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THE UNITED STATES SENATOR.

We give in this issue a highly flattering notice, from the Bayard Review, of our lawman, the Hon. Thomas Williams, in connection with the next vacancy in the United States Senate, from this State. We will say, however, that the notice paid to our Representative is singular, as we shall have evidence that the speaker will be prepared, at the proper time, to vindicate the rights of this the eminent Republican section of the State—of the vacancy, which Eastern politicians and newspapermen have been so anxious to fill by a choice of whomsoever they please, in apparent ignorance of the fact, that this very point was decided in favor of the West as early as 1793, after a two years' contest, the history of which will be found in the annual of that period—and that the practice has ever since conformed to the same.

We need not say anything to our readers as to the estimation in which Mr. Williams is held at home, as it is sufficiently evidenced by the trust he has given us. But when the fire comes for electing another Senator to take the place of Mr. Corcoran—who will be in another year—there will be no Republicans of Western Pennsylvania who will claim their unquestionable title to the place for one of our own men, and shall be gratified if they so far as to select no man less than the gentleman just named.

But there have already furnished two distinguished speakers, Mr. J. A. Ross and the Hon. Wm. Williams. It would be no more, we think, than a fitting tribute to their great interest and their great loyalty, to allow her the honor of furnishing a third, in such a crisis as this which is now upon us.

GERO REPUBLICAN.

It is a remarkable fact that upon the questions of slavery, the rebel debt, and secession, not one of the southern conventions has acted heartily, or with more than a sense of good faith, upon the right side. In the case of slavery, for instance, by its own acts, both sides did wrong; it abdicated the act of the general government, thus saving themselves from responsibility for it; but they do not declare the Ordinances of Secession null and void, but simply repeal them; and in repealing them, they introduce conditions and provisos that almost render the repeal a nullity.

Mississippi and Florida have, it is true, declared their ordinances of secession null and void; but Mississippi acted in the most, an early day, under the impression that she could not otherwise get back into the Union, and Florida, in the same

way, having had better training and a provisional governor, in doing something better than the rest is only an exception to the general rule. We are forcibly reminded of the churlish and heartless submission by the South Carolina Convention.

This body, in declaring slaves emancipated by the act of the general Government, not by the act of Georgia, incorporated a provision that section of the Constitution

which to the effect that nothing therein contained should be construed to prevent that State from enacting laws to prohibit the United States for the cause of the forced abolition to which she is compelled to submit; and the same Convention has now repeated this policy in complying with the President's demand that the State withdraw its rebel debt.

In the South Carolina Convention refused by a decisive vote to pass an ordinance of repudiation in the Constitution, for the reason that the members of the legislature would have to swear to support the Constitution, and it would be degrading to them to compel them to swear to carry out a measure of rebellion; in the second place, a proviso was added to the ordinance which gives the legislature the power to pay this debt, under disengagement of the proviso points out, that it was contracted for the United States, and incidental to a state of

rebellion.

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The whole history of these conventions shows what folly it is to expect that men just fresh from treason and rebellion can be trusted with the work of reconstruction, or that they will act in good faith in doing what is distasteful to them. Not a single State has yet shown any signs of reparation, or inclination to act honestly in carrying out the abolition of slavery. Truly wise to cure their folly is to keep power from them, instead of giving it back to them.

MEXICO.

There is evidently a party in this country which is anxious to make it appear that Juarez is dead beat in Mexico; and that there is nothing left for us, but to recognize Maximilian.

It is from this party we get our representations of defeat and Imperialism, which is as much as to say, Juarez has lost his popularity.

Assured us only a few days ago that the Imperial troops had raised the siege of Morelos, both reports being false, and which greedily seizes every opportunity to make the American public that Mexico is not a nation, but a party.

A correspondent of the New York Evening Post stated that the secret of all this is to be found in the graft by Mexican to an American company of the monopoly of the Mexican buildings, in Mexico, including in it not only the exclusive right to bring goods and money, but the privilege of carrying supplies for the government.

It is also a fact, that men in the country have been led into an interest in this monopoly, and that the reports to which we have referred, emanate from this source.

It is scarcely necessary to argue this point, as it is self-evident.

If there is one point upon which it is in the interest of our people abroad, it is the restoration of Judge Louis Léonides Leal, to his former position, and the occupation of Mexico, which Mr. Seward has done.

In making a play speech after the election, he was crushed, asked, "What shall I do?" to Louis Napoleon?—some one in the U. S. Senate, gratifying the great people, by a speech on an important occasion, to secure a seat in the Senate.

George C. Maxey, of Texas, said to that body, "Never dream of

goats, without knowing the voice of the American people. We do not want a brother who appears in Central Park with a rifle, nor a brother who has a right to demand that Louis Napoleon should get out of Mexico with all convenient speed. He has no right to go there to stay forever, and the government should stay there now, and the government should stay as emphatically to Belgium and Austria as to France that it cannot permit the landing of many more foreign troops in that country. Then, when foreign powers no longer uphold his throne, let us see how the world will act.

It does not seem to me that the appointment is made at the instance of the War Department, but with him has been in service in the active duties of several campaigns.

CO. THOMAS M. WALSH has received the appointment of Brigadier General by brevet, to be a member of the staff of the War Department.

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