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Amnesty.

A bill has been introduced into the House of Representatives providing for the Amnesty of all classes who engaged in rebellion, and who had not been previously amnestyed. According to an estimate of ex-Speaker Blaine, given in his speech, this class now numbers about seven hundred and fifty persons. Mr. Blaine wished to move a substitute to the bill, excepting Jefferson Davis from the operations of the amnesty, and requiring those who design to avail themselves of its benefit, to make oath before a United States court that they mean to conduct themselves as good citizens of the United States. Mr. Blaine's idea that such men as Robert Toombs, who does not desire amnesty, should not have it thrust upon them against their will, but he and others should be required to do something that would indicate amnesty to be of some value to them.

Randall, on the Democratic side, undertook to cut off the amendment, and full debate, by the gag of the previous question. He and Blaine, and their adherents, skirmished a long time, displaying bad blood and ill temper, and at last the previous question was seconded and the main question ordered. The bill was not passed, the requisite two thirds not voting in its favor.—Without giving the history of the proceedings, which would take too much space, we will say Mr. Blaine obtained the floor, without thanks to the other side, and made his speech.

He took strong ground against Jefferson Davis, not because he was the head and front of the rebellion being in Mr. Blaine's estimation a far less efficient enemy of the United States than thousands of others who had already been amnestyed, but because he (Jefferson Davis) was the author, "knowingly, deliberately, guiltily and wilfully, of the gigantic murders and crimes at Andersonville." The scope of his argument was that Mr. Davis, as the head of the Confederate government, sent Winder to Andersonville "with a full knowledge of his previous atrocities" and afterwards sustained him in his inhuman treatment of Union prisoners at Andersonville. In the course of his speech, Mr. Blaine quoted the testimony of Rev. William John Hamilton, a southern man and Catholic priest, as follows:

"When I went there I was kept so busily engaged in giving the sacrament to the dying men that I could not observe much; but of course I could not keep my eyes closed as to what I saw there. I saw a great many men perfectly nude; they seemed to have lost all regard for delicacy, shame, morality or anything else. I would frequently have to crawl on my hands and knees into the holes that the men had burrowed in the ground and stretched myself alongside of them to hear their confessions. I found them almost living in vermin in those holes; they could not be in any other condition but a filthy one, because they got no soap and no change of clothing, and were there all huddled together."

The witness then states that he saw among others a boy suffering very much from a wound on his right foot; the foot was split open like an oyster; and on inquiring the cause, they told him it was from exposure to the sun in the stockade and not from any wound received in battle."

Proceeding, the orator cited General Winder's order, made in anticipation of the coming of General Sherman, as follows:

"The officers on duty and in charge of the battery on Florida artillery at the time will, upon receiving notice that the enemy have approached within seven miles of this post, open fire upon the stockade with grape shot without reference to the situation beyond these lines of defense."

Mr. Blaine did not charge the atrocities upon the southern people, but held Jefferson Davis, the head of the government, responsible for the whole of them; and he argued, therefore that he was a monster and ought never to receive the benefits of amnesty.

With the propriety of raising the question now, we have nothing to do. The speech was a strong one and the attack upon Jefferson Davis justifiable. As a question of policy, it may or may not have been an error. Surely, the pardon of Jefferson Davis, every one else being pardoned, and sixty one ex-confederates being actually members of the House of Representatives, could do no harm in itself, and would assuredly do the ex-confederate President no good.

These are gushing days. The introduction of the amnesty itself by Mr. Randall, was to advance the cause of gush, and to the nation can amount to nothing practical. Gushing speeches have been and will be made, the debate at this writing not having been concluded. Even Wm. D. Kelley thought it best to gush somewhat, and being a republican as our citizens may perhaps remember, was rewarded with applause from the democrats. The Hon. S. S. Cox replied to Mr. Blaine in a witty speech, frivolous in its arguments and undignified in its delivery. The democrat laughed and applauded him vigorously, so that he was encouraged to go on and say things he probably otherwise would not have said. He retains his speech for revision before it goes into the "Congressional Record," showing the inclination in his mind to be vanity.

As might have been expected, the southern democratic editors and politicians are classed "pitching into" Mr. Blaine and defending Jefferson Davis. What is there about Jefferson Davis to call for the championship of the southern people? Indeed, who defends him, besides the editors and politicians? The people do not now, and did not, during the greater part of the war, regard him either with respect or affection; and this wholesale defense of a bad man,

places the southern people in a false light before the world. It will be supposed their newspapers reflect the sentiments, but in this instance such is not the fact.

The democrats of North Carolina believe in amnesty—that is, to their own criminals! They have, through their leaders, excused them all—Robots and murderers have been turned loose without trial, and by the action of the General Assembly, trials are forever impossible. But when it is proposed to remove the disabilities of Governor Holden, the democrats say no, and their leaders find fault that Mr. Blaine is opposed to excusing Jefferson Davis, the man responsible for the horrors of the Andersonville prison—*the North State!*

The debate on Randall's amnesty bill in the House was resumed, Hill of Georgia, having the floor. His speech was in many respects an able one, though ill advised, but his logic was frequently at fault and his assertions at variance with established facts. It was as bitter as his intense hatred of those who stood by the Union during the rebellion could make it, and its bitterness was aggravated and applied by the southrons on the floor and the galleries. He endeavored to defend Jeff. Davis from the charge of responsibility for the barbarities of Andersonville, and even went so far as to say that the stories of cruelty to Federal prisoners were fictions invented by the Republican party for political effect.—At this point he was interrupted by Blaine, who opportunely read an extract from the record of the Confederate Senate which gave the lie to Hill's statement and considerably disturbed his equanimity. Nevertheless, he continued in the same strain, and charged and attempted to prove that Confederate soldiers were treated with equal cruelty in the prisons at the north.—Hill's course was very severely censured after adjournment, by conservative northern Democrats, who are beginning to fear the consequence of the debate.

COMMERCIALS

*Review of the Wilmington Market.*

JAN. 14.—  
SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Receipts 236 casks. Market steady at 31 cents per gallon for Southern packages.

ROSTIN.—Receipts 2,129 bbls. Market quoted strong. Sales of 500 bbls at \$1.52 per bbl.

COTTON.—Receipts 300 bales. Market steady. Sales 100 bales. The following are the official quotations:

Ordinary, 9 cents # lb  
Good Ordinary, 10 " " "  
Low Middling, 11 " " "  
Middling, 12 " " "  
Good Middling, 12 1/2 " " "

JAN. 15.—  
SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Receipts 363 casks. Market quiet at 33 cents per gallon for Southern packages.

ROSTIN.—Receipts 298 bbls. Market quoted.

Sales of 500 bbls at \$1.50 per bbl. Crude Turpentine.—Receipts 300 bales. Market steady. Sales 100 bales. The following are the official quotations:

Ordinary, 9 cents # lb  
Good Ordinary, 10 " " "  
Low Middling, 11 " " "  
Middling, 12 " " "  
Good Middling, 12 1/2 " " "

JAN. 16.—  
SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Receipts 363 casks. Market quiet at 33 cents per gallon for Southern packages.

ROSTIN.—Receipts 298 bbls. Market quoted.

Sales of 500 bbls at \$1.50 per bbl. Crude Turpentine.—Receipts 300 bales. Market steady. Sales 100 bales. The following are the official quotations:

Ordinary, 9 cents # lb  
Good Ordinary, 10 " " "  
Low Middling, 11 " " "  
Middling, 12 " " "  
Good Middling, 12 1/2 " " "

JAN. 17.—  
SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Receipts 363 casks. Market quiet at 33 cents per gallon for Southern packages.

ROSTIN.—Receipts 298 bbls. Market quoted.

Sales of 500 bbls at \$1.50 per bbl. Crude Turpentine.—Receipts 300 bales. Market steady. Sales 100 bales. The following are the official quotations:

Ordinary, 9 cents # lb  
Good Ordinary, 10 " " "  
Low Middling, 11 " " "  
Middling, 12 " " "  
Good Middling, 12 1/2 " " "

JAN. 18.—  
SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Receipts 464 casks. Market quiet at 33 cents per gallon for Southern packages.

ROSTIN.—Receipts 2,618 bbls. Market strong at \$1.50 per bbl and C and \$1.52 for C, D and E. Sales of 500 bbls at \$1.52 for Good & C, \$1.60 for No. 1 and \$2.12 for No. 2.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Receipts 47 bbls. Sales of 47 bbls at \$2.60 for virgin, \$2.60 for yellow dip and \$2.70 for virgin. Market steady.

TAX.—Receipts 246 bbls. Sales of 246 bbls at \$1.50 per bbl. Market steady.

COTTON.—Receipts 400 bales. Market quiet. Sales 100 bales. The following are the official quotations:

Ordinary, 9 cents # lb  
Good Ordinary, 10 " " "  
Low Middling, 11 " " "  
Middling, 12 " " "  
Good Middling, 12 1/2 " " "

JAN. 19.—  
SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Receipts 126 casks. Market quiet at 33 cents. Sales of 106 casks at 33 cents per gallon for Southern packages.

ROSTIN.—Receipts 1,611 bbls. Market firm at \$1.50 for B and C, and \$1.52 for C, D and E. Sales of 160 bbls good strained at \$1.52, 52 do Extra No 2 at \$1.60, 27 do Low No 1 at \$1.75 28 do No 1 at \$2.00, 60 do good No 1 at \$2.12, 165 do Low Pale at \$2.75, 125 Pale at \$3.75.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Receipts 64 bbls. Sales of 64 bbls at \$2.60 for virgin and \$2.60 for yellow dip, and \$1.60 for hard. Market steady.

TAX.—Receipts 64 bbls. Sales of 64 bbls at \$1.50 per bbl. Market steady.

COTTON.—Receipts 447 bales. Sales of 82 do following official quotations:

Ordinary, 9 cents # lb  
Good Ordinary, 10 " " "  
Low Middling, 11 " " "  
Middling, 12 " " "  
Good Middling, 12 1/2 " " "

JAN. 20.—  
SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Receipts 34 casks. Sales of 50 casks at 33 cents per gallon for Southern packages.

ROSTIN.—Receipts 1,670 bbls. Market firm at \$1.50 for B and C, and \$1.52 for C, D and E. Sales of 125 bbls G at \$1.52 and 600 bbls good strained at \$1.52 per bbl.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Receipts 23 bbls. Sales of 23 bbls at \$2.60 for Virgin, \$2.60 for Yellow Dip and \$1.60 for hard. Market quiet.

TAX.—Receipts 246 bbls. Sales of 246 bbls at \$1.50 per bbl. Market steady.

COTTON.—Receipts 114 bales. Market quiet, at the following official quotations:

Ordinary, 9 cents # lb  
Good Ordinary, 10 " " "  
Low Middling, 11 " " "  
Middling, 12 " " "  
Good Middling, 12 1/2 " " "

JAN. 21.—  
SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Receipts 34 casks. Sales of 50 casks at 33 cents per gallon for Southern packages.

ROSTIN.—Receipts 1,670 bbls. Market firm at \$1.50 for B and C, and \$1.52 for C, D and E. Sales of 125 bbls G at \$1.52 and 600 bbls good strained at \$1.52 per bbl.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Receipts 23 bbls. Sales of 23 bbls at \$2.60 for Virgin, \$2.60 for Yellow Dip and \$1.60 for hard. Market quiet.

TAX.—Receipts 246 bbls. Sales of 246 bbls at \$1.50 per bbl. Market steady.

COTTON.—Receipts 114 bales. Market quiet, at the following official quotations:

Ordinary, 9 cents # lb  
Good Ordinary, 10 " " "  
Low Middling, 11 " " "  
Middling, 12 " " "  
Good Middling, 12 1/2 " " "

JAN. 22.—  
SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Receipts 236 casks. Market steady at 31 cents per gallon for Southern packages.

ROSTIN.—Receipts 2,129 bbls. Market quoted strong. Sales of 500 bals at \$1.52 per bbl.

COTTON.—Receipts 447 bales. Market quiet. Sales 106 bales. The following are the official quotations:

Ordinary, 9 cents # lb  
Good Ordinary, 10 " " "  
Low Middling, 11 " " "  
Middling, 12 " " "  
Good Middling, 12 1/2 " " "

JAN. 23.—  
SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Receipts 464 casks. Sales of 176 casks at 33 cents per gallon for Southern packages.

ROSTIN.—Receipts 2,618 bbls. Market strong at \$1.50 per bbl and C and \$1.52 for C, D and E. Sales of 500 bbls at \$1.52 for Good & C, \$1.60 for No. 1 and \$2.12 for No. 2.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Receipts 47 bbls. Sales of 47 bbls at \$2.60 for virgin, \$2.60 for yellow dip and \$2.70 for virgin. Market steady.

TAX.—Receipts 246 bbls. Sales of 246 bbls at \$1.50 per bbl. Market steady.

COTTON.—Receipts 447 bales. Market quiet. Sales 106 bales. The following are the official quotations:

Ordinary, 9 cents # lb  
Good Ordinary, 10 " " "  
Low Middling, 11 " " "  
Middling, 12 " " "  
Good Middling, 12 1/2 " " "

JAN. 24.—  
SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Receipts 464 casks. Sales of 176 casks at 33 cents per gallon for Southern packages.

ROSTIN.—Receipts 2,618 bbls. Market strong at \$1.50 per bbl and C and \$1.52 for C, D and E. Sales of 500 bbls at \$1.52 for Good & C, \$1.60 for No. 1 and \$2.12 for No. 2.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Receipts 47 bbls. Sales of 47 bbls at \$2.60 for virgin, \$2.60 for yellow dip and \$2.70 for virgin. Market steady.

TAX.—Receipts 246 bbls. Sales of 246 bbls at \$1.50 per bbl. Market steady.

COTTON.—Receipts 447 bales. Market quiet. Sales 106 bales. The following are the official quotations:

Ordinary, 9 cents # lb  
Good Ordinary, 10 " " "  
Low Middling, 11 " " "  
Middling, 12 " " "  
Good Middling, 12 1/2 " " "

JAN. 25.—  
SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Receipts 464 casks. Sales of 176 casks at 33 cents per gallon for Southern packages.

ROSTIN.—Receipts 2,618 bbls. Market strong at \$1.50 per bbl and C and \$1.52 for C, D and E. Sales of 500 bbls at \$1.52 for Good & C, \$1.60 for No. 1 and \$2.12 for No. 2.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Receipts 47 bbls. Sales of 47 bbls at \$2.60 for virgin, \$2.60 for yellow dip and \$2.70 for virgin. Market steady.

TAX.—Receipts 246 bbls. Sales of 246 bbls at \$1.50 per bbl. Market steady.

COTTON.—Receipts 447 bales. Market quiet. Sales 106 bales. The following are the official quotations:

Ordinary, 9 cents # lb  
Good Ordinary, 10 " " "  
Low Middling, 11 " " "  
Middling, 12 " " "  
Good Middling, 12 1/2 " " "

JAN. 26.—  
SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Receipts 464 casks. Sales of 176 casks at 33 cents per gallon for Southern packages.

ROSTIN.—Receipts 2,618 bbls. Market strong at \$1.50 per bbl and C and \$1.52 for C, D and E. Sales of 500 bbls at \$1.52 for Good & C, \$1.60 for No. 1 and \$2.12 for No. 2.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Receipts 47 bbls. Sales of 47 bbls at \$2.60 for virgin, \$2.60 for yellow dip and \$2.70 for virgin. Market steady.

TAX.—Receipts 246 bbls. Sales of 246 bbls at \$1.50 per bbl. Market steady.

COTTON.—Receipts 447 bales. Market quiet. Sales 106 bales. The following are the official quotations: