OFFICIAL ARMY NEWS.

HEADQ'RS, ARMY NORTHERN VIRGINIA Dec 21th.

To the Hon. James A. Leddon: Gen. Breckinridge reports that the enemy after having heen roughly handled in the engagemen's on Saturday and Sunday, near Marion having many killed and wounded, gained possession of Salivilla during the night of the 20th. The garrison retreated up the Rice Valley. His advance arrived there on the 21st at daylight, and retiring that night and morning of the 22d towards Hector's Gap. They are being pursued. Our troops are bearing the exposure and fatigue with great cheerfulness. The damage doze to the works can soon be repaired. Many Bridges spd Depots on the railroad have been burned.

R. E. LEE. (Bigned)

HEADQ'BS. A. N. VA , Dec. 24th. Gen. Fitz Lee reports that the force that attacked Gen. Lomax yes'erday, consisted of two divisions of the enemy's cavalry under Torbett. Lomex was posted across Madison turppike, 7; miles from Gordonsville. The enemy were sight to engage him. his rear passed Jack's Shops, 12 where they were received with salvos of artitlery. miles from Gordonsville, 1 hour after dark. Thirty-two prisoners were cap'ured at Liber'y Mills on the 22d, being nnable to keep up on the retreat and were liberated. Lomax's loss was slight.

FROM THE UNITED STATES.

The Baltimore American, evening edition of the 22d inst.

Farragut has been appointed Vice Admiral in the Yan-The steamer Formerly, has been seized at Nassau for violation of military laws, the being an armed vessel. A telegram from Hopkinsville, says that Mc 'ook struck part of Lyon's command at that place at daylight on the

The evacuation of Savarnah was effected without loss. except as to such materials as could not be transported .-The last troops of the line crossed the river at three A. M. the Mayor, under flag of truce, about 5 o'clock, P. M.,

CONGRESS.

Вісимокр. Dec. 26th, 1864. In the House on Saturday, J. M. Leach submitted a reso lution declaring that the writ of habeas corpus ought not to be suspended except in extreme cases, where the public safety imperatively demands it; that the people are united in the great s'ruggle for liberty, the ex gency of the case justifying its enspersion. The resolution was rejected, year 31-nays 41. The correct bill was taken up and passed. Various resolutions of enquiry were adopted, after which the House adjourned until Wednesday next.

FROM THE UNITED STATES.

A Nashville telegram report that Hood still continues to

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COL. MOSBY WOUNDED.

FREDREICK-BURG, Va., Dec. 27th, 1964.

The gallant Col. Mosby received a dargerous but not mortal wound on last Wednesday. He is in our hands and A raiding party of the enemy landed in Westmoreland on

Monday, committed a good many depredations, and then

FROM THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE. RICHMOND, Dec. 27 h, 1864. The Washington Chronicle of the 25th inst., has been re-

ceived. It contains no war news of interest. The steamers Old Dominion, Wild Rover, Little Hattle, Barshee and Agnes Fry had arrived at Massau from Wil Gregg, Charlotte, Will-o-the-Wisp, Stormy Petrel, Little

European advices of the 16th Lave been received. The The London Times arres the opening of negotiations to

Hattie, Byren and Star had sailed to run the blockade.

close the American war, saying that it must come to this at Cotton was unchanged.

NORTHERN REPORTS FROM HOOD'S ARMY. RICHMOND, Dec. 27th, 1864.

New York papers of the 24th contain a telegram from Franklin, Dec. 22d, which says the rebel retreat to Duck river beggars all description. Gen. Cheathar told his aunt (Miss Page,) that Hood was ordered to Nashville against his own wishes, but he blames Hood for not attacking Schofield at Spring Bill.

A Nashville telegram of the 23d says that Hood's army was at Pulaski on the 22d. The water on the shoals is fifteen feet deep. Rebel deserters report that the only effective corps in

Hood's army is Lee's. From the Charlottesville Chronicle. But redder yet those fires shall glow On Linden's hills of blood s'ain'd snow,

And darker yet shall be the flow Of laer rolling rapidly-

The combat deepens—on ye brave Eight months of fighting-and we are not done yet. The flames burst out afresh. The land trembles again under moving armies. Here the war-torrent ploughs its way through a State-to the sea. There the clouds bave met-and we know not which was the stronger. Here in Virginia, after a slight full, the thunder rolls angrily across the sky again-the prelude to a crash .-Fighting in Georgia-fighting in Tennessee-an attack menaced at Richmond-the spoiler sweeping through Northern Virginia-this does not look like the close of

a campaign.

May God protect our brave armies! Let us at this moment turn our thoughts to Him. Do we not feel that He mingles in this contest? Are we not now conscious-however incredulous before-that He does in truth intervene in human affairs? We aim at a practical result, we have endeavored to impress sentiment before; we would have the people vividly rea ize that there is a Foreign Intervention-of no mean Potentate-within their reach. He preserves the balance of power-He puts himself forward in others' quarrels without explanation and without ceremoney-He com mands the peace when prace is desirable-He adjusts belching artillery. We have indulged dreams of other intervention; we have nursed the wildest fancies of Eu ropean embroilments-we will not cherish this-we will not, in desperate ungodliness of the human heart, accept this thought-that God is indeed an actual power, and a vertible actor in these occurences. To do so were to take the first great step in securing the exertion of that power in our interest; we never will impress it into our cause, until we genuinely and operatively believe in its reality. National infidelity feeds the flames of the war-causes them to burst forth with ever renewed fierceness in one quarter and anothergives volume to the thunders and vividness to the lightnings. This is a subtle power back of all material agencies-back of the impalpable elements of light, heat, electricity, magnetism, and momentum-what scientific men denominate the principle of force-that unnameable quality of spirit-which mocks-at all physical combinations and smites with impotency the devices and contrivances of man. Man in his mysterious existences has access to even this, and lays it under requisitions which gives him a power that flows from the fountain of power itself. It he had faith even er meeting; come together and mutually encourage one tirpated in a day. You have proposed to yourselves as a grain of mustard seed, ye should say to youder another in the service of God. Never be assamed of terrible problems before knowing how you can solve mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the depths of the sea, and it should obey you." Was this humbly, sincerely, gladly, before any man, from the an idle transcendentalism-an unmeaning bravura of lowest private to the highest General. Keep yourself the author of Christianity? The fervent, determined free from the vices of the camp. Never indulge in sinsolid frame work of the hearth.

A worthy couple in Detroit had twins baptized the Other day, and in order that they might tell one from the other, tied a piece of ribbon around the arm of one, which a stupid servant girl removed after the baptismal ceremony, and now they cannot tell " which is which."

NEGROES ENDEAVORING TO RETURN HOME. The Marianna (Fia.) News learns that about 150 of the negroes captured Pensacola, having become tired of the treatment of their brutal masters, the Yankees, and got as far as East Pass. when not having a pilot, and being ignorant of the route enemy, who were several days hunting for them.

From the Manchester Guardian. CREAT WORKS OF THE AGE IN EUROPE.

RAILWAY THROUGH THE ALPS. We are glad to learn that this scheme is progressing and that it is likely to be attended with a success com-1863, by J. S. The Confederate States for the Northern mensurate with the magnitude of the undertaking.— There are at present in Switzerland three gentlemen representing the board of directors of the Central European Railway Company- pamely : Mr. Cave, sheriff RICHMOND, Dec. 24.-The following dispatches were of London and Middlesex; Mr. Walford, a director of the Finance Corporation, and Mr. J. W. Maclure, of Marchester. They went out to inaugurate the commencement of the works.

The object of the line, as is known, is to connect the lines running from Ostend to Rotterdam to Basle, with the Lombardian and Italian systems, thereby shortening the overland route to India by about four hundred miles, or sixty hours, making England independent of France, by affording a rail route through Belgium and Switzerland, neutral countries, in the event of a European war. The line to be made will leave the Lombardo Venetian railway at Como, and run by Chiasso, Lugano and Beliazono to Biasca. Thence it will take either the pass of the Saint Gothard, or the Luckmanier Pass, according to the decision of the Swiss federal government. A letter from a member of the deputation, dated the 18th inst, states that on the previous day the deputation, hardsomely requised, and retired about 3 P. M., leaving with the local representatives of the company, Signor some of his dead on the field. He traveled too rapidly last | Cattanso, and others, visited the works at Lugano.

The united bands of the canton of Tictno played in front of the Lotel where the deputation stayed, and the mayor, with the leading inhabitants, paid them complimentary visits, prior to their interview with the government of the canton. It was hoped that very shortly about ten miles of the line would be open for traffic. On Taree more of the St. Alban raiders have been rearrest- the 20th inst. the deputation was to meet the Feder ad by the Canadian authorities and are undergoing exam- ral government at Berne, where they expected to learn what the government subvention would be .-The line from Como to Biasca is estimated to cost about a million and a half, of which about seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds is already issued and hard the following note, which we read by the light of a held by British capitalists.

TRAMWAY ON MOUNT CENIS. Newspaper readers have at different times been informed of the proposal submitted by Mr. Fell, in conon Tuesd-y evening. Gur troops held the bridge notil af- cert with Messre. Brassey and Jackson, to the French ter 6 o'clock, when it was destroyed by our forces. The and Italian governments, for laying down a tramway of his back. Bis pantaloons lay in one corner of the will also s'moy the qualities of different kinds of food enemy occupied the city which had been surrendered by on the present Mount Cenis route, covering the same with wooden, iron and stone galleries, and working it coat was spread out on the floor, and his vest had louged by means of a new and lighter species of locomotive, so that the distance between Susa and St. Michael. which now takes ten might be safely and regularly | washe and was half a dozen bottles of various sizes, one | vant and intelligent farmer should be able to derive traversed in a period of from four to five hours. The first series of these Mount Cenis locomotive experiments, for producing a low engine capable of carrying rows of blots and scratches intended to pass for writing. ited in number as to preclade any wide range of exper a train of one hundred passengers, with their luggage, over the mountain, have had satisfactory results. The trials have been made on an incline of one in thirteen (the Mount Cenis being one in twelve,) and the exposed, while the break power for descending is most perfect. A great number of practical and scientific welve, and curves of thirty and fifty metres radius combined, for which a piece of line is in process of construction, the fac simile of the Mount Cenis.

TRIAL OF AN ALPINE LOCOMOTIVE.

[From the Liverpool Pos'.] An interesting trial of a locomotive engine built upon novel principles at the Canada works, Birkenhead, took place lately at Whaley bridge, on the Cromford and High Peak railway, and upon a short line made espe cially for the experiment. The engine is constructed to ascend and descend steep gradients, to pass sharp curves, and to perform work which locometives as yet have never been able to accomplish.

The practical object of this invention cannot but be line of railway for passengers, mails and merchandise | week." over the very heart of the Alps, and along a road hitherto considered impassable for locomotives. It is the well known military road hewn out of such giant difficulties by the first Napoleon that it is thus contemplamirgton. The Syren, Marmion, Evelyn and Kemlworth ted to traverse. At present there is a tract of mounhad returned in distress. The Virginia, Hansa, Ecla, Kate | tain pass forty-eight miles in length between the two great railway systems of France and North Italy, the terminus of the former being San Michel, in Savoy, and better try and pass for eighteen." the latter Suse, in Piedmont. The Mount Cenis, by which this district is known, has been considered so important for purposes of traffic that the French and Italian Governments five years ago commenced the excavation of a tunnel to remove the difficulties so often felt. At the lowest computation this great undertaking will fake twelve years to complete. The proposed railway over the surface of the pass will only be two pear in the Democrat when you get knocked in the head years in making, and the projectors would, therefore, have ten years of working before the tunnel was available for treffic. The district has been thoroughly surveyed by Mr. Fell, in connection with a company of well known English capitalists and contractors, and the scheme has met with the approbation of the Italian Government. The present road is sufficiently wide to accommodate the railway and leave room for local traffic, and the usal engineering labors of tunneling, etc., will not be required.

The chief difficulty, however, is that which the new locomotive is especially designed to overcome-namely sissippi water may be lingering behind the obstructions." the excessive steepness. Starting from San Michel, the road gradually rises as far as the village of Lanslebourg, whence it takes a rapid ascent, with gradients of one in again." twelve to the summit of the pass, which is seven thousand feet above the level of the sea. From this point there is an equally rapid descent to Suse. In addition to this rising and falling there are frequent sharp living or dead, shall fore, it from me with a double action curves. It is proposed to cover in those portions of the suction pump. ine where it is known avalanches and snow drifts fall. The lo comotive to be employed here is, in fact, a douor separate, according to the steepness of the incline. — Not the least feature of the invention is the safety that it ensures. The horizontal wheels referred to above facilitate passage of curves, enables the driver to stop the | Here's my will, the testament is in the trunk I'm too engine in the middle of the steepest gradient, give a propulsive pressure of several tons, and by means of the flanges which underly the centre rail, renders it nearly must tarry at Jericho. Tell her when been become a ie-impossible that the carriage can be overturned. The gal tender, and her beef grows tender. I'll pay her off must be a second as I draw my bound y, but by lead any land and leading impossible that the carriage can be overturned. The brakes are extremely powerful, and, as they are attach. cows' hell- and whit lether. I'm off for Barton Barracke ed to each carriage, no danger can arise from a connling chain giving way. The extreme narrowness of the gauge renders the curves less difficult to pass, gives more room for the public road, and greatly assists in

erecting the covered ways for the more dangerous parts. The trials on Tuesday were in every way successful, and for once the high peak proved an aid rather than an obstacle to the engineer. There were two inclines ; the first being two bundred yards long, at a gradient international disputes.—He lays his hand on the thunderbolts of war, and quenches the lurid flames of the ty two tuns-first ascended and descended the lines, He says: stopping in the middle, and going backwards and foraden with twenty six tous of ballast, were then attachnumber of passengers will not exceed one hundred and sented to.

ninety-equivalent to twenty four tuns. A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT .- We would add a leasy to solve. What shall you do with four millions few encouraging words to the religious soldiers. Keep of persons, but yesterday slavish and degraded, and that testify to his powers, made it absolutely impossi- mas. ap the spirit of religion by reading the word of God, lo day the equals of their former masters? The pre- ble for me to connect any heroic idea with the man .by self examination, and by earnest prayer. If your judices of races still so deep rooted at the North, and Professor Fulton. Chaplain is called away do not neglect the regular pray- much more tenacious at the South, are not to be exyour religion, confess Christ, not with ostentation, but bem. Your future, therefore, is big with difficulties, prayer of the Christians of this Confederacy would ful amusements to kill time; if you do, sin will, in the calamities! You are now paying dearly for long years burst the very gates of heaven, and call upon our foes end, kill your soul. Resolve that if God shall spere of prosperity which you have run without burdens. such a storm as would tear up their foundations, as the your life, you will return to your home a pure and true offer fervent prayer that you may soon see the end of match pours its current into the mine which rends the man, and it you should fall, you will fall as a Christian it. I can truly add that this is the wish of the whole praying, " Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

warning. You are still spared. God has shielded your ping all other nations in this bloody path, on which head in many battles. What return have you made? you have entered, and over which the whole world Are you still thoughtless, profane, and openly wicked? Stop, reflect. You may be killed in the next skirmish or battle. How would you appear before the Judge? you, knock and it shall be open .- Soldier's Paper.

because he talks with victuals in his mouth,

"THE CLOTHES LINE."

A clothes line to yonder garden Goes wandering among the trees, And on it two very long stockings Are kicking the evening breeze; And a lot of fancy dry goods,

Whose nature I cannot defice Are wildly and merrily flopping About that same old line.

And a very aly your g lady At the parlor window sews; And I rather think if you tried it, You'd find she'd fit into them hose ; She's only a half length picture,

Foreshortened below the breast, But the dry goods which dance on the tight rope Out youder, just make up the rest. Bo dream-like, she seems so genile.

You'd think her too good for earth; And I feel that a holier spirit Is banishing yn'gar mir'h! To its wordly home - hy jiego! What a flourish that muslin throws! And how uncommonly taper These stockings go off at the toes.

> O, eyes, like the sky when it's bluest ! O, hair! like tie night without star! O muslin aed hose! I can't help it! Ye still draw my thoughts ever "that!"

The lady alone is substantial, The clothes but a fancy ideal, Yet sem how or other-confound it-I've mixed up the sh. m and the road. O Leve! yau're the same o'd samence

With the poet, the must or the brick;

You go no with a rush like a rooket,

But come down at last like a stick; And let love thoughts be let v or lowly. Platonic, or flash, I opine that they all. like new dry goods and stock nge, Belong to the very same line.

From the bt. Louis Republican. TROUBLES OF & DEAFTED MAN. At ten o'cleck pesterday meming, while returning from the fire al Fagin's mill, a decinquive African thrust into on pile blazing of bran:

" I am drafted Come and ace me-We went. We found Jenks in the seventh story of a dilapidated building in the sn mib. He was Iving on a shugh matrass, on dishaoi le-that is, with so hing on but a shirt and "poor man's plaster" of shormous size up the small room, looking as though he had jumped out of them; his and their capacities for making firsh and fat rapidly .in a neat of cobwe he on the bed pest. A weeks and was drawn near the bed, and a tallow candle a uck in a sod; bottle, threw a feeble light over the sparement. On the laid down, but from the principles cliented, any obsercontained " soothing tytup," another " strengthening rules for his guidance. The great trouble in this coun Cordia," and another "P. ison." A roll of wall paper was on the washs and, and on the smooth side were I ng at the top of the scroll weread, " Last will and tissum it | north; still even in the small space allowed us much t me, Jenks'

We approached the b. dside, and Jenks at a tched out his hand in a teet is master and said : "You have come in time. I am not long 'er this world. perimental engine, a new one, on Mr. Fell's peculiar | Ch, it was a cruel blow | Fee me deceasty interred, with our list is exhausted. system, has taken up and down the entire load pro- my boot-jack under my head, and the photograph of Early on my bosom, face unward."

" Who the duce is Emily?" "Fmily Pecahontas-! mean mily Thorne-ab my boy, men have been witnessing these locamotive experiments that thorn has been sticking to my heart ever since a long leed all kinds of stock; us d for this purpose they will RICHMOND, Dec. 26th, 1864. with much interest, and now a second series of experiof the 23d, contains nothing of ments is just being commenced—viz: on a gradient of night Hard me that bottle, no tother comment had not been will look better and do more work on fre. we will. Inc. independence of the Confederacy was breadstuffs and meat would readily command high fignight. Hand me that bottle -ro, tother one. "Which, the poison!"

Jenks took the bottle, and raising himself up in bed. held it up to his lips for about ten or uffeen micutes. "That's a pretty good draught." "Try it; its old Bourbon. A pretty good crat! We

> "Twas ever thus from childhood's hour, When I at other's woes have laughed, The Provest Marcha!, grim and sour. Has drawn me in his horrid draft."

you are unsound, consumptive, or an alien, or something where they are stabled and fed. "Can 1? Well, the fact is, between you and me and the greatly interesting, inasmuch as it proposes to run a gate post, I am a little past the age-I was forty-five last

> mains; 18 from 18 and naught remains-there it is to a early decay and loss of strength of the organs of the fraction; I'm forty-six; figures won't lie." " But McDonald uses a different arithmetic. You ha

"What, with all this hair on my face! But I've got an other dodge.' "The piles! Look here!" and Jenks arose, and open irg an old leather trunk, displayed two piles of dirty shirts. There's piles enough to make a washerwoman scep." "Twont do Jenas. Dr. Bates will pronounce you a used with great advantage to increase t sound man, and you had better go. Thick of the glory of sweeten the taste.—Field and Fireside. serving your country-of the flaming sulogy that will ap-

by a canton ball. Go, fight for you country-"Breathes there a man with soul so dead Who never to himself hath suid.

"When were you born?"

"Then you are only thirty-six !"

"In the year 1828"

This is my own my native land ? "Yes, by thunder!" exclaimed Jenks, striking his fist pon the washstand, and making the bottle of "poison By a feat into the air, and upsetting the "soothing syrup" and the candle, "yes, by thunder! such a man does breathe! I havn't got no native land. I was born upon the water-on a Mississippi steamboat-and my native ele-

ment has run out into the ocean long ago." · If that's the case, they'll put you on a gueboat and send you down to Mobile, where some of your native Mis-"Avaunt, and quit my eight! You are one of Job's comforters. I ask you to show me how to escape the drait, and you talk to me about gunboate! Give me the bottle

" If you are really apxious to escape the draft, Jenks, it can be done; but it's a secret, and you must promise not to breathe it to a living soul.' "I swear-tell me, and d-n my buttons if any man,

" Well let on that you don't knew that you are drafted but as soon as the sun is up go out to B rton Barracks and inquire for Col. Catherwood, tell him you want a place in ble engine, a horizontal and vertical engine combined, the cavalry brigade he is organizing. Tell him you have on to the field of battle. A man came out with a lunatic asylum, a few days since, a patient was asked

draft will never reach you " "Give me your hand, old boy; I'll do is, by hokey . Catherwood, or any other wood that will saietd me from the draft. Tell my wash rwoman I'll liquid te her claim as soon as I draw my bounty; but by Ned ! my land ady | and bringing out a Bible, said, " That's my stimulant.

to jan Cather Aedwood's brigade. "O, there's not a trade that's going, Worth showing or knowing Like that from glory growing Of the bould sojer buy

" Whoop? who's afraid of the draft. Give us another

A Foreign Echo-A French gentleman of ripe culture who, jus. before the outbreak of civil war spenof about two chains radius. This represents the most recent private letter held the following language which defficult part of the Mont Cenis road. The shortness of was not intended for publication, we translate for our could not being up my content of Littler in Gerthe fine upon which the experiment was made prevent- readers, as containing the thoughts of an enlightened many to the idea I had of him being I saw his manu ed the full getting up of steam, and the trial may there- | oreigner qualified as well by his own familiar know- scrip s, colections of his works, posterits; but his big fore be taken as a fair test. The locomotive itself, ledge of our country as by his point of view to look no drinking cups were, after all, the most prominent memweighing sixteen tuns, but with a tractive force of thir- less intelligently than dispussionately on our struggle. orials he left behind him. He was a jody one soul;

wards as required, with perfect ease. Four wagon, I think that no good can possibly result from it except nothing high and grand about him. I went to see the by means of matual reconcultation. If it is the cannon place where the devil is eard to have helped him over ed, and the experiment was repeated with equally satis- which has the last word, you may have conquered sub- the walls of Augsburg; but, even there, not a gleam factory results. It is proposed to work the Mont Ce- jects, but not political Confederates, still less friends .- of poetry associated itself with his name. The huge nis line at an average speed of twelve miles, thus per- The Union in such a case would no longer be anything drucking cup seemed to swallow up everything, and torming the journey in from four to five hours. The but a lie, for it cannot be imposed, it would be freely as- the couplet, said to be his, appeared to tell the whole

And on another side of the question, the blacks transformed into freedom, present a problem which it is not which, sooner or later, must bring on a crisis and revolution, the nature of which no man can now foresee. May God save your country from still more deplorable of Europe; for, if you have no personal recollection Unconverted soldier ! take a few words of advice and of revolutions, you must admit that you are cutstrip-

mourns. - Nat. Int. LONG HAIR AND LOYALTY .- The government con-Ab! you know you would have to charge your ruin to | tinues vigorous in its efforts to punish treeson and supyour own neglect of salvation. While you read this, press the rebellion. During the late scare at Washingresolve to change your life : begin now to pray. There ton a portrait painter, named Johnson, of that city, an immease oval rock 300 feet high, situated about in this county in the late raid, attempted to escape from is mercy for you. The door of the Kingdom is before was at rested and confined in Fort McHenry, because eighty miles north of Bastrop. Its surface is poliched be wore long hair, which, it is charged, he had said be and in sunshine dazzles the beholder at a distance of would not cut until the independence of the South was three or four miles. Those who ascend it have to wear to cut his hair, when he was released.

THE GOVERNOR'S PRECLAMATION. Gov. VANCE publishes the following Proclamation in

the Conservative of the 22d inst.: WEERSAS, The long expected a tack upon our only rem ini g seaport 's now about to be made, and our State is already I kely to be invaded at other points by an enemy to whom mercy and civilization are alik- nektown and unregarded; and whereas, all the organiz d forces of the State stread; ordered to the front may said be insufficient

State of Worth Carolina, relying upon the loyally and devotion of her citizens, do issue this my proclamation, commanding and abjuring all good people, whether by law subject to military dary or not, who may be able to stand hehing br a works and fire a musket, of all ages and con- dinner in our beautiful city of the sea, and other poor versed in prophetic lore and interpretation, that accorddicions, to rally at once to the defence of their country. Confederates, brave men and noble women, must bow ing to the schemes and arguments of many expositors, and burry to Wibelington And I do appeal to every man who has the spirit of a freeman in his beam, who has a spark of the fire or a drop of the blood of the heroes of the great arms of the great captain in his veins, to came and come at once. The man who has a back now because the law does not connect him to go, and consoler himself with the and burry to Wilmington And I do appeal to every mar much abus d and m: an spirited plea that he can " be more use ul at he ma" wil find it hard to make us believe that he | success. We lay no claim to any especial military sais not ; leading the cause of cowardice or disloyalty --The country needs their help now and that help must be given in this lour of distress, or they must own that their only are only fired to enjly the freed m purchased with other men's blood. For a few days all men physically able. are reeded at the front and especially do we need the example of all those who affective paned for the fray, while man's designs (if Le had or has any) is, Savannah being mitting and overruling such a war. it was yet at a d starce, and sauffed the battle white it was in his hands and supplies received, to cut our communiwith his blanket to Wilmington, where arms and rations will be furnished, and let these lett behind mount themselves and parrel their counties, looking after the women ways, but we believe he will do it by marching on Au- prophetic epochs of the Apocalypse and of Daniel. and children and preserving ord r. Your G vernor will meet you at the front and will at are with you the worst. Given under my hand and the great seal of the

day of December, 1864. ZEFULON B VANCE. Be the Governor : M B. RIBINS Picate Sec'y.

PERDITO STOCK.

It is a matter of the greatest importance to the farm er to know how to derive all the benefit possible from the emount of food he may be ow on his stock; all his profi s depend on this, and a prudent and exceful man will not only select the particular bread which promises the largest gain from the amount of food given, bu these peculiarities of stock and ford differ so widely among themselves that none but general rules can b try arises from the fact that our crops are so very lim may be done. Stock rarely fatten rapidly confined to one kind of food, but after we name corn, oats, peas, pota ces, turorps and pumpkins and a very few others.

These articles do very well in their way, but very few farmers raise enough of them to do any good .-Large or ps of each should be raised, making plenty to on the snow at Valley Porge, and improved the God of of Flour was received from Payettevide on Tuesday, and quent pairs of this food than on corn alone. The peopie of this country eat too much ment and the stock too | country as this, having such a population as ours, who much corn as a general rule, and true conomy would reduce the quantities in both instances with the best re- perfect Government, with splendid armies, can never be sults. The termer should devote much of his time and | conquered. Be conquered! The man who utters the it's the worst draft I ever elt in my life. Just to think of me, Janks, being drafted the first pop I But it's just my attention to the cultivation of grain crops, the grasses, land and should have his wife to me, Janks, being drafted the first pop I But it's just my carro's, parsnips, beets, cabbages, &2., for the use of his household as well as his stock. In the great majority of mouth and cast to the dogs. instances these roofs would keep well during our winter with but very little if any care, and would yield a rich " But you may escape-you may himbug the foramis- return in the improved condition of his animals, and

One of the most important points is the preparation pieces and well steamed and mixed with cut hay, &c, for horses, cattle or sheep; for hogs the hoy of course must be omitted. All grain should be ground more or as meal boiled and fed to them warm. Milk, whey, supply of warm bedding under shelter. A long con-

respondent of the New York Era professes to have disco v. heard in the land. ered " a crawfish Legislature in the swamp," with a list of the acts passed thereby, thirty, in number. Among the acts are the following: An Akt to rase our paa.

An ast to render members liabal to kontempt out uv the Honse as well as in it. An Akt allowin no members to hold more than sicks of. fices at wonst. An Akt to rase our psa agaia.

Another Akt to rase our pa. An Akt requiren kosphy houses to put all members on An Akt to tax Jackassec. [Akt withdrawn upon urgent entreety ov the house.]

One moar akt to rase our paa. An Akt to abolish det, and pavishin peeple for paying the same. Supplementil akt to rase our paa. An Akt to sukurridge bar rumes. Another Akt brought in to rase our pas.

An Akt to exempt from melisher dooty awl members.

An akt declarin awi memb rs over 46.

Sicks Akts to rase our pas,

A GOOD STIMULANT .- A LITTLE INCIDENT FOR BOYS. -1 was standing in a city as a regiment was passing it's a summant!' He placed his hand in his pocket mount a nobby, you can't stop and you can't get off."

GENERAL EHERMAN ON CLAVERY .- From a gentleman who has had several consultations with Gineral Eherman recently, the Constitutionalist learns, he says savery with exist in the South after the concusion of peace, let the war terminate as it may; that Litecola's precamations in mer's Night's Dream to the captain. When I came to reference to its aboliciou are simply means for the reste- the description of the mormand ridging upon the Dolphin's rates of the Union, that the Subretee Court have not will got austain him, matther war are rederal Government atemp to ab herlatery, but will cave it to the States Dock is as sharp as a razor, and no mermaid could p sireturning to the Union to a the it, and that he (sherma ) by ride the beaut unless she had first saddled him."xpects to own a thousand sate a in the couth one of the to Snekspeare was caught happing here.

He represents Sherman a boing a thorough fanatic upon he su ject of tratoring the equation fine in MARTIN LUTHER AT HOME AND AS HE WAS - But I hearty and honest, I dare say, and banged away at the I am neutral between the parties to your strife, and Pope and the devit with good effect. But there was

"Who loves not wine, women and song,

Remains a fool all his life long." In short, his burly face and figure, and the goblets

FIBELITY OF SOUTHERN SLAVES .- This invasion mong other things has demonstrated (says a correspondent of the Augusta Constitutionalis:) one fact and that is, the general devotion of our slaves to their owners. Often upon the route in the rear of the advancing armies, large groups of faithful slaves could be seen shouting with joy upon being able to escape and return to "Old Master and Missus." These nigger lovers, with unspeakable meanness robbed the poor creatures of all the money they had, and in some instances of hats the inquiry, "Where have you been?" said, "Down

To this we may add the significant fact that the Georgia negroes in Sherman's rear are now arresting most of the stragling Yankees and delivering them up to our authorities .- Telegraph & Confederate.

A CURIOSITY. - The enchanted mountain in Texas is home, they got no further, and were recaptured by the of it. It does not follow that one's stomach is full of food recognized. After several weeks confinement he agreed mocassins, or stockings, and, like those who went up to fronting Polycgu's Uphoistery Store. Mount Horeb, pull off their shoes.

From the Augusta Constitutionalist. THE SIPUATION.

Some weeks since, while Sherman was concentra-Now, the refere I, Zabu'en B. Vance, Gore nor of the Allister easily fell and Savannah, as we now know, is St. John the Baptist." are only boldly developed not executed by his present ranges from 1802 to 1868.

> move, if successful, would place us. What then in brief, for we have no heart to argue secure against the advance of the Federal army, but to human agency and responsibility apparently tree. commence to do so at once; and make them at every available point from the present position of our forces

on both sides of the river. Our communications are most seriously endangered, and every emergy must be displayed to project them foring this weet ratell hezords. Men must prepare bemselves for sacrifices, patriotism must be in the asendant, and military rul bear sway. From pres nt ndica tons the war is surging this way; e must made ip our minds to meet it, and if disasters come to bear rem like men. None but the poor in spirit and the aint of heart can fail in the glorious cau e in the carkat and most terri le hour. From great tribulations will spring great joy. Our star is as bright as ever, but obscured by the cloud. We may probably yet have to soffer as our fathers did in the dark days of the Revoatton, when the blood dripped from the neet of their mirey to pity the stricken and suffering people. It in sold from what at \$100 per bbl. We omit quotations of never suice than now. A people spread over such a ures. maintained themselves four years in all the dignity of a

always marks the steps of the invader. It is false .slopes by telling him you are too old, or too yourg; that the large amount of manure derived from the stalls l'atriotism never lived other than a sickly existence in the palaces of wealth and power and the marts of trade for and on account of whom it may concern, all the cargo and the busy whirl of commercial and speculating life, saved from the wreck of of the food; all the roots should be cut into small it is hid beneath the bales or is locked up in the groaning vaults. The poor, the poor of every land, are the picket guards of liberty and the sentinels of freedom .-We have them with us always, thank God, and the arless fine and then boiled; these processes of cutting and snies of the Confederate States, with their noble, devoted This is the year 1864, sin't it? Very good; subtract 1823 grinding save a very great deal of labor on the part of and Chistian leaders, bave no thought but liberty, to from 1864; 8 from 14, and 6 remains; 2 from 6 and 4 re- the animal, and prevent the rapid waste and consequent aspirations but separate independence. Let the faint-hearted make up their minds to suffer ; the sooner stomach. To fatten hogs rapidly nothing is so good they do so, the sooner they become strong. Bend every energy to assist the army and protect and defend roots, peas, &c., may be added. The trough should be the points of attack. We must conquer in this figut, kept clean and plenty of fresh water allowed and a full but we may have to suffer to be strong. You, and thousands of others, who have looked fordward with a tinnance of this course would make the fat too gross longing hope to peaceful, pleasant days, when the sword and soft, and potatoes, peas, &c., well boiled may be shall be turned into the pruning hook and cannon into used with great advantage to increase the muscle and plough shares, may yet go down to death in this terrible storm of war; and yet, unless independence comes with peace, the battle will still be joined, and the fight LEGISLATION EXTRAORDINARY .- The New Orleans cor- and groun and "sabre stroke" will still be seen and

land. Ay! should have his vile tongue torn from his

A dispatch from New York to the Boston Herald states that it is considered more than probable that two very fast vessels, which sailed from that port during the past week, were intended to be converted into Mexican privateers, to destroy vessels flying the French flag. The fact that large numbers of the Juarez family were, with some of his high military officers, in New York, apparently with pleaty of money, seen moving about in commercial circles recently, gives sufficient weight to the rumor to warrant our government in placing detectives on their track. Instructions have also been sent to our naval officers in the Gulf relative to the course to be pursued by them should the escaped privateers show themselves in that latitude. The French Minister has had an agent in New York | ceived by recent arrivals: watching the movements of Mexican relugees for months past.

GOOD REASONING .- There is a good deal of sound sense, at times, in the remarks of insane persons. At a since you're such a big fellow. How tall you are! A two," carelessly remarked the gentleman. "Oh! yes ong glass of beer, hey?" "No sir; none!" "What's there is," said the patient, "and it is this : if you ride the matter?" "Nothing, sir !" "Well, you need it; a horse, you can stop him and get off, but when you

A SHARP CRITIQUE.—Spakspeare never received a keener Criticism than that made by an old sea Captain, who figures in Ferion's Familiar Letters from Egrore. The au hor says:

Last night I read some passages from the Midsumback he pronounced it a humoug. "Th. D olphin's

highway room ly lot e as onishment of the court, the will make immediate payment. well as the presoners themselves, they were found not guilty. As th y were removed from the bar the judge addressing the jailor said, " Mr. Murphy, you would greatly case my mind if you would keep those personable property of said estate consting of everytwo respectible guidemen until seven, or half past seven o'clock, for I m an to set out for Da he at five and I should like to have at least two hours start of

Con. oguy .- Between the editor and young soldier on fu-lough: Soldier .- Hello, Mr. Editor, hear of any Christmas

anywhere? Editor - None whatever. Think we shall have a very dull time of it. Sot .- Well, I'm jest going to scare up some somewhere -it I can find boys enough.

Ed.—But girls too are required for a merry Christ-

Sol .- (With a shrug of the shoulder and a relicking laugh) Oa! as for gals, you can find plenty of them any time and any where. Just blow a horn and they'll come up in crowds.

relitor retires shaking with laughter and horror. Edgefield Advertiser.

A badly bunged up Emerald Islander, in response to

and shoes. Heaven grant that the skill of our com- to Mrs. Mulcooney's wake, and an illegant time we had manders, with the burning courage of our men, will of it. Fourteen fights in fifteen minutes; only one strike a fatal blow to this "grand" and remarkable in- whole nose left in the house and that belonged to the

SUPERIOR SALT. 500 BAGS superior COAST SALT of my own make nost of it was made teat Epring and is perfectly dry. For sale by

WM. R. UTLEY.

DU. B. F. AKRINGTON. OFFICE ROOMS IN STATE BANK OFFICE ROOMS IN STATE BANK BUILDING. Entrance on Princess street,

AN IMPORTANT EVENT TO HAPPEN TWO

YEARS HENCE. "The date of the end of the world is satisfactorily fixed ting his forces at Miller, and there resting his wearied for the year 1868. There is an ancient prediction, repeatranks and preparing food for his men and forage for ed by Nostrodemus in his "Centuries," which says that his animals, we urged upon the military authorities the when St. George shall crucify the Lord, when St. Mark great necessity of defending the city of Savannah in shall raise Him, and St. John shall assist at His ascen-Effingbam and Seriven counties, and pointed out the sion, the end of the war shall come. In 1866, it will to tell be of the tide which the alone us with worse than death, and to drive from our doors a fate borrible to concity, with a Federal army once before any fortifications in the immediate vicinity of the place. Fort Mc. Thursday, or Ascension Day, will also be the Feast of

numbered among the captured cities of the South and | We clip this from an exchange for readers of the no men lost, no time expended, in its capture. To day Courier who may wish to preserve it for reference or the Federal General and his army take their Christmas investigation. It is known to all intelligent readers

The looming up of this war now on us and its vast gacity and know that all the foreshadowing of cam- growth, and its vast enormity, so far beyond what wee paigus and the pointing out of proper military move- expected by either of the belligerent people during the ments are met by the sneers of the unthinking and the first year of it, are attracting and directing increased secrn of the regular officer; but we do claim a fair pro. attention to the subject of the "United States in proportion of common sense, and that teaches us that Sher. | phecy," and the pobable designs of Providence in per-

cation with Richmond, not by a raid but in a manner an early stage of this war, has privately and to friends to make it a great success. He can do this in many expressed his belief that we are approaching one of the gusta, occupying the city, and then cutting the road at It will do no harm to accept as a theory any scheme or near Branchville, make his line along the north side or proposition which will direct any reader to the Bible

[SE L.] State Dine at our city of Raleign, on the 20th of the Savanoah an ent enched camp with his princi- for the first time, or with new attention and doculity of pal depots at Savannah and Augusta. We make no mind. Of course all well disposed readers and students comments on such a position, but leave our readers by of the Bible will read with the respect due to the neexamining the map to see the condition in which such a | cessarily, equivocal or doubtful significance of prophecy before its fail solution in history. One of the accepted tests and canons of prophecy is

the question, is the duty of the hou? Not to wait that it must be so clearly decisive as to leave no deabt until next month or next week to o ganize measures to after fulfillme. t. primary or secondary, and yet with fertily and make the approaches to the points indicated such a margin of in expretation in advance as to leave to hundreds, if not theus nus, who will read these lines it will not make any aff rouge what ver whether the world ends in 1866 or not. " The things that are revealed being to us," and measure and mark out our duty and dustiny with sufficient clearness.

o. B., 4.h Battailou Justor R. serves, fon Alamauce

WILMINGTON MARKET, Dec. 28 h, 1864.

Owing to the attack on our forts below by the Yankee fleet, bu-iness of all kinds has been suspended during the past week, and nothing has been done in the way of sales, Provisions are in demand, and in the absence of receipts free zing soldiers, and their immortal leader knelt alone | the stock has become pretty much work doff. One small fot

## AUCTION SALES. BY M. CHONLY, Auctioneer,

PORT WARDENS' SALE.

We hear those of wealth say that the country can never stand up under the destruction of property which ON THURSDAY, January 5th, 1865, commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M., I wil sell, at my Sales Rooms. Front street, Wilmington, N. C., under inspection of the Port Wardens,

STEAMSHIP ELLA-VIS: 530 pieces dark, fancy and mourning Prints. bleached Shirtings,

161 dozen Half Hose-assorted 20 pieces black Alpaca, 20 Alpaca—assorted colors, Alpaca Lustre. Maroon Stripes. 20 dozen Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs.

110 pieces Paper Cambric-assorted colors. black Broad Cloth, 16 .. Grey Cloth, 6 " Tweeds, 48 rolls Ribbon, 19 black Lace Mantillas,

200 dozen Coats' Spool Cotton. 50 gross Agate Buttons. 130 packs Pins, 39 dozen Dressing Combs, 8 " Merino Drawers

150 lbs. Flax Thread, B & W. 20 Letter Copying Books, 74 dozen Fr Waxed Calf Ekins, 56 "Goat Skins, 20 "Chamois Skins,

20 sides extra Sole Leather. 30 boxes Adamantine Candles. 27 " Brown Soap, 33 " Brown Windsor Soap, 7 obests Tea,

5 bags Coffee, 10 bags Peoper. 7 cases White Wire Vinegar, 1 dozen each, 1 caso Cheese.

2 000 lbs. Cotton Card Wire.

Immediately thereafter, the following sound goods re-3 cases Black Flax Thread, 1,600 lbs... " Ciark's Spool Cotton, 2 000 dosen,

Agate Buttons 85 gt gross, White Bone Buttons, 90 gt gross, 7 " Military Buttons, 2500 pairs heavy Brogans,

5 cases Head Stalls, Girths and Buckles, 10 bales Twine,

3 cases Cotton Cards.

TAKEN UP AND COMMITTED

TO THE JAI's of New Handver c usty, a n gro who save that his name is AAR N, and that be belongs to Archibala McDaniel, of Moore county .-Les owner of said negro is hereby not fied to come forward, prove propert, , pay charges and take him away, otherwise he will be dealt with as the law directs.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTION. THE UNDERSITATED having at December Term, 1864. tors of the estate of Colonel Henry N Howard, de coased do hereb, give notice to all persons h. ving online against said estate to pr sent them, duly authen ica ed and within the time prescined by law or this notion will be plead An Irish judge tried two most notorious fellows for it bar of their recovery all persons luded ed to said es-PURTHER NOTICE-IMPORTANT SALE.

W L . Ba B LD, at he is e esidence of a id decease n Bru swick county, on the 10th January, to 5 all the thing or Co-say ! Darry on a rice plan at u. also, a fine neam Eugin , with u. w to ler; Done, flats; au old sonooser; % valu b . n . ses; 9 mu es; wagous; cars; rocks. way and har cas; I buggles and harneys; arming tools; nousehold a d a cheu inculture; hone, b : h inticulta and nock h sa, '02 sead of wee p; 2 goals; core; fouder oale hy; ice st aw, and a large quantity of the Also a set of par. Works at Lookwood's Folly, countsting of ght paus Sale to continue from day to day until all m

Terms of sale, six mouths' credit, purchaser giving notes with . pproved secu.16; . There will be so d subsequentl , in Robeson county, at he place of said deceased, a valuable yoke of oxes and cart, some bousehold furniture, one male, and larming

W. N. PAUEN, Adm'rs.

81-14m-ts-12 ts CHRISTHAS AND NEW YEARS

PRESENIS. THE most attractive and decirative goods for Presents are Whitemore Cotton Cards, No 8 9 and 10, Wool Ca de, Leaf Cards. Chaik, Ca.f. Skins, Sole Leather, ka-Zurs, Files, Awis Fish Hooks, Allspice, Boarbon Whiskey. plaster of turp nine and tallow, spread on a piece of leather, and apply it to the wound.

Zora, Files, Awis Find Brandes, Tacks, Brusher, 10bacco, Powder, Shot, Fine Brandes, Tacks, Brusher, 10bacco, Powder, Shot, Fine Brandes, Tacks, Brusher, 10bacco, Powder, Shot, Fine Brandes, Brusher, 10bacco, Powder, Shot, Fine Brandes, Brusher, 10bacco, Powder, Shot, Fine Brandes, Brusher, 10bacco, Powder, Shot, Caps, Flow Nails, Knives, Spoons, Gun Wadding, Table Caps, Flow Nails, Caps, Caps

Cutlery, Soda, Copperas, Bits, Trowels, Acas, So., at English Chicory, Cotton Yarus Seine Twins, &c., &c., at WILSUN'S Variety Store.

93 74-14-14 Dec. 26th HEADQUARTERS, BESERVE, N. C.,

KALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 19, 1864. GENERAL ORDERS,

I. dience to Special Orders No. 273, Par. II, A. & I. G. O. current series, reported at these Headquarters, is assigned to day as Chief Eu geon Reserve, N. C., and will be obayed and respected accordingly.

II.—al. Medical Officers serving with Reserves in this State, will at once report, by letter, to Surgeon Hill, and forward to him requisitions for such medicines and other

supplies as are necessary.

By command of Lieut. Gen. Holms.

JNe. W. HINSDALE. Asa't Adj't Ger.

Confederate, Conservative, Western Democrat and Fayetteville Observer copy 5 times.