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The Cabinet.

The following named persons constitute the Cabinet of President Lincoln:

Secretary of State—William H. Seward, of New York.

Secretary of the Treasury—Salmon P. Chase, of Ohio.

Secretary of War—Simon Cameron, of Pennsylvania.

Secretary of the Navy—Gideon Welles, of Connecticut.

Secretary of the Interior—Caleb B. Smith, of Indiana.

Attorney General—Edward Bates, of Missouri.

Postmaster General—Montgomery Blair, of Maryland.

This Cabinet has been selected with more immediate reference to satisfying the adverse elements of the Republican party than with the purpose of carrying out any specific policy.

Messrs. SEWARD and CAMERON are ranked with the moderate wing of the Republican party.

To counterbalance their influence, Mr. CHASE, a most ultra representative of radical Republicanism, is assigned a place.

Messrs. Bates and Blair are nominally from slave States, but in no sense representatives of their prevalent sentiment.

As a whole, the Cabinet is a piece of mosaic, constructed primarily with a view to the preservation of a sectional organization.

The Great Experiment.

We are told that Mr. Lincoln's administration is to establish the fact that this is a Government.

This catch expression seems to be used to cover the idea that we have a strong central Government capable of maintaining the Union by force, and putting down disaffection and secession by the sword.

This is what we understand by the phrase, now so current among the Republicans, that we have a Government.

The Federal Administration is to illustrate this truth in some signal and startling manner.

The problem as to our actually living under a Government capable of making war upon its own citizens is in a very short time to be solved to our entire satisfaction, when we are expected to breathe easier, no matter what becomes of the Union.

There is no doubt that this is a Government, and that it was formed by compromise, and can only be perpetuated by the same means.

Many years of happy experience have established this truth beyond controversy.

But we have never had occasion to test its strength upon its own citizens, and to ascertain whether its power would not become more imposing by wholesale murder and fraternal blood-letting.

We are very anxious to know, and Mr. LINCOLN is going to test the matter by actual experiment.

In case the experiment fails, and after a destructive war shall have been waged against the seceding States to induce them to recognize that we have a Government, without producing the desired effect, then we suppose the fact will be clearly established that we have not a Government adequate to maintain its own authority, and Mr. LINCOLN will forthwith abdicate the office of President of the United States.

How very satisfactory all this will prove! showing us, what we already know, that we have a Government to rule the people with their own consent, but not to coerce them into obedience.

The Incredulity of the North.

It is natural not to believe what we do not want to believe.

Many persons have clung to the idea that the Southern States are not in earnest, and that after a time all this trouble will blow over and the Union be stronger than ever.

We wish that we could think so. We wish that we could disregard the evidence of our senses, and entertain a rational belief that the Union is to be restored with all its former glory.

But it is impossible to disregard obstinate facts. We cannot close our eyes to the actual condition of the country.

We cannot refuse to see that the Union is in the process of revolution—that certain States have formed a separate and independent Confederacy, and that certain other States, while loath to part from us, are inevitably gravitating towards the same end.

And what is to stay the progress of disintegration? Compromise? What hope is there of that, after Congress has refused to endorse the just and equitable proposition of the Peace Congress? War, coercion, subjugation? Can force and bloodshed restore lost confidence and make us once more a united and harmonious people? The suggestion does violence to common sense.

Blows and blood must increase the distance between the North and the South.

Compromise having failed and war affording no remedy for disaffection, what have we to depend upon for the preservation of the Union? Lincoln's administration? It seems worse than useless to hope that the administration of a party which produced all the estrangement of the Southern States by practically ignoring their existence as parts of the Union, can reverse its policy and restore the confidence that its conduct shattered.

And particularly is this the case since Mr. Lincoln's inaugural message makes it evident that the Chicago platform is to be the guide for his administration.

Can we rely on the loyalty of the border States? This is the only hope left; and it is but a feeble one.

If the administration determines that there shall be no war, they may stick to the Union; but if it turns out, as we fear, that war is to be the policy, it will sever the slender thread that now attaches them to the Union.

The incredulity of the North, and especially

of the Republican party, is amazing. When it was predicted that the election of Lincoln by a sectional party would produce secession and disunion, the idea was ridiculed.

When South Carolina passed an ordinance of secession, the North still refused to accept the act as an indication of the temper of the South.

She would stand alone, and eventually be compelled to sneak back into the Union.

No other State would follow her precipitate lead.

Georgia would stick fast.

Then Mississippi and Alabama went, and still the North refused to believe.

Louisiana, at all events, was true to the Union—but Louisiana passed an ordinance of secession without removing the prevalent incredulity.

Then Georgia, the key of the position, the State of STEPHENS and JOHNSON, wheeled into the secession line after a brief struggle, and with the ultimate concurrence of the very Union leaders to whom so much confidence was attached.

These movements ought to have removed all doubt as to the fact of revolution, and the actual peril of the Union.

But no—the border States would stick, and secession finally went itself out.

Still the old disbelief—still the obstinate refusal to look at the danger—still the same stupid incredulity.

Hope after hope swept away without fully arousing the Northern mind from its torpor.

Faith in the Union still paramount to apprehension of its danger; and nothing done to remove the cause of strife.

Congress suggests no adequate remedy for the evil, and Mr. Lincoln assumes the administration of the Government with the declaration that the Union is still unbroken, thus furnishing another evidence of the prevailing incredulity.

And there is apparently to be no awaking from this profound insensibility, until the mischief is accomplished past recall.

We cannot refuse to realize our danger.

We cannot refuse to see that secession has made gradual and fearful progress since it was commenced; that State after State has fallen; and that the struggle is continued with the advantages against the Union in the border States; and we cannot see that the LINCOLN Administration has either the power or the inclination to arrest it, and restore the harmony lost through its agency.

WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY ARE.

We subjoin a brief sketch of the history of the gentlemen who are to be the "constitutional advisers" of the President for four years:

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Hon. Wm. H. Seward is well known to the country, and therefore it is unnecessary to say more than that he was born in 1801.

A lawyer by profession, he has served in the New York Senate, and has been Governor of that State.

In 1849 he was elected to the United States Senate, where he has ever since continued, and where his course is well known.

On Monday evening he made a brief address to a number of New York friends who paid their respects to him.

In the course of his remarks he said: "The administration which you have come here to inaugurate comes into power under circumstances of embarrassment and peril, never before known in the history of the republic; but I believe I know the character and purposes of the Chief Magistrate; I believe that while he will be firm, he will also be just to every State, and every section, and every citizen; that he will defend and protect the rights and interests, the peace and prosperity, of all the States equally and alike, while he will practice the moderation that springs from virtue, and the affection that arises from patriotism in confederated States.

Under his guidance and with the blessing of God, I believe and trust, and confidently expect, that administration that is inaugurated amid some distrust and painful apprehension, will close upon a reunited, restored, prosperous, free and happy republic.

The State of New York, the greatest and most powerful of the States, will lead all other States in the way of conciliation; and as the path of wisdom is always the path of peace, so I am sure that now we shall find that the way of conciliation is the way of wisdom."

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Hon. Salmon P. Chase is a native of New Hampshire, born in 1808, and at an early age emigrated to Ohio, but leaving there a few years' residence, came to Cincinnati, Ohio, and studied law in Washington College.

He was subsequently admitted to the bar at Washington in 1829, and in the following year returned to Cincinnati and entered upon the practice of his profession, in which he soon rose to eminence.

He was subsequently elected a member of the United States Senate, and upon the expiration of his Senatorial term he was put in nomination for Governor of Ohio, and elected.

He was again put in nomination for Governor, and was again elected to that position.

Recently he was a second time elected to the United States Senate, and took his seat at the called session on Monday.

SECRETARY OF WAR.

Hon. Simon Cameron served an apprenticeship in the printing business at Harrisburg, and subsequently worked as a journeyman in Washington city.

In 1821, when a young man, he declined the offer of a nomination for Congress; in 1828 was appointed General of Pennsylvania; in 1831 he was appointed by General Jackson a visitor to West Point; and in 1838 he again declined a nomination for Congress.

For many years he has been prominently identified with the works of internal improvement in Pennsylvania, and for twenty-seven years was cashier of the Middletown Bank in that State.

He was also formerly president of the Lebanon Valley railroad, and president of the Commonwealth Insurance company.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

Hon. Gideon C. Welles is a native of Connecticut, and a well known contributor to the partisan press.

He formerly held the office of postmaster of Hartford, under Mr. Van Buren's administration, and left the office soon after the election of Gen. Harrison in 1840.

During a part of Mr. Polk's administration he occupied an important position in the Navy Department.

Like many other prominent Northern Democrats, Mr. Welles disagreed with his party on the subject of the repeal of the Missouri compromise.

The territorial question being the chief one at issue, he became identified with the Republican party soon after its organization, and has since been one of its leaders, taking a prominent part in its conventions, State and National.

He was a delegate from the State at large to the Chicago convention, and constituted one of the committee to proceed to Springfield with official notice of Mr. Lincoln's nomination.

He was also one of the Presidential electors.

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Hon. Caleb B. Smith is well known in Indiana, and is reported to be possessed of rigorous intellect, and considerable administrative tact and ability.

He has been frequently a member of Congress, and was commissioner on Mexican claims. He is now a Republican of moderate views.

POSTMASTER GENERAL.

The Hon. Montgomery Blair is a son of Francis P. Blair, one of the editors of the *Globe*, the organ of Gen. Jackson during his administration.

For several years past he has resided with his father, in Montgomery county, Md.

He graduated at West Point, went to the State of Missouri, practiced law in St. Louis,

was made judge, and was appointed by President Pierce solicitor of claims, from which place he was removed by President Buchanan.

Judge Blair is now in the prime of life, and a warm Republican.

He is a son-in-law of the late Hon. Levi Woodbury, of New Hampshire, and brother of Frank P. Blair, Jr., Congressman elect from St. Louis district.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Hon. Edward Bates was born in Goochland county, Va., in 1798, and in the war of 1812 served as a volunteer at Norfolk.

About 1814 he set out for St. Louis, and crossed the Mississippi for the first time on the 29th of April.

He studied very diligently in the office of Rufus Eaton, a Connecticut man, and some time a delegate in Congress from Missouri Territory.

Mr. Bates came to the bar in the winter of 1816-17, and practiced with fair success as a beginner.

In 1855 he was elected Judge of the Land Court of St. Louis county, and after serving in the office about three years, he resigned and returned again to the practice of the law.

He acted as president of the river and harbor improvement convention which met at Chicago, and in 1852 acted as president of the Whig National Convention which met in Baltimore.

In 1860 he was appointed by President Fillmore and confirmed by the Senate Secretary of War, but declined the appointment for personal and domestic reasons.

Mr. Bates was complimented with the honorary degree of LL.D., in 1858, by Harvard College.

Some years before he had been honored with the same degree by Shurtleff College, Illinois.

HORRIBLE CASE OF MURDER AND SUICIDE.

A horrible murder was committed in Williamsport, Pa., on the night of the 11th ult.

The particulars of the affair are as follows:

Barney Hindley, formerly of Philadelphia, murdered his wife, and concealed her body.

Her disappearance finally excited suspicion, and he was arrested and committed to jail.

While in his cell he succeeded in getting a razor from another prisoner, and partially cut his throat, nearly severing the windpipe.

The wound was almost immediately discovered, and a physician was called and the wound dressed.

When he became able to speak he stated that he had killed and buried his wife; that he had killed her on Monday night, put her into a meat barrel in the house, dug a hole on Tuesday, and buried her on Tuesday night.

He offered to tell the physician where he had buried the body of his wife, on condition that he would not disclose it until after his (the prisoner's) death—supposing that his suicide was effected.

About the time that these confessions were made to the physician, the body of the deceased was found buried almost in a state of nudity in a wood-shed, about three feet under ground, having been covered with a bloody pillow and blanket.

The shed in which she was buried was about eight feet square, and the place where he cut his wood previous to the murder, and during the time she was buried. On Tuesday morning Hindley died in his cell from the effects of the wound inflicted by himself.

THE GREAT EASTERN.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Great Eastern was to be held on Feb. 28. The London *Express* says in regard to the vessel:

"She has been within the last few weeks considerably altered and modified under the superintendence of the Directors, who are at present putting in an entirely new deck, and, in compliance with the requirements of the Board of Trade, bushing the screws with brass, or rather gun-metal, bearings. No additional cost will be required to defray the expense of these alterations, which will be completed by the end of the month, so that the vessel may again go to sea in March.

It is probable her next voyage will be to New York. The three actions which Mr. Scott Russell has brought against the company have, by order of the Court of Common Pleas, been consolidated into one. Mr. Russell's claim is in all £60,000.

The company have against that gentleman a cross-action for £380,000. Both causes will come on for trial next term, when it is probable they may be referred to arbitration.

Mr. Hope has resigned his seat at the Board, and as yet no one has been nominated to succeed him."

THE MARSHALS OF FRANCE.

By the deaths of Marshals Boquet, Reille, and Prince Jerome, a marshal's baton becomes vacant, although the number of marshals exceeds that fixed for time of peace.

According to the law of 1839, the number of marshals is to be six in peace, and may be raised to twelve in time of war; but when in peace three vacancies occur, one new nomination may be made even though the number of marshals is more than six.

There are now ten marshals, and all were promoted to the dignity by the present Emperor some of them at the time he was Prince President.

BLOCKADE OF THE SOUTHERN PORTS.

A Washington correspondent of the New York *Herald* says that Lord Lyons, the British Minister, has officially notified our Government that nothing short of a positive and effectual blockade of the Southern ports will be recognized by the English Government.

All the other European Powers, it is supposed, will take similar action. Any attempt, therefore, on the part of Mr. Lincoln to carry out his doctrine of coercion, will most probably have the effect of bringing us into collision with foreign Powers.

REPORTED HANGING OF A KANSAS OUTLAW.

The Marshall (Saline county) Democrat learns that Dr. Judson G. Stewart, who was tried by a court of inquiry in Johnson county for the murder of Miles Carey, not long since, and acquitted of the charge, was seen, a few days after his release, hanging dead to a tree near Rose Hill, Cass county.

The same paper learns also, on good authority, that this Stewart was no less a personage than the notorious Dr. Jennison, the Kansas outlaw, who figured in the Missouri border raid last November.

PLAYING A PRACTICAL JOKE ON A LEGISLATURE.

A Madison (Wisconsin) paper relates that some one had entered the Assembly chamber the other morning and set the clock ahead about forty minutes.

It was the intention to hold a session of about one hour, but as the members entered they glanced at the clock, and instead of taking their seats broke for the depot, leaving the Assembly in a short time without a quorum.

INTERESTING FROM MEXICO.

We have advices from the city of Mexico to February 17. The confiscation of church property was continued.

Of the twenty-two nunneries in the capital, thirteen had been suppressed on the 13th, and the next day a clergy demonstration took place, which, however, the military put down without bloodshed.

The forces of Victoria and Zuloaga have been routed and dispersed.

The increased number of workmen required at the United States Army at Springfield, to produce 400 additional muskets per month after the present month, have all been engaged; and a great many men have applied for employment beyond the number required.

The machinery is so perfect, and the arrangement of the master armorer so effective that an increase of 10 to 15 per cent. in the help will suffice to produce 50 per cent. more muskets.

IMPORTS OF DRY GOODS.

The imports of foreign dry goods at the port of New York for the month of February have been less than half the total for the corresponding period of last year.

The withdrawals from warehouse have been almost equal to the direct entries for consumption, and the quantity thrown upon the market is over two millions in excess of the quantity entered.

THE RATE OF POSTAGE TO AND FROM THE PACIFIC.

The recently passed Post Route bill contains a section requiring ten cents prepaid letter postage to and from the Pacific coast, without regard to distance.

All drop letters are hereafter to be prepaid with postage stamps.

A LADY SET ON FIRE IN A VERY SINGULAR MANNER.—On Friday evening, a lady entered a store in Second street, New York, for the purpose of making purchases, when she accidentally trod upon a match which ignited, and the flames communicated to her under garments.

The lady did not perceive that her clothing was on fire, supposing that the warmth proceeded from the register, until some persons in the rear of the store discovered the fact, rushed to her assistance and extinguished the flames.

She was but slightly injured, but upon removal to her home was attacked with hysterical fits of so severe a nature that fears were entertained of her recovery.

SINGULAR CASE OF CATAPLEXY.

A policeman in Toronto, on Monday last, observed a man standing upon the sidewalk, motionless and with face distorted.

On being accosted he hid his hand upon his forehead, and remained perfectly insensible. He bent his body, and it continued in the position he had placed it. The unfortunate man was immediately conveyed to his home and placed under medical care.

Every sense and faculty was apparently suspended. He afterwards revived somewhat, but at last succumbed in a precarious condition.

A MAGNIFICENT CHARITY FINALLY DISPOSED OF.

We learn from a report just issued by the committee of relief of the Pennsylvania Mill and Iron Co., that the splendid donation of the people of \$35,834, has been finally all disbursed for the relief of the sufferers, and the friends and relatives of the deceased.

One more death is recorded, that of Ellen Roach, who has never been heard from since that fatal night, making the total deaths 98.

The committee have had under their care during their ministrations 117 families and persons.

For two persons incurably injured, life annuities have been purchased of \$350 and \$400 each.—*Boston Post.*

THE NEW SENATE.—The new Senate, which convened on Monday in special session, consists of 29 Republicans, 21 Democrats and one American, with 18 vacant seats.

The vacancies are 2 from Kansas, 1 from Missouri, 1 from California, and 14 from the seceded States.—The Kansas vacancies will, no doubt, be filled by Republicans, and those from Missouri and California, probably by Democrats.

Should the seceding Senators return, there would be a Democratic majority of 6.

PIGEONS.—We see it stated that five tons of wild pigeons have been shipped to the eastern States this season from the vicinity of Circleville, Ohio, by one company engaged in netting the birds.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

The Ex-President.

Mr. Buchanan left here at nine o'clock this morning, escorted by the City Guards.

The Inaugural.

MONTGOMERY, March 6. The general opinion regarding Lincoln's inaugural is, that it is a declaration of war.

The Convention was in secret session during most of the day, and again to-night.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 6. The commissions of the new Cabinet officers have been signed by the President, and Secretary Seward was the first to enter upon the duties of his office at the State Department.

It was expected that ex-Secretary Dix would vacate his office to-day, but at the request of his successor, (Gov. Chase), he holds over till to-morrow.

When Mr. Dix entered upon his duties, the Treasury was literally bankrupt.

There were requisitions on his table from the Departments, which there were no means of paying, exceeding \$1,900,000; fishing boats, unpaid, amounting to nearly \$450,000, and Treasury notes due amounting to about \$360,000, in all, \$2,700,000. These have all been paid.

Yesterday the accounts were stated in expectation of Mr. Chase's entering on his duties, and they show a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the United States and disbursing agents applicable to the current expenses of the Government, exceeding \$600,000.

These, with the current receipts from the customs, amounting to about \$80,000 per day, in coin, it is believed, will enable the incoming administration to sustain itself without calling for further loans for a considerable length of time.

MARRIED.

On Tuesday, March 5th, by Rev. James A. Reed, W. H. Bates, Esq., of this city, to Miss Mary S. Dainger, Dr. B. D. Day, of Worcester, Ohio.

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