Richmond Dispatch.

SATURDAY MORNING.....DEC. 22, 1860.

The Secession of South Carolina.

The solemn act of the secession of a sovereign State from the American Union has been accomplished. With unutterable sadness we are compelled to speak of the American Union as a thing THAT WAS. It exists no more. One of its brightest stars has disappeared from that resplendent galaxy which has so long lighted up the Western heavens, and to which the oppressed of all nations looked for hope and deliverance.

It is but one star, and yet how soon others may follow none can tell. The golden cord is broken. The falling of a single pearl from the silken thread gives reason to fear that the rest are not secure—that soon the ground may be strewn with the scattered gems. She is but a single Commonwealth, and new States may be added to the Union, but they will not be of the old thirteen. One of our old Revolutionary comrades, and one of the bravest and the best, who never, in those days of trial and of peril, deserted a friend nor turned his back upon a foe, has gone out from among us, and stands alone. Where shall we supply the vacant place? Will *Kansas* be a substitute for South Carolina?

Deeply as we feel this humiliating disappointment of the hopes and expectations of all patriotic hearts, profoundly as we may regret that South Carolina could not await the co-operation of Virginia and other Southern States, we have no reproaches to utter against that heroic and generous Commonwealth. Virginia feels as deeply as Carolina the long career of injustice and wrong, of spoliation and aggression, of rapine and blood, which has compelled the South to make a final stand for self-preservation, and irritated a proud and high-toned people beyond the capacity of farther endurance. We have believed, and often expressed the belief, that, by a general and united demand of the Southern States, every right which they possess and every guarantee which they require would be conceded by the Northern States. Half-way measures are worse than none, and divided counsels more dangerous than no counsels at all. *Our Northern friends themselves earnestly call upon us to unite among ourselves, and, for Heaven's sake, not to be satisfied with temporary expedients, and absurd emollients for a disease which lies deep in the blood.* Let us hear this voice. Let the slave States stand together, one and all. Duty to themselves, to their Northern friends, to the Union, demands that we keep together, front and rear, and advance in a solid column.—We regret that South Carolina has felt it her duty, "solitary and alone," to precipitate events, but we have no jealousy of her or any other State. Virginia is too proud to be jealous. Her Past is too glorious; her Future, in any event, too grandly foreshadowed in her geographical position, her inexhaustible mineral resources, her magnificent harbors and rivers, and in the character of a people who in the harmonious combination of all the virtues that adorn humanity, have no equals on the face of the earth, to permit her for one moment to covet the blessings, or envy the laurels of any sister state. If Virginia does not follow close on the heels of South Carolina, it will be because, in the exercise of her free and independent judgment, she chooses to deliberate, to be circumspect, to look around, to look ahead, to look above. But, in no event, will she or any State of the South, permit coercion to be employed against South Carolina. The first Federal gun fired upon that State, will sound the knell of the American Union.

Fallacies.

In all the Northern and English newspapers which treat of affairs in the South, we find a disposition to exaggerate the difficulties arising from the necessity of keeping in subjection the slave population of this quarter of the country. It is, of course, viewed in different lights, according to the disposition of the writer; but by all, even by the President of the United States, we are represented as reposing upon a mine of gunpowder. To our friends in the North and in England we would say, give yourselves no apprehension upon that head. To our enemies we would venture to suggest that they are reckoning without their host in expecting aid from such a quarter.

We will venture to say, that the system of slavery in the Southern States of this Union, has presented fewer cases of riot, insubordination, and insurrection, from its foundation to the present day, and has been the parent of less bloodshed, than any other system of labor that ever existed the same length of time.—We believe that more lives were lost in the single insurrection of Southampton, (lives of masters, we mean,) than in all the other slave risings that were ever attempted put together, and the lives lost in that case did not amount to sixty. It is impossible to conceive anything more hopeless than the success of a slave rebellion, in any part of the South, and the slaves know this as well as their masters.—Even the proclamation of freedom, made by a royal Governor, backed by a fleet and army, to all slaves who would rise in the cause of GEORGE III., failed to produce a single case even of mutiny. A single riot in a manufacturing town in Great Britain has often occasioned more bloodshed than all the slave insurrections that ever took place in the Southern States of this Union.

Our enemies represent us as living in a state of constant terror from this cause. Nothing was ever farther from the truth. Timid persons there are, undoubtedly among the slaveholders, who are afraid of everything. But they are rare exceptions. The great body of the slaveholders pass their time in as much tranquility as any other class of persons whatever. They do not fear the negroes, because they treat them well; because they know that the negroes are too well aware of the folly of attempting what must end in their own inevitable destruction, and because, with very few exceptions, they are perfectly contented with their lot

Another fallacy indulged in by the class of Northern men who draw their ideas of the South from HELPER's book, is, that the white men of the South who own no negroes would gladly see the slaves emancipated. Now, the non-slaveholders, strange as it may seem to the abolitionists, are the very men, of all others, who are most jealous of Northern interference with the negroes. They hate abolitionism and abolitionists far more than the great slaveholders. There are several reasons for this. In the first place, every man of them looks forward to the day when he may become a slaveholder himself. Secondly, every one of them is connected in some way or other with persons who own slaves. Thirdly, they have been bred up among slaves, and are generally conservative in their views. Fourthly, they know that if the negroes were emancipated this would be no country for the white man, and that while the rich could get away, they would be compelled to live among them.

Much stress is laid by HELPER upon the fact that there are only 350,000 slaveholders, old and young, male and female. He forges that every one of these has numerous connections. He overlooks the 350,000 overseers, who derive their maintenance from slavery, and who, never having been accustomed to manual labor, would be like so many fish out of water were slavery abolished. He forgets that these are all men in the prime of existence, men of bone and muscle—men of spirit and energy—an immense army of themselves, 350,000 strong. Give to each of these men a wife and three children, and you will find at once nearly two millions interested in slavery, and dependent upon it, from this source alone. HELPER overlooked all this, and the followers of HELPER continually overlook it when they calculate upon finding the non-slaveholders favorable to their schemes.

The New York *Times* sports another fallacy with great persistency. It is trying to prove that the State of Massachusetts is worth more than all the cotton States, and says that Lowell alone produces more than South Carolina, and Philadelphia more than a dozen South Carolinas rolled into one. This is the old tale of the belly and the limbs over again. What would Lowell or Philadelphia be if the cotton States were struck out of existence tomorrow?

R. Lynn, Commonwealth Attorney of Giles county, Va., died a few days since.

The Annexation Party.

Whilst the English press are threatening the South in advance with all the terrors of a European crusade, if they undertake to carry out the American notions of "manifest destiny"—which none of them have intimated in any way as any part of their intentions—the very first pronunciamento of annexation has come from the Black Republican leader, Senator WADE, who, in his speech just made, which is the first declaration on the floors of Congress, at this session, of Black Republican policy under LINCOLN'S administration, and every where hailed by that party as the reflection of their own sentiments, boldly takes ground for the ANNEXATION OF CANADA. This is a part of the Republican programme, as announced by WM. H. SEWARD in his late campaign speeches in the Northwest. How do you like that, Mr. BULL? We wish you joy of your new allies.

[For the Richmond Dispatch.]

RICHMOND, Dec. 21, 1860.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:—The following communication from Washington appeared yesterday (the 20th) in the columns of the Enquirer:

"I hear from a casual source that Mr. Botts is preparing an expose of the dangers of transferring to the French company the James River and Kanawha Canal, showing that by the laws of nations the French navy and mercantile marine would claim the free navigation of Hampton Roads, the James, Mississippi, Ohio and Kanawha rivers, in peace or in war, as well as introduce a powerful if not a controlling foreign element into the internal policy of the State."

As this is a work of great interest to the State, and the contract, in my judgment, one of great importance, as well to the stockholders as to the State, will you allow me, through your paper, to say that there is not the slightest truth in the statement made; that I am preparing no such paper, that I entertain no such absurd opinion as to the law of nations, and that I have from the first been warmly in favor of the ratification of the proposed contract on the part of the State. My only apprehension has been, that the course of those *leaders of public sentiment*, who are bent on espousing the quarrels of South Carolina, and who would involve Virginia in unnecessary civil war, by offering unavailing and unconstitutional resistance to the powers of the General Government, in any effort that may be made towards upholding the Union, vindicating the Constitution, and enforcing the laws—in favor of all which this state has just cast her votes—might so far affect the contract as that the French company would require some guarantee that Virginia would not render the entire work utterly useless and valueless, by separating herself from the West and North, with whom alone we have any commercial intercourse, and that no such guarantee would be given, and that the contract would thereby fall through. Respectfully, yours, &c.,

JNO. M. BOTTS.

[For the Richmond Dispatch.]

FREDERICKSBURG, Dec. 20, 1860.

To the Editor of the Richmond Dispatch:

DEAR SIR: I have noticed in your issue of this morning, that I am reported by your "Special Correspondent at Washington" with having said, at the public meeting held in this place on Monday last, "that any Southern Senator or member of Congress, who deserted his post at this time, ought to be shot as soon as he crosses the Potomac." This report is incorrect. What I did say was as follows, and in this connection:

In the course of my remarks at the meeting referred to, the recent manifesto, signed and published by Southern Senators and members, was alluded to, and I expressed my gratification at not finding the name of a single member from Virginia among the signatures, and then said, "that should our Senators and members vacate their seats of honor and their posts of trust, in this trying hour, and retreat to Virginia, at the mere approach of a Black Republican President, they should be shot as they landed on the banks of the Potomac." I will not trouble you or the public with the reasons that prompted this sentiment; it is enough for me to know that what I expect at the hands of our Representatives, can be easily inferred from the expression, and that those to whom it was addressed most cordially approved it.

I would not ask an insertion of this card, but to disarm all right or inclination on my part, to criticise or sit in judgment upon the action of public men beyond the limits of Virginia, to which the uncorrected letter of your "Special Correspondent" would seem to make me arrogate to myself. Respectfully yours,

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FUNERAL SERMON.—A discourse will be preached in Sycamore Meeting-House, TO-MORROW (Lord's day) MORNING, at 11 o'clock, suggested by the death of Miss JULIA PLEASANTS, a member of the Church and Sunday School—the weather on the day of the funeral preventing any ceremony. de 22—1t*

THE FOX CHASE.—In consequence of the snow, the CHASE advertised to come off at the Old Church, Hanover county, on the 19th, is postponed to FRIDAY, the 28th, at which time and place the sport will commence. Two FINE FOXES are already in custody, and a hundred dogs entered for the chase. The public are invited to participate.

JAMES A. LIPSCOMB.
Old Church, Hanover county, Dec. 21, 1860.
de 21—d2t&swlt*

LADIES' SALE.—The ladies of the SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH and congregation open their sale of Useful and Fancy Articles at Mechanics' Institute THIS EVENING. Christmas Gifts and Toys will be provided to suit all tastes. Cakes, Jellies, &c., &c., of the best quality. Call, kind friends, and supply your wants. Every efforts will be made to please all visitors. Come, let us have a joyful time.
de 20—4t

VA. CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the VIRGINIA CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY will be held at the SPOTSWOOD HOTEL, on SATURDAY, the 22d day of December, at 12 o'clock M. By order of the Executive Com'e.

JAS. R. CHAMBERLAYNE, Sec'y.

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Virginia Central Agricultural Society will be held at the President's office, on SATURDAY, the 22d inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

By order of the President.
de 19—4t JAS. R. CHAMBERLAYNE, Sec'y.

FARMERS' BANK OF VIRG'NIA.—The general meeting of the Stockholders of the FARMERS' BANK OF VIRGINIA will be held at their Banking-House in the city of Richmond, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th day of January, 1861.

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de 17—M,Th&S,td

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On Wednesday, the 19th inst., by the Rev. P. Courtney, Capt. A. V. H. SOULE, of the bark Sally Magee, to SARAH A., daughter of Mr. G. L. Earnest, of this city.

New Haven papers please copy.

DIED,

On Friday evening, December 20th, 1860, Mrs. FRANCES KENDRICK, aged 52 years.

Her funeral will take place this (Saturday) morning at 11 o'clock, from the residence of Robert Garthwright, on Venable street, Union Hill. Her friends and acquaintances, and those of Robert Garthwright, are respectfully invited to attend.

On yesterday evening, MINNIE MAY, only child of C. E. and Nelly Wentworth, aged 3 months.

The funeral will take place to-morrow (Sunday) at 1 o'clock P. M., from the residence of its parents on Union Hill, to which the friends and acquaintances of the family are requested to attend.

On the 20th inst., Mr. JAS. W. RAWLINGS, in the 49th year of his age.

His funeral will take place at his late residence on Franklin street, at half past 10 o'clock Sunday morning. The friends and acquaintances of the family, and of Mr. F. W. Lewis, are respectfully invited to attend.

Washington and New Orleans papers please copy.

In this city, yesterday, 21st instant, WILLIAM ROWLAND, aged about 50 years.

His funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock, from St. Paul's (Catholic) Church. The friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

On the 21st inst., after a long illness, of consumption, Mr. GEORGE CLINTON, in the 30th year of his age.

Friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from St. Mary's (Catholic) Church, on Sunday, the 23d, at half past 2 o'clock P. M.

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Desiring to reduce our stock, we will sell great bargains FOR CASH, or to prompt customers, until the list of January next.

de 13—ts WATKINS & FICKLEN.

New and Choice Goods for Christmas TIMES!
AT THE NEW FAMILY GROCERY STORE OF MINNIS & CO., 2ND AND MAIN STS.

Sweet Cider; fine Apples; Raisins; Citron; Currants; fine Almonds; Pecans and Filberts; fine and coarse Hominy, in bags or by the pound; Split Peas; White Beans; Black-Eye Peas; Virginia and other Buckwheat, by the bag or pound; Pickles, in jars or by the gallon; Catsups; Sauces; Spices; Jellies; Extracts, &c., &c.

Also, prime Goshen and Mountain Butter; Pineapple, Imitation English and White Cheese; choice Teas; Sugars; Coffees, and every other article to be found in a FIRST-CLASS FAMILY GROCERY.

All Goods warranted as represented, and sent to any part of the city. de 12—2w

Henry S. Place begs leave to inform the citizens of Richmond, that he has commenced HOUSE and SIGN PAINTING and GRAINING, at his house on SECOND STREET, between Clay and Marshall, where he will execute all orders he may be favored with in the best manner and with dispatch. de 12—12t* (if)

Christmas Holidays.

HEADQUARTERS OF SANTA CLAUS.

ANTONI'S ST. NICHOLAS SALOON.

EVERYTHING NEW, RICH AND SPLENDID.

ANDREW ANTONI respectfully informs the public that he has just refitted the St. Nicholas Saloon, Main street, next door to Exchange Bank, making it in every respect the most magnificent establishment. He has on hand a very large stock of everything pertaining to the Confectionery business, including

FRENCH CONFECTIONERY,

FRUITS, both native and foreign; CONFECTIONERY of his own manufacture, of every kind and of unsurpassed quality;

FANCY ARTICLES

for holiday presents—a splendid assortment; TOYS for the juveniles;

FIRE-WORKS

of the best manufacture; Preserves, Jellies, Cakes, and other articles in that line; in short, every delicacy required for

PARTIES, WEDDINGS,

and other gala occasions; fresh NUTS, ORANGES, FIGS; BON BONS and SWEETMEATS of the most tempting description; and every article to be found in a first-class Confectionery Store.

A fine stock of TOBACCO and CIGARS.

The young folks will remember the Headquarters of Santa Claus.

Country orders promptly attended to.

ANDREW ANTONI,
French Confectioner,
de 7—1m(if) Next door above Exchange Bank.

PERSONAL.

LETITIA BROWN, otherwise CHEVALIER, who was staying at the St. Nicholas Hotel, Broadway, New York, in March last, (to the knowledge of Mr. Bradford,) will hear of something to her advantage by applying at the office of RICHARD O. GORMAN,
de 22—2t* Solicitor, 122 Broadway, N. Y.

LOST AND STRAYED.

LOST—On Friday evening, between the Old Market and Rocketts Old Field, my FREE PAPERS. They were in a small tin box. A reward of $1 will be paid the finder by leaving them at this office. JOHN PLEASANTS.
de 22—1t* A free man of color.

NOTICE.—I caught on Thursday, December 13th, an old MULE, in the Dock, while in the act of drowning. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take it away. CHAS. HASKINS.
de 21—3t* Rear of Gas House, on Dock st.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—From the stable of Mr. Wm. N. Tyler, on Union Hill, on Tuesday evening, a GREY MARE—has a little white on her upper lip, and a small sore on her right side. She is in tolerable good order. Any person delivering her to Mr. Tyler's, on 28th street, Union Hill, will receive a liberal reward.
de 21—2t* THOS. D. THOMPSON.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

A splendid lot of BIRDS, suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, consisting of GOLD-FINCHES, Scottish LINNETS; Hartz Mountain CANARIES, with Nightingale song; Australian LOVE BIRDS and a fine lot of other EUROPEAN BIRDS, at the BIRD STORE, nine doors above the Virginia Central Railroad Depot, on Broad street. de 21—6t*

FOR RENT—A wooden DWELLING-HOUSE, on Catharine street, above Brooke Avenue, containing three rooms, kitchen with two rooms, good yard, garden, &c. Possession can be had immediately. Apply to

THOS. J. BAGBY,
Agent for Hiring out Negroes, Renting out Houses, &c., No. 8 Wall street.
de 22—3t Under St. Charles Hotel.

FOR RENT—A HOUSE at the corner of 6th and Cary streets. Price, $12 per month. Apply to GREEN & ALLEN,
de 22—ts Corner of Grace and 7th sts.

FOR RENT—Several ROOMS over the store 176 Broad street, three doors from 6th street. Apply at this office. de 22—ts

MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 14.—Attend a stated meeting of your Lodge, at the MASONIC HALL, in Manchester, on this (SATURDAY) evening, at 6 o'clock.

By order of the Wor. Master.
de 22—1t* J. H. WEISIGER, Secretary.

HOWITZER COMPANY "H,"
1st REG'T VA. VOLS.,
RICHMOND, Dec. 21, 1860.

Order No. —.

This command will assemble at the MILITARY HALL, on SATURDAY EVENING, 23d inst., at 7½ o'clock, in fatigue dress, for drill.

By order of Capt. RANDOLPH.
de 21—2t THEO. P. MAYO, 1st Serg't.

ARMORY MONTGOMERY GUARD,
RICHMOND, Dec. 22d, 1860.

This Command will assemble in front of the Capitol on to-morrow (SUNDAY) 23rd instant, at 2 o'clock P. M., with three rounds of blank cartridges and crape on left arm, to pay the last tribute of respect to our deceased comrade, Private GEO. CLINTON. By order of the Captain.
de 22—1t JNO. McDONALD, First Ser'gt

HDQ'RS 1st REG'T VA. VOLS.,
RICHMOND, Dec 21st, 1860.

Order No. 6.

I. Commissioned Officers of this Regiment will assemble at the armory of Company "E," on SATURDAY, 22d inst., at 8 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of Regimental business.

II. Officers will appear in Rezimental overcoats and fatigue caps, without side arms.

III. Commandants of companies will come prepared to furnish the Adjutant the Roster of their commissioned officers, with date of their respective commissions.

IV. The resignation of Capt. WM. L. MAULE, of Company, "E," is hereby accepted.

By order. F. T. MOORE, Col. Com'g.
G. G. OTEY, Adjutant. de 21—2t

RICHMOND CIGAR MANUFACTORY.—F. WOELDECKE, Broad street, third door from 7th street, Richmond, Va., keeps constantly on hand a full assortment of the choicest brands of IMPORTED CIGARS, as well as CIGARS of his own manufacture. Also, a great variety of FANCY ARTICLES, CANES, SNUFF BOXES, MEERSCHAUM PIPES, CIGAR HOLDERS, &c. Retail dealers are respectfully invited to examine his stock before purchasing elsewhere.
de 22—1m*

NOTICE—TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—Whereas, our W. W. GRIGG has abruptly withdrawn from the firm of BOWE, GRIGG & SWANSON, the co-partnership is this day dissolved, and the undersigned only are authorized to use the name of the firm of BOWE, GRIGG & SWANSON in settling up the concern.

W. P. BOWE,
S. F. SWANSON.
Danville, 18th December, 1860. de 22—2w

MOLASSES—75 bbls. choice new crop New Orleans Molasses in store, for sale by
de 15—ts DUNLOP, MONCURE & CO.

SUPERIOR FAMILY FLOUR—For sale by
de 21—1w DUNLOP, MONCURE & CO.

LETTER LIST.

LIST OF LETTERS—Remaining in the RICHMOND POST-OFFICE, on the 21st day of December, 1860.

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Persons calling for letters in this List, will please say they are ADVERTISED.

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Anderson mrs L		Jones mrs M W
Allen miss N		James mrs Catherine
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Atkin miss A G		Jones mrs Sarah J
Butler miss M Z		Kennedy mrs M V
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Brannon miss C		Keennan mrs B B
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Bennett mrs M E		King mrs J M
Bumpass mrs J		King miss E J
Bird mrs H C		Lsughton mrs M
Bradley miss F C		Lacy mrs M C
Barwell miss Fannie		Lenher mrs F
Bark miss M A		Lee mrs M A
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Boling miss J		Lansford miss S
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Brannan miss S		Mangner mrs E
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