them just and needed condemnation. The truth is these men should have been forever debarred from being placed in such positions, but, having been restored to citizenship, they should be made to feel the weight of a righteous indignation and insulted loyalty, and for such language as that used by Vance, expelled. A blatant rebel as he is, he should have been kept under the ban of disfranchisement. Not alone, but hundreds of others. The only object of such men is to stir up strife, and sow the seeds of discord and discontent. Only a few days ago, in his speech on the Civil Rights bill, Stephens, who is a fossil in body and mind, undertook to read the Republican lesson in the following pre-revolutionary style:

"If you call yourselves Republicans, shall in obedience to what you consider a party behest, pass this bill in the vain expectation that the Republican principles of the old and true Jeffersonian school are dead, be assured that you are indulging in a fatal delusion. The old Jeffersonian Democratic Republican principles are not dead, and will never die, as long as a true desire of liberty lives. They may be buried for a period, as Magna Charta was trodden under foot in England for more than half a century, but these principles will come up with renewed energy, as did those of Magna Charta; and that, too, at no distant day. Old Jeffersonian Democratic Republican principles shall be restored. When the tide of ocean comes to ebb and flow, when the winds of heaven are hushed into perpetual silence, when the clouds no longer shroud, when earth's electric bolts are no longer felt or heard, when her internal fires go out, then, and not before, will these principles cease to live; then, and not before, will these principles cease to animate and move the liberty-loving masses of this country."

It sounds well for one whose cornerstone of a new nation should be slavery to talk of "liberty-loving masses." It is time such wind-mills were put to better use, turned into bungs to stop her larvae, and "to stop holes to keep the wind away."

There is no other national council where so much pestiferous, sedition language would be allowed, as has been belched out in Congress by these wriggling, wriggling, secession State rights members, since their return to that body. Their treason has been created all too loudly, and with too great kindness by those who had them in their power. The hand that sowed them they now turn to sting. Mercy has no significance with them. Nothing but the infliction of severest, personal suffering will bring them down from their ill-conceived lofty notions of independence, and do and say as I have a mind to spirit, and disregard of the rights of others.

### Bridging the Delaware.

Such a fox as settled down on the Delaware river last Monday morning, and for days before, made the many passengers who were crossing from the Jersey shore, and were delayed in getting to places of business, to mentally wish, and upon to audibly exclaim, "Oh, for a bridge across the river!" Every winter this was a constant one. Business men wear, others too strong language, and another class use every plain language in regard to this matter. Then the question is asked, why don't we have a bridge here? There is no reason, only the want of a disposition. The seeming difficulties—for they are only

seeming—that arise here have arisen in other places, and have been overcome, and the traveling public have been accommodated. The several railroads that converge in Camden could unite in one depot, and unite their efforts, and put a bridge over the river, or a tunnel under it, and a host of men, women and children would be saved from suffering.

How many times have we heard the utterance within the last few weeks: "This is the great drawback of living on one side of the river, and doing business on the other." There are many days that a man has no certainty as to what time he will reach his place of business, or at what hour he will return to his home when his business is closed. This is a matter of serious moment, not only to business men, but to all who have occasion to visit the city on the other side. As we have said before, in our columns, a sure means of crossing the river without the delay now sure to occur at times, the land along our great thoroughfares would be taken up, and where there are seen only the wilderness of stunted oaks and pines, we would see fine mansions, beautiful gardens, and flourishing manufactures. So great are the natural advantages all along these roads, that even now, men with visions of what the country must be within the space of limited years, are taking these advantages by the forelock. The pressure of circumstances must, sooner or later, compel the building of bridges or tunnels for crossing the Delaware river, and we believe the money thus expended would be more than returned in ten years from the time of their completion.

[For the Hammonton Item.]

### Our Nurseries.

Mr. Editor.—The unusually mild weather we have been favored with so far this winter, has set our fruit growers to examining their wood and fruit buds, and already the annual work has gone up that the buds are all killed, or much injured. If this be true it will be pleasant to know that it is not the result of our carelessness or negligence, but is caused by circumstances over which we have no control. There is, however, another, far more important department of the nursery, where the buds, as I think, are suffering severely from the continuance of mild, unseasonable weather, which favors an unhealthy development of the buds, and particularly under them to withstand successfully the rigorous weather which will almost certainly surround them later in the season.

In this department of the nursery, the climate is under human control, yet, strangely enough, it seems to be almost totally neglected, and valuable buds, compared to which the pear and peach trees of the town sink into nothingness, are left to develop under unfavorable circumstances, and without control, or scarcely a thought on the part of those who should have the matter nearest their hearts. Are they what they should be? Do they come near the standard? Do the immortal souls that daily gather there receive proper direction, or a fair equivalent for the time and money expended in their behalf?

Mr. Editor, I believe that good discipline is a *prime requisite* in the school, and, falling here, no other qualification of the teacher can make good the deficiency. I propose to give you a specimen of the discipline maintained in one of our schools. Our children leave their homes once or twice a day, in storm and sunshine, to go a longer or shorter distance, to "drink from the fountain of learning." The fond parents, supposing the *drinking* is in progress, give themselves no farther solicitude in the matter, and accept no farther responsibility, but let us see what is really going on at school. First, the young child is taught, or rather suffered to learn, how to shout, by means of beans blown through tubes—some of the tubes made on purpose, I believe, at a work, say the door-knob, or the buds of the pupils; and also by the use of a whistle with a pin in the end to punctuate the end of the lesson. For variation, cards and dominoes are resorted to, and, to still further vary the monotony, a scholar stands upon his head now and then. The scholars now used to laxation, and recess is in order. This then does not always recuperate the scholar sufficiently to enable him to resume their tasks inside the "temple of learning," it is evident from the fact that some of the scholars stay out at play from the beginning of the session until after recess, and then go in. If more time outside is needed, the scholars "sneak" out, as it is called, without permission, and I presume, "sneak" back again. Thus a great part of the time is spent, to the great delight of the pupils, who, when they most mob other, exclaim, "Oh, don't we have fun at school!" When anything unusually brilliant is attempted, such as the light-

ing of matches, &c., and the teacher demonstrates by telling the pupil he will have to go before the Superintendent and Trustees, the pupil asks who they are; the names are mentioned, and the reply of the pupil is, "Oh, they are good fellows." These things occur during school hours, and other things might be mentioned, but let these suffice.

I would ask the public if this performance meets the popular idea of the department of pupils in a public school? I think not. That there is a radical defect is certain, and, to my mind, it does not all lay with the teacher; perhaps not half of it; although I must say that a teacher endangers authority over pupils by playing cards with them, only at recess.

Part of the trouble I attribute to lax domestic discipline of children, and the neglect of the parents to follow their children into the school-room, and thus operate with, and strengthen the teacher's hands. This is all the more necessary since the abolition of corporal punishment—a measure, I think, fatal to good discipline, with human nature as it is, and as it is likely to be to the end of time. Imagine the effect produced upon a school of average, undisciplined children, when a trustee introduces the teacher to them, and uses these words: "The teacher is not to strike you; the teacher is not to lay a finger upon you." I believe such talk to be most injudicious, for the practical result is greatly at variance with the theory, which is beautiful. This pupil is credited with being responsive to the forbearance and kindness of the teacher; is supposed to erudite self, and to be absorbed in endeavors to avoid giving offence in any way. This may be exceptionally the case; but that it is, or will be, the rule, I do not believe, so long as generosity is not the cardinal principle of humanity.

But I have encroached already too much upon your space, so I will close by asking if our money and our children's time cannot be made to produce better results than a knowledge of dominoes and card-playing? I know that some of the scholars, who are quite proficient in "shuffling pastboard," are totally unable to spell the same of the game they play, or to do a simple sum in arithmetic. When will they learn? Ought not parents to be as careful of, and solicitous for, the best interests of their children, as they are for their fruit trees; and cannot something be done to increase the efficiency of our schools?

SPHINX.

### GENERAL NEWS.

The Senate by a unanimous vote, confirmed the nomination of Morrison R. Waite, to be Chief Justice of the United States.

The President has signed the Salary bill, restoring the salaries of all officers except the President and Supreme Court Judges.

A German named Frederic Reidenbach was on Tuesday found guilty of murder in the first degree, for killing Godfrey Kuehne, in December last, in Philadelphia.

A new weekly paper, called the *Jim and Eliza Journal*, has been started in Mississippi. Jim and Eliza are the editor and wife.

"What is a more exhilarating sight," asks a Vermont paper, "than to see eighteen handsome girls sliding down hill on an ox sled?" "Nineteen," replies the experienced editor of the *Boston Post*.

The House Pension Committee agreed on Tuesday, to report a bill increasing the pensions of those who have had an arm amputated above the elbow to \$24 per month.

The entire crop of cranberries raised last year in the United States was nearly 300,000 bushels, of which New Jersey produced about one-third. The western crop, which amounted last year to quite 150,000 bushels, this year, owing to various causes, is expected to fall off about one-half; while that of New Jersey will reach the figure of last year—namely, 100,000 bushels—and may overtop these figures.

The famed Siamese Twins are dead. Chang, who became partially paralyzed some months ago, was taken seriously ill a few days ago, and both had to go to bed together. On Saturday morning last, Chang died. This so affected the living brother, that he raved wildly at the thought of being indissolubly bound to a corpse, and not long after fell into a deep stupor, during which he died, having survived the other about two hours. They were sixty-three years of age, and had been in the country since 1827, and were exhibited through the country for many years, and finally purchased for \$10,000 by a party in North Carolina, and retired. They were married and had families. They were bound together by a band of flesh four inches wide and two inches thick. The mystery of the connection may now be solved.

## Local Advertisements.

### HAMMONTON

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The subscribers keep constantly on hand a general assortment of goods in their line comprising nearly everything usually called for in a country Hardware or Furniture Store.

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A. G. WATKINS, Secretary.

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will be held at the usual place, on Monday evening next, Jan. 26th, 1874, at 7 o'clock.

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Elwood items.

Those two young men that were walking on the railroad track, just above the station, last Saturday afternoon, had better be careful next time and not get such heavy loads in the top of their hats as to make their knees weak, for they may be unable to clear the track when there is danger.

Those who are all in the south-east corner of the Presbyterian Church will please behave themselves next Sabbath, during divine service, or take the north-west corner of the Church.

Moore, Richard & Boyd, from Worcester, Mass., have retired the shop of John Langham, and are getting ready to commence operations in the shoe business.

Mr. Newcomb, also from Worcester, Mass., has moved to this place with his family, and they have taken up their quarters in the house of John Langham, Jr.

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### LOCAL MISCELLANY.

Thanks to Hon. Wm. Moore for important Public Documents.

The weather has moderated, and the snow has disappeared.

Dr. Wm. B. Potter, has a few choice Pear Sticks for sale.

The Rev. Wm. Baldwin, of Newark, is filling the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church.

Pure White Leghorn—Fowls, in pairs, trios, or single. Inquire at this office.

The Mechanics' Building and Loan Association have their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, the 26th inst.

The Hammonton B. & L. Association hold their regular monthly meeting next Thursday evening, the 29th inst.

WANTED.—A practical, working Farmer. A permanent situation to a good hand. Apply to R. J. Drexler.

During the few days of cold weather the ice formed on the Lake front is inches thick. It was made the best of by skaters, and by those who had ice houses to fill. The ice was good.

Edmunds, the Optician, will be in Hammonton on Wednesday. Those not able to visit him at P. S. Tilton's store, will be waited upon at their homes, if not too far from the station.

The Committee appointed to investigate the finances of the town, have not yet proceeded to business, because there is some objection to filling the programme laid down by the town meeting.

To Rent.—Two, Three, or more Rooms, convenient, comfortable and pleasant near the Station, with water, &c. One room is well fitted for a store, with glass front, and a good location. Further information obtained at the Barber's Shop.

The head, with the antlers of singular form, of the deer killed by M. Coffin, in November last, is now in the possession of Prof. Cook, of Rutgers' College, New Brunswick. It is said to be a rare curiosity of its kind.

The opinion of the Attorney General has been received in regard to our Atlantic horse tax; and decided materially from that received from other lawyers, equally passed in the law. We only hope his opinion is a correct one. On the subject of bridges, he declares we are bound to pay our quota of the expense.

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Clark's Commercial College, of Brooklyn, N. Y., the school in which President King, of this town, was teaching, was partially destroyed by fire on the morning of the 10th inst., and necessitated a removal of the school. Mr. Clark, the proprietor, narrowly escaped with his life. The loss of college property is estimated at \$10,000.

To all appearances the Dancing School will be a success. A large number name together last Tuesday evening, many to receive their first lesson, in the graceful accomplishment, others to see the fun, and some to kindly assist the novices. Every body seemed to be in the best humor, and pleasant times are anticipated. The only unpleasant feature was the dust arising from so many feet, and to those having tender lungs or throats will prove quite annoying. A little wet bran or sawdust sprinkled over the floor before sweeping would take up most of the fine dust, and do away with this source of annoyance.

Mechanics' Loan and Building Association.—Second Annual Report, January 1st, 1874:

Receipts—From dues, premiums, interest and fines, \$5,993 00

Expenditures—For loans, withdrawals, expenses, &c., 6,993 00

Assets—Bonds and mortgages, 17,477 44

Less cash received for premiums, 15,894 44

Equivalent to net share on 298 shares, 53 34

Cash received from premiums, interest and fines, 3,994 34

Cash value of shares, 24 05

Average premium for the year, \$5.17.

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