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"Vox Populi, Vox Dei."

We hardly know who is entitled to the paternity of this expression, but this we do know that many other catch words and cant phrases, it is totally untrue, and not far from being absolutely blasphemous.

The voice of the people is but the joint expression of a number of frail, sinful, fallible creatures, and as it is evident that the aggregate of the people cannot rise above the average character and abilities of the several individuals composing this aggregate, it is folly, it is worse than folly, to liken the voice of this aggregate to that of the omniscient, infallible and immutable Creator.

So far are even the demagogues who are fond of paying court to the populace from believing that the voice of the people is the voice of God, that they have no hesitation, while submitting to a popular decision, to express their dissent from it, and set to work to have it reversed.

If Mr. Demagogue supports A, as the advocate of a certain measure, and B is elected as the advocate of an opposing measure, what does the so-called Mr. Demagogue do? Does he quietly submit to this action as final—does he not, to the like of this aggregate to that of the voice of God—or does he go to work to have this action reversed at the next election. He says the people were mistaken, they were misled, they were not fully informed in regard to the facts of the case, etc. This would strike people as a strange way to talk of "the voice of God."

Has God two voices which contradict each other? Has he a voice in the North and another in the South? Has he one voice in Massachusetts and another in South Carolina? The voice of the people in New England is totally contradictory of the same voice in Georgia or Alabama. Can both be the voice of God?

Now it is evident that the people are not infallible and that their voice is not the voice of God. But if the people are thus liable to err, how much more so hereditary monarchs and aristocrats. The people can have no interest in conspiring against their own liberties, nor against the liberties of their country. A whole people cannot easily be bribed, save by flattery and large promises, whereas the voice of a monarchy, being few in number, may easily be brought over. A republican form of government—the government of the people, where the people know how to place certain checks upon themselves, and to respect these checks, is no doubt the best human agency for the purposes of government; but after all it is but a human agency, and therefore weak and fallible, because depending for its working upon weak and fallible creatures, whose voice it is folly and blasphemy to compare to, or to call "the voice of God." It is no such thing. It is the voice of man—a voice that is apt to wear around like the wind and change its tone at every election.

The fulsome hater and errant falsehoods of demagogues have done much harm—perhaps we might say all the harm that has been done upon this continent. The people—the more gradually, were told that they could do no wrong—that their voice was the voice of God, and hence the reckless disregard of established institutions and of vested rights both of States and of individuals. Hence the aggressions of the North—hence the necessary resistance of the South—hence all our woes.

Plain talking is what is wanted. Neither we, nor our readers, nor the people, are perfect, nor anything like it. Let this be kept before us all, and we will be less inclined to dogmatical assertion of our own views, and more willing to make allowance for each other.

Capture of the C. S. Steamer *Cornelia*.

The C. S. Steamer *Cornelia*, Commander GALE, was driven on shore about 2 o'clock on Sunday morning, the 8th inst., about 13 miles above Fort Fisher, by the blockaders, who hoisted her and succeeded in towing her off between three and four o'clock same morning. Commander GALE, the 1st and 2nd cooks and one passenger remained on board, and were captured with the steamer. The balance of the crew made their escape, and most of them have arrived in town.

The *Cornelia* was from Bermuda, and had on board an assorted cargo for the Government.

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The enemy has kept up a slow fire since our last without any perceptible effect on the fort. The accuracy of his fire is very poor, and the shells are mostly exploded on impact.

On Monday night one shot was fired from Gregg, twenty of which failed to strike.

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