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NOTICE. W. L. L. is sold at the Court House in Smithville, on the first Monday in February next, nine likely NEGROES belonging to the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Mink... RUFUS GALLOWAY, Commissioner.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE. On Tuesday the 5th day of February, 1864, at the late residence of Rev. David Wells, deceased, in New Hanover County, I will offer at public sale all the real estate...

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. HALIFAX COUNTY. Issued N. Faulcon and wife against M. T. J. Aiston and wife...

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. HALIFAX COUNTY. The heirs at law of David Alderman. Petition for Dower.

THE FRENCH COOK AND THE NEGRO COOK. The Richmond correspondent of the London Index tells the following story about the Vicomte de Saint Romain, whose visit to Richmond some months ago attracted some attention.

PASS HIM ALONG.—A man named John Mincey, alias William Adams, John Mathis, who has been passing as a First Lieutenant of Artillery in Confederate service...

We have been furnished with the following statement of the capture of the Margaret and Jessie by our fishers. It may, therefore, be considered reliable: The steamer Margaret and Jessie left Nassau on the 2d of November. Had bad weather for ten days...

We changed our course, and succeeded in putting all three astern; but about 7 o'clock we made the Fulton dead ahead. We now again changed course, and commenced bringing overboard the cargo, having great success in cutting out all the quantities...

Every exertion was now made to increase the speed of the ship. The cargo was going overboard, our only sail was set, every ounce of steam our boilers could bear was on; and every officer and man was at his proper place. There was no excitement; calmness and a desire to do everything that lay in his power...

A HAIRY SHOWMAKER. Upon the banks of the Mississippi, in the State of Tennessee, there once dwelt an old chap by the name of Yadge—Tom Yadge.

How LINCOLN'S MESSAGE "TOOK" IN NEW YORK.—The New York Herald, in a lengthy article on the subject of sensations, remarks: On Wednesday we contained the first copy of Mr. Lincoln's message by telegraph.

Tom, no, in the least daunted, but very much excited. He turned a few moments to the next man, and returned the next morning in the boat going up the river; but has been heard of no more.

From the Savannah Republican. A Yankee ORATOR. We have occasional evidence through the Press, that there are at least a few men in the Yankee nation who have not wholly parted with their brains.

"I am never to my acquirements, whether pacification on a basis of abolition, permanent or temporary, is likely to be acceptable or practicable, I can only answer for myself. Acceptable it certainly would not be just to the North, a community excited in one way or another beyond the reach of reason; but acceptable it soon must be, when the weariness of sorrow becomes stronger and fiercer than the more imminent.

A reasonable plan of pacification, supposing substantial security, would be to put, for a time, as from some momentum perhaps it must, let it be turned as soon as possible from attempted conquest to a war for limits and terms of settlement.

As to the limits of a Northern man, prior to the Potomac and the Ohio to the line of barked trees and landmarks that now separate us, and which has been quite ineffectual to protect us from two invasions.

The navigation of the Ohio and Mississippi and, in the event of Maryland joining the South, of the Susquehanna and Chesapeake, to be free.

GEN. THOMAS JEFFERSON GREEN did at his residence in Warren County, N. C., on the 12th instant, in the 62d year of his age.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—Permit me, through your paper, to return my sincere thanks to the officers and crew of the steamship Harmon, for their very liberal donation of over \$2,000, and especially to Gen. Alexander McLeese for his courtesy and very valuable assistance in obtaining this sum.

CHIEF GENERATION OF STEAM.—Some months ago we noticed that our Navy Department appointed a commission of three Chief Engineers of the Navy, Messrs. Wood, Whipple and Stimuler, to investigate, by actual experiment, the process of using fuel hydrate-gasoline oil for the generation of steam.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 24, 1863. Conf. Senate C. G. In the Confederate Senate on Tuesday, various petitions were presented for increase of salaries.

The House was chiefly occupied in the discussion of a bill to prohibit and punish trading in the enemy's currency, and also in the discussion of the substitute question.

The bill in relation to illegal currency prohibits brokers and merchants of all descriptions from dealing in the paper currency of the United States, the penalty being the forfeiture of the amount, a fine of not less than \$1000, nor more than \$10,000, and imprisonment for not less than three months, nor more than three years.

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GENERAL JOHNSON'S ARMY.—As General JOSEPH B. JOHNSON arrived at Dalton, Ga., on Monday last, and immediately assumed command, we suppose the army of the Tennessee may hereafter be referred to as General JOHNSON'S ARMY.

COLD.—We think this morning was the coldest of the year. The weather is clear and bracing, however, and would be glorious were it not for the thoughts of our soldiers in the field, and those of our people at home without adequate means of protection against the rigors of the season.

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TELEGRAPHIC. Reports of the Press Association. Entered according to the Act of Congress, in the year 1853, by J. S. THURMAN, in the Clerk's Office of the District Court of the Confederate States for the Northern District of Georgia.

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FROM BRISTOL. BRISTOL, S. C., Dec. 24, 1863. No change in affairs in front to report. The cool weather has prevented any movement by either party.

FROM DALTON. DALTON, Dec. 25, 1863. A squad of forty men, under Major White, of the first regiment Confederate Cavalry, made a dash into Cleveland on the 22d inst., driving the enemy's pickets, and killing and wounding one, and capturing six, besides twelve horses and some small arms.

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