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"I WOULD RATHER BE RIGHT THAN BE PRESIDENT." - Henry Clay.

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The President's Veto of the Civil Rights Bill. SENATOR STOCKTON RULED OUT. Radical Pretext for this Action.

REPORT OF THE VIRGINIA EVIDENCE BEFORE THE RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE.

Testimony of Gen. Lee, Speaker Baldwin, Judge Jones, and Others.

Proceedings in Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 27. - SENATE. - The Senate was occupied with the case of Mr. Stockton, of New Jersey, and ruled him out by a majority.

The President sent in a veto of the Civil Rights Bill. He says: By the first section of the bill all persons born in the United States and not subject to any foreign power, excluding Indians not taxed, are declared to be citizens of the United States.

This provision comprehends the Chinese of the Pacific States, Indians subject to taxation and the people called Gypsies, as well as the entire race designated as blacks, people of color, negroes, mulattoes, and persons of African blood.

Every individual of these races born in the United States, by this bill, made a citizen of the United States. It does not purport to declare or confer any other right of citizenship than Federal citizenship, and does not purport to give these classes of persons any status as citizens of States, except that which may result from their status as citizens of the United States.

The power to confer the right of State citizenship is just as exclusively with the several States as the power to confer the right of Federal citizenship is with Congress. The right of Federal citizenship thus to be conferred on the several exempted races before mentioned, is now, for the first time, proposed to be given by law.

The bill, in effect, proposes a discrimination against large numbers of intelligent, worthy and patriotic foreigners, and in favor of the negro, to whom, after long years of bondage, the avenue to freedom and intelligence has now been suddenly opened.

On the other hand the United States officers - Generals Terry and Turner, and Colonel Brown, and most, if not all, of the unqualified Union men, concur in representing the sentiment of the people of Virginia in relation to the Government as unimpaired, and as rather having become embittered since Lee's surrender.

Most of the witnesses of that class express the decided opinion that the withdrawal of the Federal troops and of the Freedmen's Bureau would be followed by an unremitting persecution of white Unionists and the perpetration and renewal of slavery of the colored people.

In regard to the Federal debt the people of Virginia are represented as in favor of its repudiation, or at least of combining with the Confederate debt. The witnesses who have been connected with the Confederacy, however, deny this, and represent the people as willing to pay their share of the Federal debt by taxation.

Outside of these matters of general inquiry, there is one historical episode connected with the rebellion of Virginia and the outbreak of the rebellion, on which the testimony of these witnesses was taken.

There was a conference sought for and held by Mr. Lincoln with a member of the Virginia Secession Convention, delegated by the Union members of that body - John B. Baldwin - prior to the opening of the rebel batteries on Fort Sumter.

The first statement on the subject came from John F. Lewis, an uncompromising Union man all through the war, and who had been himself a member of the Virginia Convention. He testified that, on the evening of the 19th of April, 1861, he visited John Minor Botts in Richmond, and learned from him that Mr. Lincoln had informed him that he had had an interview with John B. Baldwin - Judge Summers, for whom a special messenger had been sent, not being able to go to Washington; and the Union members having delegations of Baldwin, and had made proposition that if the Virginia Convention would adjourn sine die, without passing an ordinance of secession, he (Mr. Lincoln) would take the responsibility of withdrawing the troops from Fort Sumter. Colonel Baldwin declined to accede to the proposition, and did not communicate it to the convention the next morning.

After hearing the statement, Mr. Lewis prevailed on Colonel Baldwin to accompany him to the house of Mr. Botts, who reported the statement made by him to Mr. Lincoln, and asked him how in the name of God he could take the responsibility of withdrawing the knowledge of such an interview from the Convention, to which Baldwin, looking at his watch, replied that it was then near the hour for the meeting of the Convention, and that he would be there, and that he would see Botts again.

The testimony gives many particulars relating to this subject, which will be published in tomorrow's papers.

COTTON SEED FOR SALE.

On Saturday, the seventh (7th) day of April next, at the Plantation of Mrs. S. A. Deane, in the County of Franklin, ten miles below Lenoir, I shall sell at Public Auction 1200 bushels of Cotton Seed - these seeds are "Extra Praline," named, and are of the very best quality. Terms: one month's credit, with good bond.

JOSEPH J. DAVIS, Executor.

cess, under equal and impartial laws, in conformity with the provisions of the Federal Constitution.

Most return the bill to the Senate and regret that, in considering the bill and joint resolutions - forty-two in number - which have been thus far submitted for my approval, I am impelled to withhold my assent from a second measure that has received the sanction of both Houses of Congress.

The consideration of the message was postponed until to-morrow.

HOCSE. - A report of evidence was made today from the Committee of Reconstruction, from which it appears that among the more important witnesses examined in relation to Virginia were: Judge Underwood, Lewis McKenzie, General Turner, commanding the post at Richmond, Major General Terry, Colonel Orlando Brown, Charles H. Lewis, late Secretary of the commonwealth, General Robert E. Lee and Brigadier General Corse. John B. Baldwin, William T. Jones, John M. Botts, and others from that State, including several colored men, were also examined.

General Lee represents that nothing like a sentiment of hostility to the United States Government exists in Virginia; that there are no combinations or conspiracies having that end in view; that the people, though disappointed and saddened by the result of war, accept that result submissively, and are only looking now to their material interests, and that the surest and speediest means of reconciling the people to the Government, and making them its cordial supporters, is to extend them equal political rights with the people of the other States.

As to the negroes, he expresses the belief, which he says he has long entertained, that the State would be much better without them, and he repudiates the idea that "crimes" were purposely inflicted on Federal prisoners of war.

The testimony of the members of the Virginia Legislature - gentlemen who had come as a delegation to President Johnson - was equally important and interesting. They concur in opinion as to the complete absence of any feeling looking toward the removal of the Government.

The question of secession, they were very settled by the sword, and the people were content to abide by the decision, and "five hundred faithful citizens of the Republic," they represent the feeling of the people at large and of themselves as unalterably opposed to the idea of extending political rights to negroes, white, as to civil rights, the Legislature was engaged in maturing measures removing most, if not all, of the obvious discriminations in the laws between whites and blacks.

On the question of the course which Virginia would take in case of a war between the United States and any foreign power, which might afford the South a promise of establishing their independence, their testimony was decidedly on the side of loyalty.

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A. CREECH, Raleigh, March 14, 1866. Standard and Progress copy.

NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD. Change of Time. ON and AFTER SUNDAY, JAN. 17th, 1866, trains will run as follows:

Going West. Mail Train, Freight Train. Leave Goldsboro, 5:30 P.M. 4:15 A.M. " Hillsboro, 9:00 " 9:00 " " Greensboro, 11:48 " 12:25 P.M. " Salisbury, 7:00 " 4:15 " " Salisbury, 9:50 " 1:00 A.M.

Going East. Mail Train, Freight Train. Leave Charlotte, 8:00 P.M. 4:30 A.M. " Salisbury, 6:05 " 8:40 " " Greensboro, 10:00 " 12:50 P.M. " Hillsboro, 1:20 A.M. 5:00 " " Raleigh, 4:40 " 8:45 " " Raleigh, 7:45 " 12:30 A.M.

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Engineer and Superintendent. Jan. 11, 1866.

CHANGE OF TIME. RALEIGH & CANTON RAILROAD CO. Superintendent's Office, Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 15th, 1866.

ON and after Monday, Feb. 19th, 1866, trains will run as follows: Passenger Train leaves Raleigh, 4:30 A.M. Arrives at Weldon, 1:00 P.M. Leaves Weldon, 1:30 P.M. Arrives at Rocky Hill, 4:30 P.M. Freight and Accommodation Train leaves Raleigh on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:00 A.M. and arrives at Weldon 5:00 P.M.

This train leaves Raleigh from the Raleigh and Gaston Depot in the Northern part of the City, and runs on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 5:00 A.M. By this change in the Passenger Train, connections are made with the Seaboard and Roanoke Rail Road as well as by the upper route via Richmond.

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