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WANTED—A Partner.—An active business man, exempt from military duty, would like to have a partner, silent or active, with from fifty to one hundred thousand dollars, to engage in business in Wilmington, N C. This presents a good opportunity to capitalists. Satisfactory references given. Inquire of HILL & NORFLEET, corner Virginia and Cary sts.
ja 15—3t* N B corner Virginia and Cary sts.

OFFICE C S AMBULANCE CORPS, Richmond, Jan 11, 1864.

WANTED—Good Wheelrights and Blacksmiths, white or black men, to work on ambulances. Apply at once at this office, south side Dock, opposite Libby prison. R C MACMURDO, Capt and A Q M in charge.
ja 15—6t*

WANTED—A gentleman of good education, to teach 15 or 20 scholars. Recommendations required, and piety greatly preferred. Address (with terms, &c.) Rev. GEO G BAALL, Scottsburg, Halifax co, Va.
ja 15—3t

WANTED—A situation as Clerk in a mercantile house or manager of an estate, having had experience in each business. Not liable to military duty. Can give satisfactory reference. Address "W T Y," at this office. ja 15—3t

WANTED—At the Confederate States Laboratory, 25,000 pounds Beeswax, for which a liberal price will be paid. Apply to W N SMITH, Capt, M S K and Superv't C S L
ja 15—6t

WANTED—Employment in Bookkeeping or other clerical duty, by a young man who is permanently exempt from military service. Best references given as to qualifications, social position, habits, &c. Address "Box 1020" ja 15—3t*

WANTED—To hire a Boy. (slave or free,) to wait on as officer in the Army of Tennessee. Must understand the care of horses. Address "Box 604," Post Office ja 15—3t

WANTED—By an experienced bookkeeper, with no military duty to perform, a situation. Best city reference, if necessary. Address "G S," Dispatch office. ja 15—1t

WANTED—Copies of the following Books:
Naval Ordnance Manual
Naval Cadet Book
Bowditch's Navigation
Kedge Anchor
Sheet Anchor
At JOHN W DAVIES'S Bookstore, 9th street.
ja 14—3t

WANTED—Confederate money for a lady's fine Gold Watch and Chain. It is something that you cannot see every day, and those in want of anything of the kind will do well to look at it soon. It would not be sold if circumstances could prevent.—It can be seen at Mr C C WALTER'S, Jeweller, 195 Broad street, between 5th and 6th, from 10 A M to 5 P M ja 14—2t

WANTED—A situation as Tutor in a private family, by a single gentleman, exempt from all military duty. Teaches Latin, Greek, and Mathematics. References exchanged. For particulars, address "OIDASKALOS," Midlothian P O, Chesterfield co, Va. ja 14—5t

WANTED—To rent out, for the present year, a Farm of 65 acres, within two miles of the city, on a first-rate turnpike. It is in a good neighborhood, and would make an excellent market garden. Apply at my office, in the State Court-House, corner of 12th and Franklin sts. J H SANDS.
ja 14—6t

WANTED—Employment by a young man of thorough business capacity; has had an experience of twenty years in this city; is willing to fill any post in the mercantile line; is an exempt from military service by disability. Address "Box 409."
ja 14—3t

WANTED—1,000 Yankee Overcoats and 5,000 old Felt Hats, to dye a good black that will not rub off, at KING'S New Dye Works, at Rockett's. Office on Main street, four doors above 8th, near the Spotswood. ja 14—3t*

WANTED—To purchase immediately, a small House, with 4 to 8 rooms, in an agreeable neighborhood, for which cash will be paid. Address, stating lowest cash price, "A T," Dispatch office.
ja 14—2t

WANTED—I wish to hire for the present year two good Blacksmiths, for which liberal prices will be paid. JOHN A HICKS, Cary street, bet 13th and 14th.
ja 14—3t

WANTED—For a small family, a Washer and Ironer and House Servant. Apply to B S WILLIAMS, Corner Grace and 19th sts.
ja 14—3t*

WANTED—Beeswax.—The market price will be paid for beeswax at the Richmond Arsenal, on 5th street. ja 14—3t

WANTED—Sorghum Seed, Sorghum Seed, Sorghum Seed, by the large and small quantity, by C BAUMHARD, 259 Main st.
Persons having any to sell will do well to apply at my store. ja 13—3t*

WANTED—A Teacher.—A lady who is competent to teach music, drawing, Latin, and the usual English branches, can hear of a situation, at a good salary and comfortable home, by addressing Mrs ALICE A COLEMAN, Woodlawn, Clover Depot, Halifax county, Va.
ja 13—4t

WANTED—To hire a superior Cook, Washer and Ironer and House Servant, for a small family, to live three miles in the country. A single woman preferred. Apply at WEST & JOHNSTON'S Bookstore, ja 13—3t 145 Main street.

WANTED—A situation on a small farm or as Watchman, by a settled man, who has had some experience in farming and gardening. He has no family. Address J C HUDSON, ja 13—3t* Through the Post Office.

WANTED—By two young ladies, who write well, employment as copyists. Best references as to character and competency given. Address "M D," Dispatch office. ja 13—3t

WANTED—To rent, by a family without children, a furnished House for one year. Address "Box 1,048," Richmond Post-Office.
ja 13—3t

WANTED—An experienced Manager in a tobacco factory. Address "Box 631," Richmond P O.
ja 13—3t

WANTED—A lady to take charge of a small school in my family, qualified to teach thoroughly English and Latin, and give instruction on the piano. A refugee preferred. My residence is six miles from the city. Address P O "box 219," Richmond, Va. ja 11—1w*

WANTED—A good hand at shoeing horses.—Apply to Mr STILES, At the Stables of the Southern Express Co, ja 11—3t Cary street, near 7th.

WANTED—Important to Peddlers.—Wanted, four competent peddlers and the same number of helpers. Any such wishing employment would do well to address "Box 468," Richmond, Va, stating their experience, where they have been employed heretofore, &c. Be particular to state your address carefully. ja 9—3w

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Office Special Service, Jan 9, 1864.

WANTED—Block and Sheet Lead, Copper, Zinc, Tin, and Brass; Wire, of different metals; Sheet Iron, Window Glass, Cast Steel, and Bar Iron; Chain Rope, and all other articles for Naval purposes, for which I will pay the market price.
ja 9—3t JNO H PARKER, Lt in Charge.

WANTED—To Shoemakers.—Two shoemakers, either white or colored; to whom good wages and steady employment will be given. Apply at once to W PRESCOTT, At the Tredegar Works.
ja 9—3t*

WANTED—Two No 1 Negro Shoemakers; also, two cobblers. A good price will be paid.—We want faithful servants.
ja 9—3t DARBY, READ & GENTRY.

WANTED—Twenty good Recruits for company G, Lieut-Col Elliott's command, Richmond City Battalion. Conscripts who have not been enrolled have the right to enlist in this company. Apply to CAPT L L BAGBY, At the Old Fair Grounds, Upper end of Main st.
ja 6—10t*

WANTED—To Carpenters and Smiths.—The James River and Kanawha Company will hire three good negro carpenters and one negro blacksmith, to work on the repairs of the canal between this city and Cartersville. The company will pay liberal wages, clothe the hands, and pay doctor bills. B L CHINN, Superintendent J R & K canal.
ja 6—1m

OFFICE RICHMOND & P R R CO, Richmond, Jan 4, 1864.

WANTED—Two Watchmen, accustomed to "firing up" locomotive engines. Also, a Negro Man, to run a stationary engine. Apply at the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Depot.
ja 5—3w B H GREE, Capt.

WANTED—Immediately, an office suitable for conducting the business of the "Southern Literary Messenger." A central location, convenient to Main street, preferred. Address, through the Post-Office, WEDDERBURN & ARMISTEAD.
de 31—1t

WANTED—Negroes.—We wish to hire the usual number of able-bodied men, as mill hands and teamsters. HAXALL & GRESHAW.
de30—1m

FURNITURE of various descriptions put up and made can be had at my rooms, on Franklin st, two doors below 14th. Orders promptly executed. JOSEPH GUMBERT, Cabinet-Maker and Upholsterer.
ja 6—dtf

FURNITURE made to order at my establishment, on Franklin st, a few doors below 14th. JOSEPH GUMBERT, Cabinet-Maker and Upholsterer.
ja 6—dtf

A MORRISON & HOGLAND, No 71 Main st, Richmond, Va, Commission Merchants, For the sale of all kinds of Country Produce, Dried Fruits, Preserved Potatoes, &c. ja 5—3m

LOST, STRAYED, &c.

LOST—On Wednesday night, between the American Hotel and Venable st, my purse, containing among other valuables a due bill on T J Hatch for $80, a bond on Wm Nott, in favor of Mrs Bettie Harris, balance due thereon $35; also, certificate for one share of Va Vol Navy Association for $500, in favor of the undersigned. All persons are hereby forewarned from purchasing or in any way whatsoever trading for the same, an application has been made to the proper parties for their renewal. The finder will please leave the above papers at this office.
ja 15—1t* C S TAYLOR

LOST—On Wednesday, the 12th inst, (at night,) between Richmond and Lexton's creek, on the Charles City road, my Waist Belt, Pistol, and Holster. The belt is a new one, and the pistol is one of Colt's five shooters, and its number 98,438. I will give a liberal reward for the above articles if left at my residence, in Henrico county, or at the store of Mr A B Clarke, corner of Franklin and 17th sts.
J H ALLEN, Lieut co G, 15th Reg't Va volunteers.
ja 15—2t*

LOST—$200 Reward—On the night of the 13th inst, between the American Hotel and Venable st, a small frosted gold watch and chain. The above reward will be paid if left at this office.
ja 15—2t*

TWENTY-FIVE Dollars Reward.—Lost, a bracelet, set in with brown and black sets and one white set. The above reward will be given for the return of the bracelet to Mrs MARY J PRYTOGLE, opposite the Old Fair Grounds. It was lost between 14th st and the upper end of Broad st ja 15—1t*

STRAY HORSE.—Taken up on Sunday, the 18th of December, (one month ago,) a Horse, of dark color, a white star on his head, and two small white spots on his back. If the owner will not come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away by Saturday, the 16th inst, I will sell the horse on that day at auction, for stable fees and expenses. ANTON BEIKER,
ja 15—2t* Canal st, bet 10th and 11th.

50 DOLLARS REWARD.—Strayed or stolen, on the night of the 12th of Jan'y, from the corner of Monroe and Marshall sts, a medium-size sorrel Horse, five years old next spring, a star in his forehead; he carries his tail a little to the left when moving; he rocks a little under saddle, and canters very well; he has on a new set of shoes. I will pay the above reward if left at corner of Monroe and Marshall, with R G Farley. W H WARING,
ja 15—2t*

500 DOLLARS Reward.—The above reward will be paid, and no questions asked, for the return of a carpet bag and shawl left in the ladies' car of the Richmond and Fredericksburg railroad on Monday, 11th inst, supposed to have been left by the lady on getting off at Folsomt station. The carpet bag contained two pocket books—one with $4 in silver, the other papers, bills, &c, check on Virginia Bank for $421 50, drawn to the order of Mrs A Borde. Also, $65 U S money. The above reward will be paid by leaving the same at THOS PHILLIPS & CO'S, Cor 7th and Broad sts.
ja 14—3t

CAME to my farm, on the Williamsburg Turnpike, two miles below Richmond, on the 12th inst, three cows—two of them red, with very long horns; the other a red and white buffalo. The owner is requested to come forward, pay charges, and take them away. [ja 15—1t* J J WHITE.

ONE Hundred Dollars Reward.—My stable was broken open on the night of the 12th and my Mare stolen. She is a dark bay mare, about fifteen hands high, one white foot, and a small star in her forehead. SAM'L T BAYLY, ja 14—6t* No 9, Winder Building

LOST—On Tuesday night, Jan 12, a medium-sized bay Horse, with saddle and bridle. The horse had his right hind shoe off. He strayed away from the Ambulance Department 9th street. A liberal reward will be paid for his return to W G WEBB & CO, ja 14—2t* Manchester Soap Works.

LOST—$10 Reward.—Lost, last week, a pair of steel-framed Spectacles, in a brown case. The finder will get the reward and the thanks of the owner by delivering them at LEON SCHLAR'S, 205 Broad st, between 4th and 5th ja 14—2t*

LOST—On Tuesday evening, Jan 12th, a black Breastpin, with a bunch of flowers in mosaic. It was broken at the back. The pin is very highly valued by the owner, and a liberal reward will be paid if left at the Ladies' Treasury Department.
ja 14—2t*

LOST—$20 Reward—Lost on the 7th inst, on Broad street, my British Protection Papers. I will give the above reward to any one who will leave them at the Dispatch office for me.
ja 13—3t* WILLIAM MORRINEY.

FOUND—In the ladies' car, on the Petersburg train, a sum of money, which the owner can get by applying to R M LOWRIE, Petersburg depot, and paying for this advertisement. ja 13—3t

MILITARY NOTICES.

TO CONSCRIPTS.—A gentleman occupying a position which exempts the holder thereof from the performance of military duty, being desirous of joining a partisan corps, would resign in favor of some one for a sufficient consideration to thoroughly equip himself. All answers to this strictly confidential. Address "RANGER," Dispatch office.
ja 15—1t

ATTENTION, Mayor's Mounted Police.—Meet at the City Hall on Friday evening, 15th inst, at 7 o'clock P M.
By order of Capt English.
ja 14—2t* J H ADAMS, O S.

MILITARY Notice.—Persons desiring to join the 2d or 3d company Richmond Howitzers, the Powhatan, Salem, or the old Rockbridge battery, will please apply to me, at Col Werth's, on Leigh st, between 6th and 7th sts, giving their address.
ja 12—6t* R A HARDAWAY, Major Artillery.

CONFEDERATE STATES TAXES.

CONFEDERATE States Taxes—Notice to all persons liable to taxation by the Confederate Government in District No. 11, composed of that part of the city of Richmond lying between 6th and 14th streets.—By authority of the Secretary of the Treasury, I hereby notify all persons liable to taxation—which embraces the great mass of the people of this district—that it is their duty to come forward and give in to me, or to W B Johnson, or James Kenny, the other Assessors of this district, a statement of their incomes, salaries, and all other subjects of taxation, that they may be assessed according to law; and to enable us to perform this duty, we hereby notify them that one or the other of us may be found daily at the office of G J Sutton, Collector of this District, during the business hours of the day, until the 20th day of February, 1864. THOS A STAPLES, P K GENTRY, ja 9—3tsSw Assessors 11th District, Va.

CONSOLIDATED STOCK of a Share.—In pursuance of a decree of the County Court of Henrico, pronounced on the 5th day of January, 1864, in the cause styled Gentry's vs Gentry's, &c, the undersigned, who was appointed Special Commissioner therein, will proceed to sell on Monday, the 18th day of January, 1864, at 12 o'clock M, in front of the State Court-House, in the city of Richmond, one share of Consolidated Stock. He is about 37 years of age, and in good transferable order.
Terms—Cash. J H GRIFFIN, ja 7—2t Special Commissioner.

NOTICE—All persons [illegible]

TAX in Kind.—Farmers and planters are notified that they need not deliver their tax in kind upon any other than receipts of Quartermasters and Commissaries serving with troops, and of officers and agents on tax duty, or of those who from this office are specially authorized to collect.
The receipts of sergeants, wagon masters, and teamsters are worthless; they have no authority, nor can any one give them authority, to receipt for tax in kind. LARKIN SMITH, ja 4—1m Asst Quartermaster-General.

NOTICE to Tax Payers.—All persons liable to taxation by the Confederate Government in District No 1, composed of all that part of the city of Richmond lying east of 14th st.—By authority of the Secretary of the Treasury, we hereby notify all persons liable to taxation, which embraces the great mass of the people of this district, that it is their duty to come forward and give in to us, the Assessors of this District, a statement of their incomes, salaries, and other subjects of taxation, that they may be assessed according to law; and to enable us to perform this duty, we hereby notify them that one or the other of us may be found daily at the office of G J Sutton, Collector of this District, during the business hours of the day, until the 20th day of February, 1864.
Assessors 1st District, Va.

Richmond Dispatch.

FRIDAY MORNING.....JANUARY 15, 1864.

THE WAR NEWS.

There were several different reports in circulation in the city yesterday with reference to movements in the army. Passengers by the Central train say that it was rumored yesterday at Gordonsville that Mosby had made an unsuccessful attack upon the garrison of the enemy at Harper's Ferry. We think this report quite unlikely, as it is hardly probable that any cavalry force would attempt to assault a point so difficult of access. In addition, the Federal force at Harper's Ferry and in the neighborhood is much larger than the command of Major Mosby. Sedgwick's corps of the Yankee army was at Charlestown a few days ago, which is but eight miles distant.

We have another report, brought by the Fredericksburg train, that the enemy in considerable force have appeared in Westmoreland county. It is not believed, however, that their appearance there means anything more than a thieving expedition, for the purpose of stripping the county of its supplies of food and forage.

CONFEDERATE STATES CONGRESS.

The *Senate* yesterday was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Langhorne, of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Johnson, of Ga., introduced a bill for the relief of Capt. Wm. W. Payne, of the 1st Georgia regulars. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hill, of Ga., introduced a bill to regulate the salaries of Confederate District Judges. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Military Commitee, reported back adversely the petition of dental surgeons of ten years' practice to be exempted from military service.

Mr. Sparrow, from the same committee, ported back the resolutions of the State of Alabama relative to the execution of the conscript laws and the extension of the limits of the conscript district of Gen. Pillow, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Sparrow, from the same committee, reported adversely upon the bill to establish and regulate territorial commands in the army.

Mr. Phelan, from the Judiciary Committee, reported back, with an amendment, the bill to grant to W J Hardee and S. H. Gelzel, a special copyright for "Hardee's Rifle and Infantry Tactics;" which, on motion of Mr. Sparrow, was laid over till the following day.

Mr. Semmes, from the Judiciary Committee, reported back, with amendments, the bill to limit and define the term of office of Secretaries or principal officers of the Executive Departments of the Government.

Mr. Hill submitted a minority report in opposition to the bill.

On motion of Mr. Semmes, the bill, and the majority and minority reports thereon, were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, with the recommendation that it be passed, the bill to provide for the investigation and settlement of the accounts and transactions of quartermasters, commissaries, contractors, and other financial and disbursing agents of the Confederate States. Ordered to be printed.

The House joint "resolution on the war" was referred to the special Committee on the Address to the Country.

On motion of Mr. Clay, of Ala., the Senate resolved itself into secret session.

In the *House* the Speaker announced the following committee, under the resolution of Mr. Goode, of Va., to inquire into the propriety of impressing for the use of the army a portion of the bacon put up by parties for their own use, viz: Messrs. Goode, of Va., Hilton, of Fla., McLean, of N. C., Wright, of Tenn., and Trippe, of Ga.

The House then, on motion of Mr. Jones, of Tenn., took up the bill to make additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864, a synopsis of which we published on Wednesday. The bill was acted upon and passed, with a few immaterial amendments.

From the Committee on Military Affairs a bill was reported to repeal the act authorizing the raising of bands of partisan rangers.

The House then went into secret session for the consideration of the bills reported from the Committee on Currency.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Senate.—Mr. Douglas, from the Military Committee, asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution for repealing the law exempting militia officers from service.

The bill for the relief of Brigadier-General Alfred Beckley was rejected, and the vote subsequently reconsidered and the bill tabled.

A resolution of inquiry for exempting inspectors of tobacco was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Collier, a resolution was adopted inquiring whether any and what legislation is requisite to preserve and enforce the writ of *habeas corpus*. Also, one inquiring whether there is constitutional competency in the Confederate Government to pass any law to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus* so as to restrain a State Judge from awarding the writ in a proper case.

Adjourned.

In the *House*, the Senate bill reorganizing the State Penitentiary was discussed and passed by a vote of ayes, 100; noes, none.

Senate bill for the relief of the families of soldiers living within the lines or under the control of the public enemy, was committed to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate bill increasing the salaries of certain officers of the Government was also committed to a committee.

A bill was reported transferring the Bank of Pittsylvania from Chatham to Danville.

Mr. Pendleton moved a resolution for the Committee for Courts of Justice to inquire and report whether the present session of the General Assembly is not the session at which, by the Confederate Constitution, an election is required to be held for the election of a Senator of Virginia in the Confederate Congress.

A resolution of inquiry was adopted for increasing the capital stock of the Bank of Petersburg to two millions of dollars.

Adjourned.

THE REPAL AMENDMENT.—This is the title of a pamphlet by Wm. A. Pollard, author of the "First and Second Year of the War." It is one of the publications of the third volume of his periodical, library, which will be published in February, the author proposes to issue it monthly during the present year, if he can meet with encouragement. The pamphlet is for sale at the bookstores. [illegible]

FROM GENERAL LEE'S ARMY.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA, Jan. 12th, 1864.

The winter is rapidly passing away, unmarked by any events of striking interest in the lines of either army. Spring will soon be upon us, and it behooves Congress to act, and to act promptly, if they would have our Generals prepared for the herculean efforts of the enemy during the coming spring and summer campaigns.

Since my last letter there have been a few suggestions made to me by officers of the army, which I will repeat. It is submitted that the pioneer corps of the army, requiring as it does about one regiment of good fighting men in each division, might be very properly made up of negroes. Again, it is suggested that, inasmuch as the regiments are now so much reduced, and of consequence the brigades, regimental quartermasters could be very properly dispensed with. This has been done in the case of regimental commissaries, and has been found to work admirably. I would repeat the suggestion made in regard to filling the places of teamsters with colored men, and I would urge Congress to pass some legislation that will be effectual in bringing back absentees and the detailed men. If these things are done, and done promptly, the spring campaign can be opened under auspices that will tell most favorably for the success of our cause, provided the present organization of the forces be not disturbed. If they are a Pandora's box of evils will be opened, and it will not be in human prophecy to predict the mischief that will flow from such a proceeding.

Congress ought, and doubtless does, know that there are to it that such contempted classes as tanners and shoemakers are not allowed, to reap a harvest of money from the wants and necessities of the times; but it ought to so legislate that these men should be exempted for the good of the public. X.

The Message of President Davis at the North.

The New York *World* has a long editorial comment upon the recent message of the President.—It says it has the merit of a "certain sort of painful honesty." It adds:

But amid all these avowals and upbraidings no word escapes Mr. Davis indicating the possibility of submission. He seems to place such complete reliance on the stubborn constancy of his people that he deems it safe to state, without palliation, the most unwelcome truths. Whoever infers from this gloomy message that the rebels are about to give up, draws a conclusion which events will disappoint, and which careful reflection on the message itself should suffice to confute. If the rebels had any thought of surrender they would not thus turn their Confederacy inside out for our inspection. If they considered negotiations for submission within the range of possibility, it would be their cue to conceal their weakness, in the hope of thereby obtaining more favorable terms. These bold confessions are among the most painful proofs of undaunted and invincible determination which the rebel chiefs have ever given.

But why is it that they are so stout and resolute under such accumulated misfortunes? What is it feeds the political passions which, so constantly rise superior to calamity? Why is it that wave after wave of our successive victories dashes against their spirit of defiance without impression? There is but one explanation. The Administration have one, against the secession mad bull with a sword in one hand but with a red flag in the other. They infuriate him more by constantly brandishing the flag than they subdue him by their blows. Who can believe that, after all their sufferings, the South would be so stiff and high, if, throughout the war, the only issue tendered them had been a choice between allegiance to the Constitution and resumption of their old rights under it on the one side, and a continuation of the war on the other? Our military straight jacket and heroic treatment will never bring them to reason so long as we counteract the effect of our remedies by lecturing the patient about the topic on which he went mad. Until the Southern mind ceases to run solely on slavery, cure is impossible; and yet Mr. Lincoln keeps thrusting this subject upon their attention in such a way as to add new exasperation to their most inveterate prejudices.

Which is easier, to create an abolition party in the South or in the North? In the North one would presume; but it was found impossible to souse even the North over head and ears in abolitionism at once. The Republican party has steadily tended towards abolitionism from the beginning; but even to this day it durst not risk an election on the naked abolition issue. What, then, can Mr. Lincoln be thinking of in presenting the naked issue to the South? Why does he not imitate the prudent cunning of his party in the North, and manage his politics under a less odious flag? The South is not likely to swallow without dilution, a dose which nauseates even Northern stomachs.—The Republicans carried all the recent elections on the prosecution of the war, purely and simply conscious that they would everywhere be beaten if they dared to offer an abolition front. But Mr. Lincoln presents the naked hook to the South, without any bait to cover it; surely no man out of an insane hospital can expect it to be swallowed. He has rendered a Union party in the South impossible by making union the inseparable yoke fellow of abolitionism; he has perpetrated the absurdity of expecting that elections can be carried on the abolition issue at the South, when it is notorious that they cannot be carried on that issue in the North. It is in consequence of such follies that victories on our side produce no submission on theirs.

THE FATE OF CHATTANOOGA.—The Atlanta *Intelligencer*, speaking of the present situation of affairs at Chattanooga, says:

Chattanooga presents a wide scene of ruin.—The fencing is all destroyed; every shade tree and ornamental shrub has been hewn down or trampled in the mire; many of the best buildings have been burned or torn to pieces. The pews of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches have been cut to pieces, and perhaps of all the other churches. The glass in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has all been broken. The church-yards and vicinity are used as burying-grounds for dead Yankees. Their mode of burying is simply to lay the corpse on the ground and throw a few shovels full of dirt upon it.

Most of the citizens who could, have left the city. A majority have come South. They are scattered along the various railroad lines throughout Georgia. Some have been sent to Nashville, and others have been permitted to retire into the interior of Tennessee. All males under conscript age are retained within the lines. Females are permitted to pass the line. All the men remaining are required to answer to their names at 8 A M every day. Among these I may mention Dr. F. D. Sims, Dr. Smith, Rev. Thomas McCollie. There are many others. These worthy men, when heard from, had not taken the oath, and felt they could not. In their distress the loyal citizens, as the ancient persecuted Christians, had all things common. They nobly divided with each other to the last.

Almost without exception the negroes have gone to the Yankees. Negro guards are stationed along the streets, demanding passports of every passing citizen. Lawson Dugger, Capt. Spiller, Allison, the Marshal, are on a steamboat shipping in provision for the enemy. Of course they have taken the oath. Also, John Lowry, Thos. Warnecutt, Allison, the silversmith, Arthur Watkins, Dave McCorkle, and one or two others, have taken the oath. But taking them altogether, what a noble example of loyalty have the citizens of Chattanooga presented! For the southern cause they have suffered the loss of all things. They are now mostly destitute, and wandering refugees in other lands.

FROM NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH.—Parties who reached Petersburg Wednesday, brought information direct from Portsmouth and Suffolk. A large negro force is being concentrated at Portsmouth.—There are now there about three thousand negro infantry, besides a battalion of mounted men. It is supposed that a raid is contemplated towards the Blackwater.

No Yankees have recently visited Suffolk, but the pickets are still at Jericho Ran, two miles below town, and a camp of cavalry is kept up at Bernard's Mill.

GEN. BRAXTON BRAGG.—This distinguished veteran received his friends on Friday at the parlor of Cook's hotel, in Columbia, and the character of the affair must have been flattering to his feelings. In society he is emphatically a gentleman. He made but one discrimination in the reception of his guests. Civilians he met with just about as much civility for one as he did for another; but whenever a soldier was presented to him he invariably gave him with a warmer cordiality, whether he happened to be an officer or a private. This was the example well deserving imitation.—Ch. (S. C.) Courier.

MARRIAGE IN GEORGIA.—A correspondent of the Southern Recorder says that the Legislature of Georgia, at its last session, whilst hastily jumping with the Gods, unintentionally repealed the law making the marriage license a lose gun. If this be so, the people of that State are at liberty to get back to the primitive economy of jumping the broom.

CAPITALS OF VARIOUS STATES.—Most Northern Almanacs give the up to October 1st, 1863, as far as reported, the Yankee capitals had been captured. The Kansas capital was Lawrence, Iowa capital, Iowa City, Ill. capital, Springfield, Ind. capital, Indianapolis, Ohio capital, Columbus, Penn. capital, Harrisburg, Mass. capital, Boston, Maine capital, Augusta, Vt. capital, Montpelier, N. H. capital, Concord, Conn. capital, Hartford, R. I. capital, Providence, Cal. capital, Sacramento, Oregon capital, Salem, Minn. capital, St. Paul, Wis. capital, Madison, Mich. capital, Lansing, Cal. capital, Sacramento, Nev. capital, Carson City, Kansas capital, Lawrence, Nebraska capital, Omaha, Dakota capital, Yankton, Nevada capital, Carson City, Utah capital, Fillmore City, Washington capital, Olympia, Idaho capital, Lewiston, Colorado capital, Denver City