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The sword which was bought for Hawley by a public subscription was presented to him in Richmond, August 4, 1865. Hawley had planned to come home to receive it but the problems of reconstruction kept him so busy he was unable to do so and a presentation committee composed of Marshall Jewel, Colonel George P. Bissell and J. G. Rathbun, went down to make the presentation.

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"Yours as ever, "JOE."

Many of the volunteer officers were being mustered out of service. Hawley's name was included among many brevet majors and brigadier generals who were mustered out in an order dated August 24. He was then on his way to Washington to have a chat with Gideon Welles and Faxon when he examine the character of the civil offi- saw the order. He was disappointed cers recently elected and had ridden at being dismissed with such abruptover the battlefield there. Hawley was ness, anxious as he was to get home interested in the attitude of the Rich- and Terry was not less so at losing mond papers now that the war was him. The latter wired both Hawley over, and gave the Republic \$5 to ex- and the war department and the order was revoked.

Hawley was kept busy with all sorts of questions in Richmond. Henry A. Wise, who had been a rebel brigadier general, and who had presided over the court martial that convicted John Brown, was demanding possession of his house and bombarding Hawley with argument. Concerning all this Hawley wrote on September 4:

Hd. Qrs. Dept. of Virginia, Richmond, Va., Sept. 4, 1865. Dear Charley:

Uncle Sam doesn't get rid of me so easily. Saturday, August 26th I started for Washington to spend Sunday and have a chat with Mr. Welles and Faxon. When I got to Acquia Creek I met the morning Chronicle containing that order.

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Felt rather badly, for though I was going up to specially post myself with a view to going out. I wanted to go out in the courteous way, be relieved, and ordered home to report by letter to the Adjutant General, with a leave of 30 days, which would secure me transportation for self and horse home and one month's pay. Inasmuch as I have not had one day's real leave of absence during the war I thought Uncle Sant could stand that, especially as he lets many of the Generals lie about so many months idle.

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Still I should not have said a word probably, but that Terry telegraphed up to me, asking if I had seen the order and asking me to "represent facts as they were." I replied that I could not well say anything—if he wanted me had better state his wishes to Stanton with a duplicate to Welles.

He telegraphed Stanton an urgent request and sent me a copy of it. After a little delay, I handed the copy to Mr. Welles, who kindly laid it before the President, Stanton being absent, and the Pres. endorsed thereon a revocation of the muster-out.

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Terry himself is most excellent, but he can not do it all and I cannot for my life see where he could get a substitute for me. Turner is a first class man but he has enough to do with Richmond and Henrico County. Richmond and Henrico County.

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I wish very much to have time to make one trip to Lynchburg, the Natural Bridge and the Peaks of Otter, but it is doubtful if I find time. If I should light upon the man that I should like to put in my place (acceptable to Gen. Terry) I might quit any day. I get right homesick once in a while. Hattie is not strong, though she is not sick in bed. I consider it healthy here but she does not recover entirely from her Wilmington life which I left none too soom.

H. A. Wise is down upon us with a 32 pp. foolscap argument in favor of his right to his house, to be forwarded to Washington. It is a curiosity. He will not take the oath, but rejoices over the abolition of slavery.

Of course it would be delightful to be in Guilford but it is impossible,

Love to Susia and all.

Yours as ever, JOE HAWLEY.

A House in Hartford.

Although Hawley was still in service. when he saw a house on Carden street advertised for sale, he asked Warner about it. It was No. 13 and the owner was J. W. Clark. Hawley was much interested. He wrote on September

Dear Charley: .... Which side of the street is it? What sort of neighbors has he? Is it a decently healthy clean neighborhood? If it is desirable in all these respects, try and keep the refusal of it till you can write me. I don't know anything about the prices in that neighborhood—prob-

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"Love to Susie and all Nook Farm. Scribble me a little.

"Yours as ever,

"JOE." Many of the volunteer officers were being mustered out of service. Hawley's name was included among many brevet majors and brigadier generals who were mustered out in an order dated August 24. He was then on his way to Washington to have a chat with Gideon Welles and Faxon when he saw the order. He was disappointed at being dismissed with such abruptness, anxious as he was to get home and Terry was not less so at losing and the war department and the order was revoked.

probably, but that Terry telegraphed up to me, asking if I had seen the order and asking me to "represent facts as they were." I replied that I could not well say anything—if he wanted me he had better state his wishes to Stanton with a duplicate to Welles.

He telegraphed Stanton an urgent request and sent me a copy of it. After a little delay, I handed the copy to Mr. Welles, who kindly laid it before the President, Stanton being absent, and the Pres. endorsed thereon a revocation of the muster-out.

of the muster-out. of the muster-out.
So here I am and under all the circumstances I cannot go home just yet. I do solemnly promise not to stay be-yond the first of October—and I may not be allowed to stay so long.

There is work enough. I am very busy and Terry needs just such help. Most of it is work that can be well done I am very only by some one familiar with legal labors and occasionally political exper-ience is very valuable.

Terry himself is most excellent, but he can not do it all and I cannot for my life see where he could get a submy life see where he could get a sus-stitute for me. Turner is a first class man but he has enough to do with Richmond and Henrico County.

Gets "Right Homesick."

I wish very much to have time to make one trip to Lynchburg, the Natural Bridge and the Peaks of Otter, but it is doubtful if I find time. If I should light upon the man that I should should light upon the man that I should like to put in my place (acceptable to Gen. Terry) I might quit any day. I get right homesick once in a while. Hattle is not strong, though she is not sick in bed. I consider it healthy here but she does not recover entirely from her Wilmington life which I left none too seen. too soon.

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Faxon will see you and tell you the Washington gossip.

I could see that Mr. Welles disagreed a little with The Press. I don't know but I do myself for that matter, for I do not see how we can wel' compel' a southern states to establish Negro surfrage, much as I should like to see all states do it. I sincerely wish they would admit the principle even if they required a \$5,000 qualification and a good common school education.

H. A. Wise is down upon us with a 32 pp. foolscap argument in favor of his right to his house, to be forwarded to Washington. It is a curiosity. He will not take the oath, but rejoices over

will not take the oath, but rejoices over the abolition of slavery.

Of course it would be delightful to

be in Guilford but it is impossible.

Love to Susie and all.

Yours as ever, JOE HAWLEY.

A House in Hartford.

Although Hawley was still in service. when he saw a house on Garden street advertised for sale, he asked Warner about it. It was No. 13 and the owner was J. W. Clark. Hawley was much interested. He wrote on September

Dear Charley:
..... Which side of the street is it?
What sort of neighbors has he? Is it a
decently healthy clean neighborhood? If
it is desirable in all these respects, try
and keep the refusal of it till you can
write me. I don't know anything about
the prices in that neighborhood—probably I cannot get anything short of \$6,000 or \$7,000.

I cannot say anything about what I would be willing to give till I hear. (Continued To-morrow.)



# LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Communications designed for ication in this column must be signed by the writer and address given. Anonymous letters will not be printed.

Advises Moderation.

To the Editor of The Times.

This country is confronted with problem that eclipses almost any other one—the Volstead act. It can no longer be dealt with in a haphazard or autocratic manner. It must be handled dispassionately and scientifically. There is no room for self-styled reformers to meddle with this dilemma. They are, as a rule, too dogmatic and impatient with anybody who does not share their

viewpoint.

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Actor back from times immemorial It is axiomatic that a habit that dates back from times immemorial cannot be ordered to be dropped in a day. Yet our visionary reformers tenaciously hold on to theory that it can and it should be so regardless of the price. The habit of alcoholic stimulation is coursing in the human veins. It may be detrimental to the physical and mental health of the individual if taken frequently and excessively, but so are many food products. Why war only on alcohol?

Moreover, this seems to be the most inopportune time to insist upon total abstaining from alcohol. We have been passing through a period of the same as you would beans, only with no water on it, or pork. You wait until the coffee is brown and then take

been passing through a period of transition and adjustment. Our economic life has been undergoing vast changes. Inventions have been hurled at us with an astounding rapidity. The average man is bewildered, stunned.

He needs some stimulant to steady himself

Surely it would be ideal to have perfectly sober people, a people that should not have to depend on alcoholic products to quiet their over-wrought nerves; men and women that could be jolly and exchange good felcould be jolly and exchange good fellowship spontaneously without having to resort to a preliminary whisky. Perhaps through patient, diligent, and painstaking education of the child in a few generations, we will produce a race of men and women, so fine of character, so noble of purpose, so perfect in mentality and physique, and so dignified in manner that partaking of alcohol or even the use of tobacco will be considered barbaric. But to order a nation without the proper prepare. a nation without the proper prepara-tion to stop indulging in alcoholic bev-erages is absurd and impractical. It is humanly impossible, and I believe the experience of the past decade has conclusively demonstrated it.

So, let us steer a careful and prudent course, while it not too late yet. A liberal and humane modification of the eighteenth amendment and the insti-tution of an intensive educational pro-gram will bring about results that the irreconcilables themselves will marvel at. Prohibition has achieved some good, but none comparable to the destructive effects it has spread in its wake on the moral political, and social fabric of this nation. And for the sake of the peace of the land let us not experiment any longer.

DR. HARRY KAITZ Hartford, January 10.

Complains of Train Whistles.

To the Editor of The Times: In regard to the screeching of the railroad engine whistles I should like to make a protest. I live near Charter Oak park and day nor night there is no rest. If you have company a train passing every few minutes prevents you from hearing any one talk and at

night they screech like mad. If it was a dog we could have it done away with a dog we could have it do for disturbing the peace.

MRS. FRANK R. VELHAGE. Hartford, Jan. 9.

Recalls Austin's Spirited Lines. To the Editor of The Times:

At this time when our eyes are turned to the London conferance, would it not be splendid to publish in one of your valuable columns, the words of Alfred Austin in his "Sons of the Selfsame Race," relating to the United States and England? States and England?

What is the voice I hear
On the winds of the western sea?
Sentinel! Listen from out Cape Clear,
And say what the voice may be.
'Tis a proud free people calling loud to people proud and free:

And it says to them, kinsman hail!
We severed have been too long:
Now let us have done with a worn-out tale;
The tale of an ancient wrong,
And our friendship last long as love doth

And be stronger than death is strong. Answer them, sons of the self-same race, And blood of the self-same clan;
Let us speak with each other, face to face, And answer as man to man;
And loyally love and trust each other,
As none but free men can.

There are three more stanzas of this poem. Each line of which is applicable to the coming conference.

M. E. HAWKINS. Springfield, Mass., Jan. 9.

### UBIQUITOUS TRAVELER.

(Detroit News.)

Burke, the bandit now being hunted in four states, is another of those re-mindful of Stephen Leacock's impetu-ous horseman who rode off rapidly in all directions.

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