

Iowa Territorial Bill—Calhoun and Strategy

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by the light of his life-labor, and by a study of him as he stood before us at the maximum of his matured intellectual strength. Long may he live to enjoy his newly acquired citizenship.

IOWA TERRITORIAL BILL—CALHOUN AND STRATEGY.

The following statement, made by a correspondent of the *St. Louis Republican*, develops a work of strategy in securing the passage of the bill organizing the territory of Iowa. Our historical reading had, a long time ago, convinced us that but few important events have transpired, in which women, or a woman, was not in some way concerned, either as instigator or agent. Since the day, when Homer sung the exploits of his heroes around the walls of Troy, of which the fair Helen of Sparta, was the subject of contest—to that day in September, 1864, when the no less fair (we presume) Quakeress, Rebecca Wright, helped Gen. Phil. Sheridan to win the battle of Winchester—history is replete with her participation in the poetry and tragedy of the worlds busy life; but we should never have surmised that so prosaic and cool a business transaction as the legislation on a territorial bill, should require the aid, or furnish the incentive for her dexterous tact or delicate *finesse*. But here is the history of the transaction as given by the *Republican's* correspondent.

“The Hon. Geo. W. Jones, or the General as he is more familiarly known at home, was and is a great ladies' man. Knowing the opposition to his territorial bill on the part of Mr. Calhoun, and that a speech from distinguished statesman would defeat it, he set his wits to work to procure the absence of Mr. C. when the bill would be called up. To accomplish this he paid very marked attention to a lady friend of Mr. Calhoun then at the capital, and was so kind, polite and entertaining, that she feeling under obligations to him for the same, inadvertently expressed the hope that circumstances might throw it in her way to render him some service. This was just what the General wanted, and he immediately said, ‘you can, if you will, do me the greatest favor in the world,’ and went on to explain the ‘Territorial bill,’ and the opposition of Mr. Calhoun thereto. ‘Now,’ said the General, ‘It will come up on such a day, and when I send you my card, call out Mr. C., and on some pretext keep him out an hour or two.’ She consented, and carried out the arrangement, and during that absence the bill was passed, and Mr. Calhoun did not have an opportunity to oppose.

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