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We Join Ourselves to no Party that Does not Carry the Flag and Keep Step to the Music of the Whole Union.

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SPEECH OF HON. C. H. VAN DYKE,

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION OF ARMY FRAUDS

DELIVERED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FEBRUARY 7, 1862.

Mr. SPEAKER:—On the 19th day of April, 1861, the world was startled with the recurrence of one of those great events which marks an era in the history of man...

The Department needs, at this moment an intelligent, experienced and energetic man in whom it can rely, to assist in pushing forward troops, munitions and supplies.

No man knew better than the Secretary that these qualifications were already possessed by the army officers in New York, on whom it was safe to rely.

I should think that Weed had chartered from six to ten vessels. This testimony was given on the 28th of December, and up to that time the Committee had no evidence or intimation that Mr. Weed had been an agent for the Government...

The Committee have not been able to show for whom the steamer was loaded. It has been intimated she was loaded by private parties, to be run, however, at the expense of the Government.

Stranger still four months after his agency had ceased, he leaves no vouchers with the War Department. The War Department, in its generous confidence seeks no settlement with the Doctor nor an inspection of his vouchers.

Such were the prominent transactions occurring at a time when a man generous in spirit should have freely offered everything to his country.

brokers system. The testimony of Mr. John Smith, of Kingston, N. Y., powder manufacturer, shows that in the month of May he proposed to give Mr. Weed a per centage for a powder contract.

That afterwards at Washington, he handed his propositions for powder to Mr. Weed, who took them to Mr. Cameron. The result was that Mr. Weed was authorized to write a letter to Gen. Ripley, the head of the Ordnance Department...

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ABEL TURRELL. Cash Paid for Hides. Sheep, Pigs, Fox, Mink, Muskrat, and all kinds of skins...

DR. CUMMINGS. This is the first time he recognized his friend as Doctor. Thus armed, the Doctor seemed supreme in his orbit; instead of rendering aid, and assistance, he effectually superseded the army officers.

CHARTER OF THE CATALINE. The Doctor next appoints Captain Constock to charter or purchase vessels. The Captain, with a friend goes to Brooklyn, inspects the Cataline and learns that her price is from \$18,000 to \$20,000.

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CLANDESTINE ESCAPE OF THE CATALINE. When Mr. Stetson again called on the Collector, he brought a note from Mr. Weed stating that the cargo consisted of supplies for troops, and requesting a clearance.

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DEPARTMENT PARTISANS CRIMINALS. While it is no justification, the example has been set in the very departments of the Government. A general thing, none but favorites gain access there, and no other can obtain contracts which bear enormous profits.

PENNSYLVANIA HORSES. Kentucky is proverbial for her splendid horses. Her loyal citizens would have been benefited by sales to the Government.

CAMERON CHARGED WITH OFFICIAL FALSHOOD ABOUT CONTRACTS. There is yet another case. A contract, not made upon the responsibility of the Bureau, as the late Secretary said, but by his express order, and refused to be made until ordered.

ABUSES BEYOND DESCRIPTION. Horses, with running shoes, which were seen by the inspectors, and branded; and if one outraced common decency he would be rejected, and an opportunity sought the same day to pass and brand him.

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