

The Semi-Weekly News.

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A NEW KIND OF NAVAL "TURTLES" —The Richmond Examiner has the following description of a naval non-descript, the plans of which are to be submitted to the Government, and which are pronounced by competent judges to contain not only evidence of original genius, but the plain elements of practical success.

The plan combines, in one vessel, all the improvements of the last twelve months, with the engine of destruction added, which is so prompt in execution and terrible in its results, that it is confidently predicted that none of the blockading squadron will dare to dispute with it the supremacy of the sea.

So easily constructed is this vessel, that it can be ready for the sea in three months at farthest. Like the Monitor, it is corked like a bottle, like Steven's battery, it is lowered in the water on going into action; but, unlike either, it has no right angles for the lodging of shot, or port holes for their entrance.

Nothing can be seen of it by the enemy but a low convex surface. Should they think to board her they will learn that the same armour that protects her from the shells of the enemy enables those within her iron casing to burst shells of their own over her decks whenever it suits their purpose.

The deck is only five feet from the water, resembling very much a huge egg shell. The armor is dazzling white, and were it not for the black smoke-stack pouring out large wreaths of smoke, no one, at a mile's distance from her, could discover her, even with a glass, amid the curling waves dashing over her. When she approaches the enemy all this is changed, the smoke-stack disappears, the clouds that have escaped her dissolve away! not a single curl of smoke or vapor escapes to tell that her fires are still burning, and, with the withdrawal of her smoke-stack, she slowly sinks into the waves until only a few feet of her armor is seen above the water. She comes on more like a porpoise than a man-of-war—now above the waves and now below. She has but one mission to perform and it is soon accomplished.

As the enemy is approached the engines are slackened, and as the two vessels touch there is a slight shock that completes the business—a shell is discharged four or five feet under the water, and all that remains is for the gunboat to back rapidly to avoid the eddy of the sinking ship.

THE WINCHESTER BATTLEFIELD.—A correspondent of the N. Y. Herald writes:

The rebels carried no knapsacks with them into action, and all the rations in their haversacks was a small cake of bread to each man.—They counted to a certainty on capturing Winchester. The only wagons they brought with them were provision wagons. This explains how it was that they did not lose much besides arms in their retreat.

The battlefield after the struggle was a sight to be seen and remembered. The night was dark and cold. After the battle the ambulances were busily engaged removing the wounded. The enemy carried off most of their wounded and some of their dead. The wounded were intermingled with the dead, and their sufferings before they were removed to the hospitals were very poignant. Yesterday was spent in burying

the dead. The ghastly aspect of the field yesterday after the wounded were removed, and before the dead were interred, was appalling. Some with their faces off, some with their heads off, some torn into fragments and frightfully mangled by the round shot and shell, and others simply but quite as effectually killed by bullet wounds. It is singular that most of the enemy killed by bullet wounds were shot through the head or the heart, showing the remarkable accuracy with which our Western troops use the rifle. The enemy's wounds were not so fatal to us as ours were to them, and their weapons were, as a general rule, decidedly inferior to those used in our army. About the stone wall the enemy were strewn almost on top of each other in heaps of dead. At this point, also, many of our brave fellows bit the dust.

Capt. Jones, who commanded the Irish battalion in the rebel army, is a prisoner in our hands, with both his eyes shot out by one bullet.

FIRING A MORTAR.—The firing of a mortar is the very poetry of battle. A bag of powder weighing from 18 to 20 pounds, is dropped into the bore of the huge monster. The derrick drops the shell in, the angle is calculated; a long cord is attached to the primer, the gunner steps out upon the platform, and the balance of the crew upon the shore.

The captain gives the word, the gunner gives his cord a sudden jerk, a crash like a thousand thunders follows, a tongue of flame leaps from the mouth of the mortar, and a column of smoke rolls up beautiful fleecy spirals, developing into rings of exquisite proportions. One can see the shell as it leaves the mortar flying through the air apparently no larger than a marble. The next thing you see of the shell, a beautiful cloud of smoke bursts into sight, caused by the explosion. Imagine ten of these monsters thundering at once, the air filled with smoke clouds, the gunboats belching out destruction and completely hidden from sight in whirls of smoke, the shell screaming through the air with an unearthly sound, and the distant guns of the enemy sending their solid shot and shell above and around us, dashing the water up in glistening columns and jets of spray, and you have the sublime poetry of war.—Correspondence Chicago Tribune.

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COMMERCIAL.

WOOL MARKET.

In the city of Shreveport buyers are offering for first quality, 35 cents per lb., second quality 25. The quotations of this commodity in the City of New Orleans, are 40 @ 45 cents per lb; common, 25 @ 35.

New Orleans Cattle Market.

Carefully revised by the latest N. O. papers. Arrived during the week ending on the 12th, 304 Texas beeves, 0 Western cattle, 267 hogs, 514 sheep, 461 veal cattle and 00 milch cows. Sales, 951 Texas beeves, 00 Western beeves, 381 hogs, 588 sheep, 498 veal cattle and twenty-one milch cows. Stock on sale, 93 Texas beeves, 00 Western beeves, 93 hogs, 000 veal cattle and 00 milch cows. The quotations are: Western \$ 100 lb. 10 @ 13c Texas, \$ head, 1st qty 30 00 @ 35 00 2d qty 20 00 @ 30 00 Veal Cattle, \$ head 12 00 @ 15 00 Sheep, \$ head, 1st qty 4 00 @ 5 25 Inferior 2 00 @ 3 00 Hogs, \$ 100 lbs gross 10 00 @ 12 00 Milch Cows, \$ head 60 00 @ 75 00 2d quality 45 00 @ 60 00

Shreveport Prices Current.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like SUGAR, COFFEE, RICE, BACON, LARD, IRON, COTTON, etc.

Shreveport Hide Market.

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