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In the endeavor to establish another Republican journal in New Orleans, the proprietors of the LOUISIANIAN, propose to fill a necessity which has been long, and sometimes painfully felt to exist. In the transition state of our people, in their struggling efforts to attain that position in the Body Politic, which we conceive to be their due, it is regarded that much information, guidance, encouragement, counsel and reproof have been lost, in consequence of the lack of a medium, through which these deficiencies might be supplied. We shall strive to make the LOUISIANIAN a desideratum in these respects.

POLICY.

Our motto indicates, the LOUISIANIAN shall be "Republican at all times under all circumstances." We shall advocate the security and enjoyment of broad civil liberty, the absolute equality of all men before the law, an impartial distribution of honor and patronage to all who merit them. Desires of allaying animosities, of allaying the memory of the bitter past, of promoting harmony and union among all classes and between all interests, we shall advocate the removal of all political disabilities, foster kindness and forbearance, where malignity and resentment reigned, and seek for business and justice where wrong and oppression prevailed. Thus united in means and objects, we shall conserve our interests, elevate our noble aims to an enviable position among sister States, by the development of our limitless resources, and secure the full benefits of the mighty changes in the history and condition of the people and the Country.

Believing that there can be no true liberty without the supremacy of law, we shall urge a strict and indiscriminate administration of justice.

TAXATION.

We shall support the doctrine of an equitable division of taxation among all classes, a faithful collection of the revenues, economy in the expenditures, conformably with the exigencies of the State or Country and the discharge of every legitimate obligation.

EDUCATION.

We shall sustain the carrying out of the provisions of the act establishing our common school system, and urge as a paramount duty the education of our youth, as vitally connected with their own enlightenment, and the security and stability of a Republican Government.

FINAL.

By a generous, manly, independent, and judicious conduct, we shall strive to rescue our paper, from an ephemeral, and temporary existence, and establish it upon a basis, that if we receive "command," we shall at all times "deserve" success.

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POETRY.

SMILE WHENEVER YOU CAN.

When things don't go to suit you
And the world seems upside down,
Don't waste your time in fretting,
But drive away that frown.
Since life is oft perplexing,
'Tis much the wisest plan
To bear all trials bravely,
And smile whenever you can.
Why should you dread to-morrow,
And thus despoil to-day?
For when you borrow trouble,
You always have to pay.
It is a good old maxim,
Which should be often preached,
Don't cross the bridge before you
Before the bridge is reached.
You might be spared much sighing,
If you would keep in mind,
The thought that good and evil
Are always here combined.
There must be something wanting,
And though you roll in wealth,
You may miss from your casket
That precious jewel—health.
And though you're strong and sturdy,
You may have an empty purse;
(And earth has many trials
Which I consider worse!)
But whether joy or sorrow
Fills up your mortal span,
'Twill make your pathway brighter
To smile whenever you can.

HIGHLY INTERESTING

REPUTATION OF COLLECTOR CASEY

DEMANDS FOR HIS REMOVAL

The following series of letters, petitions, and remonstrances which not so long since flew fast and furious to Washington, for the removal of the collector of this port, will furnish our readers with the opportunity to contemplate how wonderfully "circumstances alter cases." Look at the signers of these papers, and compare their positions and altitudes "then and now."—[Ed.]

Petition for the removal of James F. Casey, Collector of Customs, New Orleans, Louisiana.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., April, 1870.

We, the undersigned, Republicans of the State of Louisiana, respectfully petition you for the removal of James F. Casey, collector of the port of New Orleans.

We are constrained to this course by his continued and persistent disregard of all party obligations; by his retention in office of those who have ever been inimical to the Republican party, and who now, while ostensibly members thereof, use their efforts in opposing its best interests and creating dissension in its ranks; by his removal of well-tried, honest and efficient Republicans, and the appointment in their stead of those who have never given their voices, votes, or influence in favor of the Republican party; and by his continuance in this course in spite of the urgent and repeated appeals of the Republican journals and leading men of the State. In our opinion it is imperatively necessary for the success of the Republican party in the State of Louisiana that James F. Casey be removed from his present official position.

MARTIN FLOOD, President of the Board of Public Works.

GEORGE E. BOVEE, Secretary of State.

THOMAS W. CONWAY, State Superintendent of Public Education.

HENRY C. DIBBLE, AZARIAH F. WILD, Port Warden.

H. L. SWORDS, Editor of the Assumption Chronicle.

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THOMAS H. NOLAND, Assistant Assessor for the Second District of Louisiana.

JAMES CHROMIE, B. P. BLANCHARD, Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

J. ORSBORN, Judge Ninth Judicial District Court, Louisiana.

N. UNDERWOOD.

Assessor Internal Revenue Second District, Louisiana, and proprietor of the St. James Sentinel.

A. TUREAUD, Representative from St. James.
AMOS S. COLLINS, PITT CRAVATH, Assistant Secretary of State.
Hon. George S. Boutwell, Secretary of the Treasury.

The Customhouse war is about over, the attacking party having gained nearly all they fought for, are disposed to rest upon their laurels. A telegram from Washington recently, to the besieged forces here, stated that the leaders of the assaulting column had concluded to grant a truce.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

We are informed that James F. Casey, the present collector of this port, yesterday threatened a Republican editor of one of the country parishes with a withdrawal of the State printing from the editor's paper, unless the paper would cease its demand for his (Casey's) removal from office. Casey's impudence and ignorance has often surprised us, but this last illustration of his weakness and imbecility beats anything that has ever before come from him. The threat is an insult to the State Board of Public Printing, consisting of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House. It is an insult to the press of this State, and as such will, no doubt, be properly rebuked. It is an insult to the Republican party of the whole country, and fully justifies and demands the immediate removal from office of the guilty individual.

We hope the Republican press of this State will speak out on this subject with becoming independence, and sustain our Congressional delegation in ridding us of a collector who disgraces the high office he now holds, to the exclusion of many deserving, competent and honest Republicans of this State.

[Personal and Private.]
Republicans of New Orleans, Louisiana, urging the removal of James F. Casey, Collector of Customs.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, December 28, 1869.

Sir—The several articles which have appeared in the New Orleans Republican, plainly and unequivocally charging Mr. James F. Casey, collector of this port, with a want of fidelity to the Republican party in the administration of the affairs of the Customhouse, so far as dispensing its patronage is concerned, are true, every word true. And how that paper can now draw off its fire, and consent to a compromise, contemplating his continuance in office, is more than we can understand, and especially if they have nothing but the repetition of promises, so often broken. Indeed, the Customhouse cannot expect to be Republicanized while the collector himself has heretofore made it his boast that, during the late war he (Mr. J. F. Casey) was "a neutral Kentuckian," and has never been suspected of having any sympathy in common with the Republican party of the country; but more than all this, it has been openly charged in the same paper that Mr. Casey is notoriously unfit for the position he holds, not only politically unfit, but also commercially unfit. And still further, it is openly charged that the investigation of some of the late alleged frauds clearly shows that Mr. Casey was either officially in complicity with these frauds, or else that he lacks the requisite capacity for the discharge of the duties of the office of collector of the port; and taking whichever horn of this dilemma he may, how can any one urge his continuance in office? Not only fidelity to the Republican party, but fidelity to the interests of the public and the government, all require his immediate removal, and the appointment of a gentleman of capacity and integrity, as well as fidelity to

the party, to serve as collector of the port of New Orleans.

Such are some of the views entertained by nearly all the intelligent, leading and true men of the Republican party in and about New Orleans. And you Mr. Secretary, will win the gratitude of not only the Republican party, but also of the leading business men of this city, if you exercise your influence (which we know is matchless) in bringing about a speedy change. This we say to you in all candor, though we say it confidentially, and have the honor to remain, with high esteem, your obedient servants,

REPUBLICANS.

Hon. George S. Boutwell, Secretary of the Treasury, Washington D. C.

Petition for the removal of James F. Casey, collector of customs, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The undersigned, Representatives in the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, respectfully, but urgently and earnestly, request the removal of James F. Casey from the position of collector of the port of New Orleans, believing that in so doing the best interests of the government and the Republican party will be maintained:

HARRY LOTT, Rapides parish.
MILTON MORRIS, Ascension parish.

JAMES S. MATTHEWS, Tensas parish.

P. HARPER, St. Charles parish.
W. J. CALHOUN, Rapides parish.
S. E. CUNY, Rapides parish.

A. L. LEE, St. Bernard.
W. L. McMILLEN, parish of Carroll.

P. JONES YORKE, parish of Carroll.

JAMES J. WALSH, DeSoto parish.
F. C. ANTOINE, Orleans.
V. M. LANGE, East Baton Rouge

HENDERSON WILLIAMS, Madison.

JOHN GAIR, East Feliciana.
CHARLES LOWRY, Natchitoches.

W. C. MELVIN, Natchitoches.
D. H. REESE, Lafourche.
E. LEBLANC, Avoyelles.

P. GUIGNONET, Avoyelles.
S. TUREAUD, St. James.

T. B. WEVANS, Jefferson parish.
H. C. TOUNOIR, Pointe Coupee.

C. G. ADOPHE, New Orleans.
HENDERSON, Madison parish.

JAMES K. BELDEN, Orleans.
R. H. ISABELLE, Orleans.

WILLIAM MURRELL, Lafourche.

M. STERRETT, Jefferson.
JOHN PAGE, Jefferson.
G. H. HILL, Ascension.

R. J. TAYLOR, West Feliciana.

In order that the people may not forget the fact that Collector Casey was not always held in high estimation by his present allies, we present below extracts from a letter of Secretary of the Treasury, communicating, in compliance with the resolution of the Senate of July 4, 1870, in relation to the removal of James F. Casey as collector of customs at New Orleans:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, July 12, 1870.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a resolution adopted by the Senate on the fourth instant, in the following words:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to transmit to the Senate all papers on file in his office relating to the removal of James F. Casey, collector of customs at New Orleans, as well as any papers showing the manner in which said Casey has discharged the duties of his office since he has been collector. The number of persons employed in said customhouse during each of the months of April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December, of 1869, and January and February of 1870. The amount paid said employes per month, and if any persons were employed and paid during said time without authority of law, if so, how many and the amount thus paid them, and what labor, if any, they per-

formed. The amount paid employes in said customhouse during each of the months of 1865, 1866, 1867 and 1868, together with the number of persons employed during each of said months. The amount and proportion of increase, if any, of imports and exports at said port during said years.

In reply I transmit the original papers called for together with statements prepared in the office of the Commissioner of Customs and Bureau of Statistics, which furnish all the information in the possession of this department on the subjects embraced in said resolution.

I have included a statement of the imports and exports for the year 1869.

Very respectfully,
GEORGE S. BOUTWELL, Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. Schuler Colfax, Vice President, &c. Washington, D. C. Feb. 28, 1860.

Sir: Early in January last we complained to you that the Customhouse at New Orleans was not managed in the interests of the Republican party, so far as the Collector's department was concerned. About that time Mr. Casey, the Collector, was in this city, and in your office he expressed his desire and purpose to discharge from his employment all men who were not Republicans.

His lists of employes and officers we examined, and other gentlemen with ourselves, all being Republicans from the State of Louisiana, pointed out about sixty names of men who were Democrats and not in sympathy with the Republican party. We were not able to designate the political status of all the men employed in the Customhouse. Mr. Casey did not agree that all, or any considerable number of the men pointed out as being Democrats, were such. At his own suggestion the question of the political status of all employes should be left to the decision of the Central Committee of the Republican party of the State of Louisiana. We returned to New Orleans and the question at issue was submitted to that committee, and on investigation it was found that about one hundred and ten of the employes holding all the most prominent positions were not in sympathy with the Republican party. This was communicated to Mr. Casey by the committee. In accordance with his previous action he ignored the committee, and still retains in office nearly all the men pointed out by ourselves and the committee as Democrats. The committee composed of the most prominent and influential Republicans of the State, being also men of high character and standing as citizens, have unanimously, by resolution, expressed their belief that Mr. Casey does not intend to place the Customhouse in the control of men who will support the Republican party, and that so long as Mr. Casey holds the position of Collector, the officers and employes of the Customhouse under his control will not support the national administration, and the party which placed it in power.

Statements of a similar character come to us from many leading Republicans of New Orleans, and we are led to believe that such is the unanimous opinion of the reliable Republicans of the State.

We are further advised, and believe, that Mr. Casey is wholly controlled politically, and perhaps otherwise, by certain of his subordinates, and that especially so long as they are retained in office Mr. Casey will not subserve the interests of the Republican party and the administration.

We are of the opinion that the removal of Mr. Casey would remedy the whole evil, provided a known and efficient Republican were placed in his position. But knowing that this cannot be done except by the President, we respectfully suggest to you an alternative that is within your power to apply, which may remedy the evils complained of. At the same time be it understood that

we regard the removal of Mr. Casey as the most effective remedy and most consistent with the wishes of the Republicans of the State.

The men controlling Mr. Casey against the interests of the Republican party, and whose removal will afford a partial remedy, at least, for the evils we complain of, are the following, to wit: P. F. Herwig, special deputy collector; C. E. Ingalls, deputy collector; P. E. Bechtel, auditor; J. D. Fleitas, weigher; Joseph Herwig, superintendent warehouses; Crawford, chief entry clerk; Gormly, clerk.

We, therefore, respectfully request, in accordance with the wishes of the Republican party of Louisiana, and in the interest of the government, that the above named persons be removed immediately, and that all others named by the Central Committee be removed as soon as the interests of the public will admit.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,
J. S. HARRIS, WM. P. KELLOGG, L. A. SHELDON.

Hon. George S. Boutwell, Secretary of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1, 1871.

Sir: We recommend the following removals in the New Orleans Customhouse:

That P. F. Herwig be removed and Charles Shute appointed in his stead.

That C. E. Ingalls be removed and Brainerd P. Blanchard appointed in his place.

That Thomas Crawford be removed and Starr appointed.

That John D. Fleitas be removed from the office of weigher and T. V. Coupland appointed.

That the nomination of E. D. Benedict, weigher, be not confirmed, and W. S. Mudgett appointed to the place.

That Henry Gormly be removed and George W. Rollins appointed in his place.

Mr. Shute is already the chief for the assistant treasurer of New Orleans, and may not accept. In such case, we desire to have Mr. Blanchard appointed in place of P. F. Herwig, and we desire in such case to name another man in place of Ingalls.

We respectfully ask that early action be taken in this matter.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,
J. S. HARRIS, WM. P. KELLOGG, L. A. SHELDON.

Hon. George S. Boutwell, Secretary of the Treasury.

The undersigned, Senators of the State of Louisiana, respectfully, but urgently and earnestly, recommend the removal of James F. Casey from the position of Collector of the port of New Orleans, believing that in so doing the best interests of the government and the Republican party will be maintained.

Joseph Witgenstien, J. R. Williams, Patrick O'Hara, C. B. Darrall, George Y. Kelseo, J. J. Monette, Curtis Pollard, John Lynch, C. C. Packard, R. Poindexter, Charles Wilcox, J. D. Beares, C. C. Antoine, John Ray, T. V. Coupland.

The gentlemen who recommend the removal of Mr. Casey, as expressed within, are all Republican State Senators.

L. A. SHELDON.

[By telegram, dated New Orleans, March 1, 1870; received at Washington 11:10 P. M.]

L. A. Sheldon, Member of Congress, W. P. Kellogg and John S. Harris, United States Senators:

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the State Central Executive Committee of the Republican party at a meeting held this day.

Resolved, That we recommend the unconditional removal of James F. Casey from the office of collector of customs of this port.

S. B. PACKARD, President; HUGH J. CAMPBELL,

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