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LOUISIANA.

We would not judge harshly a people who have stood what the white people of Louisiana have stood.

THE HEAVIEST BLOW YET.

The severest shock the Grant administration has yet received was the exposure of Gen. Belknap, Secretary of War, made by the Congress.

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WILMINGTON, N. C. FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1876. NO. 20.

GEN. BELKNAP'S EXPLANATION.

By the dispatches of the American Press Association, we see that Gen. Belknap transfers the blame of the infamous bargain and sale of post-trading from his own to his wife's shoulders.

THE PORT OF WILMINGTON.

The Tarboro Southern says that Wilmington has steadily and surely gained ground until now it has attained a most respectable position in the marine world.

GEN. COLTON.

Gen. Colton, a day or two since, which brings the gratifying news that he had arrived within a few hours of Cairo.

THE BANK OF NEW HANOVER.

At a meeting of the recently elected Board of Directors of the Bank of New Hanover, held yesterday, the following officers of the Bank were elected to serve during the ensuing year.

OUR DISPATCHES.

Our dispatches from Baltimore, went ashore twenty miles north of Kitty Hawk, on our coast, Wednesday night.

THE PRESS ON THE MOORE'S CREEK CATASTROPHE.

The honorable and equal part which the State of North Carolina bore in the recent struggle of Confederate independence has been developed and established by official proof.

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room, and messengers were posted at every approach to keep off the excited and intensely curious inquirers, who were eager to interview them.

The chairman of the committee on Appropriations had the floor immediately after the reading of the journal, to report the deficiency bill for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and after that came the report from the committee of Ways and Means on the Hawaiian treaty, which was read at the clerk's desk.

The President, stoical as he is, felt hurt and indignant at the criminal conduct of his war officer, and so expressed himself, saying, in answer to Belknap's remark that he wished he had killed himself, "I wish you had."

The Iowa delegation in Congress feel that the disgrace reaches them and their State, and express themselves bitterly. There is nothing else talked of or thought of to-night.

A little derrick fell overboard from a packet at Vicksburg, and was rescued in a drowning condition, when he could easily have been pulled out by a negro in a skiff.