triot Court of the Confederate States for the Northern District of Georgia.

FROM BRISTOL.

BRISTOL, Dec, 28, 1863. The news from the front is unimportant. Twenty one prisoners, captured by our cavalry at Mulberry Gap, have arrived here. Five hundred Yankee prisoners will be shipned to Richmond to-night.

- FROM NORTHERN VIRGINIA.

ORANGE C. H., Dec. 28th. 1863. The force of infantry which the enemy advanced as far as Mitchell's station on Tuesday evening last, is evidently intended to do picket duty, and relieve the cavalry. A beavy rain has been falling since Saturday. Te-night the Rapidan is much swolen and the roads are deep in mud. Blankeis are needed for the soldiers.

THE YANKEE CONGRESS-FROM RICHMOND. EICHMOND, Va., Dec. 23, 1863.

war until the constitution and laws were enforced in all for the same term all white males between eighteen and revolution has been most severely felt. Everything that and 30 negroes. The main command of Averille cossed times, while men of true courage never suffer death but parts of the United States, and to that end opposing any stiry years, able to perform any kind of military duty; to goes to make up national character has been violently Jackson's river again, at Covington, about 9 a. m., Sun- once, "he never died but once. Peace to his ashes. armistice indicating a proposition of peace from any quar- authorize the President in his discretion to place in the ser- lattered. Just as France, during the days of the Reve- day, burning the bridge behind them. They then had ter: adopted by a vote of 93 to 64.

030 for bounties to volunteers.

Congress has adjourned over until the 5th January.

Department of Missouri. Burnside arrived in New York on the 20th.

at Fort Jackson on the 9th, did not last half an hour. No interior duty, and to place able bodied negroes in the serpersons were injured.

been received at the Libby prison. Judge Ould, in a letter to Hitchcock, informs him that self respect requires that the Confederate authorities rein-e to treat with Butler as the agent of exchange. He will, tion to en sted men for rations not issued, and allowing ratherefore, not now be recognized by them as agent.

FKOM RICHMOND.

RIGHMOND, Dec. 28th, 1863. Commissioner Ould sent down 591 Yankees in exchange for the Confederates brought to City Point, but informed Hitchcock that the Confederate authorities could hold no communication with Gen. Batter, and that there must be some discussion. Mr. Foote declared that the adoption of no further efforts at a partial exchange.

> CONFEDERATE CONGRESS. . RICHMOND, Dec. 28th, 1863.

There was a thin attendance in both Houses to-day. The Senste Finance Committee introduced a bill that hereafter no Treasury notes be received in paying the public duce, but that they shall be faudable in siz per cent. bonds and taxable as other property, or in four per cent. bonds and not taxed. All holders of eight per cent, bonds to be atlowed to exchange for four per cent, bonds. The bill also provides for a new issue of notes to the amount of two hun dred and fifty millions dollars, receivable in payment of all public dues except export du s on cotton, and such other dues as may be declared payable in specie only; the government be pladged not to issue more than two hundred sight of, but is repeated through the centuries. Every ed without material damage. and fifty million next year, and not more than two hundred mighty movement, upheaving the surface of the political fundable at the pleasure of the holders. at revokes all au- with it, that the purity or delects of the system come, trifling damage. thority heretofore granted to is me no ex, except of small in time, to be confounded with the purity or corruption The loss by fire is estimated at a moderate calculaend of cotton bonds; placed on secret calendar. The bill persuation to believe that it would be as hard for a Press owned by Mr. Wm. H. Walker, who also owned service the Creokes of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana under the treaty of Paris of 1803, and the treaty of Spain in perty, and many were of high intelligence, and all true to | Geo. Washington. But how many men can there be the South. They had been suxious from the beginning to found in a day's search, who could speak intelligently to take up arms, and had applied through members of Coa- of the conflict between Cavalier and Roundhead, or of gress to the Secretary of War, who declined to receive the political causes which led to our first Revolution? them, lest the enemy make it an excuse for arming our There is probably no clever school-girl who has passed them into the service to shoot down their masters and vi- ber to have read of Queen Elizabeth and Charlotte olate and murder our own people, the Secretary of War was | Corday; but ask the generality of readers what was the through military authority. Application was then made by them to the commander of that department, who referred it to the Secretary of War, recommending that they be employed. The Secretary again declined on the ground in consequence of the position we occupied before the world. It was represented that a brigade could be raised in two or parts of Mississippi and Louisiana, and that they were honest people, had courage, and were devoted to the South

Another bill proposed to enroll all able bodied male slaves between 18 & 45 & from the number to draft as many as can be usefully employed in the army in any way except bearing arms. Both bills were referred to the mi stary

and only asked to enter the army as privates.

the matter of commutation. It is a loged that Colonels, the North and South-between the steadfast devotion Majors and Captains, employed as ordenance Clerks in the to principle of the one and the cowardly craft and elight. War Departments at Richmond, are drawing commutation recklessness of the other-are not more strongly markfor room rent, fuel, forage, &c., making their pay amount allowed to purchase for themselves and families from the real overgrown confidence in nimself, and his contempt severe; Walker Meadows, thigh, severe. to more than a Major General's in the field, and were also quartermasters and commissaries at government cost. A resolution was submitted by Mr. Emith of Alabama, in quiring if the copyright law embraced telegraph despatches to newspapers, and proposed to repeal that poreion; referred to the judiciary committee.

FROM RICHMOND.

Magazine was reached, and an explosion took place which | sent, as Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln. shook the earth for many miles around.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 23, 1863.

Ten spells were fired at the city between three and four tween six and seven o'clock this evening. Noordy hu : ;

FROM TEXAS AND ALKANDAS.

their cattle into the interior, stripping the coast bet for public morality. fifty miles wide. The enemy at Matagorda Pass are preto negro blankets.

FROM TENNESSEE.

DALTON, Dec. 29, 1 63. Intelligence having reached here day before yesterday that a large wagon train belonging to the enemy was moving from Chattanooga towards Knexville, Mejor General Wheeler was ordered to take what troops of his command that could be spared from the front, and if possible capture it. His force, sixteen handred strong, under the immediate a brigade of the enemy, and drove them to their reserves | weight of so much splendor and so much glory. ted by the skill of our commander. The enemy approached of a delt. I faction were laughed at, as the last efforts thinks that it betrays apprehension and the like. It

no disposition to charge, but kept up a fire with their re- cal affairs, universally allowed by the nature of our in- and rhodom intode. They can hardly distinguish be drew his pistel and killed one, and the other fled, after discharging his through that efficer's overcoat. Our casualties sum up two killed, five slightly wounded and six prisoners ; on the part of the enemy, six killed, and ten or twe've prisoners.

CONFEDE : ATE CONGRESS.

FICHMOND, Bec. 29, 1-63. In the Sepate a bill was passed to repeal the law allowing Sprgeons in Hospitals to grant furloughs and discharges At an early hour the Senale went into executive session. after which it adjourned, pending the bill to put those into

In the flouse a communication addressed to Congress, and signed by a large number of the commanding officers the prompt enactment of measures to avert disorders omvice for the same term all between fitteen and eighteen and tions, except for civil officers; to probibit discharges, ex cept in cases of permanent disability, from any kind of duty; Rosecranz has been appointed to the command of the to prohibit furloughs, except under rules of universal application, based on the laugth of service and meritorious conduct; to prohibit, as far as possible, able bodied offi-Telegrams from New Orleans say that the negro mutiny cers and soldiers being assigned to pes', hespital or other vice as cooks, laborers, &c. They also suggest dissatisfac-One hundred and twenty-five of Averill's railers have tion on account of short rations and the depreciated currency: re organizing the army may be obviated by boneties to old troops and an increase of the pay and commutations to officers. This document is signed by Generals Hardee, Cheatham, Stevenson, breckenridge, Brown, Pettns. Reynolds and Jackson; with some slight reservations and dissents by Generals Cleburne Hirdman, Lewis, Lowry. Anderson, Manigault, Vaughan, Quarles, Finley, Bate, Stewart, Strahl and Clayton, and 'y several Colonels com . the measures recommended, will be a step towards a military despotism, with the present administration at its head. to which be was seriously opposed. If a dictator became a necessity, he favore the placing that power in the hands udices, but a patriot of enlarged and liberal ideas, with a mind of the order of Washington. The matter was referred to the military committee. A motion to reconsider the bill ight to five. The attendance in both houses is still thin. the House adjourned without a quorom.

From the Richmond Sentinel. The two Republics, and their Presidents. BY JOHN SCETH.

A great lesson, once taught by history, is never lost street, also took fire several times, but was extinguishworld, has its representative men, who are so identified Meeting, was also on fire, rect. Men are more apt, as a general thing, to fix green and J. Poznanski. their memories upon the names associated with The property known as the bathing establishment Every school boy has heard of Oliver Cromwell and amount of loss covered by insurance. After the Yankees had armed our negroes and put beyond the rudiments of history, who does not remempolicy of Elizabeth, and in what the real glory of Charlotte consisted, and it would doubtless appear that history for them is a mere jingle of names, and not, as Eacon philosophically calls it, "an evolution of principles." When persons of this class wish to present to their minds, in the strongest light, the atrocities of the French Revolution, they recal Robespierre and Marat; and they fancy that they have compassed those stormy days in which Europe was convalsed by the power of one man, and thrones toppled and old institutions passed

In this momentous period of our career as a people, we are not unwilling, we confess, to see what, for want of a better name, we will call this metonymic judgment -uncertain though it may be in many cases-passed upon our struggle. The men at the head of the two governments have characters as clearly drawn as any The House adopted a resolution instructing the military who have stood at the helm of States and guided the committee to inquire into the atleged abuse, by officers in course of great movements. The antagonism between ed than the dissimilarity existing between their Presidents. Cromwell, with his cant of humility and his of all other authority, was no bad representative of the tanatics who beat back their king's battalions at ed God they were better than Charles Stuart and his notified the police to that effect. men of Belial. The Chiefs of the Mountain, with their besotted batred of religion and order, and their utter incapacity to grasp the necessities of the movement in which they were engaged, were fit to be the The recent fire at Yorktown resulted in a loss of not less | leaders of a mob, who had commenced a revolution | than a million of dollars to the Yaukee government. The without adequate cause, and who, in becoming patriots, course will be desirous to attract as many visitors as fire broke cut in the Hospital and extended to the Arsenal showed but little difficulty in learning to be bloodand Powder Magazine. A tremendous report tollowed the hounds. But closely as these were types of the fac- there treasured up for inspection may be imagined from exploding of the shells; burning beams were scattered in tions for whom they acted, it is doubtful whether there a statement in the Stratford Chronicle, wherein it is al every direction. Twenty-five persons were injured. Every ever lived rulers who have combined in themselves so leged concerning Shakespeare's house and birthplace house in the town was damaged. Lext morning the main many of the elements of the peoples whom they repre- that :

he gratified that such is the case. All of us feel that den that surround it. The garden in which the house associated under the same government, and when the works." of mour of success was thrown around the administradamage about as usual. Vary little ficing of the batteries to n of their common affairs, and the Union, as an abto-day. All quiet at summer. No material change of the stract idea, speaking grandly of unlimited power would be to come into the garden, Maud, with someand the peopling of vast principalities, had re- body or other who was fond of quoting Shakespeare, duced many spirits to conservatism who felt the neces- and to hear him cite the passages where each tree and the St. Louis and New Orleans trade. sity of dissolution; the seeds of decay were generated flower is named! "Here's a rue for you," he would Advices from Shreveport, Dec. 15th, and from Heuston, dations of the Government were all ady crumbling into pins," though no cheese; and look, here is " a bank Dec. 3d, have been received. Gen. Kirby Smith has taken ruins. The crash came at last, where on the whole of the whereon the wild thyme grows." To make the thing the thing the make the thing the make the thing the make the thing the make the field against the Yankees in Arkansas. The enemy hold supendous deception that had been foisted upon the complete, the garden walks ought to be made of stones Little Rock with a force supposed to be five thousand world as Union was laid bare; and men learned, for with sermons on them, as at the bottom of the garden men and we quote on the hoof at 70 to 80 cents per in. In men strong, under Steele. The season is very dry and the count he first time, to separate from the mass that which there runs the Avon, in which the poet's eye, when try in excellent condition for military movements. The had constituted the conservative element in the urnat- rolling in its frenzy, possibly discovered a whole library rivers are lower than known for years. The Texas Yau- ural connection-had kept society within legitimate of books. kee invasion is the sole topic, and the young and old are | bounds-had given validity to the decrees of the Conpressing to the scene of action with unprecedented unavim- stitution-had enforced justice in the administration of mortal," which are carefully preserved and exhibited at ity. The people are moving their negroes and driving government-had strengthened religion and fortified Stratford, the statement which we quote calls special Sele fr. m the granaries in lots to suit, at \$1 per bushel.

paring to advance along the beach to the mouth of the of a change in the slides of a theatre, came that system worth journeying to Jericho to see. This is shown by Brezos river. The Yankee marine battery on the steamers of social and political ethics which has since excited the proprietor (on payment of a fee), " together with week at \$55 for superfine, and \$50 for \$35 per bbl. for famon the Mississippi has committed great havor on the West the actonishment of every thinking mind, and has pre- the First Visitors' Book, including autographs of ily. side of the river between B amsburg and Water Proof .- sented to the world the dreary spectacle of a people George the Fourth * * and other eminent in-They are raiding ten miles inland, stealing everything down | who had once commanded their respect yielding to a dividuals, including Mr. Punch. debasement scarcely paralleled in the history of nations, and showing themselves reckless of the faith of compacts, peare pfigrim at the Shakespeare Hall, in Chapel street, deaf to the appeals of justice, servile without patriotism, where, according to the writer who has been instructand arogant without courage. This apparently sudden transition has not surprised us who have been by Wilson, of Shakespeare in the attitude of inspirafamiliar with the character of our enemies for many tion; and one by Gainesborough, of Garrick, reclinyears. But it has fallen strangely upon the nations of ing gracefully apon a pedestal, idolizing the poet's bushel. Europe. In the midst of a marvelous progress, with a bust. common flig, repsesenting a common nationality, floating on every sea and in every port, and with a commerce unconnected, apparently, with any section, tescommand of Brig. Gen. Kelly, reached Cleaveland yester tifying to the unity of an enterprising and ingenious day morning. Finding the train had not pursued that people; it was impossible for them to appeciate upon a hard feet. route, he pushed towards Charagton, when he encountered how totter ng a foundation rested, in reality, the stately

within two miles of that place. Our here had had the The restrictive and unjust legislation—the gradual have mentioned, the visitor will doubtless be glad to sit mortification to see the last of the train path through the town safely. The enemy's force was computed at 1000 ingles for vested rights upon the floor of the two houses gles for vested rights upon the floor of the Vankee papers have published to the Vankee papers have papers have published to the Vankee papers have published to the Vankee papers have fantry. Orders were given to fall back, when a ca. vy of Congress, and those gloomy days immediately preforce of 5,000, which had been thrown out to flank curl
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volvers. Our retreat was conducted with consummate stitutions. The startling declarations of certain politi- tween a bully and a g neeman, or how a man may not skill and success. Lieut. Pointer, of Gen. Wheeler's staff, cians with reference to the Constitution, they consider boast without being a coward the Yuzkee newspaper was indebted to his courage and coolness for a narrow es ed as the senseless ravings of demagogues - not, as they men especially .- Mobile Tribune Entered according to the Act of Congress, in the year cape. Two of the enemy had their sabres drawn over his were in reality, the outward expression of perverse 1863, by J. S. Thrasher, in the Clerk's Office of the Dis- head, and demanded his surrender, when he deliberately doctrines that had infected one half of the people of the United States. They are wiser now, and have found that this perverseness of opinion is not confined Virginia, who lift home on Tuesday, that there can be to inferior men without reputation, but permoates no longer a doubt about the escape of a verill and nearthrough the whole North-blasting equally the Execu- It all of his con mand, despite the efforts of our forces to tive, the Cabinet, the Pulpit, the Press and the People surround or intercept them. They returned on the And they have discovered that what they conceived to Barber's Creek road, and come out at Hook's on the county, N. C., about 80 years of age be a local sore is a universal taint, and that what Rich Patch Mountain, four miles beyond Roaring, Run appeared to be the wildness of a few ill-regulated minds. Furnace is owned by the Petersburg being made by the Northern manufacturers and misgoided appeared to be the winness of a few ill-regulated minds. Furnace is owned by the light of another than the men down on a comprises, in reality, the most practical evidences of Locometive and Iron Works Company, and was not level with the negro, and tax us to death for the benefit of wisdom which the statesmen of the North have shown disturbed by the enemy. themselves capable of attaining.

the army who have furnished substitutes, which was not have been no revolution whatever. Our Government, bridge, a struc ure which G n Lee bad ordered Col. which secession has placed her, there c.n be said to river early Sunday morning over the Island Fork and the laws under which it is administered are practi- Jackson to burn, but which order, we regret to hear mortally wounded, and after his death his remains were cally the same. Our social system is the same. Our was not obeyed. Had the bridge been distroyed, the brought home, and on the 6th instant, interred in the fam character as a people, and our views of political and escape of the enemy would have been impossible. Col lly barying ground Pour John was a brave, patriotic, and of the same of Tennessee, was presented and read, urging moral right, have undergone no change. Indeed, the Jackson's forces, it is stated, were within two miles of most stupendous movement ever undertaken by any the bridge, but failed to give the enemy battle. nipotent for our destruction, which may become incurable people-has been executed with disturbances no greater in thirty days. In this communication they give it as their than those which have usually attended a Presidential left 1,000 men behind. They were attacked by Major not has any man hired a substitute, and cut of the 98 volunteers. 14 just 1 7th part of the whole number, have offered In the Yankee Congress, Mr. Smith, of Kentucky, subopinion that it is essential to retain during the var the election. But it is with the North, although the title Laidy, a most gallant officer, who at the head of only 35 univers, 14, just 1 7th part of the whole number, have offered to receive upon the alter of livery. Honor to poor trop; s now in service, and to place in service immediately of their government has remained unchanged, that this men, utterly routed the 1,000, capturing 300 prisoners John's name; cor if it be true that "Cowards die many lution, was flooded with an inundation of faise and blas- two roads open to them-the Warm Springs and An-The Senate passed the House bill appropriating \$10,000,- afty and sixty; to prohibit exemp. phemons doctrines, so the North is now swarming with thony's Creek road, by one of which they have doubtstrange theories, subversive of all social order-corrup less made good their escape. Gen. Fitzhugh Lie was i tive of popular purity-macking at the most sacred pursuit when last heard from, but he was 24 hours betrnths of religion, and which could have been produced hind. only among a people who have lost sight of the first! elements of reason and justice.

From the Charleston Courier.

Large Fire. At an early hour Friday morning, fice broke out in | very jave of the lion, as subsequent events proved. Grocery store of Messrs. Klinck, Wickenberg & Co. The where there were two roads open to the enemy a few Place of abode or station, Nature of desability. premises, with the exception of the second story, was miles this side. Had Gen. B. blockaded theven miles desired, such as clerk, wagon or forage master, &c., &c. ormerly occupied by Mr. A. J. Burke, as a printing this side of where he did, the raiders must eventually establishment. The second story was used by J. B | have been caught. boot and shoe store, and the upper stories as Law offi- pulled across with rop s. manding brigades. The reading of this document produced ces by Messrs. Brown & Porter, and others. The Mrs. Wm Scott, the proprietress of that levely repremises were owned by Dr. Jos. S. Inglesby. These sort, known as Scott's Mountain House, in Craig countwo buildings were entirely consumed.

of Gan. Lee, a man influenced by no narrow views or pre- ael's alley, which destroyed a range of four very old ty of her servants fled to the woods on the approach of each quarter tae number thereof, and the kitchen and out buildings attached to the old bathing left. passed by the House on Wednesday last to prohibit the cir- establisment on Church street; also the building occur culation of Yankes currency was voted down by forty- pied by the German Turner's Association as a Hall, carried into that he belonged to the from the class of "classical soldiers" thas enrolled, who situated in the rear, between Church and Meeting street, belonging to Mr. J. J. McLean.

The house of Mrs. Ann M. Browne, No. 43 Traddstreet, sust ined some damage by the sparks igniting ard burning the roof. The residence of Mr. A. J. Burke, No. 39 Tradd-

A house on the North side of Tradd-street, near

denominations; placed on the calendar. The same com- of its supporters. The world soon learns to connect tion at between one hundred and fifty mittee reported a bill to repeal the law authorizing the is- men and principles together, and does not require much thousand dollars. The most sections is the Cotton corrupt man to advocate good measures as it would be the house adjoining which was consumed. The other for a good man to support bad ones. And the reason of three buildings in the range mentioned above, were the this is evident, if 'e theory itself be not altogether cor- property respectively of Wm. Callaham, Mrs. Love-

any particular era in the history of the world than upon formerly occupied by Mrs. Bear, belonged to Mr. Dan. the principles which might have been vindicated by it. iel Horibeck. We have not been able to learn the

The alarm was first given by Captain Hale, of the Observatory, but from some mistake the bell was not rung or the alarm extended for fully three quarters of an hour afterwards, in consequence of which some of the engines arrived at the place without sufficient force to work them. Capt. W. J. Gayer, Provost Marshal, who was in attendance, immediately sent and obtained the assistance of a detachment of men from Col. Ro berts' regiment of reserves, and also dispatched a messenger to Col. Rhett, who repaired to the spot, and ordered a detail of men from the First S. C. Regular Artillery. These, together with the firemen, succeeded in checking the progress of the fire, and preventing what it was apprehended would be an extensive conflagration.

Notwithstanding the great danger to which they were exposed, the firemen and military kept to their away, when they have mentioned the name of the great | work until the fire had been subdued, and too much praise cannot be awarded to Mr. E. Fourgeaud, Acting Chief, and others having the direction of affairs .-Some few casualties occurred from the falling of a portion of the walls in Broad-street, and flying bricks. The following are the names of those injured:

German Fire Engine Company-John Doscher severely; Chas. Berger and Henry Funk, slightly. Charleston Fire Company-T. Murray, wounded in

Private T. Leddy, of the police, wounded in the leg.

Captain Powel's Company of Reserves-Sergt. Bellinger, thigh, severe; Thomas Brown, hip and neck, of him.

The origin of the fire has not as yet been positively ascertained, but it is generally attributed to incendiar-Naseby and Marston Moor; reviled old institutions ism. Captain Hale reports distinctly seeing a man that had been good enough for their fathers, and thank- applying a torch to the German Turner's Hall, and

[From Punch.]

Next year, we all know, will be the Shakespeare l'ercentenary; and the Stratford upon Avonites of may be to their town. What interesting objects are

"This national property has recently undergone con-There are many reasons why we of the South should siderable improvement, both in the house and the garthe separation between the two sections is eternal, be- stands is laid out and planted with trees and shrubs, all cause it is based upon complete antagonism in those cl- of which have a Shakespearean association, by being ements which foster the union of States. Even when selected from those mentioned by the dramatist in his

Of course the flowers and herbs and fruit bushes have in the very character of the two proples, and the foun- remark, on discovering that herb, and "There's pip-

Among the "curious and invaluable relies of the im attention to "a plaster representation in relieve of the We left the compact; and then, with the suddenness battle between David and Goliah," which must be well

A still greater treat, however, awaits the Shakesing us, may be seen an admirable full length painting,

The old figure of " Britannia sitting on her trident," is recalled to us by this of Garrick gracefully reclining on a pedestal. Had it been a sofa the posture would be natural; but to recline on a pedestal must be rather

Seeing relies, even Shakespear's is somewhat tireing work, and after being dragged round to the "lions" we

ted by the skill of our commander. The enemy approached cautiously as if apprehensive of an ambuscade, and evinced men as nothing ore serious than the license in political man to be in earnest unless he indulge in braggadocia Dec. 30th

AVEBILL AND HIS MEN_THEIR ESCAPE. We learn through an intelligent citizen of Fineastle.

It is stated that Gen. Imboden proposed taking his command direct from Lexington to Covington, when he first heard of Averill being at Salem, but he was overruled by his superior officer. Had he been allowed to the the same, report to the Chief Quartermaster of the do so, the enemy would have rushed directly into the State of which he is a resident, on in which he may be in the three story brick building North side of Broad Gen. Echols is said to have committed the great erstreet, near Church, owned by and adjoining the large for of blockading a certain point on some mountain, Profession or trade,

Campbell and J. Nathans, Esq'rs., as Law offices. At Craig's creek, some 30 or 40 of the enemy were in a legible hand. For subordinate positions, less will be The fire communicated to the adjoining building on the drowned in attempting to cross. Here they lost nearly required. East, the lower story formerly kept by B. Ford as a all their wagons and ammunition. Their artillery were

ty, lost everything she had. Her furniture was all de- cant, no such certificate will be necessary. During the progress of this fire another was discovered stroyed, her provisions swept off, and her hors s and cach state to keep a reser of such applicants, and to place with efference. at the Southwest corner of Church-street and St. Mich- muies stolen. She also lost a few slaves. The majori- their papers on file for reservence; and he will report at the buildings, besides the Charleston Cotton Press, the the enemy, and remained concealed until Averill had

An intelligent prisoner captured near Fincastle, and county of Kanawha. He stated that the object of the raid was to destroy the Salt Works, and that another brier river, and is supposed to have turned back in consequence of information they received as to our readiness to meet them. The understanding was, however, according to the statement of the prisoner taken, that after the destruction of the Government stores and depots at Salem, the two columns were to meet at South Carolina.

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Charteston Christiansburg, Montgomery county, and march to the

It is truly a matter of congratulation that the cherished object of the enemy was not accomplished. but at the same time, we confess our deep regret that Texas,.... Averill and his band were allowed to escape with but Arkansas and Missonri, Little Rock. siding in Roancke and Batetourt inform us that 50 men the Chief Quartermaster in whose district the post may be, could have occupied positions in the mountain gorges will proceed at ones to obtain, through the regular chan. and along the road through which Averill passed, where | nels, the detail and ass gament to duty of the "disabled solthey would have been enabled to have completely de- dier' thus provided for. moralized the marauders. But it is said, that they termaster's department in carrying into effect this system, were not fired upon at all-a fact, at which we hear | when it can be applied without manifest injury to the pub-A verill expressed great surprise, and attributed it to a lie service, is confidently expected. feeling of friendship for the old flag.

It is a remarkable circumstance, but nevertheless true, that Gen. Forrest is the only man who has succeeded! in capturing an entire command of these raiders since the war commenced. He did it, too, unaided by any. save his own command. In Averili's case we had Fitz-Lee, Imboden, Echols and Jackson, all at work, and General Orders, nnumerable swollen streams, which the enemy was compelled to cross, but he eluded the vigilance of his pursuers, crossed all the streams, burnt sundry bridges behind him, and is now happily exulting over his exploits in Yankee land. - R. Dispatch, 24th inst.

The Yankee Commander-in-Chief, General Halleck, has made a long report of the Yankee campaigns of upon the backs of the commanding Generals. Nothing failed that he ordered, and nothing succeeded that he did not order. His vanity is equalled by nothing but his falsehood .- Cha leston Courier.

Kentucky, was never an orator, but his conversational, the laws of the state. story-telling and social qualities were remarkable. His great forte lay in establishing a personal intimacy with every one he met, and in this way he was powerful in ded they shah not be ordered upon this daty beyond the otherwise this notice wall be pleaded in bat it their reelectioneering. He chewed immense quantities of to bacco, but never carried the weed himself, and was at adjacent thereto. ways begging it from every one he met. His resid nee was in Henderson, and in coming up the Ohio, past that | ment, there what he exempt county commissioners ap-W. P. McClimans, slight, in the arm; Privates Elijah place, overheard the following characteristic anecdote pointed under an act entitled "An act for the relief of the relief of the army" regular miles

A citizen of Henderson coming on board fell into conversation with a passenger who made inquiries about Powell.

"He lives in your place, I believe, don't he?" "Yes, one of our oldest citizens."

"Very social man, sin't he?" "Remarkably so." "Well, I thought so. I think he is one of the most

sociable men I ever met in all my life. Wonderfully sociable. I was introduced to him over at Grayson feit and pay one nundred domars, each Captain and other Springs last summer, and he hadn't been with me ten officers who shall tan to muster and drill their companies minutes when he begged all the tobacco I had, got his the times appointed, shall fortest and pay for each latture feet upon my lap, spit all over merrem akably socia- lity dollars, and if a non-commissioned officer o. private

PHEPARED FOR CHRISTMAS .- The Editor of the Augusta Constitutionalist has received from Mr. J. S. Cooper, of that city, a barrel of . Kauffer's celebrated be entered up and the base collected in the same mode and ale, and facilitates himself on having a high time in the in accordance with the provisions of the minute Law of Christmas holidays.

GUNBOATS AT MOBILE .- The St. Louis Republican learns from Confederate deserters recently arrived in that city that Capt. DeH. ven and Capt. Montgomery, of two physicians each, who shall accesse by their certifi-Admiral, are now building two large gunbouts at Mo- cates those persons who shall be exempt from service ungile - the largest, the Nashville, two hundred and sixtyfive feet long, and will have the machinery of the steamer Natchez, formerly in the Musissippi trade, be- ed by the Adjutant General. tween New Orleans and Natches; and the Tennessee, EEC. 6. Be it further enacted, That the Guard for home to have the machinery of the Alonzo Child, formerly in | detence, should they be called into service by the Gover-

WILMINGTON MARKET, Dec. 31, 1863. BERF GATTLE .- Scarcely any beeves have been brough light. There is a brisk demand for butchering purposes. meat, as in quality. BESSWAX-\$2 50 to \$2 75 per lb.

BAOON - Small sales from carts at \$2 25 to \$1 50 per 1b. I TITER-\$5 to \$: 50 per lb. Coan-is in demand, and scarcely any or market. W quote at \$8 to \$10 per bushel. COBN MEAL-Is in very light stock, and in demand. Copperas-Retails at \$1 75 to \$2 25 per 1b. COTTON -- ales at \$1 60 to \$1 75 per ib., as in quality.

FLOUR .- The market is rather better supplied, but price still rule high. We quote small sides from store during the FODDER-\$12 to \$15 per 100 lbs.

BipEs-Green \$1 75 to \$2 25, and dry \$4 to \$4 50 per lb LTATBER-Sole \$10 50 to \$11, and opper \$12 50 to \$13

LARD-By the bbl , \$2 25 per lb. Molassas - Retails at \$15 to \$16 per gallon. NAILS-\$1 60 to \$1 to per lb. by the keg.

POULTRY-Live towis \$2 25 to \$2 50 each, and \$1 25 to

and dressed \$: 50 per lb. POTATOES -Sweet \$10 to \$12, and Irish \$18 to \$20 per PURK-Fresh has come in slowly, and we quote sales from carts at \$1 75 to \$1 50 per lb. PEA NUTS-\$10 to \$12 per bushel.

RICE .- Clean, 50 cis. per lb. by the cask. SALT-Sales during the werk of Sound made at \$13 to \$1 per bushel, as in quality. EUGAR-Is scarce and selis by the bbl at \$2 85 to \$3 per lh. for brown. EMESTING-Fayettevil e factory \$3 35 to \$8 50 per yard. SPIRITS TURPS TINE -\$2 50 to \$2 75 per gailon.

TALLOW-\$2 50 to \$2 60 per lb. YARN-By the bals, \$10 per bunch. Wood-by the boat load, \$2) to \$23 for pine. \$10 to \$23 for ash, and \$30 to \$33 per cord for oak.

N. C. MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. TTABBISS & HOWELL, AGENTS. WILMINGTON, N. C. MARRIED.

in this lown on the 28th inst , by the Rev. Mr. Knapp, Elegt. C. C. R Do, to Miss K ZZIE S. GRANT. Near Peach Grove Nash county, on the evening of the 25th December, by William T. Bryant, Esq., Mr. C. MOORE to Siss CATHARINE WHITE, all of Nash coun-

In the Rospital at Richmond, on the 8th of November last, JOHN A. QUINN, of Aibertson's Precinct, Duplin The deceased being aware of the arrangements that were Averili moved rapidly al Saturday night on the untered in defense of Southern rights in April 1861, and superlor cook, washer and fronce. With the South, outside of the technical position in Barber's Creek and Raleigh roads; crossing Jackson's joined (aptain William E. Wooten's company, in which he faithfully served his country to the time of his death, having been in every battle in which the 27th regiment was enfaithful soldier, an honest man, and a good citizen, and has left behind him a wife and 3 children, also, 3 brothers who have faithfully served their'e untry, -to which I will add,

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Richmond, Nov. 1, 1863. I. In order to give more imm diste effect and operation to the act of February 15, 1862, intended to provide for "disabled soldiers" (by conferring on them appoin ment which they may be competent ito fill, it is hereby announced that any " disabled soldier" who may desire a position in the Quarterm ster's department, should, in order to ob- lots 4 and 5, block 262, Turner's Plan. hospital or on duty at the time of his application, his Name,

He will state in his application the nature of the position Il. Applicants for clerkships will be required to possess a fair knowledge of arithmetic, to write good English, and ill. All applications mu-t be supported by vouchers of

Brigade, and

pnimpeachable character, and the sufficiency of witnesses ricunto, if in civil life, must be certified by some justice of the peace, or other county or municipal officer. testimonials are from the commanding officers of the appli-IV. It shall be the duty of the thier Quartermaster of number of appointments, to the Quartermaster General, V. Local Quartermasters will (in case they have made no authorized arrangement for clerks or other employees) he expected to supply themselves, as far as prac cable,

may be found competent to discharge the duties of the depar ment. VI. Applications should be accompanied in each case division had gone in another direction. The division is by a copy of the certificate which shows the soldier to be the same which skirmished with Gen Echols at Green- disabled, and should be addressed to the Chief Quartermaster of the State in which he may desire to obtain a position, thus :

"To the Chief Quartermaster of North Carolina, Vil. Posts of Chief Quartermasters are as follows:

O sartermaster-General.

Dec. 29th, 1863. 94-2t-14 2t. Executive Department North Carolina, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Raleigh, Dec. 15th, 1863.

THE FOLLOWING ACT OF THE GENERAL AS Le sembly of North Carolina is published for the information of all concerned AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE MILITIA AND A GUARD FOR HOME DEFENCE.

SEO. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That neither the Governor of this the past year, in which he most successfully lifts all state, nor the officers acting under an act ratified on the blame from his own shoulders and neatly distributes it 7th day of July, 1863, entitled "An act in relation to the militia and a Guard for Home Defence," shall call out for drai or muster the persons enrolled under said act, oftener than once a menta in company drill, or oftener than twice a year in battation drift, which battation dails shall take THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified as Administrator the place of the company drills for the month in which | on the entate of W. T. J. Vann, deceased, hereby notikey are appuinted, unless whose called into actual service | hes all persons indebted to said intestate to come forward REMARKABLE SOCIAL GOVERNOR .- Gov. Powell, of to repel invasion or suppress insurrection, or to execute and pay the same immediately. Those who are indebted

EEC 2. Be it further enacted, That the Governor shall have the power to use the Guards for Home Defence for person- having claims against said estate are nereby nonthe purpose of arresting conscripts and deserters; Provisimits of the counties in which the reside or the counties covery.

DEC. 3. Be if further enacted, That in addition to the exemptions contained in the act to which this is an amendwives and families of soldiers in the army," regular millers, blacksmiths who have established shops, necessary operatives in inctories and foundries, the Atterney General, probably in Columbus county, but lived in Bladen when en-Sometions of the several circuits and counties, physicians listed. of five years' practice, contractors with the State or Confederate government, one editor to each newspaper and the necessary compositors, mail carriers, professors in colleges and teachers in academies, Provided, that this exemption shall only apply to the drills specified in this but and not to service when the Guard for Home Defence is cailed into the field.

LEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That for failure to attend at battanon or regimental ultil, each field officer shall orshall fail to attend at any dill, he shall fortest and pay not loss than five nor more than twenty-five dollars; Provided that every absentee shall be allowed until the next into ter to make his excuse. The fines shall be adjudged by regi mentar and company cours marrisi, and jungments are to North Caronna, pasted a the second extra session of the General Assembly, 1861. BEC. 5. Beat Junher enacted, That the Surgeon General

by and with the advice and consent of the Governor, may appoint sargical bear is, not exceeding three, composed der the act to which this is an amendment, on account of mental or paysoni disability, and they shall receive the pay of their rank and travelled expenses, to be determinnor, shall receive the same pay, Tallons and allowances as

SEC. 7. Be it further end ted, That when the pressure by the government as a Hospital. of public danger shall not prevent the observance of such a rule, too said Guard for home defence shall not be called into service en masse, but by dratts of a number of men from each convenent company, so as to make up the aggragate to de required. Ec. 8 Be it further enacted. That this act shall be in force and take effect from and after his ratification.

Read three times and rathed in General Assembly, this he 14th day of December, A. D., 1863 R. S. DONNELLE S. H. C. G.LES MEBANE, S. S. STATE OF MORTH CAROLINA. I. JNO. P. H. RUnn, secretary of state, in and for the

State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the forego-Given under my hand, this 14th day of Dec., 1863, J. F. H. KUSS. Secretary of ctate. II. The company drains required by the 1st section of

the months of January, Feb. u.ry, Marca, May, June, July, August, September, November and December, and the Buttali n drills on the second Saturday in the mouths of April and October. Iti. The 3d section of the foregoing act is construed to mean that the parties enumerated are exempt from drills. Capital, apprehending deserters, and other ordinary duty of the TIME subscribers are prepared to take risks in the above Guard for home defence, but are not exempt from duty when the Guard for home defence is casted into service to

repel invasion, suppless insuffection, or to execute the laws of the state By order of Governor VA CE : R. C. GATLIN, Abjutant General. Dec. 19, 1863.

RECEIVER'S NOTICE.

LL persons indebted, either by note or account, to the A estate of G. & C. Bradley and WILLIAM K. COVEL, Alien Fremies, are hereby notified to pay the same to me, at my office, during the month of January, 1864. Parties who comply with the notice will save costs. Those who do not comply will mear full costs of a regular proceeding against each one. It is loped that the parties ind bied will save themselves much trouble and the heavy costs of a suit in the Confederate Court.

DEBRUTZ CUILAR, Receiver.

AUCTION SALES

. BY WILKES MORRIS, Auct'r.

NEGROES FOR HIRE. WILL BE HIRED, at the Market House, in the town of Wilmirgton, on the 1st day of January, 1864 several good House Servants, and one good Cook, Washer and Ironer. W. E. FREEMAN, Guardian.

94-2t BY WILKES MORRIS, Aust'r. VALUABLE NEGROES AT AUCTION. ON FRIDAY NEXT, 1st inst., at 11 o'clock, A. M., I will sell at Exchange Corner, a likely family of negroes, NEGRO WOMAN, 30 years of age.

LIKELY NEGRO GIRL, 14 years of ago. BOY, 10

94-ts BY WILKES MORRIS, Auct'r.

DWELLING HOUSES FOR REN1. ON FRIDAY, 1st January. at 11 o'clock. A. M., I will rent at Exchange Corner, until 1st October, 1864, THAT VALUABLE AND DESIRABLE DWELLING. situated upon Front Street, next North and adjoining the residence of H. F. Brown, E.q. ALSO.

At same time and place, the residence on Fourth Srteet, formerly occupied by Mr. T. L. Helden.

BY WILKES MORRIS, Auctoneer.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION ON FRIDAY NEXT, 1st JANUARY, AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M., I will sell at Exchange Corner THAT VALUABLE LOT. Situated upon the corner of Front and Hanover Streets, 132

seet on Front by 100 seet on Hanover, being West end of Dec. 30, 1863 - 94 ts

BY WILKES MORRIS, Auct'r.

WILL BE RENTED, til the 1st October, at the Market House, on Friday next, the 1st of January, a very convenient, comfortable two story House, containing four rooms, with Kitchen attached, situated on Walnut Street, next below the residence of Capt. Bates. Also, an ordinary Dweiling, over the Railroad, immediately north of the Barracks; all belonging to the estate of W. H. Craig, and reuted by order of

P. W. FANNING, Administrator.

91 3 eod.

WANTED IMM. DIAIELY. COMP-TENT PERS IN to act as Clerk on board a A COMP TENT PERS IN to act as Clerk on board a Con ederate steamer at this port; one used to keeptog accounts preferred. Address C. L. J., at this office,

WHITEMORE CUTTON CARDS. WOOL AND JIM CROW CARDS,

HORSE AND MULE COLLARS. Prime Rio Coffee, Awis and Thread, Hoop Iron, Hand Saw Files, Gun and Pistel Ca, s, Tacks, Brushes, Curry Combs, Upper Leather, Blacking, Pins, Razors, oc., at WILSON'S Oil, Leather, Saddlery and Harness Establishment.

CLOTHS AND CASHMERES

TUST RECEIVED, A LARGE AND ELLGANT AS BORTMENT OF CLOTH'S AND CASHMERES. LASTING BUTTONS,

BUITONS, IRISH LINING. ONE CASE OF IBLAH LINEN. 150 DOZEN LADIED' HOSE

A SUPERIOR ARTICLE OF WHALEBONE.

TWO HUNDRED GROSS OF FINE BLACK LASTING

GRAY CLOTH, ENGLISH ARMY GRAY, the finest article imported into the Confederacy, at JAMES MCCORMICK'S,

Dec. 17th, 1863. ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE Of Turpentine Lands in Columbus County, 38 miles from Wilmington. WILL be sold on the premises, on the 14th day of January nexe, a certain tract or land, lying on the west side of Bogue Swamp, and on both sides of the Wilmington and manchester Rauroad, between Flemington and Whitesville, containing about 1500 acres, more or less. Said tract adjoins the lands of Powell, Farrior, Barber, Creech and m'Cracken; has about five tasks of boxes,

The boxes are nearly filled, and a good face on the trees. There is a fine stand for business and a Post-office on the premises. This offers a rare opportunity for investment, and possession will be given immediately. Terms cash; or six months credit with approved security For further particulars apply at Hallsville, to

with some cleared land; a good dwelling house, store,.

warehouse, turpentine still and all necessary out buildings.

THUMAN HALL Administrator of J. E. Hail, dec'd Dec. 15, 1863 82&12-t14thJ

NOTICE.

fied to present them within the time prescribed by law, SAM, R. BUNTING, Admr., &c.

to him for taxes as late cheriff, are hereby notified that

the same must be paid, as the county needs money. All

Dec. 19th. 1863. NOTICE. M. J. WARD is a deserter from my Company. I will pay \$30 reward for his apprehension and confinement in the Military Prison in Wilming on, N. C. Le is

> Capt. Commanding co. I, 36 h M. C. T

LAND FOR SALE_NEGROES TO HIKE. N ThE 1st mor day in January next, I will sen at White Hall, Bladen county, 100 ac es or good la ming and turpen ine land, lying on both sides of the Whimington & Fayetteville road, adjoining the isuds of J. A. Bublesu and N. T. marriss. At the same time and place I will hire out 3 or 4 young

A. K. CROMARTIE, Administrator, &c., C. J. Dickson, deceas d DYEING ESTABLISHMENT. THE SUBSCRIBER IS PARPARED TO DYE, BUOUR and Clean garments at his place of business on Front

Negro tellows.

Street, near the corner of Mulberry Street. He is also prepar ed to do all kinds of Tailoring. Dec. 30, 1865 -91-21* W. J. BMITH. · FOR RENT. A COMFORTABLE DWELLING HOUSE on Market Street, with 5 rooms and necessary out houses.—
Possession given immediately. Apply to
H. R. Pantill,

No. 9 Market Steel. FOR SALE. soldiers in the Confederate States' service, and shall be WILL SELL at public auction on the 8th January, 1864, the House and Lot known as the Hill House, situated on

the corner of Front and Dock etreets, at present occupied DUBRUIZ CUTLAR. Agent of the owners.

Dec. 30th NOTI E. MCADAM, WIGHTMAN & Co., WHOLESALE GRO-CERS and COMMISSION MERCHANTS, 13 178 Leet, between Main and Cary, MICHMUND, VA. Respectively solicits the patronage of those naving goods

to be consigned to our city, piedging ourselves to use every effort to make satisfactory sales and render account of sales 34 Lin* GENERAL HOSPITAL No. 5, 1 WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 30.h. 1803.

LL OFFICERS AND PRIVATES in private quarters in A this Hospital, will report in person, by the loin Janua. ry, 1864, or their names will be dropped from the negleter, the foregoing act will take place on the second caturday in and they be reported to the proper authority. H. F. BUTT, Eurgeon in Charge. Dec 30, 1863 -94-1w

THE SOUTHERN ISSURANCE AND SAVINGS PETERSBURG, VA.

L Company on as favorable terms as any first class office. HARdido & Howeld, Agents, Wilmington, N. C. 94 3 m Dac. 30th

TO RENT. A LARGE AND COMFOSTABLE BOUSE pleasants ly situated in the apper part of the town, good guarden Ac.

A SMALL HOUSE on Princes, Street. Apply to JAMES WILL N WANTED.

COMFORTABLE, Furnished Room for a gentleman A pleasantly situated. Liberal price will be paid. Apply to Col. C. E. THORBURN, or Power, Low & Co