

MR. STEPHENS' TESTIMONY.

Among the testimony reported to the House of Representatives on the 16th inst., from the Reconstruction Committee...

He gave his decided opinion from conversation with men and from correspondence that an overwhelming majority of the people of Georgia are exceedingly anxious for the restoration of the Government...

Since putting the above in type, we have received a full report of Mr Stephens' testimony. We give below a portion of Mr Stephens' answers to the questions put by Mr Boutwell...

Question.—If the proposition were to be submitted to Georgia, as one of the eleven States lately in rebellion, that she might be restored to political power in the Government of the country upon the condition...

Answer.—I can only give my opinion. I do not think she would accept either as a condition precedent presented by Congress...

Question.—When were you last a member of the Congress of the United States? A. I went out on the 4th of March, 1850.

Q. Will you state, if not indisposed to do so, the considerations or opinions which led you to identify yourself with the rebellion...

Q. Do you mean to be understood in your last answer, that there is no constitutional power in the Government, as at present organized, to exact conditions precedent to the restoration to political power of the eleven States...

Q. Do you entertain the same opinion in reference to the amendment to the Constitution abolishing slavery? A. I do not think the States, however, abolished slavery in good faith...

Q. Have you formed any opinion upon that question? A. I cannot say that I have formed any matured opinion in reference to any particular act of Congress embraced in the question.

Q. Assume that Congress shall, at this session, in the absence of Senators and Representatives from the eleven States, pass an act levying taxes upon all the people of the United States...

States, it was a continuous right, under the Constitution of the United States, to be exercised so soon as the seceding States respectively made known their readiness to resume their former political relations with the federal government...

Q. Is it, or not, your opinion that the Legislatures and people of the eleven States respectively have at present such a right to elect Senators and Representatives to Congress...

Q. State whether, from your observation, the events of the war have produced any change in the public mind of the South on the question of the reserved rights of the States under the Constitution of the United States?

Q. What events or experience of the war have contributed to this change? A. First, the people are satisfied that a resort to the exercise of this right, while it is denied by the Federal Government...

Q. When were you last a member of the Congress of the United States? A. I went out on the 4th of March, 1850.

Q. Will you state, if not indisposed to do so, the considerations or opinions which led you to identify yourself with the rebellion, so far as to accept the office of Vice-President of the Confederate States of America...

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CONGRESS.

April 16.—In the Senate, Mr Stewart introduced a joint resolution for the discontinuance of the Branch Mint at New Orleans...

Quite a sensation was caused in the Senate by the sharp rebuke administered by Mr McDougall to his colleague, Mr Conness...

In the course of the debate Mr McDougall charged Mr Conness with having a personal interest in the matter, and that he was discussing the bill with a view to his own interests...

Mr Conness responded in an excited manner that Mr McDougall was not in a condition to know what he was saying.

Mr McDougall—I rise, Mr President, for the purpose of pronouncing the assertion of the Senator a falsehood. I call him to order.

The President pro tem.—The Chair will endeavor at all times to protect Senators in debate. Mr McDougall—Mr President, I desire to state a point of order...

Mr Conness.—The Senator (McDougall) does not represent California either politically or morally.

The House was engaged in the consideration of the bill fixing the peace establishment of the Army.

April 17.—In the Senate, the motion to reconsider the vote on the admission of Colorado came up, but no vote was reached.

On motion of Mr Schenk the Sec'y of War was requested to communicate any information he may have in regard to the execution of 18 soldiers of the 1st and 2d Regiments of N. C. loyal infantry by order of the "rebel" Generals Pickett and Hoke...

RISKS OF GREAT EATERS. Great eaters never live long. A voracious appetite, so far from being a sign of health, is a certain indication of disease.

Mr Knapp was just brought in. A hunter found him lying at the mouth of what has been considered a sort of sink-hole, about five miles from the town.

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A WONDERFUL CAVE.

Exploration of an Indiana Cave—A Man Fastened in a Narrow Passage and Left to his Fate.

I write to inform you of the particulars of an exploring expedition which left here on Thursday last, to explore Dead Man's Cave...

Directly ahead was a wide gallery, whose roof was so high that we could scarcely distinguish it by the feeble light of the lamps...

Numerous small galleries were found, radiating in every direction from this central chamber, and these were explored in turn...

Tired and weary of sight-seeing, the party was on the point of starting on the return, when at the earnest solicitation of Dr. Hawn...

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VALLEY OF VIRGINIA.

A correspondent of the Biblical Recorder, of Raleigh, writing from the Valley of Virginia, gives an interesting account of matters in that section of country.

It has been frequently remarked that among our dead here, there seems to be more from North Carolina than any other State.

It was the fortune of a large number of North Carolina regiments to be attached to the corps that principally operated in the Valley...

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THE HABEAS CORPUS IN MAJOR GEE'S CASE.

On Saturday the 14th inst., the answer of Gen. Ruger, commanding the department of North Carolina, to the writ of habeas corpus issued in the case of John H. Gee...

After a full and patient hearing, his Honor was understood to say, that according to the construction which the Court was disposed to give to the recent proclamation of the President...

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STATE ITEMS.

THE GROWING WHEAT CROP.—We have taken some pains to ascertain the prospects of the growing wheat crop, in this and adjoining counties...

DEATH OF REV. D. B. NICHOLSON.—Rev. D. B. Nicholson, of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist E. Church South, died in peace at his residence in Magnolia, N. C., on the 15th inst.

UNIVERSITY OF N. C.—Hon. Gustavus A. Henry, of Tennessee, has been invited by the Philanthropic Society to deliver the annual address before the two Literary Societies in June.

RAILROADS.—Capt. Wm Stevenson, (late of the 6th N. C. Regt.) in attempting to jump from a train in motion, at Goldsboro', on Tuesday morning, fell and the train passed over his leg, crushing it in such a manner as to render amputation necessary.

RAILROADS.

Raleigh & Gaston Railroad, SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Raleigh, April 6, 1866.

DISOLUTION NOTICE.

The copartnership heretofore existing between Bernheim & Sinclair, and which constituted the firm known by the name and style of Bernheim & Sinclair, is this day dissolved by mutual consent...

TO THE PUBLIC.

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