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To Our Patrons

With this issue of the COURIER ends the 3rd volume. During the past year we have missed one issue. We have ant regularly each week to our sub scribers, the COURIER. Our whole ; im has been to give our patrons a pa-) er worthy of their patronage; we have worked bard, and although a crushing financial panic has swept like a withering sirocco over our whole country. threatening in its cause to submerge all-the COURIE , has weathered the storm, and each week it has gone forth to hundreds of homes, filled with reading for all; and now in this the commencement of a new year, we enter upon it with renewed energy and determination to do in the future as we have in the past, our very best to make the COURIER a paper that the people et Franklin will be proud of. Already with this the last issue of this volume, a marked improvement may be observed both in the make up of the paper, and the matter.

We have been cramped in the past by our home subscribers. (the very last ones of whom this complaint should be made) by not paying their subscription and in the future we must in justice to ourselves, and to those who pay us promptly, demand payment in advance from all. We could give you a much better paper, if so much of our time was not taken up in trying to collect what is owing us. Therefore we hope no one will ask us to send them the COURIER without paying the subscription price in advance, as it will be unpleasant for us to refuse, and un pleasant to the applicant to be refused. We begin the 4th volume with kind feelings for all, and particularly for those who have promptly paid their subscription, and ask that all who receive their paper with a cross mark on it, to remember that their subscription has expired, and to come forward and renew without delay. Again thanking our friends for their kindness in the past, we start out on our new years

On Tuesday the 13th Inst., elections were held in the States of Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Nebraska, Iowa and Arkansas. In Ohio the Democrats elec. ted thirteen members of Congress and the Republicans elected se 'en, and carried the State on the Congressional majorities by some 26,000-electing the State ticket by 18,000 majority.

In Indiana the Democrats elect eight members of Congress and the Republicans elect five; the Democratic State ticket succeeding by some fifteen thousand majority. In West Virginia the Democrats elect three members of Congress, this being the entire delegation from that State. In Arkansas the new Constitution is carried by some 75,000 majority, and the Democratic State ticket by the same. Nebraska gives 10,000 Republican majority and elects a Republican to Congress. The State only has one representative. The Republicans carry Iowa by between 30,000 and 40,000 majority, and elect eight of the nine members of Congress. The Democrats gain in Indiana, five members of Congress; in Ohio seven, and one in Iowa, and one or two in West Virginia.

The fellowing table shows how the States will be represented in the next Congress that have voted thus far :

	Dems.	Reps.
Maine,		5
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North Carolina	. 7	1
Ohio,	13	7
Indiana	8	5
Iowa,	1	8
Oregon,	1	-
West Virginia,	3 .	
Nebraska,	- :	1
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Dem. majority, 3

It will thus be seen that so far as elections have been held the Democrats have a majority of three members. If this ratio is kept up in the elections yet to be held, for which we have strong reasons to hope, the Democrats will have a good easy working majority in the next House of Representatives of the United States. In this there is abundast and strong grounds to inspire that however far the people of the country may be led from the principles venture, and when a party attempts to

he temerity to encroach upon these | Mary, and I would have passed those principles are rebuked in such a manner as to make the event of the rebuke a prominent era in the annals of the Republic. The Alien and Sedition laws enacted during the administration of the flder Adams, were the cause of his overwhelming defeat for a second term. The same thing has been endeavored to be carried out in this administration in the press gag laws and other edious and tyranical measures. The people of the country have borne these things as long as they can, and we behold the sequel in almost fabulous Democratic majorities in localities that have hitherto been overwhelmingly Republican.

On the 3d of November the great States of New York, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Alabama and many others vote. Our friends in New York are not only sanguine, but they are bouvant with high hopes of an overwholming defeat of the cormorants and tyrants of the Grant administration. We hope for the best from all of these

A Beautiful Story.

Extract from a sp ech of Gen. Cullen A Buttle, at Tuscumbin.

During the winter of 1863-64 it was my for une to be President ef one of the courts-martial of the Army of Northern Virginia, One bleak December morning, while the snow covered the ground and the winds howled around the camp, I left my bivouactire to attend the session of the court. Winding for miles along uncertain paths, I at length arrived at the court ground at Round Oak Church. Day after day it had been our duty to try the gallant soldiers of that army, charged with vio lations of military law; but never had I, on any previous occasion, been greeted by such anxious spectators as on that morning awaited the opening of the court. Case after case was disposed of, and at length the case of "The Confederate States vs. Edward Cooper," was called-charge, descrition. A low murmur rose spontaneously from the battle searred spectators as a young artilleryman rose from the prisoner's bench, and in response to the question Guilty or not Guilty?" answered, Not Guilty."

The Judge Advocate was proceeding to open the prosecution when the Court, observing that the prisoner was unattended by counsel, interposed and enquired of the accused, "Who is your couns 1?" He replied, "I have no counsel." Supposing that it was his purpose to represent himself before the court, the Judge Advocate was instructed to proceed. Every charge and specification against the prisoner was sustained. The prisoner was then told to

introduce his witnesses. He replied, "I have no witnesses." Astonished at the calmness with which he seemed to be submitting to what he regarded as inevitable fate, I said to him, "Have you no defence? Is it possible that you abandoned your comrades and deserted your colors in the presence of the enemy without any reason?" He replied, "There was a reason, but it will not avail me before a military court." I said: "Perhaps you are mistaken; you are charged with the highest crime known to military law, and it is your duty to make known the eauses that influenced your action. " For the first time his manly form trembled and his blue eyes swam in tears .-Approaching the President of the court

he presented a letter, saying as he did so, "There General, is what did it." I opened the tetter, and in a moment my eyes filled with tears. It was passed from one to another of the course until all had seen it, and those stern warriors who had passed with Stonewall Jackson through a hundred battles wept like little children. Soon as I sufficiently recovered my self-possesion, I read the letter as the defence of the prisoner. It

was in these words: MY DEAR EDWARD: I have always been proud of you and since your connection with the Confederate army I have been prouder of you than ever before. I would not have you do anything wrong for the world; but before God. Edward, unless you come home we must die! Last night I was aroused by little Eddie's crying, I called and said, "What the matter. Eddie?" and he said, "Oh, mama, I'm so hungry!" And Lucy, Edward, your darling Lucy, she never complains, but she is growing thinner and thinner every day. And, before God, Edward, unless you come

home we must die. YOUR MARY. Turning to the prisoner, I asked, "What did you do when you received this letter ?" He replied, " I made application for furlough and it was rejecthope and confidence in the heart of the | ed; again I made application and it was patriotic American citizen. It shows rejected; a third time I made application and it was rejected, and that night as I wandered backward and forward in that animated our ancestors, yet there the camp, thinking of my home, with is a point beyound which they will not | the mild eyes of Lucy looking up to me, and the burning words of Mary encroach upon the blood bought liber. sinking in my brain, I was no longer ties of our citizens and goes again be- the Confederate soldier, but I was the

lines if every gun in the battery had fired upon me! I went to my home .-Mary ran out to meet me, her angel arms embraced me; and she whispered, Oh! Edward, I am so happy! I am so glad you got your furlough!" She must have felt me shudder, for she turn; ed pale as death, and catching her breath at every word, she said, "have you come without your furlough? O! Edward, Edward, go back! go back! Let me and my children go down together to the grave, but O. for Heaven's sake, save the honor of our name!" And herè I am, gentlemen, not brought here by military power, but in obedience to the command of Mary, to abide the sentence of your court."

Every officer of that court martial felt the force of the prisoner's words. Before them stood, in beatific vision, the eloquent pleader for a husband's and a father's wrong; but they had been trained by their great leader, Robert E. Lee, to tread the path of duty, though the lightning' - flash scorched the ground beneath their feet, and each in his turn pronounced the verdict, "Guilty!" Fortunately, for humanity, fortunately for the Confederacy, the proceedings of the court were reviewed by the Commanding General, and upon the record was written:

Headquarters, A. N. V. The finding of the court is approved The prisoner is pardoned, and will report to his company. R. E. LEE, General.

During the second battle of Cold Harbor, when shot and shell were fall ing "like torrents from the mountain coud," my attention was directed to the fact that one of our batteries was being silenced by the concentrated fire of the enemy. When I reached the battery, every gun but one had been dismantled. and by it stood a solitary Confederate soldier, with the blood streaming from his side. As he recognized me, he elevated his voice above the roar of the battle and said: "General, I have one shell left; tell me have I saved the houor of Mary and Lucy?" I raised my hat. Once more a Confederate shell crashing through the ranks of the enemy, and the hero sank by his gun to rise no

Heaven knows, my countrymen, I loved that lost cause, but this, in which we are now engaged is no less sacred. We will do our whole duty in this campaign, and, if need be, in the moment of death, fire the last shot in our battery for the honor of Mary and Lucy.

[NEW YORK SUN.] WHO COOK UP SOUTHERN OUT-RAGES.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16. - The Attorney General employed six weeks ag two consumate vil ans named Hester and Beach and sent them into Sumter county, Ale., for the purpose of inciting ignorant and vicious men to viole; ce against the negroes. These two scoundrels came into Alabama from dir ction of North Carolina, disquised as mountaineers, and having with them wais key and tobace which they retailed to negroes and poor wiles. They tacked loudly about what the wait people ought to do with the niggers, what they would do if they had a chance, and in this manner sought to elicit expressions of disloyalty from those they had made drunk. T e, told the waite people of plats to mid a them, which they pretended they had heard negroes talking about while they were loating about their shop drinking, and urged the organization of white Leagues and Ku Klux Klans as offse s to the negro plots. In one or two instances they pretended to know that negroes were ass a bled in particular localities, and off red to lead the whites to the spot and make short work of the black villians; bu, they never succeeded in lesding even a drunken man into any a iven ur s of this sir. The u tmost that they succeeded in doing wa . as they aliege, to worm out of some negross the fact that they had been parties to the murder of Billings; that they had overheard the whites protting it, and had not told for fear. These negroes gave the names of certain whites as the parties who were concerned in the murder, and thereup in Beach wen to Mobile and obtained warrants for the arrest of the men dencur col.

The cold nee against there men would not warrant a United States Commissi ner in holding them one momen', yet he commits them and reluses ball; and now the news is received here this eventng that four een in r. innocert men have been arrested on the affidavits of B acu and Hester, and doubtless arrest will continue ust l enough wnites are locked up to, ensure the election of Charles Anathies Hays to Congress. Hester is one of the tellows who was us d in Ku Klux trials in North and South Catolina to convicinnecent men. He was an applicant for the p sition of Chief of the Stre Service of the Treasury Department and failing to get it came into THE SUN office to complain of the treatment be had received at the hands of the men he had served. He ackn wledged to your correspondent that he was heartily sorry for the par he had played in the Ku Kiux business, and declared that many of the persons who had been confore the people, the men also have had fifther of Lury, and the husband of victed and sent to the pentientiary were PHOTOGRAPH'S.

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