

Humiliating.

Stephen A. Douglas's speech in the Senate, January 30, on the "crisis," has failed to elicit any approval from anybody excepting the Breckinridge party.

"But I will not consider this question of war till all hope of peaceful adjustment fails. Better, a thousand times better, that all political armies be disbanded and dissolved."

When Mr. Douglas was on the stump for the Presidency, he told us that his 'platform' was "my guarantee principle."

The Breckinridge Democracy made up their issues, and went before the American people with them at the last election, and got nine hundred thousand endorsers, while nearly four million of voters scouted, scorned, and spit upon their principles.

The followers of Garrison will probably learn wisdom from the conduct of their Southern brethren, and soon be threatening, ranting, and pitching in for a "reconstruction" of the Government to suit them.

RARE CHANCE.—The Oregon Farmer advertises "Italian queen bees" for sale in California at \$40 a head.

"The productive power of a queen bee is almost beyond belief. From a single one can be produced in one season, thirty thousand working bees and fifty queens."

For the benefit of such as may be in doubt as to whether it will 'pay' to invest forty dollars in one of these 'queens,' we have made a small calculation based on the foregoing data, on the net profits of such an investment in ten years, and find it to amount to just about (we are not particular to a cent) \$3,876,237,639.

THANKS.—We are under obligations to A. Holland, Esq., Clerk of the "Rival," for San Francisco papers containing the latest news from the East.

Read Dainesbaum & Ackerman's new advertisement in another column.

Down They Go.

The 'Constitution' newspaper, the former organ of Buchanan's administration, has died out for want of Government patronage.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Despite exciting rumors brought to the city last night, Mr. Lincoln slept and rested well. Today, President Buchanan, Mr. Stanton, and other prominent Democrats called on him.

Information has been laid before the proper authorities tending to prove that an organized band of 500 men have sworn that Mr. Lincoln shall never sleep in the White House.

TREASURY OF GEN. TWIGGS.—The country will hear with amazement of the disgraceful conduct of Gen. Twiggs in surrendering the U. S. Forts and other property in Texas to the authorities of that State.

There seems to be less enterprise among the citizens of our city and county in certain things, very important to the prosperity and growth of the place than is compatible with its prosperity.

If your paper is a fair index of public sentiment in your "city and county," one would think that there was "less enterprise," less decency, less honesty, and less patriotism there, than is 'compatible' with 'prosperity,' or even good health.

A small amount of fresh dairy butter will find a market in Victoria at 75c. at retail. * * * It is a shame, that with so many fine herds, Oregon cannot avail herself of the markets that are just at her door.

Plows.—Read Rycarson's advertisement, and then throw away your old cultus plow, if you are using one, and buy one of his steel clippers.

ORANGES.—Fed. Charman has just received a lot of fine Oranges, which he is disposing of on reasonable terms.

Further Details of Pony News.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 25.—A letter from a Southern member of the Peace Conference to the American says: "Peace will be preserved and the Union restored."

The regular Washington dispatch of the 25th of Feb. says the Peace Conference has been in session all day. The debate was the most spirited which has yet occurred.

The following comes from Washington of date of Feb. 26th: The Peace Conference was in session until two o'clock this morning. The spirited debate previously commenced continued, and during the night proceedings, many, if not all, the amendments were voted down.

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Gen. Scott, Seward, and several prominent Republican Senators were closed this morning, concerning the ceremonies connected with the Inauguration.

A document was handed to Mr. Lincoln today, signed by a majority of the Indiana State Senate, headed by the Lieutenant Governor, recommending Mr. Colfax for Postmaster-General.

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UNION SCHOOL HOUSE, Clackamas Co., March 19, 1861.

EDITOR OF THE ARGUS: I would like to take up a few lines in your paper relative to the case of Chandler Jennings, an escaped convict, who is now out on Sandy, and has been seen by several citizens of this county within a few weeks past.

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was replied to by Mr. Good, favoring secession, and causing considerable excitement, and causing considerable excitement in the galleries, which were cleared and the Convention adjourned.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 26.—A strong speech was made in Convention yesterday by Moore of Rockbridge, in Letcher's district the substance of which was limited to the rights of Virginia, the whole South, and the people of Richmond. It was decidedly Union in its tendency, and strongly against the action of South Carolina.

The Secessionists posted bills calling every true Southerner to attend an indignation meeting. Music was engaged. Fifteen hundred persons assembled near the Exchange Hotel, and strong Southern speeches were made by delegates to the Convention.

Fort Smith, Ark., Feb. 26.—The difficulty with the Overland Mail occurred at Apache Pass, 350 miles south of El Paso. A tribe of Indians fired on the mail coach, killing the driver. They seized the stock, grain and mails, and broke up the station.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 20.—The Legislature adjourned yesterday morning. There is some talk of an extra session, if the events of the next two weeks are unfavorable for the compromise.

The Charleston (S. C.) Courier says: Fort Sumter breathed forth its saucy salute of thirty-four guns on Washington's birthday.

It is said the proprietors of the Pony Express are willing to take another contract for the sum of \$200,000 per annum. The average expense at present of each trip is about \$500, but to carry a full mail, which would require an extra horse, the expenses would be increased to \$750 per trip.

The progress of the President elect from Albany South, continues to be a grand ovation. The people turn out by thousands without regard to party.

Special Agent Jones, who was dispatched by Secretary Dix to New Orleans, has satisfied himself that the revenue cutter "Robert McClelland" was surrendered to the authorities of Louisiana through the complicity between Collector Hatch and Capt. Brushwood, before the ordinance of secession passed.

It appears that the State authorities, when they seized the U. S. mint and sub-treasury at New Orleans, found the sum of \$418,311.52 in the former, and \$483,983.98 of gold and silver in the latter place of deposit.

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ONE DAY LATER! We are indebted to the Statesman for an Extra issued from that office on Wednesday evening, containing the following news from the East up to Feb. 27.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14. The Pony Express arrived at Fort Churchill this morning. The following is from the Bulletin of this evening:

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27. The U. S. Senate concurred in the House amendments to the Post Route bill and passed the bill, thus securing a daily central overland mail to California.

The Nevada Territorial bill has passed the Senate. The appointment of a conference committee on Stanton's force bill, was postponed till Thursday, by a vote of 100 to 74.

The report of the Committee of Thirty-three was brought before the House for adoption. At this stage of the proceedings, the House adjourned.

The next proposition to be voted upon is that of Burch and Scott, recommending a Senatorial convention.

The Peace Congress has done nothing yet. Today, the Senate Conference Committee on the Tariff bill, agreed to recede from their amendments on tea and coffee, which will probably ensure the passage of the bill.

Mr. Lincoln is receiving great attention at Washington, and has been formally presented with his Presidential certificate. All is tranquil at Washington.

It is rumored that Gen. Twiggs will be proceeded against for treason. This movement has greatly damaged the secession cause. The Secretary of War and Gen. Scott are in favor of prosecution.

New York, Feb. 22.—The Times has seen a letter from a member of the British Government to a distinguished American, stating, authoritatively, that the whole matter of secession had been brought by Lord John Russell before the Ministry.

The English Parliament was opened according to proclamation, on the 6th Feb. The Queen delivered her speech in person. She alludes pointedly to the political troubles in the United States, expressing her fervent wishes that there may be an amicable adjustment of all difficulties.

DAVIS OF MARYLAND.—Winter Davis of Maryland made a great speech on the event of the day, which called forth general remark. He was listened to with marked attention by members from all sections.

He declared that the passage of the Crittenden Compromise was an impossibility—that the North could not be expected to assent to it without self-abasement—and urged the adoption of the report of the Committee of Thirty-three, which he considered as sufficient for the redress of the grievance complained of by the South.

PATRIOTISM AND POVERTY.—A writer in the New York Tribune, whose communication is dated Charleston, Feb. 24, says: "The wife of one of the most unselfish and generous of the secessionist leaders remarked to-day that her husband, after ruining his business (he is a cotton factor) and giving all his ready money (upward of \$30,000) to the State, has now not sufficient money left to supply her with the means of purchasing provisions for the daily wants of the family.

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It had fought her battles, paid her millions on millions protection on sugar, built her forts, arsenals, dock-yards, custom houses and hospitals. These were her wrongs, a redress which she had seized forts, arsenals and everything else, and had ended by pocketing the federal mint, containing a million of treasure.

He produced records to prove that at the last session of Congress the Senate voted down Brown's resolution, that protection of slavery in the territories was necessary.

What rights has the South lost since last year? Lane, of Oregon, swore on the 25th of May last, that slavery didn't need protection.

These and other hits made the Southern side wince tremendously. Lane turned red as a turkey gobbler, and Mason started about the Senate chamber in a towering rage.

A PLUCKY PARSON.—The renowned Parson Brownlow, editor of the Knoxville (Tenn.) Whig, flings his defiance to the "rebels" in a late number of that paper.

"Southerners in South Carolina, Alabama and Georgia, are constantly sending in their insulting epistles to us, and asking discontinuance of their papers because we are opposed to secession.

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