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AN AMUSING CONTRACT.

There is one thing we rather admire in the *N. Herald*, viz., its sublime indifference to consistency. We suppose that no journal ever lived which shifts its views from day to day with such lofty and unmitigated contempt for appearances. What cares the *Herald* for those ridiculous? Such wedgeons have long ago been plasted on the callous hide of its proprietor. Kicks, and stripes, and blows have failed to touch him decency or truth, is it imaginable that reform can be effected by the mere beats order of hard words? Not at all. The *Herald* is a sensational paper. Its conductors do but a single goal on which their vision is unswervingly fixed. They seek to render the ers popular and to make it sell, and whatever may be thereunto requisite for accomplishing that purpose, they are employed without the least regard to considerations of honesty, dignity and veracity—such as usually influence respectable persons throughout the country. In the prosecution of the principals adopted, the *Herald* manifests an audacity that is astounding—contradictions and self-stultifications give it no concern whatever. "Hey, variety of the original readers of the miscellany" does become fascinated to its twitchs and turmoil and gyrations, and simply laugh at them!

In the 23d ult. the *Herald* published an article on the approaching collapse of the Southern rebellion. It was a most complimentary document for the Yankees, as it contained one part truth to nine parts of falsehood. It assured melancholy North that the gigantic rebellion would speedily collapse "beyond the shadow of doubt," that the rebels cannot take Washington, and will not therefore obtain European intervention in breaking the blockade; that the blockade is near at hand when BEAUREGARD will have to fall back upon Richmond, with or without a battle; that his troops are destitute of everything, are restricted to one meal of potatoes a day, and are eaten upon desertion and mutiny. "In a word," concludes the *Herald*, "if this Southern aphelion, like Jonah's gourd, grew up and overshadowed us in a single night, it is beginning to fail, and will be utterly wilted under the full blaze of liberty after the first frost. With the blooming of the flowers of May we anticipate such a triumph for the Union as will make even the cotton States unblushingly by the arch conspirators this ignominious experiment of a Southern confederacy."

How the Yankees must have rejoiced when they learned from the veracious *Herald* that the Southerners were in an awful way, and that by next spring they would be utterly incapable of further resistance! But the coming and cruel curbs was only sheeting dupes for the fiftieth time. He suffered them to remain under the blissful delusion for a day or two, that they might audibly fall from the hight of exultation to the depths of despondency. On the 30th September the *Herald*, remembering to forget what it had affirmed of the starvation, desertion and mutiny of our forces in Virginia, of BEAUREGARD's imminent danger, of his being compelled to retreat to Richmond, and of the prospect of an early and signal triumph of the Federal armies, quietly put forth the annexed paragraph, singularly ambiguous view of the case:

"A terrible battle is at hand between the 100,000 troops of the Rebel Chief Davis and 90,000 on either side—a battle which will be far more than that of Waterloo, and will probably be decisive against the party which loses it. In a mighty results depending on it will involve the destiny of the people of this country, and perhaps of modern civilization. If we should be a partial defeat of the Federal army, like the Bobtrion battles, who instigated the late rebellion and the war—Phillips, Garrison, Greeley, Beecher, Chever, Joy, Tappan, and their associates—look out for another country, for this will be too hot to hold them. If there should be a total defeat of the Federal army, together with the capture of Washington, let the Rebel-slavery demagogues who, for the last sixty years, have been stirring up the embers of strife which reached in the Southern revels, come out as fast as they can for some neighborhood beyond the limits of the American continent, for this is the only way in which they can consult the safety of their imperilled necks.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

Nashville, October 4.—A gentleman who arrived in our midst to-day, from Bowling Green, brings intelligence that the Federal army there, have pressed from Camp Dick Robinson to Big Hill, 60 miles nearer the Tennessee line.

Another move is with a view of fortifying themselves to prevent Gen. Zollicoffer to march into the heart of Kentucky. Our troops have not advanced beyond Green river. The Federals are fortifying Elizabethtown, where they are 7000 strong, and have eight cannon. Very few reinforcements have been made to their command within the last few days.

Gen. Fremont to be Court-Martialed—*Various Changes in the Northern Army.*—Bowling Green, Ky., October 3.—We received this morning a copy of the Louisville *Journal* of the 4th. From which we glean the following items telegraphed the Northern press:

Washington, October 2.—Upon charges made by Col. Blair, Major-General Fremont has been ordered to report himself for trial by court-martial.

Gen. Wool, of Fortress Monroe, has been ordered to supersede Gen. Prescott to the command of that fort. Gen. Mansfield left for Fortress Monroe this afternoon to supersede Wool. Gen. Wool has left the fortress, and is on his way westward.

The rebels in this neighborhood are now setting on the dogs, fearing an assault from some quarter where they are most assailable. Affairs along the Potomac are quiet. The robels have a number of "masked batteries" at all the principal points. At Potomac Creek, eleven merchant vessels were fired upon by a rebel battery, but the shots fell short.

FURTHER FROM WASHINGTON.—Washington, October 3.—Gen. Wool, who was superseded by Gen. Mansfield, has been assigned to to other duty.

Medills, October 5.—The remaining two of the four prisoners of war who escaped while en route for New Orleans, were arrested at Pearl river and brought here to-day, where they were lodged in the jail keeping of the jailer.

THE MOBILE BAY FORTIFICATIONS FIRED UPON.—Mobile, October 5.—The *Mississippi* steamed up yesterday to within half a mile of the shore, and fired a broadside at the interior who are erecting fortifications on the Gulf coast, but without any result.

Victory over Fremont at this point, and will then move to St. Louis, where 24,000 Secessionists will rise and welcome him with cheers in their hands.

Louisville, October 4.—Special dispatches have been received to the young men of Louisville, Jefferson, and the adjoining counties. Every inducement has been offered, but the work goes on slowly. Patriotism, State pride, love of country and manhood has not yet been aroused to gallant and glorious deeds as are sufficient to awake them. Not twenty recruits from the Home Guards of this city are in camp. The *Journal* thinks it very strange indeed.

Nashville, October 5.—The Cumberland Presbyterian correspondent writes from Knoxville, in a letter dated September 30, states that General Zollicoffer broke up the enemy's encampment at Laurel Bridge, Laurel county, 36 miles distant, capturing three prisoners, a lot of baggage, arms and provisions. The enemy scattered and fled to safe quarters.

Gen. Zollicoffer also broke up the encampment at the Goose Creek Salt Works, Clay county, capturing 200 barrels of salt.

The *Delta* of yesterday has the following special:

Richmond, October 5, 1861.—We have received the following particulars of the engagement on Green Brier river, in Western Virginia: The battle commenced on Thursday morning, the 3d instant, the enemy, commanded by Gen. Reynolds, leaving their intrenchments on Cheat Mountain to make the attack. The Confederate forces, which were under the command of Gen. Jackson, of Georgia, consisted of the 31st and Twelfth Georgia regiments, three Virginia and one Arkansas regiment. When the express which brings intelligence of the battle, left the enemy had fallen back, repulsed with heavy loss.

The report sent yesterday of the landing of a large Federal force on the south side of the Potomac, at the mouth of the Occoquan, is an assertained fact.

President Davis returned to Richmond last night.

The Federal gunboat Pawnee, which has been employed in the Canadian Sound, was engaged at Roanoke Island last Tuesday, by Confederate forces, under flag officer Lynch. Forty-one prisoners, together with a thousand overcoats and other valuable stores, were taken on her.

ARRIVAL OF THE TEXAS INVINCIBLES.

Richmond, October 5, 1861.

Editors Delta—The people of the Fifth Judicial District are hereby informed that we arrived here at an early hour this morning.

B. F. BARROW, Captain.
Commanding TEXAS INVINCIBLES.

The following, from Saturday's *Avalanche*, looks like the confirmation of the reported victory gained by Lee over Rosecrantz:

GREAT BATTLE IN WESTERN VIRGINIA.—We have a report from Charlestville to the effect that a gentleman arrived there had read a dispatch in the Cincinnati *Enquirer* announcing that a fight had taken place in Western Virginia between the forces of Lee and Rosecrantz, in which the latter's were terribly cut up and Rosecrantz himself killed. We only mention this as one of the rumors current here last evening. From the preliminary report from Western Virginia, published elsewhere, we think it not improbable that a collision had occurred in Western Virginia, and of the result we have no doubt.

Since the above was written we have been permitted to make the following extract from a private letter, which tends to confirm the original report:

"CHRISTIANSBURG, Va., Sept. 30.

"We have privately glorious news from Floyd's command in the Kanawha country, and hope it may prove true. They have had a three days' fight. In the first and second we repulsed them, and in that of the third last month would be Hooray, as large reinforcements were on the way. If they got them in time, we would whip them well. They have 14,000, and our force is 6000.

"Our boys at Manassas say they have orders to seek them days' rations, and are looking for orders to march. I hope this will prove true, as I wish to see Maryland redeemed. They are suffering sadly in that State.

It will be seen that the dispatches received last night confirm the report of the fight in Western Virginia, and that, as usual, our arms were victorious.

(From the Galveston News, 30th.)

Capture of Two Tehifords.

Friday night a fine sloop, belonging to Mr. Ballard, and formerly used to convey water to vessels anchored outside the bars, was stolen, and this morning was discovered attempting to go outside the bar, as was supposed to the U. S. fleet off near in the offing.

Capt. Ballard of the Confederate war vessel Dodge, manned one of his boats, and went in pursuit. The wind having died away, the fugitive vessel was unable to get outside the bar before being boarded, and on the discovery of her treacherous character five or six armed and well-appointed men, with shotguns and rifles in their hands, were found on board.

The names of the traitors are Samuel Thompson Smith, of billiooning notoriety, and well known among the fast men of New Orleans, and Joshua Miller, formerly a storekeeper at the Galveston Wharf Company, and for some time a resident of this city.

She turned and run for Bolivar Point, on the south bank, where, however, she would have been captured by the Texans. After a brief pull of some five miles the boarding party left the vessel, which, however, was not brought to until a couple of shots were fired at her, when she was run ashore, and the men on board, two in number, secured. The success of the boats was most prompt and vigorous, and reflected much upon Captain Rogers, his officers and crew.

The Bayou City put up steam and started with a detachment of the Galveston Rifles, but did not arrive until the fugitives were escaped.

The U. S. men-of-war outside the bar fired a gun when the chase commenced. They were out of five miles distant, and the shot, if the men saw, was not seen to fall.

A boat also put out from the fort at the Point, but returned without coming in sight of the chase, being down at head when the captures were effected.

A dispatch to Lieutenant, which, it is to be hoped, is beginning to see the error of his ways, was sent announced embracing them: "They have shown themselves to be traitors to the Constitution of the United States, when it is as much as a citizen can do to get provisions through nowadays to support his own constitution."

The New York *Tribune* of the 21st ult. contains the following letter from Cairo, dated the 20th, of whose fidelity the Union men have been encouraged by accession of spirit, 10,000 have deserted, and 10,000 proved indifferent from disease, leaving in the field 250,000, with a net increase of 1000 a day.

The Richmond *Whig* says the stamps for the use of the Confederate postal service will be ready for issue in a few days. The five cent stamp is embellished with a likeness of President Davis.

ESCAPE OF PRISONERS.—On Wednesday night two prisoners confined in the Parish Prison at this place made their escape. Brown Cox was confined for some petty offence, and Alfred Robertson, the latter, who escaped, was in Capt. Kemp's company, and was convicted in Justice Walker's court of stealing a gold watch, the property of one of the members of that company.—*Boston Evening Gazette.*

BY TELEGRAPH.

[TRANSMITTED TO THE NEW ORLEANS BEE.]

Latest from Richmond.

Clothing for the Army Arriving in Abundance.

Richmond, October 6.—Large quantities of ammunition, clothing, camp-kettles, and other things necessary for our brave volunteers are being daily received and forwarded by the Government authorities and special agents here from the principal all portions of the South for regiments, companies, and individual soldiers.

The Reported Federal Landing at Ocracoke.

The rumored landing of a large Federal force at Ocracoke creek is untrue. Only about 15 landed, and quickly withdrew.

Marylanders in the Southern Army.

It has been ascertained that at the present time there are fully 5000 Marylanders in the Confederate army fighting for Southern independence.

Arrests in Wheeling, Va.

The Federals are arresting men and women at Wheeling, having Secession proclivities.

The Fight at Greenbrier River—Official Dispatch of Gen. Jackson.

The following dispatch from Brig.-General Henry R. Jackson has been received at the War Department:

CAMP BARTOW, Greenbrier river, Oct. 3.

The enemy attacked us this morning in considerable force, estimated at 5000, and with six pieces of artillery of longer range than any we have. After a hot fire of four hours and a half duration, and heavy attempts to charge our lines, he was repulsed, evidently with considerable loss. We had no cavalry to pursue him on his retreat.

The loss on our side is inconsiderable. A fuller report will be given through the regular channel.

For several days my correspondence with Gen. Loring has been interrupted. The enemy's forces was superior to ours, but we had the advantage in position.

Naval Engagement—Capture of a Federal War Steamer.

Wilmington, October 6.—An authentic letter from an officer on board the steamer Raleigh, dated the 2d, says that Gen Clarke and Raleigh captured the Federal steamer Fanny the evening before, loaded with blankets, great coats, shoes and clothing for the Federal fleet, and having a force of 25 men on board. The capture made some resistance, but soon succumbed. No one was killed or wounded on either side. The steamer and cargo are worth $100,000.

Affairs on the Upper Potomac.

A friend just from Jefferson county gives us more minute information respecting the late stirring events which occurred at Shepherdstown, in that county.

The public is aware that Shepherdstown is immediately on the Potomac, about seven miles above Harper's Ferry. A Federal regiment has for some time been stationed just opposite, on the Maryland side, professedly for the purpose of protecting the canal, but really to molest and annoy their neighbors on the opposite shore.

It seems that on Tuesday, the 17th September, about seventy-five of the Vandals ventured over the river, crossing it at the ford about a mile below the town, and pounced on its peaceful inhabitants in search of the town's men, any one knew it. As soon as their presence was known, and amid the great consternation of the inhabitants, all the citizens capable of bearing arms came together ready and willing weapons as they could muster to give the invaders a spirited reclamation. Just at this moment about a dozen of Ashby's cavalry, who had been scouting in the vicinity, rode into town, led by Daniel H. Morgan, (brother of Capt. Morgan, of Stuart's cavalry) dashed down the street up which the enemy were coming, and charged them in every direction, mostly them in double-quick time to the river. This brave deserves more than a passing notice. Those gallant twelve charged the enemy against the wishes and protestations of the citizens, they supposing it to be a small force, and not wishing her to encounter a force so much superior. They deserve great credit for their gallantry.

The capture of the most outrageous and atrocious sets of the war remains yet to be told. On the Friday following, at half-past nine o'clock at night, the report of cannon, followed by the rush of four-pounders and pieces of less, told too plainly that the vengeance of the Vandals could only be appeased by a regular bombardment of the town, and that, too, without giving a moment's warning to the helpless women and children who were sleeping within its precincts. The firing was kept up at intervals for about two hours, and only ceased, we are informed, because their cannon burst (another falsehood; it was Providence) and prevented further shelling. They succeeded, however, in driving safely all the women and children from the place, many of whom had to encamp out all night. Several balls and pieces of shell fell in the town, which were picked up by the citizens. Most of the balls struck near the center of the town, and the marvel is how the inhabitants escaped, for, strange to say, no one was injured. Col. Ashby, with his fine command, is now encamped near Shepherdstown, and, with the aid of several hundred militia, will be able to protect the border from future depredations.—*Richmond Dispatch.*

Kentucky and Missouri.

The Memphis *Avalanche* of Friday has the annexed intelligence:

We learn through a gentleman who ran the Louisville blockade, and reached this city yesterday, that there exists a most intense excitement being enacted there. The people are leaving the city in droves, and seeking safety from the Lincolnites in the interior of the State. Almost three hundred fled the city the day our informant left, it being generally believed that the Federals would destroy the town rather than yield to the Confederates.

The principal Union wholesale merchants were engaged in boxing up their goods and sending them to Cincinnati, in anticipation of the capture of Louisville by our forces, notwithstanding the presence there of about 9000 Ohioans and Indianians, but they were moving all the time.

The office of the Louisville *Journal* has been moved to Jeffersonville, Prentice preferring to be upon the "side of the Union."

In regard to the "stampede" at Hopkinsville, we learn through a military gentleman connected with Gen. Buckner's staff, that the affair at Hopkinsville was even worse for the Federals than has heretofore been reported. The Federals "made tracks" so fast that they were creditable performances beside the Manassas race. Our loss was one man killed and one wounded. We captured a number of horses, took 600 stand of arms, a lot of camp equipage, etc.

Gen. Buckner has fallen back to Tate's Station, two miles from the State line.

Gen. Hindman is encamped two miles from Elizabethtown. He has under his command about seven thousand troops.

It is reported that connected with the Louisville *Journal* office have made a "good thing" of it in supporting Lincoln. It is generally known in Louisville that Henderson and Osborne (of the *Journal*) had a contract for supplying the army with hay, at $40 per ton, and, it is said, made about $40,000 each. The hay was purchased at $15 per ton, and sold to the Government at $40. Fremont's special "fee" was a "mule contract," from which he cleared the snug little sum of $20,000. The above how much "principle" there was in this contract, we are informed positively that at one time the Secessionists had purchased the *Journal* for a stipulated sum, but the hastening of events prevented the transaction.

Special Correspondence of the Avalanche.

CAMP BALDWIN, Mo., opposite Columbus, Ky.,
October 2d, 1861.

EDITORS AVALANCHE—On last Monday morning, about day, your humble servant had the honor of being engaged in the hobbies and most daring feat, I venture to say, that has been performed in the valley of the Mississippi since the commencement of the war. On Sunday, the 29th, at 3 o'clock, P. M., about two hundred of Gen. Thompson's picked swamp hunters left camp under command of Col. Jas. Walker, of the 1st, and Col. Phelan, of the 3d Regiment; the 3d Louisiana being detailed for the occasion. Each man had on hour before daybreak on Monday morning we were challenged by the picket guard of the enemy, at a large and important bridge on the Fulton Railroad, in the night of Bird Point. We immediately fired and charged upon the enemy, said by the neighbors and our guides to be three hundred in number, drove them from the bridge towards Union Point, capturing their guns, blankets, tents, haversacks, etc., burned and cut down the bridge, which was the real object of the expedition, and immediately started for camp. We were followed by small bodies of enemy horsemen, having traversed forty-eight miles without ever eating or sleeping, not having even stopped once to rest.

When you take into consideration that our force was infantry, and that eight miles of the distance was the very worst swamps to be encountered in this State, traveled on a quick night, and compelled to avoid all roads, I think it has no parallel in the annals of war. The expedition, if ever supplied, and all this was done without even a single man getting hurt. We cut off by this nearly all the rolling stock of the road, as there was a large force of the enemy at Charleston. The train that we burned had all returned, and we now have possession of all the cars, locomotives, etc.

About the same time our cavalry attacked and routed the enemy in sight of Norfolk, who were guarding a bridge, upon a creek. Our men drove them into Norfolk, killed some fifteen or twenty of the enemy, and wounded about thirty, and we lost but one killed and one slightly wounded in the engagement.

GOOD FOR THE THIRSTY SOLDIER.—Extreme thirst is one of the most severe trials that patient soldier has to encounter. During a long march and on the field of a long and bodily contested battle, he is often almost overcome with fatigue and thirst. An oft frontier-man, who has had much experience on the Western borders and on the plains, suggests to us the following as the best remedy against the vexatious of thirst that has ever been discovered: After a meal, take the coffee grounds, boil them in water, and drink it as hot as you can endure, and let it cool for your next march. It is not only nutritious and strengthening, but it will quench the thirst more effectually than water-it will not leave or throw them as far as water does, take the grounds, after being thus used, dry them, and put them in your pocket, and throw them at intervals on the march, or during any arduous service, and they will likewise relieve your thirst, and satiate greatly the cravings of hunger. This course has been tried with the most gratifying results, and is worthy of a trial by every soldier in the service.

Importance from England.

The London *Post* of the 19th—the Government organ—has the following highly significant article:

Secession is now an accomplished fact for the Federal Government can no more extinguish authority in the seceding States than it can effect to regulate the Government of Canada or of this country. In support of a Union which does not acquire, it not only wages a costly and unprofitable war, but it destroys every vestige of that freedom which once was the pride and the boast of the Anglo-Saxon race in America.

It is said that the Confederate States have announced their intention to prohibit the exportation of cotton so long as foreign powers admit the validity of the Federal blockade. They hope by this threat to coerce England and France into the recognition of their independence and sovereignty. Questions of blockade can only be determined by the law and practice of nations. No one calling for a definition of reason, has when it does arise limits doubt can be entertained that every tribunal, except perhaps in America, would determine the question according to the declaration of the treaty of Paris. The recognition of *de facto* independence, as in the case of the Spanish-American provinces, Greece and Belgium, rests upon an entirely different basis; and, when the proper occasion arises, we have as little doubt that it will be met and decided in strict conformity with the modern public law of Europe. But the Southern States have recently announced that, with the exception of the article relating to privateers, they will, with regard to neutral goods, contraband of war, and the validity of the blockade, scrupulously adhere to the declaration of the Congress of Paris. In other words, they are willing to act in concert with the more humane views of European nations so long as they can preserve and exercise the right of commissioning privateers.

Even if that right the Southern States should, from a mistaken view of interest, adhere to this barbarous rule of the middle ages. It is a weapon more formidable against innocent commerce than it is against the enemy's trade; but it is based upon that principle of a military or, we might, at lately, both sections of public men in America concurred in supporting. We believe that it is a useless and dangerous expedient, and that, notwithstanding the temporary success of the Southern and other corsairs, it will lead to no practical or beneficial result. But, whilst we see the South, in regard *to at least the de great principle of defensive warfare, acting in exactly the same manner as the North*, we think a reign of terror has been inaugurated in the North. Not only is the press silenced, but a system of espionage has been established which would disgrace the worst days of the Star Chamber, and has actually subjected women to its savage and arbitrary rule. The passport system, in its most odious form, has been introduced in England. The spies of the Federal Government are on board every steamer which arrives at New York or Boston. An American gentleman, who recently returned to America, after a visit to this country, asked on passing the office, was required to produce his passport before he could land. Another gentleman, who recently arrived from the Peruvian, and his property was confiscated. The excuse was that he had been in England engaged in the task of prevailing on Lord Lyons to recognize the South. Still more for the case of Mr. Serrill, whose liberty has been coerced and his property confiscated upon the information of Federal spies. All this has been done in the face of the fact which Mr. Serrill had no political mission in England, and that the large sum of money found upon him was his own money, which he intended to employ in legitimate mercantile operations. The more gravely all these outrages on liberty occurred, and it may be hoped that this injured gentleman, upon an accurate knowledge of the facts, will at once be set at liberty. If we do not succeed in getting for Mr. Serrill Mr. Bright and his supporters the practical result of American Democracy, that result would be irresponsible military tyranny, the suspension of the habeas corpus act, the abolition of trial by jury, the wholesale introduction of a system of passports and spies. In fact, more outrages have been perpetrated upon individual liberty in the Northern States than even in Russia. The proclamation of martial law in New York is not only an evidence of national restlessness and dread, but shows how, in the course of three months, a numerous and united population may be marshaled at the freedom and liberty for which they have contended during nearly a century.

Lord Lyons on the United States Passport System.

(From the London Official Gazette, Sept. 11.)

Extract of a dispatch from Lord Lyons to Lord Russell:

Washington, August 10.—I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship herewith a copy of a notice which the Department of State has appeared in the newspapers this morning. It declares that no person will be allowed to go abroad from a port in the United States without a passport from the State Department, or a passport countersigned by the Secretary of State; and that no person will be allowed to land in the United States without a passport from a Minister or Consul of the United States, or, if a foreigner, from a Minister or Consul countersigned by the United States Minister or Consul. The notice has been issued without any previous communication on the part of the Government with the members of the Diplomatic body, or, so far as I am aware, with any of my colleagues, nor has it yet been officially announced to me.

The London *Post* remarks upon this that it is to be regretted that the Government has not given further that it is to be attributed to the extravagant hostile views which Mr. Seward has always entertained towards England—feelings that are not likely to be mollified by the freedom of speech which prevails in this country, and which may even have some influence even in the Northern States, unless Mr. Seward should follow up his passport system by prohibiting the importation of English newspapers.

MEMPHIS ESTEAD CANNON.—Two thirty-two-pounder cannon, rifled at Messrs. Stroup, Hungerford & Co.'s establishment, were tested yesterday by Col. Monsarrat, and proved quite successful. The bursting of the gun mentioned, however, was not so satisfactory, but it is supposed that the defect can be remedied. Memphis is fast becoming "independent."—[*Memphis Avalanche.*

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Military Affairs.—New Orleans has proven herself to be a martial city ever since the commencement of the war of American Independence, both by the number of troops she has sent to other localities and the unanimity with which she has responded to the call of patriotism whenever danger has threatened her own fair soil. Her people are not slow to appreciate the necessity of being ready for the emergencies of war, and the present is no exception to the rule. Her citizens are now organizing themselves into companies and regiments for the purpose of being drilled in the duties of a soldier, and of rendering themselves efficient in the event of their services being required in the field. Her volunteers are well drilled and disciplined, and they thoroughly understand the necessity of forming themselves into regiments or parts of regiments for the purpose of insuring success. The principal difficulty seems to be to find men who are not only to command a battalion, but to instruct it in all the movements and evolutions of war. A man who does not thoroughly understand this would be a dangerous person to have in command, and in taking a place in the field of battle, he would be otherwise than valuable under a competent officer. There are any emoluments at present attached to the position of Major or Colonel of a regiment, but the honor of commanding a regiment through a friend or by other means, and daily in their monday calls for this battalions cannot all have Westpointers, but there may be other competent officers in the ranks who have made a study of military tactics.

We have not published, from day to day, the titles and officers of every new company organizing, as they have been springing up so thick and fast as to render it impossible to keep of them all, but we will fill up this deficiency to-day. The following are the companies that have already formed a regiment, and elected officers, with Captain Frank J. Reed and Lieutenants Jas. Barby, Frank J. Ames and John Kennedy:

The day officers of that District are forming another company.

The first meeting of the men composing the Orleans Artillery Saturday evening for the election of a Captain in place of Mr. Redfer, who resigned on account of ill health. First Lieutenant Fred. Girod was elected Captain. Fred. Girod was elected to fill his place, and Ringgold was elected First Lieutenant Jr.

The Company has now a complete new battery of six guns, and is ready for service at any moment. Any officers or soldiers belonging to the company are required to furnish new addresses to prove of the same to Lieutenant Girod, Commanding.

The officers with officers drill in uniform.

Any officer neglecting to report for duty on the second and fourth Saturday evenings of each month will be fined subject to the decision of the Commanding officer.

Any officer