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NEW ORLEANS:
THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 23.

SUBSCRIPTIONS BY THE WEEK

The carriers of the BEE are authorized to receive subscriptions to our paper at the rate of 25 cents a week, payable in all cases to the carriers themselves.

Sales at Auction To-Day.

By B. S. Sykes, at 11 o'clock, at No. 56 Magazine street, coffee, olive oil, raisins and cigars.

By H. Vignie, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, stock of the Louisiana State Bank, Quitman Railroad, insurance scrip, &c.

By McGovern & Landry, at 11 o'clock, at Masonic Hall, furniture of various descriptions.

By A. Bouligny, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, property, improved and unimproved, in the First and Second Districts.

By F. Fernandez, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, property in Faubourg Pontchartrain.

By D. E. Morphy, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 67 Magazine street, soap.

The attention of buyers is called to the sale of cargo "Ashby," from Havana, consisting of coffee, oil, raisins, and fans, to take place this day, at 11 o'clock, at the store of Bradford & McGill, No. 56 Magazine street, by B. S. Sykes, auctioneer.

McGovern & Landry have, as usual, an assortment of furniture, carpets, curtains, stoves, &c., to sell at auction at 11 o'clock this day. See their advertisement.

SOME OF LINCOLN'S CABINET.

We hear but little of the immortal SEWARD now-a-days. He is really afflicted with a paroxysm of humility since his extraordinary speech of grovelling and lofty tumbling in the Trent affair! We should fancy not. SEWARD is one of those men whose brow of brass repels every thing like shame, and whose epidermis is as impenetrable to the puncture of public opinion as is the bone hide of a rhinoceros to any ordinary lancet bullet. He has proved himself to be slightest degree susceptible to such emotions, he would long ago have hid his diminished head. Ever since the war began this shallow hypocrite has been playing the fool with the Yankees, predicting wonderful results which never came to pass; prating of events which in a few days would electrify the nation, and periodically reiterating the assurance that peace would be restored within ninety days. The failure of this political mountebank's calculations appears neither to disturb his self-complacency, nor to prevent him from repeating them. We greatly doubt whether his latest blunder—the miserable, incoherent and inconsequential twaddle contained in his letter to Lord LYONS—paltry and pusillanimous to the very depths of degradation, preceded as it was by the imbecile threat of war upon all nations recognizing the independence of the Confederate States—we doubt whether it has shaken SEWARD'S conviction of his own infallibility, or will long suffice to check his propensity to indulge in poet-prandial prophecies of impossible events. For the nonce, however, he is quiet, possibly awaiting another opportunity for a second display of stupendous diplomatic erudition with the British Minister.

What of CAMERON? That he has resigned his office of Secretary of War appears positive. Whosoever may succeed him cannot be worse, and will probably be better. That CAMERON is corrupt—and it may be safely said that a more seething mass of political corruption and villainy was never before concentrated in the person of a single individual. Ever since he entered public life he has been currently reported as wholly destitute of principle. He has been every thing by turns and nothing long. He is an accomplished gambler, and has cogged the dice and stocked the cards on every possible occasion. By crawling, and crouching, and shifting, and changing to suit the varying fortunes of the hour, CAMERON rose from comparative obscurity to the responsible station he has just abandoned. The war was a mine of Golconda to this insatiable and venal functionary. It is affirmed upon high authority that his share alone of unlawful gains derived from contracts on contracts at his disposal, exceeds four millions of dollars; and that his nepotism comprised within its exhaustless bounty all who could claim the slightest relationship or connection with him. Pervaded with the knowledge of these facts may have more to do with CAMERON'S sudden resignation than his alleged differences with LINCOLN on the emancipation policy. We suppose his successor will be watched a little more carefully, but let him be as rapacious as HANEGAN himself, he can scarcely hope to equal the magnificent exploits of his illustrious predecessor.

The news of CHASE'S resignation has not been confirmed. He is a man of powerful brain and well decided and unscrupulous will. He may serve well for a time the financial depot unfortunately entrusted to him, maintained the credit of the Administration, bullied and finally overreached the banks, and threw quite a gleam of prosperity over Yankeedom. But his expedients are nearly worn out, and the Federal treasury presents a huge vacuum despite Mr CHASE'S ingenious attempts to fill it. If he has resigned, it is probably because, having exhausted his resources, he may as well quit the sinking ship. Mr. LINCOLN'S Cabinet does not appear constituted of those noble and disinterested spirits which would be apt in disaster to cling more closely to their leader. They are rather such as would instinctively look out for themselves, reckless of what might become of him who made them what they are. This, however, is precisely what might be expected. There can be no permanent bond of union amongst robbers and tyrants, any more than there can be a single sentiment of genuine affection.

IMPORTANT, IF TRUE.—Both the Memphis papers have paragraphs to the effect that a dispatch had been received in that city from Richmond, stating that England had recognized the Southern Confederacy. No details whatever are given, and, therefore, we are compelled to acknowledge that the report lacks confirmation. Besides, no other papers have the news.

ORLEANS GUARDS.—We would call the attention of the members of the First Company of this corps to the advertisement which will be found elsewhere.

FROM GEN. PRICE'S ARMY.—The latest intelligence from Gen. Price's army at Springfield, by way of Jacksonport, Ark., is to the effect that the army is generally well, and the troops in the most contented and happy state possible, although they are badly in need of clothing and boots and shoes. Gen. Price is fairly worshiped by his men, who are ready to follow him wherever he may lead. His force is about 30,000 strong, and recruits are rapidly flocking to his standard. It is thought that he will soon have a force sufficient to take the field and prosecute a vigorous and successful campaign. He is determined not to go into winter quarters, but intends to fight as long as an armed foe treads the soil of Missouri. So says the Memphis *Avalanche*.

Government Premiums.

The Richmond *Examiner* learns that a plan has been prepared in Congress for a system of Government premiums for the manufacture of small arms, of saltpetre, and of gunpowder. It is proposed that, when parties shall commence these manufacturing enterprises, and shall produce satisfactory evidence to the Secretary of War that they have actually expended in the prosecution of their work the sum fixed upon as the amount proposed to be invested therein, they shall be entitled to receive, as an advance from the Treasury, fifty per cent. on the whole investment; said advance to be repaid, without interest, from the first manufacturable article manufactured, at a stipulated price, and bond to be given that the advance will be applied to put into effective operation the manufactory proposed, and to no other use or purpose. The same paper adds:

As it also provided in the bill referred to that the Secretary of War may, in his discretion, buy association of such manufactory or manufactories, enter into such further contracts with the persons proposing to establish the same for the thing to be produced, as shall comport with the then present and prospective wants of the Government, and may, or may not, at his discretion, require security for the performance of the same; but no advance or pre-payment shall be made in such last mentioned contracts. In both cases such premiums are to be stipulated to may not exceed a reasonable liberal profit on the probable cost of production.

THE BEAUREGARD CONTROVERSY IN CONGRESS.—Under this head the Richmond *Examiner* has the following:

We learn that there has been a sharp and protracted controversy in secret session of Congress on the topic of General Beauregard's report of the battle of Manassas. It will be recollected that a portion of this report was withheld from the public by President Davis, who, we now learn, sent the document into Congress, accompanied by comments of his own on some of its preliminary statements. The case was eventually taken by the Congress to have the document published, after suppressing the preliminary portion of it and also the comments of the President thereon.

It is said that in a speech of much power and ability on the floor of the Senate, which the President has sent abroad, it will make some disturbance.

THE POTOMAC BLOCKADE.—*Washington*, January 11.—The King Philip came up from the lower Potomac this morning, and reports meeting the Pensacola between Mount Vernon and Fort Washington, bound down.

The fog was so dense last night that the Stepping Stone was obliged to lay off Alexandria till morning. At noon she again started for the rebel blockade.

FIRING NEAR ROMNEY.—*Fredericx, Md.*, January 11.—No further advices have been received from Romney. Heavy and irregular firing was heard in the direction of Romney during this morning. The cause thereof is not known.

THINGS AT WASHINGTON.—*Washington*, Jan. 16.—The Comte de Paris and the Duke of Chartres have not resigned, as stated, but have gone East on a few days' leave of absence.

Emerson Etheridge's father having recently died in Tennessee, he has gone to Kentucky to settle up his estate.

Blanker Smith's son just arrested here, is a native of Lynchburg, Va., has lived here since 1854, and always voted for Southern proclivities. The proof against him is, that in the rebel mail bag recently seized on its way across the lower Potomac, a letter to the rebel General was found, containing an account of the number of the Union army of the Potomac, plans of fortifications, and a scheme for capturing Washington. There was a fictitious signature to it, but it is now known to be Smith's son.

[Correspondence of the Advertiser and Register.]

A Beautiful Present Worthily Bestowed.

Camp Near Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 17, 1862.

Messrs. Editors—A very interesting incident occurred here yesterday, which I have concluded to send you a short account of, and which you can publish if you think proper.

Two patriotic gentlemen from Kentucky presented Gen. Bragg with a very beautiful thoroughbred mare, valued, I believe, at $700 or $800. This beautiful animal is the admiration of every one who has seen her, and is truly a suitable present to our justly distinguished commander.

Enclosed you will find copies of the happily conceived and tastefully worded notes which passed between the parties.

Yours respectfully,

[CORRESPONDENCE.]

General: Holding in high estimation your past and present public services, we hope you will receive, as a slight testimonial of our respect for and confidence in you as Commander-in-Chief of the army of Pensacola, a beautiful animal, which we hope may be useful to you either in war or peace.

The animal is near your headquarters, and you will please signify a place at which she may be delivered, if accepted.

We have the honor to subscribe ourselves your most humble and obedient servants,

D. E. RAY,
B. C. KIRK.

To Major General Braxton Bragg, commanding Department Alabama and West Florida.

Headquarters, Near Pensacola,
January 17, 1862.

Gentlemen: Your kind note of this morning, asking my acceptance of the beautiful black mare which accompanied it, is just received.

For this mark of confidence and esteem so generously proffered, I return you my thanks, and beg you and my fellow-citizens will believe that I am wanting in zeal for their cause, though I should not have the ability to accomplish all I do sincerely desire.

Accept your beautiful present, and will receive for me a memorial of the kind and generous feeling which prompts the presentation.

I am, gentlemen,
Very respectfully and truly,
Your obedient servant,
BRAXTON BRAGG.

Messrs. D. E. Ray, B. C. Kirk, present.

SENSIBLE LEGISLATION.

Amidst the mass of rubbish passed by the Legislature, we are glad to notice one sensible and timely enactment. We allude to the bill suspending execution on judgments against alien enemies, which has passed the House of Representatives, and will, no doubt, become a law. We have not seen a copy of this act, but presume it is intended to protect unfortunate debtors to alien enemies from the sweeping operation of a judgment of execution and sale. The case stands thus: There are in our community hundreds—perhaps thousands of business men, who, at the time when communications between the North and South were interrupted, owed considerable amounts to Northern or Western creditors. At the same time by far the larger portion of this class of persons have debts due them in the South more than sufficient to cover all their obligations to others; but in consequence of the partial suspension of affairs and the absence of a market for our leading staple, they can scarcely make any collection whatever. Now, if the act of Congress sequestrating the property of alien enemies were enforced, without the slightest regard to the peculiar exigencies of the times, it would follow that most of the merchants of our city would be liable to have their stocks of goods seized and sold for the benefit of the Confederate Treasury, and themselves ruined by the operation of an act of which the real object is to reimburse sufferers from Northern spoliation and rapine. It is almost superfluous to add that were the law thus literally and rigorously executed, its effect would be in the highest degree cruel and unjust.

We happen to know that there are now in New Orleans a considerable number of business houses whose conductors have been apprehensive that such would indeed be the operation of the Sequestration act. We have been repeatedly asked whether the Confederate Government or the State would not interpose to avert the ruinous consequences which must necessarily ensue from its literal interpretation and enforcement. Doubtless it has been with a view of turning aside the threatened evil that the legislature intends applying a species of stay law to the operation of the statute. This is a case where intervention is not only excusable, but absolutely praiseworthy. Either the Confederate or State Government was bound to interpose for the protection of debtors to alien enemies, lest a law designed for the most laudable ends should, in its effect, injure and even bankrupt thousands of worthy and patriotic Southern citizens. If the act be of the spirit and tenor we ascribe to it, the General Assembly has certainly done nothing during the present session which will respond more creditably to its judgment and wisdom.

Facts and Fictions from Lincolndom.

Northern papers of the 17th contain the following:

NEW FINANCIAL SCHEME.—The New York bankers were in session the Ways and Means Committee this morning, and submitted a new financial scheme for the Government and the country. They propose a Bureau of the Treasury, to be located in New York, to be managed by five commissioners appointed by the President and Senate, to have charge of the issue of the Government and receipts and disbursements, with power to furnish currency to all local banking institutions, to be redeemed at the bureau. The currency to be based upon United States stocks. The bankers are opposed to the bill now before the committee.

The Ways and Means Committee will report a bill in a few days for a branch mint in Denver City.

The President has directed the appointment of Napoleon T. J. Dana, of Minnesota, as Brigadier-General of volunteers.

YANKEES AT BRAINESVILLE.—Companies G and D of the Pennsylvania "Bucktails," under command of Captain McDonald, of Company G, went to Drainesville last night and captured this morning. The enemy have not been at Drainesville since the battle, but are throwing up batteries three miles beyond. The "Bucktails" counted 175 graves on the Drainesville battle field.

ANOTHER FIGHT IN MISSOURI.—*Otterville, Mo.*, January 10.—*To Maj. General Halleck*, commanding Department of Missouri: On the 9th instant, at 4 o'clock, P. M. Major Torrence and Hubbard, with 150 men, attacked Poindexter, with 1000 to 1200 men, on Silver creek. The enemy were totally routed, with heavy loss, seven left dead on the field, many carried off from fifty to seventy five wounded. Our loss reported at four killed. The rebel camp was destroyed, and a large number of horses and arms taken. A heavy fog alone saved them from complete destruction. The number of prisoners is reported at thirty.

Signed, JOHN PALMER, Brig-Gen.

Brigadier General Curtis, at Rolla, also reports that two captains and fourteen privates have just been taken prisoners.

YANKEE PICKETS SHOT.—Four of our pickets were shot last night near Bird's Point, supposed by some of the Lovegrove's rebel cavalry, which have been roaming about, committing depredations in that vicinity for some days. Gen. Paine has dispatched a force of cavalry in pursuit of them.

A deserter from Columbus who arrived this morning reports great alarm there. The troops apprehend an attack by the Federal forces.

No movement has been made by the troops here since yesterday.

YANKEE FINANCES.—*Washington*, January 11.—Secretary Chase expects to meet to-day the delegates representing the banks of Boston, New York and Philadelphia, for conference on financial matters. Since the suspension, this city has been flooded with small notes, many of them worthless.

TAXATION AND THE TARIFF.—Next week the House Committee on Ways and Means will meet, and hope to carry, their bills imposing taxation and a revival of the tariff by an increase of duties.

It is rumored that Gen Stevens, now at Hilton Head, will be one of the Brigadiers rejected by the Senate.

There are numerous applications for the mission to Rome, which the Northwestern members claim as belonging to some one from their section.

The Commissioner of Patents is to be called upon by Congress to state whether Mr. Brown, formerly agricultural chief clerk, is now employed by him in Europe to purchase seeds.

There was much fault found with Brown's official conduct while here, and if he has been sent abroad, it will make some disturbance.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[TRANSMITTED TO THE NEW ORLEANS BEE.]

From Savannah.

Capture of Cedar Keys, Florida.

Savannah, January 22.—The *Republican* of this morning says:

"In the Confederate Court, on Monday last, Captain D. S. Martin, charged with absconding with the yacht Wanderer, was found guilty."

The *News* learns from a gentleman from Fernandina that Cedar Keys was captured by the Federalists on Thursday last. The *News* says a heavy firing was heard in the direction of Cedar Keys the same day, which renders the statement probable.

From Mobile.

Mobile, January 22.—The schooner Wilder, from Havana, loaded with cigars and sundries, was captured on the 20th inst., thirteen miles below Fort Morgan. The following is the official dispatch relative to the capture received here:

Fort Morgan, January 21.—Capt. Cottrell, with his command, had a sharp and creditable contest yesterday, at the mouth of the Lagoon, over the schooner Wilder. No loss of life on our side. The enemy lost a ship's gig and a number of their men, but unsuccessful in taking possession of the vessel and cargo.

From Charleston.

Charleston, January 22.—The blockading fleet off Charleston harbor on yesterday numbered thirteen vessels. The recent arrivals are sail vessels.

Louisiana Legislature.

Baton Rouge, January 22.—The House met at 10 o'clock, and took a recess until 12; met again at 12 o'clock and discussed the veto message. The vote to pass the Cotton bill over the Governor's veto resulted, ayes 39, noes 35. Failing to get 50 votes, two-thirds of the whole number present, the bill was lost.

In the evening session a motion to adjourn, by Mr. Imboden, immediately *sine die* was rejected, ayes 14, noes 57.

Mr. McDonald's bill to provide for the payment of the Confederate War Tax was called up and passed, ayes 75, noes 5.

The House refused to suspend the rules to take up the Quarter Appropriation bill.

The bill to amend the revenue laws—now half past six o'clock—is under consideration.

Nothing of consequence was done in the Senate but the discussion of the bill for the incorporation of the Confederate Navigation and Trading Company of New Orleans. No action was had upon it.

From Nashville.

Heavy Rains Impede the Federals' Movements.

LINCOLNITES ERECTING FORTIFICATIONS ON GREEN RIVER.

Nashville, January 22.—The Fort Henry correspondent of the *Louisville and American* says the Confederate steamer Dunbar went down the Tennessee river on the 17th instant, within 25 miles of Paducah and reports she saw no gunboats.

Scouts from Fort Henry report the Federal force at Murray, Kentucky, to be from six to ten thousand infantry, two thousand cavalry and thirteen pieces of artillery. The heavy rains of the 19th and 20th retarding the water courses, and roads almost impassible, which impede their movements.

Intelligence from Green river says the Federals, instead of making a forward movement, have been erecting fortifications on the south bank of the river.

A heavy freshet in Green river has washed away Buck's pontoon bridge, also damaged the woodwork and repairs of the railroad bridge.

From Richmond.

Richmond, January 22.—Nothing is known of the proceedings in Congress to-day.

The Virginia Legislature is principally occupied talking about the election of Confederate Senators.

The House favored going into an election to-day, but the Senate proposed delay until the 4th of February.

Joint committees are appointed to report on the matter to-morrow at noon.

The Fight Near Prestonburg.

In reference to this affair the Lynchburg *Republican* of the 17th has the following:

While we are as yet without official intelligence of this victory of General Marshall over the enemy near Prestonburg, and have but few additional particulars of the affair further than we gave yesterday, the report then given is confirmed in the gratifying manner we received it here yesterday on the Western train. They state that a courier from General Marshall arrived at Abingdon, on Wednesday evening, just before the passing of the train, with intelligence of the battle and victory, which corresponds in every particular with the statement published yesterday.

The scene of the fight was about eight miles west of Prestonburg, and the attack of the enemy was not desired by General Marshall at the point it was made. His object in retreating was to entice the enemy into a position far in front of Prestonburg, where he had chosen a strong position, and had he succeeded in reaching it would have annihilated them; but they were too quick for him, and when the fighting began his rear before the desired position had been reached, when there was no alternative left him but to turn and fight. The enemy's cavalry commenced the attack, and after a very brief but short conflict, were repulsed, when their infantry coming up, the fight began in earnest. It continued to rage for three hours, during which time some brilliant charges were made by our troops, each charge being gallantly met by the enemy, but they were finally compelled to fly, notwithstanding their vast superiority of numbers. They fled away in utter confusion, flight, guns, swords, pistols, knapsacks, and every thing else that impeded their flight. Their exhibition of fleetness is said to have far outstripped the best trained Bull Run steeds.

The Abingdon *Virginian* of the 17th brings the following confirmation of the victory of the forces under Gen. Humphrey Marshall:

A courier arrived at this place on Tuesday evening last, from Pound Gap, bringing information of a battle having been fought near Prestonburg, Ky., on Friday last, the 10th inst., between the Confederate forces under Gen. Marshall, and the Federal forces under a Gen. Moore. Gen. Marshall's forces engaged did not exceed fifteen hundred, (Col. Trigg's regiment being held in reserve) while that of the enemy reported at from six to ten thousand. Our forces repulsed the enemy three times, with a reported loss on their side of 400 killed. Our loss some 15 or 20 killed and wounded. Col. A. C. Moore, of the Twenty ninth Regiment Virginia Volunteers, is reported to have deported himself very gallantly, as did also his men. He lost some five or six of his men killed and several wounded.

Gen. Marshall needs and must have additional aid in the way of reinforcements from the Government, or he will be overpowered and compelled to fall back to Pound Gap or to this place.

From Arizona.

The San Antonio *Herald* has intelligence from El Paso to the 26th ult., as follows:

The Mesilla *Times* contains a proclamation from Gen. Sibley, taking command of all the troops, and declaring martial law within the bounds of his jurisdiction.

Two station keepers at Eagle Springs, a Mr. Wright and a Mr. Chipp, were recently killed by the Indians.

Gen. G. Bean, Confederate States Receiver, recently seized upon some $150,000 worth of merchandise, &c., in Las Cruces, belonging to Marmon Brown, a citizen of New Mexico. Among the goods seized were three bales of soldiers' jackets and coats, which are very opportune.

In the "Army of New Mexico," we hear that Major Walker, of the Third Texas Mounted Rifles, is promoted to a Colonelcy, and his place as a regiment is Texas. Lieutenant-Colonel Baylor is promoted to a Colonelcy, and is to raise a regiment of three-years men out this frontier. Captain Hardeman, of Company A, Second Texas Mounted Rifles, is promoted Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Major Pryor, of the same regiment, is promoted Major. And also that Captain Teel is promoted Major. Lieutenant Hunter and Mr. John Phillips are commissioned Captains of their respective companies. These promotions, it is said, are in the provisional, and are contingent upon the raising of the aforesaid regiment of three-years men. Nice companies in this Department are twelve months volunteers, whose term of service is about expiring, and this may facilitate the organization of the three years regiment. Capt. Goodwyn's Company have re-enlisted, and pronounce "worthy of the confidence and gratitude" of the whole Confederacy; it is said, are to be dismounted. Dame Rumor is authority for all these things.—*Mesilla Times*.

Captain Selden, Fifth Infantry, U. S. A., with an escort of ten men, arrived within outlines on the 24th, bearing a flag of truce and dispatches from the Federal commander of the Department of New Mexico, the import of which, so far as they have been made public, related to the exchange of prisoners.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE SOUTH.—The Norfolk correspondent of the Petersburg *Express* has the following:

The foreign Consuls—that is, the Consuls of England and France—are to receive mails every week. The two Governments are to take it by turns, and as they will have a French or British man-of-war will reach Norfolk monthly. So, it will be seen, our trans-Atlantic communication seems to be safely made to the care of the Lincolnites any longer. This is a move in the right direction, which will very likely be followed up by others.

SWARDIZE.—The English language will have added to it henceforth a most forcible and significant word—one pregnant with meaning. It is rapidly coming into use here. We had an illustration yesterday. Two men alone one of our thoroughfares, we heard a fellow say to the other, "Well, what was done?" "Oh! he Swardized!" We laughed, and asked an explanation, when the two told us that one who had first done a very foolish thing and then had been guilty of great swelling words," and threatened "to clean out" on being hearded, very meekly and fully backed down, or as our friend termed it, "He Swardized."

[Charleston Courier.

[From the Nashville Patriot.]

The Young South—A Rallying Cry for the Hour.

Everybody in New Orleans will recollect the late Joseph Brenan—a most gifted man, who died too early to reap the reward of his great intellectual deeds, both in poetry and prose. The subjoined stirring ballad, written by him several years ago, will need no further introduction. Now, even more than at the time it was written, will it be appropriate and applicable. It is the spirit of a brave man, now numbered with the dead, appealing to his brethren of the South, by every consideration that can fire the patriotic heart, to struggle for "a triumph or a shroud." In those days, when, in his own glowing language,

"The hour has come for manly deeds,
And not for pulling words,"

the fiery invocation of poor Brenan will strike a sympathetic chord in the heart of thousands, no longer insensible of "the storm in the sky."

A BALLAD FOR THE YOUNG SOUTH.

BY JOSEPH BRENAN.

I.

Men of the South! our foes are up
In their proud pride of power;
Their noble banner lops its air—
An insult to the day!
The Saint's cross of the Red Cross again
Is near insulous border,
Sliding to the sea of peace—
A million ruthless swords,
From North, from East and West they seek
The spoil of glorious soil,
With Circus upon their lying lip,
And Satan in the soul!
Meeting, with ancient Bloodshirts,
At sea and just reconnizance—
'Tis the sailor of Heaven's true Empire given,
And we alone are Saints!

II.

Men of the South! look up—behold
The deep and sullen gloom
Which darkens o'er your sunny land
With thicker in the womb!
Are ye so blind ye cannot see
The omens in the sky?
Are ye so deaf ye cannot hear
The tramp of foemen nigh?
Are ye so dull ye will endure
The whips and scorn of slaves
Which bids the hearts of Tyre Glories
Become the hearts of Tyre?
Are ye so base that, foot to foot,
Ye will not boldly stand?
For land and life, for child and wife,
With naked steel in hand?

III.

A preacher to the pulpit comes,
And calls up all to prayer,
For Southern creeds and Northern hopes,
For peace, and not for war!
Scolds the prayer-book on his desk
The bullet-mould is worn;
And on the Bible's golden clasp
The dagger's stately shows.
The simple rule of Nazareth
No more is fondly told,
For every priestly surplice drops
Some warrior's garb of gold.
The bless'd Cross of Calvary
Becomes a sign of fight!
Like that which played when Chiftaine raised
The chainons of the Cleet!

IV.

"Down with the laws our fathers made!
They bind our hearts no more!
Down with the stately pillars
Cemented by their gore!
Forget the deeds of our renown!
Efface each glorious date!
Americans must kneel as slaves
Till Africans are free!"
Out on the mere Caucasian blood
Of Teuton, Celt or Gaul!
The stream which spilled from Negro's source
Must triumph over all!
He speaks a satanic form
Within those halls to-day
Which echoed o'er the thunder-burst
Of Webster and of Clay!

V.

Hark to the howling demagogue—
A fierce and ravenous pack—
With scorn in every glance and bay,
Which run upon our track!
The wailing of the Wilderness
Of Massachusetts breed—
The moping mongrel, sparingly crossed
With Puritanic seed!
The Boston curs whose yelp is like
The bloodhound's angry cry!
The Abolition Catiline
And Sodom's perjured spy!
Of virgins pure their prime,
And seven times the Rights—
Troy, Sumter and Seven-hilled—sold—
An ravaging thunder-cry!
And hunger for our lives!

VI.

Look North, look East, look West—the sound
Is thickening all around—
The Negro Cordon, year by year,
Is fast and faster bound
The black hirelings of the native flag
Surrounded by a host—
Our sons—not forced nor sold—
Asleep upon their graves!
Our brother's life-blood flowing free
To stain the Autumn soil,
And shed in vain, with crimson rain,
Are lattermore on our toil!
Dark Hayti, look well to your laurels—
Texas, look to your star—
Virginia, look to your sires—
And from the East comes hurrying up
A avenging thunder-car!

VII

While we are as yet without official intelligence of this victory of General Marshall over the enemy near Prestonburg, and have but few additional particulars of the affair further than we gave yesterday, the report then given is confirmed in the gratifying manner we received it here yesterday on the Western train. They state that a courier from General Marshall arrived at Abingdon, on Wednesday evening, just before the passing of the train, with intelligence of the battle and victory, which corresponds in every particular with the statement published yesterday.

The scene of the fight was about eight miles west of Prestonburg, and the attack of the enemy was not desired by General Marshall at the point it was made. His object in retreating was to entice the enemy into a position far in front of Prestonburg, where he had chosen a strong position, and had he succeeded in reaching it would have annihilated them; but they were too quick for him, and when the fighting began his rear before the desired position had been reached, when there was no alternative left him but to turn and fight. The enemy's cavalry commenced the attack, and after a very brief but short conflict, were repulsed, when their infantry coming up, the fight began in earnest. It continued to rage for three hours, during which time some brilliant charges were made by our troops, each charge being gallantly met by the enemy, but they were finally compelled to fly, notwithstanding their vast superiority of numbers. They fled away in utter confusion, flight, guns, swords, pistols, knapsacks, and every thing else that impeded their flight. Their exhibition of fleetness is said to have far outstripped the best trained Bull Run steeds.

The Abingdon *Virginian* of the 17th brings the following confirmation of the victory of the forces under Gen. Humphrey Marshall:

VIII

Men of the South! the time has come
To bow the heavily cord,
Or make the nations tremble
Of North, or East, or West!
The hour has come for manly deeds,
And not for pulling words!
The blood has power for platform prate—
It is a time for swords!
And by the fame of John C. Calhoun,
To fight with be true,
And by old Jackson's honest Will,
Now do what ye can do,
By all hope and all valor,
Be resolute and prove,
An—make your flag a symbol high,
Of triumph or a shroud!

IX

Men of the South! Look up—behold
The deep and sullen gloom
Which darkens o'er your sunny land,
With thickers in its womb!
Are ye so blind ye cannot see
The omens in the sky?
Are ye so deaf ye cannot hear
The tramp of foemen nigh?
Are ye so dull ye will endure
The whips and scorn of slaves
Who bids the heart of Tyre Glories
Beneath the words of Tyre?
Are ye so base that, foot to foot,
Ye will not slowly stand?
For land and life, for child and wife,
With naked steel in hand?

President Davis and the Southwestern Publishing House.

The following acknowledgment (sent to the Tennessee *Baptist*) by President David of a package of books, consisting of a copy of the first pocket Bible and Testament published in the Southern Confederacy, also the new Confederate series of school books, is characteristic of the man, and must be gratifying to the authors of the series—the one a Georgian, and the other from Mississippi:

Richmond, December 26, 1861.

REV. J. R. GRAVES, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Sir: I have received with great pleasure your letter of the 18th instant, with the Holy Bible, Testament, and school books accompanying it.

The Bible is a beautiful specimen of Southern workmanship, and if I live to be inaugurated the first President of the Confederacy on the 22d of February next, it may be that I shall press the sacred volume which your kindness has bestowed upon me.

I have no time to examine the school books, but I doubt not they are improvements on those formerly used, and I am gratified that a Mississippian has been the first to engage in this work, so important for the instruction of our children.

You are right in supposing that I feel a deep interest in every undertaking which is calculated to make us thoroughly independent in every thing pertaining to the prosperity and progress of a free and great Confederacy.

With many thanks for your consideration and best wishes for your welfare,

I am your friend,
JEFFERSON DAVIS.

A PLAN OF POPULAR LOAN TO THE GOVERNMENT.—The Richmond *Examiner* says:

We learn that the Government has devised a new system of *popular* loan, which presents such extraordinary advantages for investment that it cannot fail to be eagerly embraced by not only of capitalists, but of large classes in the community who may desire to invest large sums of money in a safe and profitable form, and for short terms. The advantage of the new plan of loan is nearly that of deposit on call, and resembles the savings bank system.

Mr. Memminger, the Secretary of the Treasury, has proposed to make the stock run from three to eighteen months, with the privilege to the advantage of a loan on call, by making it payable as any period of six months intervening between three and eighteen years, with the interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable semi annually in coin.

Holders of Treasury notes can at any time procure from the same treasurer, assistant treasurer, depositaries or commissioners, bonds or registered stock in exchange for Treasury notes; said bonds or stock to be reconvertible, at the pleasure of the holder, into Treasury notes, or to be sold by the holder at par for cash.

Both classes of stock—that of six per cent. available as deposit on call, and that of eight per cent., payable at any period of six months present better advantages for investment than the funds generally afford. The people, we will, no doubt, in other regards, rendered themselves to the people of the South.

"THERE WAS A SOUND OF REVELRY BY NIGHT."—Last Thursday night Lieut.-Col. Gilliat, of the Federal army, while forgetting the cares of war in the many dances, was suddenly captured by the naughty rebels, and is now comfortably lodged in this town, a modiste on the strange vicissitudes of a soldier's life. Lieutenant-Colonel was at a party in Barron county. We understand the capture belonged to Colonel Fielder's battalion.—*Louisville Courier.*

COLONEL FORREST.—The friends of this gallant leader, who commanded the Tenth Alabama Regiment, and lost his right arm in the battle of Drainesville, will be glad to learn that he is fast improving, and will again soon be able to lead his command. He has proved a very foolish thing and then had been guilty of great swelling words," and threatened "to clean out" on being hearded, very meekly and fully backed down, or as our friend termed it, "He Swardized."

Columbus (Ga.) Sun, 15th inst.

NEW PROPELLING POWER FOR STEAMERS.—We were shown yesterday by the inventor, Mr. A. Obendorfer, of Norfolk, a new machine for propelling steamers, which seems to possess the advantages of utility and simplicity. It is a wheel, placed upright under the stern of the boat, with paddles attached, and connected with the engine by a horizontal shaft. The model which we saw is composed of a wheel six inches in diameter, worked by a small clock instead of an engine; and this miniature machine propels the boat in which it is placed (some three feet long, and weighing about twenty-five pounds with the ballast) at the rate of seventy-five feet per minute. The construction of the boat is such as to protect the wheel and paddles from shot, and it might be used with great success in the immediate vicinity of an enemy's ship. Mr. Obendorfer deserves credit for his ingenuity, and we hope the naval authorities will give his invention a thorough examination.—*Richmond Dispatch.*

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Robbery.—Before daylight yesterday morning some thieves, who must have been pretty well posted in regard to the premises, got into Joseph Savoit's shoe store, No. 58 St. Ann street, by the use of false keys, and going into the back room, they broke open a trunk and took therefrom one hundred dollars.

Negro Thief.—Officer Wm. Malloy caught a negro girl named Marie, belonging to Mr. Winworth Gordon, Clerk of the Second District Court, in the basement at one of the wings of the building, in the act of stealing a pocket-book containing $100, while Mrs. Gordon went into the back room.

Recorder Gastinel's Court.—Mrs. Lugo Marion made an affidavit against Francisco Bazo, who stabbed Dominique Castanedo in the back with an oyster knife, on the levee, charging him with stabbing with intent to kill. He was sent to prison to await an examination.

Leonard Dulau was committed to prison, in default of $500 bail, to stand his trial before the First District Court, on the charge of larceny. He robbed Seward Durrock of $316, and was captured by detective Boullier.

Rev. Benoit Poyet was committed for trial before the First District Court on the charge of assault and battery. He gave in $300 for his appearance.

Johnstone, a slave of Mrs. Bell, was held, in bonds of $500, to answer the charge of having committed an assault and battery upon a white person last Sunday morning.

Miss Eugenie Prade had to pay a fine of five dollars, and give peace bonds for having insulted Louis Regenie.

Elizabeth Mitchell had to give peace bonds for insulting Mrs Anna Bitzer. Mrs. Denscritch was held to answer the charge of shooting Dominique Montegut.

Samuel Regenie was held to answer the charge of shooting Pedro Matti.

Shinplaster Currency.—Detective Farrell made an affidavit yesterday against W. J. Weaver for having shinplaster notes without capital to sustain them. Weaver was arraigned and gave $500 bail.

Committed for Trial.—The notorious thieves, Johnny O'Brien and Sammy Crane, were committed for trial yesterday, before the First District Court for robbing and shooting at police officers.

COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE BEE,
THURSDAY Evening, Jan. 23, 1862.

COTTON.—We have heard of no sales to-day.

TOBACCO.—Nothing reported.

SUGAR.—The market is dull at previous rates, owing to the want of freights for any but delight-ful steamers. About 700 hhds changed hands. Inferior, 1½ @ 2c; fair to prime, 2½ @ 3c; Clayed, 3½ @ 3¾c; Centrifugal, 3½ @ 4c; Yellow, 4½ @ 4¾c; Choice, 4¾ @ 5c; White, —@5c.

MOLASSES.—Quiet and fair, but the market is very dull. About 700 bbls sold at 15½c for Fermenting, reboiling to quality, and 275 bbls of prime to choice Centrifugal. We have heard of no sales of Prime and Choice.

RICE.—We hear of small sales of Superfine at 6¾ @ 7c.

BACON.—5 casks Shoulders sold at 3½c; F. W. Sides boxes of sides of Fillet Mamie at 7½c; and Cumberland at 12c; F. W.

PORK.—There is little or no stock, and prices are entirely nominal.

LARD.—Prime to fine and thrown may be quoted at 7½ @ 8c.

WHISKY.—Rectified is retailing at 40 @ 42c, and Old Bourbon and Monongahela at 50 @ 60c per gallon.

Cattle Market.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 23, 1862.

Arrived yesterday by Texas Steers 10 Western Steers, 128 Hogs and 150 Calves. Amount of stock on hand 193 Texas Steers, 50 Western Steers, 200 Hogs and 40 Calves. Much remaining on hand. Sales of Texas Steers, 21 @ 3½c; Western Steers, 3c; Hogs, 3c; Sheep, 3½; Calves and 2 Milch Cows 40 @ 45c.

Weekly