The Voice of Grief.

O rugged, toilsome path of thorns and briers Of weary, bleeling feet-Peopled with shadows of unreaped desires, And pleasures incomplete ! Land of unchanged sorrow for the dead,

And bitterness of life. Where noble lives by cruel hands are shed, To win the field of strife; Where Pain eternal, like the Alpine snows, Crowned above men and kings, Broods dark as night, and from her bosom

Her arrows and her stings!

Shall the sweet breath of Summer sweep the earth. And make it smile with flowers.

Yot leave to man the postilential dearth Of ever-withering powers? Behold how Sorrow, wan lering through Weeps passionate tears of blood,

And Charity upon the stones is hurled, Crying aloud for good! The voice of Grief pierces the Silent Laud, Where victory is won Is there no haven past Time's dangerous

No joy beyond the sun? Song.

BY JOHN O'CONNOR.

Oh! sweetly in the midnight, love, Thy memory comes to me, And leads me back to happy days Whose light has fled with thee; And once again we gaily tread The paths to boyhood known, And I forget in that dear dream That I am all alone.

The hopes that cheered us long ago, In that blest hour are mine ; And sunny garlands for thy brow, Again I proudly twine; For oh; our bosoms then were bright With visions grand and high, And thy loved name I fondly deemed Not all unknown should lie

The Emperor's Letter Criticised.

The Emperor Napoleon's recent letter to the Minister of State regarding the preparations for commemorating the hundredth auniversary of Napoleon I., the text of which was published in the Herald a few days back, has attracted considerable attention in political circles in Paris. The semi-official press have little to say on the subject, but the two independent papers, the Temps and Aventr, make up for the reticence of the other journals. The Avenir is es. pecially bitter, as may be judged from the tone of the following savage at-

If the coming elections did not explain the let er it would be incomprehensible, the Emperor being fully aware of the controversy it would give rise to. Since empire have accumulated." Yes, many ruins; first, the ruins of the old regime, over which the genius of the old regime, ways relieve themselves. over which the genius of the revolution soured gloriously, and next the ruine of the moral and material conquests of the revolution; and it is on those that the figure of Napoleon stends out. "It is still the figure of Napoleon," says the Emperor, "which guides and protects us, Our business is to act as if there were and which from nothing made me what I am." On this last point the Emperor is right; at all events he has a right to "strategy" (and such strategy) of the judge himself as he likes-that is his Democrats in the last House of Repreaffair and not ours. But when he says sentatives that forced negro suffrage Napoleon still guides and protects us he upon the South. We may always rely makes a singular mistake. When Napoleon guided us to Spain and Moscow -that is to say to those catastrophes which have diminished the prestige o' our arms and caused France to undergo humiliations after having felt all the favors of fortune. And since the Em peror says that Napoleon still guides us, done. If different roads, we have the Mexican disaster is easily underbenefited ourselves by our independence. stood. But if the souvenir of Napoleon guides, us it does not protect us .-When Napoleon, forgetting his oaths, erected his throne over the fallen repub- On Monday Senator Sprague, of Rhode lie, the France of the revolution, bright Island, reached Philadelphia, en route for with the glory of the republican arms, his home. In the evening he was serepossessed as frontiers the Alps, the naded by the Workingmen's Associa Rhine and the Scheldt. Prussia was tion at the Continental Hotel. There associated with our policy by interest; was a large crowd gathered in front of Russia by Amour Propre; and, with- the hotel, and after music by Beck's out being too much engaged in German band Mr. Sprague thanked the Union affairs, we had in our hands the balance Labor men and their fellow citizens for of German interests. Yes, were pro- the exhibition of their approval, spoke teeted; protected by the sympathy, admiration and respect of peoples; protected by our natural frontiers; and we had peace, which had finally descended on he was constantly receiving congratularevolutionary France heroically defended by liberty. It was in that admirable declared that labor and the working situation that Napoleon took France man are the foundation of society; and and threw her into war which was to concluded by saying that the plan he list ten years and end in a double inva- advocated would secure a reduction in sion. This is the way in which the remembrance of Napoleon guides and pro- ing, and would enable the development tects us. "Napoleon," says the Empe-ror, "called France the great nation." of the Keystone State. He was right, for thanks to the revolution, she was indeed the great nation. But when the Emperor adds that Napoleon "developed the manly virtues which found empires," he forgets the best known but saddsst part of the histo ry of his uncle. He forgets 1814, Fontainebleau and the Senate-all those valets who deceived and cowardly abandoned their master-all those dignitaries who, by the baseness of their ingratitude, make the shame of their servility

forgotten. He forgets, above all, that Na-

poleon reaped what he sowed; he did not

like free men or independent characters ;

at the supreme moment he only found

lackeys, and his empire at the end re-

sembled that of which Montesquieu said

that it could neither live with soldiers

nor without them. "I desire, ' says the

Emperor, "that from the 15th of Au-

neither the general of Italy, nor, above

of the 13th Vendemaire-when they

asked themselves what had become of

those who, according to Thibaudeau, spoke thus in 1803, will not be able to read the Emperor's letter; they are all dead, "To render homage to the memo ry of great men," says the Emperor, "is gendary beings; there are great citizens and honest statesmen, like Washington. With the theory of pretended providential men dictators are created; with dictators comes tyrauny, and with tyrauny the decadence of nations.

GEN. BURNSIDE ON SPRAGUE AT Bull. Run - Read the interesting letter in another part of this paper from our correspondent at the comfortable little city of Providence, in the warlike little State of Rhode Island. The testi. mony of General Burnside in reference to the substantial services of the first Rhode Island regiment, as contrasted with the extraordinary style of fighting practiced on the bloody field of the first Bull run by the then Governor Sprague, turns the ta bles against Sprague completely; for it thus appears that while the regiment was hard at work on "the perilous edge of the battle" the Governor, though he fought like a lion, it was "like a scared lion, racing out at tremendous speed on a horse to the line of fire, then as suddealy wheeling round and racing back to get a drink; then racing out to another point and racing back just as fast to get another drink," until finally, after his last drink on the field, when things began to look blue, he slipped off to Centreville and get there in advance of the regiment, which was the rear guard of the retreating army. This is the testimony of General Burnside, and to rebut it Senator Sprague must bring forward something more to the purpose than his forty-six columns of letters in the Congressional Globe We lear. indeed, that, as at Bull run, the Seuator has been again riding his high horse up and down a little too fast.

[New York Herald.

STUFF .- The New York Herald says that many of "the Radical Senators and members who remain in Washington express the conviction privately that unless the Cabinet is reconstructed the Republican party will go to pieces, and the next House of Representatives will have Cassardras. We have heard these predictions of coming Democratic ascendancy, and read of Democratic successes in municipal elections, and Democratic defeats in State elections, until we have no stomach for such prophecies. no Democratic party at the North at all We remember too well that it was the upon the northern Democrats until the "breaching breaks," when they immediately desert us; and as it is impossible for us to know when the breaching is about to break, it is safest for us to travel in our own conveyance. If they and we travel the same road, no harm is

[Richmond Dispatch. SERENADE TO SENATOR SPRAGUE .of the "despotism of private and associated capital, a vitiated partisan press. and secret caucus dictation"; stated that tions for the brave words he had spoken; the cost of money, production, and hv-

[Philadelphia Ledger.

CUBAN RECOGNITION BY MEXICO.-On the 5th of April the following reso lution passed the Mexican Congress by a vote of 100 years to 12 nays:

Resolved, That the Executive is here by authorized to recognize the Cubans, who are now fighting for the independence of their country, as belligerents whenever he may judge convenient to

This resolution was officially commu icated to President Juarez and by him acknowledged on the 7th of April. Previous to that date the government had issued orders that the flag of Free Cuba should be admitted to the ports of Mexico, but no further action had been taken at the latest dates in regard to

the recognition of the belligerents. gust next all soldiers of the republic and A Duet .. - Joseph Holmes, a colored the first empire should receive an annual member of the late Constitutional Conpension of 250 francs." If, as is not vention, was killed at Charlotte Court likely, there still exist soldiers of the House, yesterday. A personal difficulrepublic, this passage of the Emperor's ty occurred between him and John letter will recall many sad things. It Marshall, son of Judge Marshal, of will make them remember the time whose family Holmes was formerly a when, recognizing no longer a Bona- body servant. Both parties drew pisparte surrounded by monarchial pomp - tols and commenced firing, which was one-half the number of men required, participated in by Marshall's friends, and that in a few months the time of all, the victor of royalism at Toulon and After being shot, Holmes walked into enlistment of a large number of three the Court House and fell dead.

so many fine speeches, glorious exploits, Il Defonso, a Brazilian Savant, is oaths, vows and hopes. We are, said exploring the caves of Brazil, and he these facts, to open recruiting offices in they to themselves, no more than re has already made discoveries which in- order to bring the army up to the propvolted slaves, who are made to reforge dicate that men were on the banks of er standard and the requirements of the the chains they have broken. But the Amazon 20,000 years ago.

The Phonix and Governor Scott's Census Appointments.

The Columbia Phanix of Tuesday publishes a list of appointments made by Gov. Scott of persons selected to take to recognize one of the most striking the census of each county in the State, manifestations of the Divine will," It and in connection therewith makes use is not men, however great they may be, of the following language: "The apwho make the greatness of nations; it is pointments will be generally approved, a free and happy nation which makes and we hope that in the discharge of the greatness of those who have con- their duties these officials will meet with tributed to assure its well-being and its every facility which can be afforded by hberty. For a free people there are the citizens of our State," Now, when neither exceptional, mysterious nor ledit is declared that one-third of the perty of them totally unqualified for the position, the statement of the Phonix It is a real prophery, and I cannot rewill be received with surprise and indignation. Published at the capital of the State, and with facilities to obtain information not excelled by another journal within its borders, the Phanix makes the grandest mistake in presuming that such appointments will be "generally approved " So far from this being the case, we incline to the opinion that they will be generally condemned. Heretofore, newspapers at the capital have been looked upen as the exponents of public sentiment throughout the State, but it ought to be distinctly understood that, in this instance, there is a lamentable failure to appreciate public sentiment, much less to give tone and direction to public opinion. Such appointments will not be "generally approved," now or hereafter, for the principle is wrong to confer office upon incompetent and unworthy persons of whatever race or color.

We are not astonished by the course Gov. Scott has pursued in making these appointments. He is check by jowl with the negroes, and if re-elected will owe his second elevation to their support. His appointment for this court; is against the wishes of his own party, so far as we can learn, and we understand that a petition was circulating among the respectable colored people on yesterday, asking Governor Scott to reconsider the matter. There were other applications before him, we have been assured, and among them the name of T. J. Webb, who is entirely competent to fill the place, and possesses every qualification to meet the requirements of he Republican party, including loyalty itself. Besides, he was recommended by numerous citizens of both parties .--Why were his claims ignored, and the office filled by a colored man not at all qualified? But then, the Phonix says such appointments will be "generally approved." Et tu Brute ?- Anderson Intelligencer.

A LION TAMER ASTACKED-HERB JINGEL BIT BY THE LIONESS .- An incident occurred Tuesday night at the circus, corner of Bourbon and Orleansstreets, which nearly became a tragedy. Herr Lingel, the lion tamer, at the close of the performance enters the cage of the lions. For more than a year past him, and has more than once attacked him with savage ferocity At Madison, Indiana, last summer, she came very near killing him, and as if still remembering the advantage then obtained, she last night made a similar attack, which came as near being fatal. For some time before entering the dens, the lions showed great uncasiness, and when the lion tamer mounted the ladder which led into the cage, the lioness assumed a position which threatened an immediate attack. Undeterred by this manifestation of hostility, the iron nerved performer threw open the door and darted

For a moment the scene was thrilling. The lions seemed mad with rage, and sprung from one side of the cage in apparently ungovernable fury. The lioness was particularly spiteful, and sprung at him more than once with open mouth; but the mesmeric power of the eye controlled her, and she as often retreated into the further corner of the cage, growling sullenly. Compelling the lions to go through their usual performance, Herr Lingel was about retreating from the den when the lioness, as it possessed with sudden fury, sprung at him and clutched his knee in her teeth. The audience were appalled. The shricks of women mingled with the shouts of men. Everybody expected to see the man torn limb from limb. But with admirable presence of mind he succeeded in releasing the hold of the animal and retreated from the cage. Although dangerously wounded his injuries are such as will not preclude his speedy recovery. It is but a few days since one of the lions in the cage, entered by Mlle. Ella Eugenia, attacked her, inflicting a painful wound in her hand. Notwithstanding all this, neither of them poear at all intimidated, and will renew their performances as soon as their wounds will permit - New Orleans Picayune, 22d inst.

THE RECRUITING ORDER. - A Wash ngton correspondent, writing under

date of the 29th ult., says: The recent order issued from the War Department, ordering the opening of recruiting offices in several of the principal cities, has given rise to a good deal of speculation, and considerable interest is manifested to know the meaning of this sudden order of Gen. Sherman. Some argue that it looks to an early recognition of Cuba by our Government, and others that trouble is ap claims. It having been ascertained, since the consolidation of the army into twenty five regiments, as required by a recent Act of Congress, that a good many regiments have not more than years' men will expire, thus reducing the army one-third, it was deemed necessary by Gen. Sherman, in view of

France and America.

AN EXTRACT FROM THE MEMOIRS OF PRINCE DE TALLEYRAND-FRANCE AND GERMANY.

A Paris letter in the Gazette de Lau

sanns says : "You are aware that Prince de Talleyrand left some memoirs, which were not to be published till thirty years after his death, and which are now in the hands of an eminent barrister, M. Andral. I have been able to cast a glance at them, and I am much surprised at their consons named are negroes, and the majori- tents. I was especially struck by a page relative to the Congress of Vienna. sist the temptation of giving you the substance of it. At that period M de Talleyrand said that the balance of power in Europe founded at that assembly was menaced by great dangersone from beyond the sea, and the other which might arise in the heart of Germany :

"'On the side of America,' said the Prince, Europe must always have her eyes open, and not furnish any pretext for recrimination or represals. America is increasing every day. She will become a colossal power, and a moment must arrive when placed in more easy communication with Europe by means of new discoveries she will wish to say her word in our affairs, and have a hand in them. Political prudence, therefore, mposes on the Governments of the old Continent the care of scrupulously watching that no pretext shall be offered for such an intervention. The day when America shall plant her foot in Europe, peace and security will be ban ished for a long time."

The Prince afterwards speaks of Germany. Here the prediction has no longer the form of a conjecture, but is in

some sort an anticipated recital: " No illusion must be formed; the equilibrium we have founded in the Congress of Vienna is not eternal. It will succumb some day or other, but it promises us some years of peace. What condems it for a time, more or less dis tant, is the aspirations which are becommg universal in the centre of Germany. The necessities of defence and of common peril have prepared men's minds for German unity; this idea will continue to be developed, and some day one of the great powers which form part of the Conference will desire to realize this umon for its own profit. Austria is not to be feared since she is composed of pieces and morsels and having no unity at home she cannot think of exporting it. Therefore, Prussia is what must be watched. She will attempt the adventure, and if she succeeds, then all the conditions of equilibrium will be changed, and new bases and a new It is well known to our people that organization will have to be sought to

Europe.' " The Prince continues to examine the circumstances more or less difficult under the lioness has had a great antipathy to which this reconstruction will be effected, and he points out France as the nation most interested in combating the movement for unification, or in seeking a compensation.

> THE LATE FLOOD .- Heavy rains have fallen in Upper Georgia, Northeast Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi, and the rivers in those sections have overflowed the bottom lands and played havor with the crops of wheat, corn and cotton. We give below an extract from the Rome Courier of the 24th. and an extract from a letter to the Memphis Avalanche, dated Durant, Miss., April 20th. The Rome Courier

The high water here has been slowly subsiding since about midnight last Wednesday. The water did not come into the streets except for a short distance in South street, near the depot, and no material damage has been done in Rome. We learn from Captain Elliott, who came up the Coosa from Gadsden, on Thursday, that at least threefourths of the river bottoms were submerged-nearly all these grounds had been planted. The corn was up two or three inches, the cotton just coming up, and the wheat about half leg high. The letter from Durant, Mississippi

The recent rains in this section have caused a rise in the Big Black River and Swamp, exceeding any one of the past ten years. The newly planted corn and cotton crops in the low lands are greatly damaged, and much of them carried away, whole fields presenting the appearance of vast lakes covered with drift of every kind.

Eclipse of the Sun .- The naval appropriation act of 3d March last having appropriated \$5,000 for the observation of the colipse of the sun in August next, to be under the direction of Professor Coffin, the superintendent of the National Almanac, that gentlemen has decided to a lect either Ochotsk or Pensjinsk, in Siberia, and Norton Sound, in Alaska, as the most favora. ble positions for observing the eclipse. and having applied to the Secretary of the Navy to send a ship to either or both of those regions in season for the observation, Mr. Borie has directed Rear Admiral Rowan, commanding the Atlantic squadron, to meet the observers at Yokohama by the 1st of July, from which point they will sail for Siprehended with Great Britain growing to Rear Admiral Turner, commanding the Pacific squadron, to allow the party to use the vessel stationed in the waters of Alaska for the purpose of making their observations, but it is expected that they will reach Sitka by private conveyance. Extensive preparations are being made for the purpose of observing this champion eclipse, and be-fore starting, Protessor Coffin and his party will be fully equipped with a complete set of instruments and appliances containing all the modern improve-

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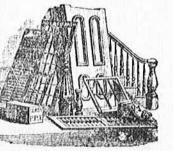
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