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PRENTICEANA.

Jeff Davis, despairing of aid from any other quarter, has resolved, by a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, to sue for the interposition of Heaven. A contemporary thinks that Davis gets a miracle to aid him by a flank movement.

Gen. Beauregard announces that the U. S. Government has control of the Mississippi river throughout its whole extent. What an announcement for the rebel Confederacy!

It doesn't look as if the rebels, late of Yorktown, could run fast enough to escape their pursuers. The hare is fleet, but he has a greyhound after him.

There are Southern rebels, and there are Northern rebels—the former are the more respectable by far.

Com. Foote is a Yankee. How did the rebels at Pointon and No. 10 like his nametag?

Our troops run the troops of the rebels, and our gunboats even run their forts.

The New York World says, that "Oh Lord, it is all over" was the exclamation of Lord Robert when he received the news of the capture of Yorktown by Washington.

It is all over? Was the exclamation of Jeff Davis when he heard of the capture of Yorktown by Gen. McClellan?

The rebel Confederacy is not at this day a living thing.

We guess the weather is at last so dry that Beauregard's army can be pulverized.

Beauregard's army is no doubt nearly starved. The question is what is the effect of hunger upon men's fighting qualities.

We aim not to disparage the rebel armies, but our brave troops are everywhere running them down.

The rebels have repeatedly run without taking away with them their cannon, their small arms, or their character as fighting men.

Bladders and rebel war steamers are made to be blown up.

The Sun of the Rebellion is no longer in the sign of the Ram.

The great rebel army ran away from Yorktown and then from Williamsburg, but not till after the great rebel Congress had run away from Richmond.

A matter of sincere regret is, that old Hollins was not mounted on the back of his ram when that river-sheep went under.

The flowers that bloom most abundantly in the Southern Confederacy at this time are the "pinks of chivalry."

As we go on beating the Confederates in naval fights they become more and more foolishly bold, the more Farragut we give them, the more far they give us.

Mr. Roman, a New Orleans rebel, predicted in a late speech that the Federal fleet would be driven out of the South in six months. Perhaps by this time Roman knows.

The papers say that Gen. McClellan, though struck by a piece of a shell at Williamsburg, escaped uninjured. We are not surprised at it. An officer who could stand as many attacks from politicians as he has done, must be bomb-proof.

Our anecdotes are still doing an immense business. He travels at a prodigious rate and compresses with a ten thousand cotton-press power. The rebels think that all the armies of the world are nothing to our army-ankle.

There is no reason in the world why the people in the rebel cities of the Mississippi should be so awfully scared at the approach of our gun and mortar boats. Let them be quiet, and nobody will harm them. Why need they make fools of themselves?

Memphis talks of burning herself up. Hadn't she better bite herself to death?

The heats of our rebels are evidently a great deal too close to their gall-bladders.

There is much of majesty and glory and terror in the march of the great Union army toward the rebel Capital.

We have put a lock on Charleston harbor, and she can't find a key to it.

A Memphis paper alleges in behalf of Floyd that at Fort Donelson his hand was cut off. There was good reason why they were there; was danger that he might steal something.

Richard the Third offered his "kingdom for a horse." What would Jeff Davis give? A confederacy?

The Mobile Register says "it seems to be a truth, that the scarcer an article of provisions is, the more a man wants to consume of it." It is, and the scarcer shoe leather is in the rebel Confederacy, the faster the rebels seem disposed to wear it out by fast travel.

A Little Rock paper, in evident alarm, calls attention to the fact that Commodore Farragut "can go up the two principal Arkansas rivers into the very body of the State." If Arkansas continue rebellious a little longer, she will get worth entering—she will have in her body neither Commodore Farragut nor any other gut.

UNION MEETING IN NASHVILLE.—An immense meeting, of all in favor of the restoration of Tennessee to its former relations to the Federal Union, was held in Nashville, on Monday, the 12th inst. Wm. B. Chandler presiding. We notice in the list, among other names, the following: Wm. B. Stokess, Battle Peyton, Wm. H. Polk, and F. H. Jordan. The meeting was addressed by a number of gentlemen. The ladies of Nashville turned out in full force, and showed great interest in the proceedings. Resolutions were adopted, setting forth the security that Tennessee demand a return to the Federal Government, and that the officers of the Federal Army for their gentlemen's department, and approve the address of Governor Johnson. Messrs. Polk, Jordan and Peyton were appointed a committee to attend to the interests of the Tennessee prisoners of war, and to endeavor to obtain their release and return to allegiance.

Whenever we desire a good laugh, says the N. Y. Herald, we turn to the London Standard Review on America, and have it. Not long since the Review announced that "Gen. Burnside would land in Western Virginia with fifty thousand men," and in no longer ago than this month, while "Gen. Sherman is waiting with the main army for the capture of Fort Mifflin." It says again: "The Southern States are not contented, like Flanders and North Germany, with the conflict of the vast armies which are engaged in European campaigns, and 20,000 men well armed and in good position, ought to be more than a match for any Federal force which is likely to move in a single body."

A CHANGE IN TEXAS.—Accounts from Texas represent that the Union feeling is becoming so strong among the people, that a secession force in the State will soon be compelled to make use of force to maintain its position. The people have become sick of the war, and the medicine that is daily administered to them will be likely to make them worse.

The office of the Sandusky Register was burned on the 7th inst., together with most of the office material, and the files of the Register from the first issue to the present. Loss \$10,000; insured \$5,000. The building, which it was situated in was a story and a half high.

Emile in Denver City, Colorado Territory, on the 16th of April, sold at \$2.50 per sack of 100 pounds. There ought to be plenty of gold in that locality, to afford such rates.

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There is skirmishing from the 8th Missouri regiment, only about 300 yards from the enemy's breastworks. Several rebels were captured in the skirmish to-day. They are being sent to the rear.

The rebels succeeded in burning the bridge over the Blackwater, and in cutting off our communications. The latest news from the front states that several rebel gunboats came around Craighead Point yesterday on a reconnaissance. The Beaton opened fire as soon as they came within range, and the rebels retired. The gunboat was thoroughly repaired, and has gone down to night.

Passengers give currency to the rumor that General Sherman has been killed. Beauregard having been called to Virginia to organize the rebel army in the vicinity of Richmond.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH. BEFORE CORINTH, May 17.—Southern papers received here contain the following intelligence: FORT DONELSON, May 10, midnight.—The heavy bombardment was continued,