

The Independent Republican



"A Union of hearts and a Union of hands,
A Union of souls can never
A Union of hearts, and a Union of hands,
And the Flag of our Union forever."

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H. H. FRAZIER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

Montrose, Pa., Tuesday, Oct. 31, 1865.

THE REBEL BONDHOLDERS IN ENGLAND.

The publication of the list of the principal owners of the shares of the Confederate Loan has, it appears, created much excitement in England, and called forth several demands as to its truth. Whatever errors it may contain, it is proper to say that the original document from which it was taken and furnished simultaneously to the American press, is in possession of our Government, together with many others of an equally interesting character upon that and other questions relating to rebel proceedings, and obtained both at home and abroad, which will some day see the light.

IMPORTANT IF TRUE.

The insertion is made positive in intelligent quarters that there is now before the Government something in the nature of a proposal from the British authorities to pay damages arising from the captures of rebel prisoners fitted out in British ports, and also to arrive at some agreement which shall prevent like transactions hereafter, as between the two nations, whether the hostile connection exists in Great Britain or the United States. We think it is very likely that such a proposition has been made. England is beginning to find that her position is a good deal more vulnerable than she has heretofore supposed, and that it is better not to make enemies of us.

THE REBEL DEBT.

The President's declaration that the rebel debt must be repudiated, has given great offence to the late rebels in the South, and their cowardly allies in the North, the confederates. These parties were preparing to capture the President, but his arrival on the subject of the rebel debt, and his assertion that the men who fought in defense of the Union were entitled to the franchises of citizenship, have confused the plans of both factions. The fact is, that a repudiation of the rebel debt is as necessary as a rejection of all the other acts of the irresponsible rebel government. Still the Democratic leaders North and South have made issue with the President on the subject. If he opposes the payment of the rebel debt, he forever ceases to be a Democrat—but if Mr. Johnson approves of a consolidation of the debt of the bogus confederate government with that of the United States, he will at once be reaccepted as a sound Democrat—Such is now the issue between the Democracy and the President.

THE DEAD OF ANDERSONVILLE.

Andersonville, or what is left of it, is a locality in which the people of the North will always have a painful interest. There, within the area of a few acres, suffered and died many thousands of our most heroic young men—soldiers who, obeying the noblest impulses, hastened to defend their country in the hour of need, and by the fortune of war becoming captives, were there starved to death. One of their cruel persecutors now awaits a decision in his case after many weeks of trial, and others will have their guilt or innocence inquired into before the proper tribunal. Our vigilant Government has not been satisfied with merely investigating the causes and authors of the suffering in this Southern pest-house. It sent thither at as early a period as possible after peace was declared, a commission whose duty it was to render our murdered patriots, and give each a Christian burial, and the work accomplished, the "Sister of Charity now makes his report to the Quartermaster General. All the dead, save less than five hundred, now rest in graves marked with suitable tablets, by which the resting place of each may be known by friends and relatives in the future.—The remains of our brave no longer lie exposed to the burning sun of a Southern climate, nor will the swamps and bogs of Georgia planters again run at will over their remains. Nothing has shown the care and consideration of the Government more than the attention it has paid to the brave who fell in the cause of their country, and nothing should more endear it to every patriot heart.

Correspondence of the Independent Republican.

Letter from Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 23d, 1865.

H. H. FRAZIER.—Another report of the rebellion has been issued by the "Daily News," of Philadelphia, under the heading of "The Slave's Home." It was inaugurated in our city on Monday evening, with much spirit and zeal, and great promise. It takes the side of a great Fair, and is the organ of the Friends of Freedom. Gen. Meade is the President of the society, and officiated at the opening. The social, and affiliated at the Fair, on Friday evening, and was succeeded by private communion.

Gen. Grant and Gen. Parke were also present on the occasion, the "eyewitnesses" fell eyes, and the recipients of unabated applause.

The Fair was opened on Saturday evening, and

closed on Sunday morning, and was a success.

An Industrial Department was also opened,

and a large number of articles were exhibited.

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revenue was \$10,000, and the expenses \$5,000.

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