

*The Times* challenged THE TRIBUNE to a

discussion of Wendell Phillips's loyalty, which it gravely impeached, basing its impeachment on his recent Emancipation speech, which had not then been reported. Its specifications of disloyalty were two: 1. Discouraging enlistments in the Union armies; 2. Seeking the overthrow of our present Union Government and the establishment of a new one in its stead.

Not having seen the speech, we too hastily accepted the averments of his assailants and

But *The Times* was not satisfied. It insisted on fuller and more explicit censures or justifications from us of Mr. Phillips's sentiments. Meantime, a full, authentic report of Mr. Phillips's speech, from notes taken on its

delivery by an eminent phonographer, appeared in the last *Anti-Slavery Standard*. Mr. Phil

lips's intimate friends, having carefully read that speech, hastened to assure us that we had been too confiding in accepting as true the construction put upon his remarks by his enemies—that Mr. Phillips did not discourage enlistments, nor propose to supplant the existing Union Government by a new one. We must, therefore, the new challenge of *The Times* by a demand that it should take up the actual, authentic speech in question, cite from it the passage or passages held to justify the charge of disloyalty, and we would pass judgment thereon. In other words, we did what any justice on earth must have done—refused to receive doubtful and imperfect testimony as to

to Mr. Phillips's expressed views, when in  
actual language—just what he did say and

The *Times* responds as above. We have no more to say, but that the *Times* is fairly exhibited in its article just quoted.—Is good enough to read it again!

*The Springfield Republican* (Mass.) attempts to discipline Cassius M. Clay for his recent strictures on the Slavery aspects of the War for the Union, and in so doing makes the following statements:

"We fear that Mr. Clay puts too much faith in the editorials of the sensation papers. If he will study the documentary history of the war, he will find that negroes coming to our lines have been employed, fed and paid by direction of the Government, and treated in every respect as free men while making good their claim as never again in bondage to slavery. He will find that our officers and soldiers are prohibited from retaining fugitive slaves to their masters, as

hat, where our armies have penetrated the slave region; a tin  
of slaves has marched out to Freedom on either side. If the  
number that have thus improved their condition large

—Having thus made out its case by squaring its assertions, will *The Republican* be good enough to tell us how it explains the recent occurrences at New-Orleans—the repeated searches of our camps, by the order of a Massachusetts General, for the fugitive slaves of Rebels; the interference of that General to prevent an insurrection for Liberty of the slaves of planters

up the Mississippi; and the killing, wounding, and capture of some thirty slaves who fled.

from sugar plantations down the river to New Orleans, and were there set upon and butchered by the Police, aided by Maine soldiers? Let us see how the *Republican* adapts awkward facts to its theory.

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Ex-Mayor Wood has sent us a letter (somehow mislaid) contradicting peremptorily a statement recently made through our columns by some correspondent, that he once offered to raise 40,000 men here to fight for the South. We presume he is right on this point. If he had not proposed a severance of this section

from the State—nor written to the Governor of Georgia, after that State had seceded, and

when she was in open hostility to the Union explaining that only want of power, not want of will, prevented his interfering to stop our Police from preventing the transmission of arms hence to Georgia—not vetoed the ordinance which cut off Brother Ben's *Daily News* from preying upon the City Treasury while openly justifying Secession—our made a speech at a late City Meeting which was widely understood as intended to afford aid and comfort to the Rebels, and which threatened the subversion of our regularly constituted Government—why then we should have left candid-

that our ex-Mayor would not be regarded as a  
 nail-fellow by the traitors if they were this

**DISCHARGED.**—We understand that Gus, Benning, whose arrest for disloyalty we have heretofore recorded, has been discharged from custody. His incarceration should be a lesson to impulsive young men, who often say a great deal more than they would like to stand to. It is well to remember that just now the Government is in no mood for trifling and that words spoken even in carelessness may lead directly to trouble. That there are thousands in the city, just as virulent traitors as Benning, is doubtless

true, but they are careful not to proclaim their wife  
son out of doors; he thought to brave it out, and w

**A GOOD IDEA.**—Certain leading citizens of Chi go have established a "Benevolent War-Claim Association," for the collection of Bounties, Pensions and Back Pay for the heirs of Deceased Soldiers. John B. Turner, President; C. A. Gregory, Secy.

ary. No member of the Association but the Secretary is to receive any pay for his services or emol

TEMPERANCE TRACTS.—U. W. Dwight, eqq., Clinton, has directed Dr. Marsh to supply each of the following regiments with a thousand Temperance Tracts on their leaving for the war, viz: 107th, 108th, 53d, 169th, 110th, 141th, 133d, 144th, 145th, 147th. A good example.

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