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ROBBINS:

The House, as a Committee of the Whole, having under consideration the H. B. No. 514) relating to the cen. tennial celebration of American Inde-

Mr. Robbins, of North Carolina,

Mr. Chairman: In North Carolina there lives an old man who in 1861 had peace in this country. six sons just grown up to manhood .feason much about it. North Carolina called for them and they went. Most of them were over here at the first battle of Bull Run, and from there to Appoint tox, they followed that bloody and fiery track of war all the way by Chickahominy, Fredericksburg, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Chickannauga, Gettysburgh, Williemess, and Petersburgh. There were not six when they got to Appointttok-there were but two. Four were sleeping in their bloody Planket d. one at Antictam, another at Clancellors ille, another on the Chickaligning, and another in Kentucky .to you now, and he says that he has seen enough of war, and wants peace.

capacity, Mr. Chairman, to participate in that kind of battle, and I am opposed to it as an unworthy afterpiece to a grand drama. I want peace.

need to save this money—this million as Jefferson Davis. This is due partly still furnished a strong support to the long included corruptions, his impovand a half dollars. We do need econ- to the position he held during the civil position that, upon the whole, our men erishing extravagance and his sectional omy, but we need also concord, con- war, and partly to certain peculiarities were not used with greater severity or malevolence manifested even in the fidence, good understanding in this of his character; and when Mr. Blaine greater privations than were inevitable year of the Centennial Jubilee. We country. O'! if we had faith enough recently made his ferocious attack up. in the nature of the case. Of this believe the people understand the Radin one another, if there was faith in on the proposition to include him in charge therefore, of cruelty to prisoners', ical programme to be one of fraud, vi- DEATH OF A GREAT MAN-HEVERDY this country, in its different sections, a new amnesty bill, that shrewd poli- so often brought against Mr. Dav S, olence and ultimate ruin; and we feel and among all its people, the money tician knew very well that he was ad- and reiterated by Mr. Blaine in his quite sure they see in that of the Demwould come forth from the coffers dressing a very strong and very deep speach, we think he must be held altor ocratic party if carried out the true Johnson had argued a case in Court where it is now hoarded, the hard sentiment, and that the extremest bit- gether acquitted. times would pass away, and general terness and virulence which he might There are other things in his letter whole Union. The Democratic is the with Gov. Carroll whose guest he was,

the 4th of July next. Let it not be that the Confederate authorities, and Mr. Blaine.

vain in that war. This American peo

phetie: "Lo, the winter is past; the one common phalanx of amity and and active outside,

THE CASE OF JEFF, DAVIS.

[N. Y. Sun.] ca who is the object of such intense at sive, since our men were generally bet- sive attitude in this summer's war, and It is urged, Mr. Chairman, that we version on the part of so many persons ter fed and in better health than theirs, press upon the adversary his foul and

to help economize, but they sent me body of people. That such a feeling tions of views upon larger subjects, buggery and humiliation—the party of parlor, while Governor Carroll and also, or else I have misunderstood exists toward Mr. Davis more than to- which it is necessary that we should fraud, stealing and recklessness—the other guests went to another room to ed thousands of millions in fratricidal candid and the thoughtful from render- fraternal feeling and unity between the latter this year .- Wil. Star. strife surely cannot grudge one or two img entire justice to him both as a pub- the once warring parts of the republic, millions to heal our mutual wounds. lie functionary and as a man; and his Mr. Davis' letter is infinitely superior I vote for this bill also, Mr. Chair- letter to Judge Lyons, of Virginia, and infinitely more creditable to him,

forgotten that she first spoke the word especially Mr. Davis, ought not to be advertisements liberal con- independence at Mecklenbugh. Let held responsible for the terrible priva. FALSE CHARGES-STIRRING it not be forgotten that she shed the tions, sufferings, and injuries which first blood for liberty at Alamance. our men had to endure while they were Encountries office, in the neatest Let it not be forgotten that her sons, kept in the Confederate military prisfew gallant sons of Virginia and South while the Confederates desired to ex. of nearly the whole Republican party. Carolina, turned the tide of the Revo- change prisoners, to send our men home It will be the programme of every lead-Mountain. And we are coming to the steadily and strenuously resisted such zation before the summer rose fades King's Mountain, and of Guilford, the South were ill fed, and would be re- est political warfare that was ever and of Alamance, to shake hands with stored to us too much exhausted by fam- known on the continent. the men of Brandywine, and Bunker ine and disease to form a fair set off a- Hundreds of thousands of good cital

ple of ours is a money-loving, money. clusive. It proves that it was not the every day; and near him are a half the internal revenue department.

of Union soldiers who died in South- Republican leaders and organs. The There is probably no man in Ameri. ern prisons, though not entirely conclu- Democratic party must take the offen-

man, as a North Carolinian. North which we published yesterday, contains both as a statesman and a man, than York Sun," from the Raleigh Sentinel: Carolina has a large interest in these an appeal which we do not disregard. anything that has recently fallen from glories which are to be celebrated on This letter shows clearly, we think, such antagonists and critics of his as

UP HATRED—DODGING LIVE ISSUES.

We have written the Radical pro the mountain men, with the aid of a ons. The fact is unquestionable that gramme above. It is the programme SPEECH OF HON. WILLIAM M. lution toward final victory at King's and to get back their own, Gen. Grant er and paper belonging to that organi-Centennial, Mr. Chairman, though we an exchange. While in his opinion the and falls. All the signs point that are poor; and some of us will come in prisoners in our hands were well fed way, and the conclusion is irresistible tears, remembering the past. Yet we and were in better condition than when that the country is to be convulsed from are coming, the sons of the men of they were captured, our prisoners in centre to circumference with the bitter-

vote for this bill, because I think its jubilee. We want to shake hands with Morever, there is no evidence what- fessions of the past four years and to in either of the departments. cle Robert's was going to tell us to has ebbed forever and that it remains sufficient; the care and attention were and more of the same sort of untruth. 1870. This Bergen was arrested by several years since. charge or to surrender and did not no longer to float any freightage of un, insufficient; and yet the condition of It is marshalling the northern Radical his own friends for the barbarous know which, I went into a little church holy and unpatriotic ambition. And our prisoners was not worse than that forces in favor of Blaine whom it thinks treatment of innocent, unoffending. which stood close by, and there lay a we want to show to the multitude of of the Confederate soldiers in the field, a most lucky man. Its articles teem and highly, respectable citizens, who large Bible on the stand and I opened visitors from other natious how invin- except in so far as the condition of with denunciation of Democracy with were accused of Ku-Klux outrages. it. The words which fell first on my cible we are when the heroes, of the those in prison must, necessarily, be which it coalesced in 1872; with abuse He arrested them by the dozen, and eye were these, and they seemed pro- blue and the gray stand together in worse than that of men who are free of Jefferson Davis on whose bail bond tied and strang them up by the its glorious founder placed his illus- thumbs in order to make them conrain is over and gone; the flowers ap- concord. There, my countrymen, let Again, in reference to those cases trious name; with misrepresentations fess that they were Ku-Klux. His pear on the earth; the time of the sing- us renew our vows of fervent devotion of extreme suffering and disease, the of other prominent men whose only barbarity exceeded anything of the ing of birds is come, and the voice of to that common country which the photographs of whose victims were so crime is that they were once in arms kind heard of in modern times. This the turtle is heard in our land," I righteous Arbiter of all things has de-extensively circulated among us toward against the government. For what man was said to be an escaped conthought, Mr. Chairman, it was pro- creed shall be forever one and undividuhe end of the war, Mr. Davis makes, the Tribune was many years ago we viet from the Penitentiary, yet Gov. phetic. I welcomed it as the harbin- ded; and, turning our backs upon all it seem to us, a good answer. Those have no word of censure. Of that old Holden, knowing his record, gave him ger of peace. Why is it not peace? bitter memories of the past and leaving very unfortunate men were not taken past we would make a scaled book, and a commission as a militia major to in-Why have we not had peace? The our gallent fallen comrades on both from prisons, but from Confederate hos- bury it out of sight, provided the ene- timidate the people at the election. said he had heard defendant say to one soldiers fought the great question out sides to repose in "trembling hope" on pitals, where they had received the mies of that old time would show a forwith bayonets and muskets and can- "the bosom of their Father and their same medical treatment as given to giving and generous spirit. If they cals Bergen escaped from jail in non; but they have quit fighting. It God," let us go forward with courage. sick and wounded Confederate soldiers, will not, we will fight them on the is- Raleign, and was soon after appointis because a few restless political agi. ous hearts and patriotic aspirations in The fact mentioned by Mr. Davis, that saes of to-day and decline to go over cliconsul to Tampico. To the credit tators still want to keep up the fight, that path which duty and destiny have while they had 60,000 more prisoners the old field any further than to fillude of the Schate the rascal was not condefendant said he was joking and Buland their only weapons are asses' jaw- marked out for us. [Much applause.] of ours than we of theirs, the number currente calamo to charges of cruelty firmed. of Confederates who died in our prisons against the Southern authorities that Col. Kirk holds a paying position exceeded by 5,000 the whole number are being rehearsed by the chivalrous in the capitol police at Washington.

them, to promote peace and help bring ward any other one among the men discuss. We are bound, however, to party of radicalism, revolution, retro- smoke. It was supposed Mr., Johnabout reconciliation and good under conspicuous in the Southern Confedera- say that in elevation of spirit, in a gression and ruin. The people will son was taking his habitual sleep after standing. A country which has wast- cy, ought not, however, to prevent the sincere desire for the total restoration of surely not commit suicide by choosing dinner. Presently a servant beckon-

> We clip the following letter addressed to the "Editor of the New STICKING TO HIS FRIENDS.

HONORS BESTOWED UPON SOME OF PRESIDENT GRANT'S FA-VORITE RASCALS.

Elitor of the New York Sun:

Sin.-In the Sun of Thursday ap- Annapolis, Mp., Feb. 11.-So sud-

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items in regard to the death of Rev. structions; that the returns being erdy Johnson from the Raleigh News. He had, for many years, been one of the most prominent men of the Nation, kept at the box; lut that afterwards

JOHNSON KILLED BY A FALL,

hope and permanent benefit of the and was unusually brilliant at dinner who sent me here, it is true, sent me response in the minds of an immense sions of political opinion and intima- Republican is the party of hate, hum- dinner. After dinner he went to the News.

ed the Governor out. Mr. Johnson had fallen to the carriage way which passes under the porch of the mansion. He was dead, bleeding profusely from a wound on the right side of the head and face. His skull was fractured, a finger dislocated, and bruises and cuts on his arms and legs. He was born in 1796.

REVERDY JOHNSON'S DEATH-THEORY OF ITS CAUSE.

peared a brief biography of Joseph den and unexpected was the death of G. Hester, one of Grant's friends in Reverdy Johnson after his appearance North Carolina. Hester is only a in the State Library and about the sample of the many rascals who have State House yesterday while the been kept in office by the present ad- Legislature was in session, apparently ministration. Hester's history was in full health, that the community has well known to Grant in 1869 and not recovered from the shock. Dr. 1870, and better known in 1873, when Lewis H. Steiner, State Senator from he appointed him United States con- Frederick county, a distinguished sul to Santiago. The Republican physician and chief Inspector of the Senate, searcely a member of which Sanitary Commission in the army of was not, familiar with the infamous the Potomac during the late war, who Hill, and Monmouth, and restore gainst the comparatively vigorous men izens deplore the revival of ill-feeling nation. The new consul came to was found, gives the following as his career of Hester, confirmed the nomi- examined the body shortly after it who would be given in exchange. "It as unnecessary and hurtful to every New York, in company with a Massa- theory of the cause of death: Mr. It has been said, Mr. Chairman, is hard on our men held in Southern interest—social, political, moral and chusetts detective who had been em- Johnson either stumbled over a piece At the first tap of the drum the six sons that the soldiers could settle this thing prisons," said Grant in an official comindustrial but remonstrances will avail ployed to do dirty work for the radi- of coal, descent with vertigo went to the front to fight for the cause if allowed to do so. Well, that will munication, "not to exchange them; nothing with the self-seeking politicals in North Carolina during the or incipient symptoms of apoplexy, be a good time for them to settle it. I but it is humane to those left in the cians. There are men in the Republi- presidential campaign of 1872, and and striving to save himself, stumbled want to go there and shake by the ranks to fight our battles. If we comhand the brave men I used to meet on mence a system of exchanges which lib- any high-handed act, as they do not Hester dared not register his name, the notherly side of the Executive the field. I admire them, I loye them: erates all prisoners taken, we will have hesitate to say any unjust and provo- or show himself in the streets too Mansion, at each step his body gain-I respect and I honor them. O, sir, to fight on until the whole South is king word, that would bring about such much in the day time, owing to some ing additional momentum; so that with what reverence I stand always by exterminated. If we hold those caught, sectional disturbances as would enable questionable business transactions of having reached the door leading into them to get control of Congress and his in this city and North Carolina. the basement, he swayed around to the "gray" or the "blue," because there "I did not," he said, on another occaretain their hold on the Presidency.— His companion was one Ferguson, a the south and fell, striking his head sleeps a man who dared to die for his sion, "deem it advisable or just to re- Mr. Blaine is not the only one of those friend of Ben. Butler, and through against the sharp corner of the granite en-force the enemy; and an immediate sanguinary creatures. He is conspict the influence of Senator Pool, of of the base course of the house which I think of these things, Mr. Chair- resumption of exchanges would have nous in the evil business of stirring up North Carolina, and Butler, he also gave the first wound on the head. man; without bitterness, because you had effect without any corresponding strife, but behind him stand the press had been appointed to a consulate. Reaching the pavement, made of of the Radical Republican party, gain- Beach, another of Hester's friends, rough cobble stones, a second wound This evidence must be taken as coning from the "independent" papers now holds an important position in was received in front of the first. At getting people, too foul of merely ma ('onfederate authorities who insisted on score of rival aspirants, each of whom Three years ago, when United the nose were fractured, and one joint Two were at Appointation, battle-sear, terial interests, too sordid; and it keeping our prisoners in distress, want would snatch his bloody flag and eas States Marshal Carrow, of North Car- of the second finger of the right hand rel, to see the flag go down forever needed the great lesson of self-sacrifice, and disease, but the commander of our gerly go to the front as the representation, or an angular control of the see after the second of the great lesson of self-sacrifice, and disease, but the commander of our gerly go to the front as the representation, or an angular control of the second of the great lesson of self-sacrifice, and disease, but the commander of our gerly go to the front as the representation, or an angular control of the second of the great lesson of self-sacrifice, and disease, but the commander of our gerly go to the front as the representation of the great lesson of self-sacrifice. which they had followed with such that it is worth while to die for senti- own armies. We do not say that his tive of all the loyalty of the country.-- to unbalanced accounts, Hester ap- struggles account for abrasions on mulablering devotion. One of those ment and for principle. Our dead reason for this course was not valid; The New York Tribune—that carpet-plied to Grant for the place, and as a the knees and fingers of the left hand that is not now the questoin; but it knight of the Gothamite press-that reward for past services would doubt. cannot be positively asserted, although Yes, Mr. Chairman, we are coming was not Jefferson Davis or any subor-diletante in art, literature and science less have obtained it had not Robert it is probable that the wounds in the from the Cape Fear and the Albemarle, dinate or associate of his who should —that broad-columned leader of liberal M. Douglass, then the President's scalp were accompanied with fractures He wants reconciliation; he wants good from the lowlands and the mountains, now be condemned for it. We were and cultured thought—that journal private secretary, been looking for a of the external bones of the cranium, feeling; he wants fraternity everywhere You will hear the bagpipes of our responsible ourselves for the continued whose daily boast is that it was "found- fat office, and been tendered the ap- accompanied with probable rupture of in this country. And that is the rea. Scotchmen and the bugles of our moun. detention of our captives in misery, stared by Horace Greeley"—the New York pointment. Hester is now in Wash- some of the arteries at the base; death Tribune has turned traitor to its pro- ishington looking for a profitable post must have resulted almost instantly. tendency is to produce that peace which the gallent soldiers of the North. We ever that it was practicable for the the memory of its founder the Demo. Another consul from North Carolina State, and son-in-law of Mr. Johnson, hope to see such a greeting of the sol- Confederate authorities to feed our priscratic candidate for President in 1872. is a Major Bergen, a carpet bagger is of the opinion that he was seized Why have we not had it? At Ap. diers and patriots of the North and the oners any better than they were fed, or It says now that the Democratic party from New Jersey. who was Major in with vertigo and fell, as he had a simpomattox. Mr. Chairman, when we South as will show to the whole Union to give them better care and attention "hates," "forgets nothing," "takes Col. George W. Kirk's war against ilar attack lasting three hours while were waiting to see whether old "Un that the floodtide of sectional hatred than they received. The food was indown to 1876 the clenched fist of 1865," the people of the State in 1869 and attending trials in South Carolina

END OF THE ROBESON CONTESTED CASE.

One Edmunds, as we learn from the Wilmington Journal, was charged with destroying the poll-books of Britt's township for the purpose of defeating Dr. Norment and Niell McNeill for a seat in the Constitutional Convention. The case was tried before Commissioner Cassidy, Judge Russell appearing for the government and Capt. W. S. Nora ment for the defendant.

books for the purpose of defeating Norment and McNiell. And Bullard lard took it as a joke.

The defendant introduced J. C. Freeman, who stated he was present when the returns were made out; that he heard. Edmunds ask the registrar how he should make out the returns, and also asked Dr. Norment, and the re. We copy the following telepraphic turns were made out according to in. signed were put up in an envelope, and that Edmunds was informed that it learning of some trouble in regard to the absence of the scrolls he proceeded to Lumberton and deposited them with the Register of Deeds,

The Commissioner was perfectly satisfied of the innocence of the accused. and discharged him without hesitation, prosperity would return. The people display, would meet with an earnest not essential to this question, expres- union and true republican party; the He took one glass of madeira during elected to the Convention.—Raleighe