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For the Argus.
Spring.
Winter weary and chill from the landscape has fled,
In joy hand bieth the streamlets no more,
No frosts the foliage and scatter it dead;

Treason--The Defence of Washington--Lincoln, Seward, and the Administration, including Thurlow Weed.

Read the following from Thompson's Bank Note Reporter, for May, 1861:
Mr. De Bow, editor and proprietor of De Bow's Southern Review, is the leading writer on politics, finance, and political economy, of the Slave States. In the Spring of 1858, he addressed the Alumni of the College of South Carolina. His address, however, was not suffered to appear in print until April, 1861, when, through vanity, he produces it in his Review.

Patriotic Speech of Gen. Cass.

At a meeting of the citizens of Detroit, Michigan, held lately, Gen. Cass made a patriotic speech. He said on assuming the chair:
I cannot take this seat without contrasting the situation in which I now find myself, with that in which I was placed on this very spot almost fifty years ago. Then in the days of our weakness, we were subjected to dishonorable capitulation brought about by the imbecility of the leader, while now in the days of our strength, neither treason nor weakness can permanently effect the holy cause, to which all hands and hearts are pledged.

KENTUCKY INCIDENT--The Cleveland Plaindealer tells the following incident, which recently transpired in the Kentucky Legislature.

A venerable old farmer from a neighboring county, one of that kind for whom Kentucky has an instinctive veneration, appeared in the Legislative Hall, uncovered his snowy locks, and sat down. At the first lull in the debate he rose slowly and said he had a word to say, but was aware it was out of order for him to speak before the Legislature while in session. His dignified and general appearance arrested attention, and 'Go on!' 'Go on!' from several voices, seemed to keep him on his feet. Again expressing his diffidence at speaking out of propriety, 'Hear! hear!' responded generally over the room.

Emerson Etheridge in Louisville.

At a large Union meeting held in Louisville on the evening of May 27, the gallant Etheridge, of Tennessee, made a speech, in which he said:
The revolution, I assert, which now disgraces the country, is the most unnatural and damnable that ever sullied the pages of history. Heretofore, the young men and the old men, proud of a common country and a common heritage, have worked together for its prosperity and its glory.

LINCOLN MUSKETS AND LINCOLN GOLD.

According to secession logic this is Lincoln's Government and everything in it belongs to him. The city of Washington is Lincoln's capital, and the army and navy are Lincoln's army and navy. The stars and stripes are also Lincoln's, and he has an exclusive ownership in Yankee Doodle and Hal Columbia. They designate everything belonging to the Government as Lincoln's, and with this paltry demagoguery succeed in making men hate the government of their fathers.

THE ABOVE IS A PRELUDE MERELY OF WHAT WE FEEL BOUND TO SAY IN DEFENCE OF LINCOLN, SEWARD AND THE ADMINISTRATION.

generally, against the attacks of a portion of the press, and in explanation to the people who have with one voice urged a more prompt and decided policy.
When Lincoln's election was a fixed fact, it was definitely proclaimed that he would never be inaugurated. Seward was early designated as his Prime Minister, Buchanan and the traitors held Washington, with all the ramifications of the Government; secession and revolution stalked at railroad speed; Lincoln was far away in Illinois, unconscious of the height, depth, or breadth of treason.

DANIEL WEBSTER ON THE RIGHT OF SECESSION.

The following are the four propositions into which Daniel Webster condensed his argument, in 1833, upon the right of secession by States:
1. The Constitution of the United States is not a league, confederacy, or compact, between the people of the several States, in their sovereign capacities; but a Government proper, founded on the adoption of the people, and creating direct relations between itself and individuals.

ABOUT BUCHANAN.

A correspondent writing from Pennsylvania thus ventilates his opinion respecting our late chief magistrate:--The name of Buchanan smells rank in the nostrils of the nation. The wheatland traitor is now so broken down as to be a trembling, chattering, puling imbecile the frowns of Heaven already descending on him as a superfluous laggard on the same stage with virtuous men. He talks about the villainy of those wretches, as he calls them, who fired upon the American flag! Villains whom he took to his bosom, knowing them to be such, and consenting to be their pliant tool.

THEIR TROUBLES COMING.

It is clear that the rebel army cannot maintain itself for any length of time. In the Gulf States at the present moment the price of pork is twenty-five dollars a barrel; that of beef ranges from twelve to eighteen. Indian corn is sold for a dollar and twenty cents a bushel; flour cost from seven to ten dollars a barrel. There is not a ton of bay for their cavalry except what is brought from the North. Shrewd calculators estimate the expense of the Commissariat alone of the Southern army at from one to two millions of dollars for every month it is kept on foot--and the entire monthly cost not less than ten million. This is a burden wholly beyond the power of the rebel government to bear; the army must disperse of itself through mere starvation, if this state of things should last long.

OUR BELIEF.

If it is a declaration of war to retake property stolen from the United States, then we are in favor of war.

A LOYAL PRESENT.

There has just been received from England, as a present from American residents in Europe, to the Government of the United States, a battery of twelve-pounder Whitworth guns, with ammunition and carriages complete.

PARSON BROWNLOW TRUE AS STEEL.

The Knoxville Whig is the only journal outside of St. Louis in the Slave States which stands boldly and squarely up to the defense of the government, supporting the President without polish and without reservation. In his paper, Brownlow says:
We have looked the matter full in the face, and we are still on the side of the Government.

THE CLERK OF AN OHIO STEAMER.

The clerk of an Ohio steamer informs the Cincinnati Gazette that as the boat touched at Leesaworth, Ind., a company of Volunteer Women, armed with rifles, marched down from the common where they had been drilling, and fired a salute. They seemed to handle the arms with ease, and presented a very creditable appearance.

THE WISKEY INSURRECTION.

The whiskey insurrection took place in Pennsylvania in 1794, when Washington was President. It was caused by the dissatisfaction of distillers and their adherents at certain laws passed by Congress affixing duties on stills and spirits distilled within the United States.

THE EXTRAORDINARY CONDITION TO WHICH THE STATE GOVERNMENT OF MISSOURI HAS BEEN BROUGHT.

The following is a dispatch from Jefferson City, June 20th, 11 p. m.: "Two gentlemen have just arrived from Syracuse, who state that ex-Gov. Jackson and Gen. Parsons were in Syracuse when they left, with about 700 troops. They say Jackson looks bad--sick, pale, and haggard--and had evidently not recovered from his terror-stricken experience of Monday. He is in a most deplorable dilemma, and does not know what to do. His men are under no discipline, and great dissatisfaction is manifested among them. They are almost destitute of provisions, and amid the general confusion large numbers are deserting."
CONDITION OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT OF MISSOURI.
The extraordinary condition to which the State Government of Missouri has been brought, by the rebellious action of Gov. Jackson, may well challenge comparison with any similar state of affairs in any country in the world. The Governor is a fugitive, the Lieut. Governor was an exile for political reasons a month ago. The Speaker of the Assembly is so rabid with secession, that he would not dare to trust himself within reach of the United States authorities. At Jefferson City everything was left in confusion. All the Departments of the State Government have been or about to be turned over voluntarily to the military commander of the place--at present Col. Boernstein of St. Louis.
The Capital of Missouri is now in full possession of the U. S. troops, who are quartered in the Legislative halls. The Executive apartment has been appropriated to reporters, and the correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune has appropriated the Governor's official note paper to write his letters on!

PENALTY FOR ILLEGALITY OPENING A LETTER.

In U. S. Circuit Court at Boston, Washington Snelling of East Boston, who pleaded guilty to opening a letter belonging to another person, has been sentenced by Judge Sprague to twelve days' imprisonment and a fine of \$75.