

WEDNESDAY, March 15, 1876

The long contest for a seat in the U. S. Senate from Louisiana, has at length been decided, the Senate by a vote of 32 to 27 refusing Pinchback the seat which he has so persistently claimed.

GENERAL SCHENCK having resigned his position as Minister at the Court of Great Britain, the President has appointed, and the Senate confirmed Hon. Richard H. Dana of Massachusetts to the vacancy. This appointment is warmly commended by the entire press of the country.

THE NEW YORK TIMES calls attention to the case of N. H. Fowler against Fernando Wood. The allegation in brief is, as already mentioned in the Times, that Fowler paid Wood some \$13,000 in his return for his appointment as Corporation Attorney. The agreement was that when Fowler was appointed he was to pay Wood \$5,000 in cash, and to divide with Wood the salary and perquisites for the subsequent period of his holding office.

THE INMATE CLYMER is compelled to take the floor about once a day to explain, extenuate, justify or defend his course in permitting Marsh to escape, and the more he talks the worse he puts his feet into it. The Democratic papers are superfluously indignant over the allegation that Marsh fled to Canada to avoid prosecution.

THE ACCIDENTAL DISCOVERY of Belknap's crime was evidently deemed a God-send for the manufacture of political capital by Heister Clymer and his Democratic associates.

BEKKNAP is not the first Cabinet Secretary indicted for fraud. The Grand Jury of the District of Columbia indicted Floyd, one of Buchanan's Secretaries, for stealing \$870,000 in bonds from the Interior Department, in the winter of 1860, and he never put in an appearance for trial.

CONGRESSMAN ROBBINS, of North Carolina, is a member of Clymer's committee. The following is the Associated Press report of his twitting in the House, on Wednesday, concerning the Belknap matter:

So far as he was concerned, he proposed to sail his craft boldly into this fight, until it was blown out of water, and that would not be done until he had blown off the heads of a few thieves whom he knew of.

CAN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY survive the shock of the awful revelations of the Belknap case, is a question passed on one week spirited Republican to another, and at once decided in the negative by the exultant Democracy. It is natural that the gross unfaithfulness of a high public officer should cause a rude shock to public confidence, but it should not in the slightest degree undermine popular faith in Republican principle.

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