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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

This, like the other public documents, is of great length. It commences by stating that the authorized strength of the Army, as now posted...

In Texas, the Indian depredations have diminished in frequency and importance; and in a majority of cases, the Department has been successful...

The appropriation for the erection and improvement of permanent fortifications, for three years past, have either been refused or greatly reduced...

It shows by an examination of the statistics of the actual strength of the Army, that the average force of the Army was 25 per cent. above the authorized strength...

Both these causes are the fruitful source of dissatisfaction and desertion, and they prevent the re-enlistment of the most valuable men...

THE BOURBON AND ORLEANS FAMILIES. FROM THE LOUISIANA FILES OF NOVEMBER 23.

It is announced by a telegraphic dispatch from Vienna that the long expected reconciliation of the two branches of the Bourbon family has been celebrated at Froberg...

GOV. DEXTER IN HIS HALL.—The Colonel says the Washington Star appears to be already in his glory. His seat, which he occupies so comfortably...

THE GREAT LAGOON, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 21, 1853.

We find in the New York Herald, and lengthily reprinted in the Herald, the following report of the late S. M. McAlister, late S. M. Engineer for the State of New York...

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HAS "FREESOLISM BEEN" CRUSHED OUT "OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY?"

When we read the history and meaning of the platform, as narrated by the "Union," we find that the platform, as it is now, is a mere repetition of the platform of 1852. It is a mere repetition of the platform of 1852. It is a mere repetition of the platform of 1852.

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WINTER FOOD FOR STOCK.

There is no doubt now that many a farmer who had some little Indian corn the past season, for the purpose of giving out the fodder for his halfstarving cattle during the present winter, is now regretting that he had not some more. It is a sad state of affairs which has generally adopted the policy of not sowing any corn for winter food.

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