

And what of that great Palladium of Liberty, the Press? After a faint and ineffectual glow of renaissance, it sunk under the incubus of Lincolnism...

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DESPERATE BATTLE IN NEW MEXICO.—THE FEDERAL BATTLES DEFEATED, &c., &c.

Intelligence has been received here of a desperate battle at Val Verde, four miles above Fort Craig, on the 21st inst., which lasted all day.

The Confederates were appointed to 2300, and the Federals to one thousand regulars and four thousand New Mexican volunteers, including one hundred Pike-headers.

They were first attacked by their left flank but were repulsed by Maj. Lockridge. They then attacked the whole line, but were driven back. The enemy then concentrated on our left, forcing us to fall back.

The enemy then crossed a battery of seven guns over the river. This move proved fatal to them. We charged the battery and captured it, dispersing them with great slaughter.

The Confederates lost 95 killed and 105 wounded. The enemy's loss in killed and wounded over five hundred.

Maj. Lockridge and Capt. VanHarvel, of our army, were killed. Col. W. L. Roberts was slightly wounded.

In the beginning of the fight a shell exploded in the midst of Kit Carson's regiment, killing and wounding twenty.

We took a field battery of seven splendid guns, two hundred and fifty men, and many prisoners.

Col. Green commanded our forces. Gen. Sibley was sick, but was on the battle field.

Gen. Canby commanded the Federals. Twenty-five hundred of the enemy returned to Fort Craig. The balance are missing.

Our forces have surrounded them, and they must capitulate. CONFEDERATE CONGRESS.

Richmond, March 23. President Davis sent a message to Congress to-day, asking the repeal of all existing military laws and making...

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Latest dates from Liverpool... March 13. Latest dates from Havre... March 10.

WILMINGTON MARKETS, APRIL 2. BEEF CATTLE—In demand and some coming to market. Would sell quick at high figures—say 10 to 11 cents per lb. as a quality.

BAKING—None coming in by railroad, and in consequence of the reduced stock on market prices have materially advanced. We quote small sales from cars and by wagon at 23 to 24 cents for hog round, and 24 to 25 cents per lb. for hams.

COFFEE—Cuba sells at 70 to 75 cents per lb. CANDLES—Tallow sells at 20 cents per lb. CORN MEAL—Sells at \$1 10 to \$1 15 per bushel, as in quantity.

COGNAC—None arriving, and the stock is very small. We quote at \$1 00 per bushel. EGGS—Sell at 20 cents per dozen. FLOUR—Scarcely any now coming in by river or railroad, and the stock in first hands has all been worked off.

GRAIN—Stock light, and prices rule high. We quote at \$1 50 to \$1 75 for superfine, and \$1 11 to \$1 15 for family. LARD—In scarce and wanted. We quote at 20 to 22 cents per lb.

MEATS—Sells at \$1 10 to \$1 15 per bushel, as in quantity. OATS—Scarcely in demand. We quote at 50 to 55 cents per bushel. PEAS—In demand, and would sell at \$1 to \$1 10 per bushel, by the quantity.

POULTRY—Fowls sell at 25 to 35 cents per pair for live ones, and 10 to 15 cents for dressed. RICE—Fresh shells from cars at 14 to 15 cents per lb. per bushel. Irish 22 to 23, and Sweet 75 cents to \$1 per bushel.

RYE—Clean in moderate supply, and sells at 3 to 3 1/2 cents per lb., by the sack. SUGAR—Stock light, and prices rule high. We quote at 19 to 23 cents per lb. for prime yellow to white. SALT—Sound well sold from store at \$4 40 per bushel, in quantity.

SHRIMP—27 to 28 cents per yard, by the bale. YARN—Nos. 6 to 10, 45 to 48 cents per lb. TALLOW—Sells at 16 to 18 cents per lb.

FAYETTEVILLE, March 31.—Bacon—25 to 26. Beef Cattle—In demand. Beans—In demand. Family \$3 25 Super. 43. Corn—\$1 00 to \$1 05. Cotton—No arrivals since last report.

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