Perpetual Congress.

The first step towards a popular despotism, would be the establishwould scarcely have a limit, and the Executive and Judiciary departments viding the functions of Government into three departments, is apparent to all who will examine the subject. This division was intended to establish a set of checks and balances, that would secure justice to all sections of the Union, and to all classes of the

remained true to the Constitution moral men and women of Massachuand to the ancient land-marks, there setts are accustomed to amuse themwas no danger to the liberties of the selves: people or to the integrity of the Union. But unfortunately, as we have asserted heretofore, the tendency of radicalism is greatly towards dess of Liberty giving practical effect

The Defiant South.

The New York World says that while Thad. Stevens and his accomplices at Washington-men for the most part made wealthy by the their political car:

"Dr. Crawford, of Kentucky, who has recently visited the States further South, makes some very painful statements about their condition of destitution and prostration. He begs the churches of the North to inquire into the facts, and come to the relief of their suffering brethren in the South. In Alabama alone there are 20,000 widows and 60,000 orphans, most of whom are dependent. In Georgia, it is said, there are 50,000 persons who must receive aid. Dr. Crawford says that prominent people in the South have been withheld from proclaiming the misery around them, because bad men, even some calling themselves Christians, have already gloried in the hope of seeing the 'Southern chivalry' begging for bread.'"

Have we any such "Christians" among us? If so, how must their noble hearts rejoice in the thought to the gentleman in Petersburg, by that an odd million or so of their fellow-creatures will keep the holy season of Christmas, now at hand, in rags and famine, in order that a party clothing, were found undisturbed. of "great moral ideas" may secure itself another four years' lease of power in the Federal capital.

Things are Working.

A despatch dated Philadelphia, December 16, says:

This morning, the new iron-plated steamer Ironsides, lying at League Island, was discovered to be in flames. Owing to the distance from the city, considerable time elapsed before any fire engine reached the spot, and they were able to do but little towards saving the noble ship. She continued to burn until this afternoon, and is a total loss. No other of the about the affair, but the fire is believed to have been the work of de-

The New Ironsides was built at Philadelphia in 1863, and was christened by the veteran Commodore Stewart. She was a very prominent actor in the events of the war on the Southern coast, and received many hard knocks from the rebel batteries, but was never injured by them, nor was she much damaged by the torpe-do the rebels exploded under her in Charleston harbor. The event causes great regret here, where every citizen felt a pride in her history. She was about three thousand five hundred tons burthen, and cost over \$1,000,-000 as she went to sea.

to bear this disaster the more philosophically, when they reflect on the fact that the iron-clad in question was a very prominent actor in the the United States .- Richmond Whig. "events of the war on the Southern coast." To 'us' the most touching, pathetic line in the account is the

the whole Confederate debt, that the Confederate bonds and notes shall then be bought up by Northern men, that their validity shall be then de-

EMIGRATION TO FLORIDA.—J. Wood Davinson, contributorial editor of the Yorkville Enquirer, writing from Columbia, says:

We are advised that General Ely, of Freedman's Bureau fame, is again among us engaged in the philanthropic work of engaging negroes to go, ment of a perpetual Congress. It and providing transportation for would give that body a power, that them (for a consideration) to Fiorida, with the view of getting the eightyacre land grant made by the United | troops who hold them. Executive and Judiciary departments States Congress. Our informant would become mere puppets in the states that more than five hundred

Some of the freedmen look with suspicion upon all such movements, whenever they emanate from the latitude from which Gen. Ely hails. They have had too much Northern assistance already.

A Fall River (Massachusetts,) paper presents, editorially, the following As long as these several branches programme, which shows how the

Among the tableaux to be exhibited this evening in the City Hall, will be four scenes from the life of the famous Rip Van Winkle; the Godof Freedom; the Bridal Party, &c., &c. Admission only fifteen cents.

Mr. Bingham, of Ohio, introduced a very important bill in the House of Representatives, on the 10th. It declares valid all acts, proclamations and orders of the President, and acts war—are daily coming out of "pray-er-meetings" to propose new mea-of March, 1866, and before the 1st of sures for trampling still more completely under foot the "defiant South," here is the picture which is charged as rebels during the late indrawn of that section by one of the journals most helplessly attached to thereof, and of all proceedings done or had by courts-martial or military commissions, and of all arrests or imprisonments made in the premises by the President, and declaring the same to be valid to the same extent as if previously authorized by express laws, and providing that no civil court of a State shall review or reverse any of the proceedings held, or hold any person for acts done or com-mitted to be done by these orders by the President.

> Wonderful. - A day or two since gentleman, who was an officer on General Ewell's staff in the Confederate army, received from a friend in Petersburg his chest of clothing just as it was when it was captured by the enemy, at Sailor's Creek, on there-treat of General Lee's army. It fell into the hands of the Yankees, and one of them, who was probably posessed of a small amount of conscience, finding who it belonged to, turned it over whom it was restored to its owner. Several suits of grey, amongst them a handsome coat, with a Major's insignia, and all of the officer's under-This is a remarkable occurrence, and stands, as far as we have heard, "solitary and alone" in the history of the war.—Richmond Examiner.

TREASURE TROVE.—In the washed banks of a ravine, which juts into the Mississippi River, a few miles below Wolf Island, there was, a few days ago, discovered by a Missouri hunter, a keg which the finder first regarded as a keg of powder, but, on attempting to remove it from its restingplace, he found it defied his efforts. He thereupon employed a hatchet which he carried in his belt, and dashing in the head of the keg, was both astonished and gratified at a fleet anchored near her were injured.
The naval officers know nothing fell with a musical jingle all around ained \$30,000 eagles, \$650 in half-eagles, \$350 in quarter-eagles, and \$170 in silver. There was nothing in or on the keg to indicate who buried it there, or when it was buried. From appearances, however, it is believed that it was placed there at the out-break of the rebellion.

TERRITORIALIZING.—Some of the Jacobin leaders at Washington insist that the Southern States shall be reduced to a territorial condition. Have they considered that one of the effects of this would be to destroy State debts, and also to release the people of the Territories so created from liability to taxation by the Fed-eral Government? Territories would The Southern people will be able not pay debts created by States, and could not be forced to do so; and the policy and practice of the Government do not allow citizens of Territories to be taxed to pay the debts of

It is a singular coincidence that Major-General Grant, a Scotch officer in the British army, in 1778, defeated last—and she "cost over \$1,000,000!" Gen. Lee, in command of the Ameri-Southern pockets will be taxed to can forces in New Jersey, and was rata between the white and black afterwards promoted to the rank of schools. A La Crosse paper proposes that ly to General, and subsequent the South shall, of course, repudiate the whole Confederate 1 to the raine of the rain Ballendallock, near Elgin, Scotland, in 1806.

An OLD NEWSPAPER.—The Gazette that their validity shall be then decided in the affirmative, and the amount to pay them levied out of the late rebellious States.

de France is the oldest newspaper extant. It is now in its two hundred and thirty-sixth year, and was already mature before the revolution of 1788.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis has arrived in Montreal, but will soon return to Formature before the revolution of 1788.

YET ANOTHER GUN.-Louis Napoleon, it appears, has turned his hand to the manufacture of formidable weapons, his achievement being the invention of a four-pounder gun, which is said to be the lightest, the most effective and the most easily managed field-piece ever made. The can act as flying artillery, and, keeping out of range of "needle-guns," sibility of his reaching Ireland to or any similar weapons, destroy the commence a revolution is past.

A lady, living in the ninth ward of hands of the Congress. The wisdom of the fathers of the republic, in dividing the functions of Government of the fathers of the republic, in dividing the functions of Government others from the adjacent country.

The wisdom freedmen have "put down their Detroit, recently gave birth to four children at one time. The same lady, on a former occasion, gave birth to on a former occasion, gave birth to triplets, and, on a still former occasion, presented her husband with twins. Previous to this, she started with one. The pair have been married seven years, and, if the ratio of increase continues, there is no telling where it may end.

The New York Sun says: "Several hundred Irish immigrants, recently arrived, are leaving this port every week, on their way back to their native land. They came here with false ideas of the employment that awaits them, and finding themselves disappointed, think poverty in their own country preferable to similar desitution among strangers."

Two checks given by cadets at anarchy and despotism. The people of the Southern States will have still to watch and wait.

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to the emancipation proclamation of President Lincoln; Scenes in the Life of a Drunkard; the Monument cause, were presented at the Treasurable Course, were presented at the Treasurable Course Cours ry recently for payment. The matter was referred to the Secretary of War, who decided the checks should not be paid, but canceled, and the amount returned to the appropriation from which it was drawn.

SOUTHERN POST OFFICES.—The formal order for the discontinuance of Southern post offices was made solely for the purpose of settling up the fice now in operation.

Rev. Mr. S., of Boston, recently asked of a Boston merchant a subscription to build a church. He received ad—, which was duly entered upon the subscription book. Subsequently, it was redeemed and erased by the subscriber paying \$300.

Miss Glooma Jennings, the only heiress to the Duke of Marlborough's estate of one million pounds, leaves Alabama next month for England to claim her property, Sam. Jennings, of Connecticut, and the other heirs, having transferred their claim to her.

Gen. Custis Lee, the son of Gen. Robert E. Lee, has been elected Pre sident and Professor of Mathematics, its appliances and military science, in the Maryland Agricultural College, Pay, \$2,500 per annum and a resi-

The Memphis correspondent of the Cincinnatti Gazette says: "General bankruptcy is expected throughout Mississippi. West Tennessee and Arkansas are in better financial condition, but will see hard times.

Dr. Cummings says the present time portends some dreadful catastrophe. He believes that the interpretation of prophecy points to this year or the next as the consummation of all things.

It is announced from Galveston that no less than 300 families of the Scotch working classes had sailed from Liverpool, destined to that point. They will find in Texas an excellent field for thrifty industry.

The destitution at Chattanooga is so wide spread that it is proposed to open soup houses at which such of the poor as are unable to work, and cannot obtain employment, carreceive one wholesome meal a day.

Gen. Butler is at all times confident. He never doubts upon any subject. Now a good many patriots would be glad to see him in a state of suspense.—Louisville Journal.

THE NATIONAL EXPRESS COMPANY. In The order of the Baltimore Circuit Court is, that the trustees named bring into Maryland all the property assigned to them by deed of trust. Dr. Peters, who killed Confederate

General Earl Van Dorn, had a quarrel with one Lubby, in Arkansas, last week, and cut him so badly that he is

AR Catholic Church, for the exclusive use of colored people, is to be erected in St. Louis. A convent is to be attached, under the charge of Ladies' French Kid D'ble Sole Congress Caiters and Bootees.

Ladies' French Kid D'ble Sole Congress Caiters and Bootees. colored nuns.

has voted to decline the invitation of the Americans residing in Paris to Boots. With a large assortment of visit that city, and has sent a letter notifying them of the fact.

It is proposed to grant life peerages in England, with a view of giving increased strength to the House of Lords as a final court of appeal. Secretary Stanton has presented the colored Episcopalians of Wash-

ington with brick to build a church. The value of the gift is over \$10,000.

a terrible affair. A radical paper says, "it has the eye of an eagle, the heart of a lion, and a strong right arm, whose vigorous blows will shatter the last refuge of Tennessee treason to impalpable dust."

It is again stated that James French cavalry, armed with this gun, Stephens has been seen in New York

In the Legislature of Virginia, the Senate passed the House bill extending the time fixed by the present stay law for payment of interest on old debts, to August, 1867.

The Pioneer says that some of the people of Western Carolina are looking to the formation of a new State, by uniting with East Tennessee.

It is stated that the commander-inchief of Canada reports that it is impracticable to fortify the city of Montreal, except at a very heavy cost.

The recent seizure of a large number of distilleries has had the effect of closing nearly every establishment in New York city.

John Walter, M. P., proprietor of the London *Times*, sailed for Europe in the Scotia on Wednesday, from New York.

They call John Bright the modern Guy Fawkes, because he is engaged in "blowing up" Parliament.

Another young lady, dressed in male attire, has been arrested in Minnesota for stealing horses.

Whipping school girls on the calves of their legs is a new feature of the Aurora (Illinois) schools.

TO RENT.

THREE large and well-finished ROOMS, with a fire-place in each; also, a good kitchen on the premises—well suited for a small family. Inquire at this office.

Fresh Norfolk Oysters!

IN kegs, to suit gentlemen going home, and will be sold LOWER than any other sold in this market. I don't think they are cheaper than meat, but may be used when meat cannot.

JOHN D. BATEMAN,
Dec 21

Columbia Ice House.

Sugar-cured Hams! 5.000 LBS. FINE SUGAR-CURED pound by A. L. SOLOMON, Second door from the Shiver House, Dec 21 On Plain street.

Southern Mutual Life Insurance Co. THE annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Southern Mutual Life Insurance Company will take place SATURDAY, 22d inst., at 12 o'clock m., at No. 5 Law Range, Columbia, S. C. F. W. McMASTER, Dec 21 2* Actuary.

Fanning's Restaurant! LUNCH TO-DAY.

HINE VEGETABLE SOUP,

Cushener Kid, Hog's-head Cheese, and other accom-J. FANNING.

CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS!

DIRECT FROM HAVANA!

CHRYSTALIZED FRUITS, GUAVA JELLY, GUAVA MARMALADE.

TOGETHER with an elegant assortment of FRENCH CONFECTIONERY, Figs, Dates, Prunes, Raisins, &c. At MELVIN M. COHEN'S,

Assembly street, West side, Dec 21 †3 One door from Pendleton.

APPLE BUTTER,
SALTED BEEF AND PORK,
MOUNTAIN CHEESE,
MOUNTAIN APPLES,
WHITE PEAS, &c. A SUPPLY of the above just received, and will be sold very low.

EDWARD SILL, Washington street.

Jamaica Rum. 1 PUNCHEON JAMAICA RUM, for sale CANTWELL'S,

Dec 21 1 Bedell's Row.

BOOTS AND SHORS.

JUST RECEIVED.

AN ELEGANT ASSORTMENT of

olored nuns.

The New York Seventh Regiment as voted to decline the invitation of

Gaiters and Bootees.

Gents' French Calf D'ble Sole Boots and Gaiters.

Gents' French Calf D'ble Sole Baltimore

Boys', Misses' and Children's Shoes,

Which will be sold at LOW FIGURES,

SHELTON'S, Bank Building, Opposite Court House.

Central Hotel.



The value of the gift is over \$10,000.

A bill is before the Alabama Legislature to divide the school fund prorata between the white and black schools.

A large meeting was held in Idemphis, Tenn., on Tuesday evening, in the Chamber of Commerce Hall, to remonstrate against high rents.

Deet of Florida is \$639,000.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis has arrived in

Passengers transported to and from the depots free of charge.

MRS. D. C. SPECK,

Dec 21 Columbia, S. C.

C. B. Richardson, Esq., the New York publisher, has offered to con tribute the necessary books for the school which Miss M. A. Buie is endeavoring to organize. It is a generous contribution.

Heavy snow storms occurred on the 15th and 16th instants in Philadelphia, Richmond, Pittsburg, and other

Messrs. E. Willis and H. B. Olney have been elected to fill vacancies in the Charleston Board of Aldermen.

The mercury climbed down to one

degree below zero in the Chicago thermometers, Wednesday morning. In Memphis, on Tuesday, a negro woman gave birth to four boys, and

all are getting on finely. Eugenie is just forty-six; the Pope sent her a pretty note congratulating Anderson train.

Charles O'Conor received a \$50,000 fee from the Jumel will case.

Forty divorces were granted by a New Hampshire court in two days. Griffith Gaunt maintains its popularity with the New York play-goers.

New Raisins, &c. 200 WHOLE, half and quarter boxes citron, Currants, Prunes, Figs, Jellies. Fresh Peaches, in cans.

Breakfast Bacon, Hams, &c. ONE THOUSAND lbs. choice new BA-CONSTRIPS. 100 Duffield's celebrated HAMS.

200 new Shoulders. For sale low. Dec 20 E. & G. D. HOPE.

FOR SALE OR RENT,

A STORE-HOUSE, 67 feet long and 22 feet wide, with shelves and counters. To be sold by the let of January. The lease on the lot expires in June, 1869. Apply to GEO. SCHOFFELD,

Plain st., opposite Shiver & Beekham's.

CHEAPER than meat! Received fresh every day, at the old stand of Hanahau & Warley,

Cheese. TEN boxes extra FAMILY CHEESE, just received. JOHN C. SEEGERS & CO.

Dissolution of Copartnership.

THE copartnership heretofore existing under the name of KENNETH & GIBSON, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

JAMES C. KENNETH,
Dec 12 H. M. GIBSON.

For Rent.

THE subscriber offers for rent, for the ensuing year, her PLANTATION, at Sandy Pun, in Lexington District. There

Christmas is coming,

A ND now is the time to make your selections of NICE PRESENTS for the occasion, by calling at

C. F. JACKSON'S.

You will find a great variety of FANCY ARTICLES, suited to the tastes of all, and at the most reasonable prices. Dec 18 Carpentering, Cabinet-Making and Upholstering.

Upholstering.

THE UNDERSIGNED, lately in the employ of G. S. Bower, is prepared to execute, with neatness and despatch, ALL KINDS OF CARPENTERS' WORK, CABINET-MAKING and UPHOLSTERY, and to supply COFFINS. He will also contract for the crection of buildings of any style. Connected with his Shop, is a Lumber Yard, where lumber of all description can be obtained at the lowest market price.

J. W. CHICK,

Doc. 16.6. Nextdoor to Express Office.

Dec 16 6 Next door to Express Office.

VALUABLE PLANTATION The Mill is now prepared to execute promptly all orders for LUMBER, deliverable at the Mill, on the South Carolina Railroad. Orders left at my store will receive immediate attention. Dec 18 1mo H. D. HANAHAN.

A Rare Chance for Investment!!

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

THE largest assortment in Columbia of BOOKS for SCHOOLS and COLLEGES. ■ BOOKS for SCHOOLS and COLLEGES.
Also, MEDICAL and LAW BOOKS.
Also of BIBLES, all sizes and qualities.
HYMN BOOKS for all denominations.
PRAYER BOOKS.
New and Standard PUBLICATIONS.
Fine and cheap Note, Letter and Foolscap WRITING PAPERS.
BLANK BOOKS, for Merchants, Sheriffs, Ordinaries, Clerks, &c.—all sizes and qualities.

lities.
Gold Pens, Writing Desks, Portfolios, &c.
Also, all the best MAGAZINES and
NEWSPAPERS. Forsale at
MCCARTER'S BOOKSTORE,
Opposite Columbia Lawyers' Range.
Dec 12
R. L. BRYAN.

TOILET EXTRACTS.

SWEET OPOPONAX, from Mexico.
Phalon's Night Blooming Cereus.
Lubin's Jockey Club, Patchouly.
Pond Lily, Rose Geranium and many other nice Perfumeries. Just received at Dec 2 †9

E. POLLARD'S.

On han by

Local Items

The Phanix office is on Main street, a few doors above Taylor (or Camden) street.

Passengers from Greenville report delightful times in that vicinity in the sleighing and skating line-ice and snow being

plenty. OUR READING ROOM, Members of the Legislature and the citizens generally, are invited to visit the Phanix reading room, where they will find on file papers and periodicals from every section of the Union. The building is open day and night.

The Greenville passenger train ran off yesterday, near Williamsten, causing a considerable commotion among the passengers. Luckily, no one was hurt. The passengers were brought through by the

DISTRIBUTE IT. - We know of no greater favor the members of the Legislature could confer upon their constituents, than by presenting them with a copy of the Sack and Destruction of Columbia, published at the Phonix office, and written by a distinguished author, who witnessed the

LEGAL .- In the Court of Appeals, on Wednesday, the following causes were heard or otherwise disposed of:

Abel Gandy vs. Cheraw and Darlington ailroad. Continued. Railroad. Continued.

Josiah Byrd ads. Evander Byrd. Struck

off. Nathan Garner ads. The State, Referred Nathan Garner ads. The State. Referred to Court of Errors. Wm. G. McKnight vs. John A. Gordon. Continued. Charles Sauls and Henry Crosby ads. The

Charles sains and Henry Crosby ats. The State. Argued by Mr. Henderson for motion. Mr. Behre on same side. Solicitor Youmans contra.

Dennis Drawdy and Jos. C. Padgett ads.
The State. Mr. Behre for motion. Solicitor

The State. Mr. Behre for motion. Soneitor Youmans contra.

John Johnson and wife vs. Abram Gilbert et al. Mr. Youmans, representing Mr. Prince, read written argument for appellants. Mr. J. S. G. Richardson for appellees. Mr. Justice Inglis, having been of counsel in the cause, withdrew from the bench, and Chancellor Carroll sat in his stead.

The argument of this case closed the docket. The Court will meet to-day, at 10 a. m., to announce opinions.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS, -Attention is called to the following advertisements, which are published this morning for the first

ime:

John Fanning—Lunch at Restaurant.

Rooms to Rent—Apply at this Office.

John D. Bateman—Norfolk Oysters.

A. L. Solomon—Hams at Fifteen Cents.

Melvin M. Cohen—Fruits, Jellies, etc.

F. W. McMaster—Insurance Company.

Edward Sill—Apple Butter, &c.

P. Cantwell—Jamaica Rum.

Mrs. D. C. Speck—Central House.

M. A. Shelton—Boots and Shoes.

Sandy Run, in Lexington District. There are on the plantation about sixty across of fresh upland and about two hundred acres of safe river bottoms—all fine lands for cotton or corn. Also, good and commodious negro quarters.

Apply to HEMRY J. SEIBELS, at Sandy Run, or to the undersigned, at Lexington Court House.

Mas. A. M. WOLFE.

Dec 19

PURITY OF MANUFACTURE.—In times of se frequent adulteration of articles in daily use it is gratifying to be able to commend collected purity. No soaps in the market are more free from all adulterating or delectroise in gradients. This fact is one which should extend the use of this soap into every family.

TO WOOD CONTRACTORS

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
COLUMBIA, December 19, 1866.

PROPOSALS for furnishing two hundred
(200) cords of PINE WOOD for the
Water Works, will be received at this office.
The wood to be of the best quality, longleaf yellow pine, and to be delivered and
corded at the Water Works. Bids to be
handed in on or before the 1st day of January next. J. S. McMAHON, City Clerk.
Dec 20

Presents FOR GENTLEMEN ! !

WHAT is more appropriate as a Christ-mas present to your friend than an

MEERSCHAUM PIPE ? A FINE ASSORTMENT AT CALNAN & KREUDER'S.

Agency of Columbia Steam

Saw Mill.

Lime, Cement, Plaster Paris.

WE have in store, and shall keep constantly on hand, a full stock of the above, and offer to contractors and builders, and those in want of the above, great inducements. Apply to

LEVIN * MIKELL,

Corner Richardson and Taylor sts.

Dec 6

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. MACCARONI, VERMACELLI,
200 lbs. TURKISH PRUNES,
25 quarter boxes Raisins,
20 half boxes
500 lbs. Assorted Candies,
10 bbls. Hecker's Self-raising Flour, made
of new wheat.

2 bbls. Hecker's Solf-raising Buckwheat

Flour,
6 boxes Hecker's Hominy,
4 boxes Lemons, received this day.
Dec 9 JOHN C. SEEGERS & CO.

Wines and Liquors.

OLD HOLLAND GIN,
Old COGNAC BRANDY,
Stewart's Scotch Whiskey,
Old Jamaica Rum,
Old Sherry Wine, old Port Wine,
Rhine Wine, Claret Wines,
Absinth, in cases,
French Gherries, in cases,
Madame Ve Clicquot and Poxsardin a
Reims Champagne, Wholesale and retail.
Dec 4 JOHN C. SEEGERS & CO.

FRESH SUPPLIES OF

LIME, CEMENT, PLASTER PARIS AND H

On hand and being constantly received of GEO. W. PARKER,
Corner Main and Camden sts.
Nov 21