

DEBATE IN THE SENATE.—In the U. S. Senate, last Friday, Mr. Chandler said: The rebellion commenced long before the 4th of March, 1861, in the Charleston Convention, where the Senator from Illinois had a seat. But this country must not and will not perish. There had been great complaints because some traitors have been arrested, but if he had his way some of them should have been hung. The great danger of the country is not from the South, but from traitors at the North; the test of the rebellion is not at Richmond, but among the copperhead traitors of the North.

Mr. Richardson replied at some length, contending that while the Senator from Michigan was bravely writing a private letter rebuking the rebellion, there was only one man of the party to which he (Mr. Richardson) belonged in the Senate—Judge Douglas—and he did rebuke rebellion. If any one was supporting the administration of Buchanan it was the party now in power, for where did the present Secretary of War come from but fresh from Buchanan's Cabinet?

Mr. Lane, of Kansas, asked if he did not know that Stanton was in favor of relieving Fort Sumter?

Mr. Richardson.—No; nor nobody else knows it. This administration has stood sponsor for Buchanan's Cabinet by placing in power every one except those in rebellion.

Mr. Howard said he felt it his duty to defend one member of that Cabinet—it was well known that General Cass did all he could, and made every effort to induce Mr. Buchanan to relieve Fort Sumter.

Mr. Richardson said he meant the last members of that Cabinet. He continued at some length, referring to the course of Judge Douglas and his party, as doing all they could to preserve the Union by compromise, while the Senator from Michigan and his party refused all compromises, for party purposes.

Mr. Lane, of Kansas, said he wished to state that from first to last Mr. Stanton had advocated the re-enforcement of the forts in Charleston harbor, and maintaining the authority of the government everywhere in the United States, and any other statement is untrue.

Mr. Richardson said he did not desire Senators to make points for him which he did not make; and all this talk about "untrue" is foreign to the discussion he had made; and I desire to say to the Senator from Kansas, now here in my place, that I will permit no man to make statements in reference to me that I have said anything untrue. I have made no statements in reference to the reinforcements of troops at Charleston. If they seek to make a foreign issue with me, they can have the issue direct without seeking a foreign issue.

Mr. Lane said that the Senator from Minnesota had said that there was no evidence that Mr. Stanton had advocated such reinforcement.

Mr. Rice.—I said that if Mr. Stanton had taken that course no one knew it at the time. I reiterate it. If he had taken that course, I say, he would have appeared much better before the American people if he had followed the steps of Lewis Cass, and left that Cabinet.

Mr. Fessenden objected to this discussion as out of order.

Mr. Lane, of Kansas.—I want to say to the Senator from Maine, that when any Senator makes a wrong statement injurious to any member of the Cabinet, I will denounce it, even if it be the Senator from Illinois.

The Chair called the Senator to order.

Mr. Richardson (in his seat).—And I want to say to the Senator from Kansas, or any other man, that I am responsible for everything I say here.

The discharge of the Judiciary Committee by the House from further consideration of the memorial of Messrs. Pierce & Bacon, in the matter of the Floyd acceptances, leaves the opinion of the Attorney General to the effect that the government is not liable upon these acceptances, unimpeached.

The stallion "Prince Lionel," formerly owned by John McCarter, Jr., of Newton, N. J., has been presented to President Lincoln by "Pet Halsted," of the Kearney letter notoriety. The "Prince" is a thoroughbred, is very fast, and, although small in size, is a very handsome animal.

The Boston Ice crop, it is said, is quite a failure this year.

A letter published in the New York Evening Post, dated at Fernandina, Florida, on the 7th instant, says:—"Col. James Montgomery, of Kansas, is now in this State, with authority to draft all the negroes fit for military service, and organize the second colored regiment. He has gone to Key West, where there are said to be several hundred blacks, and an officer is here prepared to take all that remain at this place."

The Department of Agriculture has received an invoice of Spring wheat, selected, after examination of specimens, in England and upon the Continent. It is a fine, plump berry, of good size, very white and perfect, and must prove hardy, coming from Marsden, in the county of York, England.

Jesse Harbor, of Concord township, Champaign county, Ohio, as we learn from the Urbana Citizen, died on the 26th ult., at the age of seventy-six. He was married twice, and was the father of thirty-one children, the youngest of whom is about two years old. He has managed to give all who have arrived at maturity an outfit of eighty acres of land.

The three o'clock express train from Baltimore to Washington, came in collision with the locomotive of a mud train on the railroad track near the Annapolis Junction yesterday. The locomotives were much damaged, but no one was hurt. The trains were detained two or three hours.

Gen. Rosecrans has issued a general order respecting the use of the negro in his army.—He is willing to use the contrabands in all work for which their habits have fitted them, but not to put arms in their hands. All the white soldiers heretofore detailed on special service as teamsters, cooks, hospital aids, servants, &c., have been sent to the front to swell the ranks of the different regiments, and negroes have been put in their places.

The Baltimore American praises Gen. Carter's late expedition into East Tennessee, as one of the greatest exploits of the war, and calls for the promotion of Gen. C.

It is now said that both Gen. McClellan and Gen. Fremont have applied for commands.

The Confederate Congress has passed a bill abolishing flogging in the army.

The London Post is in favor of recognizing the Southern Confederacy at once.

Advices from Key West to the 9th inst. state that another of the Banks transports, the ship Planter, having on board troops, mechanics and horses, was wrecked on the 14th ult., on Stranger Key, near the Abaco Light. The troops and mechanics were saved, and arrived at Key West on the 5th inst., but all the horses, 275 in number, were lost.

The marriage of Marshal Canrobert with Miss Flora McDonald, was recently solemnized at the British embassy. When the news of the marshal's approaching marriage was first known in Paris, it was taken for granted that this old bachelor of fifty-six, who has been looking out for a wife ever since the end of the Russian war, had secured a very rich English heiress. His friends, however give out the lady's fortune is not large, and that he is in fact making a love match.

There was a vague report in Washington on Sunday, from Southern sources, to the effect that General Banks had fought the Confederates seven miles below Port Hudson, and that the Confederates had fallen back to their stronghold, while the Federal troops retired to their camp.

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