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Should any of our subscribers in the city not receive their papers, they will please notify us of the oversight.

Negro Boy Wanted.

Our imp of darkness having been suddenly taken away from us, we desire to employ another to officiate in his place therefore we wish to hire a small negro boy, say about twelve years of age. Apply immediately at this office.

On last Wednesday we had quite a heavy rain, accompanied with strong winds.

We have seen but few papers this week from which to gather any clippings of interest.

We are under renewed obligations to Gen. W. R. Boggs, for the use of late papers. The polite attentions of the General, will win him friends wherever he goes.

By a letter from High Private, we learn that he will soon "turn up" in Shreveport. His Highness can depend on the proper reception being extended to so exalted a personage.

Mr. A. S. Rose, who left Houston with letters for soldiers on the East side of the Mississippi, paid us a visit yesterday. It will be remembered that he was reported arrested, but this was not the case. On his trip he passed through this State, Ark., Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and Virginia. Mr. R. deserves credit for the undertaking; his motive being purely to benefit the soldiers in the field, by carrying to them letters from home. Our object in penning these lines is, to let his many friends know that he has returned safe and sound.

It is astonishing that people will persist in following up bad practices, when they know the result will prove fatal to them. They see the grim visage of death staring them in the face, and they extend their hands to the visitor, unconscious as it were, of the future. This is but a natural thought as we watch the movements of our friends and acquaintances, who daily, ay, and nightly can be seen with the tempting glass in their hands. Poison! The man who now indulges in drinking the mixtures of the times, which bears the name of whiskey, or something else, most assuredly places no value on his life. If spirituous drinks ever were poisonous, they are more so now. The effect of one drink can be felt through the whole system. The oldest taper living cannot withstand the deadly effect of the liquor daily dealt out to patrons of the bar. The man who drinks it will tell you as he pours it down his throat, that it is poison. Why, then, not quit it? We do not heed to it is their fault, and they must pay the penalty by a forfeiture of their lives. If there was not a drop of liquor in the Confederacy, it would be better for us. We cannot argue that it we choose to throw ourselves away, that it is our privilege, for our lives belong not to us, but to the Ruler of the Universe. The man is truly great who dares say, I have quit, and will keep his promise inviolate. The excruciating pains he evinces after drinking, will leave him and he will never more suffer through his own folly.

The dispatches which we publish in this issue are of a more cheering character. Meade has been compelled to retrace his footsteps and leave some of his followers in our possession. But for the probable miserable condition of the roads at this season of the year, we would expect to hear of important transactions, as it is, though we suppose, no decisive battles will be fought. Both armies will doubtless look around them with a view of going into winter quarters.

The most imminent danger, we think will be along the coast of Texas, should the enemy have means of receiving reinforcements. They cannot make much progress if they attempt an advance in the interior, the conclusion then, naturally is, that they will endeavor to land on the coast this winter, with all the troops attainable, and at a propitious moment commence their march in the direction of the most important points.

Our devil requests us to say, that he will be pleased if some friend will compose a "New Years" address for his benefit, and the edification of the readers of the "News." He would like a composition on the times, and not on the Liberty of the Press which he thinks is sufficiently portrayed in the following, for which he makes no charge:

Liberty of the Press.

Around her waist I put my arm—
It felt as soft as cake;
"Oh, dear," says she, what liberty
You printer men do take!"
"Why, yes my Sir, my charming gal,
(I squeeze her some, I guess.)
Can you say ought, my love, against
The freedom of the Press?"

I kissed her some—I did, by gum!—
She colored like a beet;
Upon my living soul, she looked
Almost too good to eat!
I gave another kiss, and then
Says she, "I do confess,
I rather kinder like,
The freedom of the press."

We wager that the butchers in our market, can surpass any other class of men, in dexterously weighing their meat. Magicians and slight of hand performances, are left in the shade.

This day our readers ever anxiety consider the consequences to follow in case of our subjugation by the enemy—ask this plain question because many men seem to view the subject in an entirely different light from what they should. It must be evident to every voter, from the little they have seen or felt, intent on peace, to conquer us. By this it must not be supposed that a mere intent of our aspirations to form separate and distinct government would conquer the enemy. Far from it. The result must be the man of moderate circumstances in a word, every man, woman and child who may be possessed of even so much or little, will be reduced to want, for the enemy will exact from them the last dollar they have. The master is truly a burden to me, but our people continue to be the same routine of speculation, unceasing, as it were that they are digging their own graves. In the many efforts to excellence have failed to touch their hearts, and the condition of our country is still further jeopardized by them profiting measures, once before, so far adopted, to check their wild excess. Age, worse than slavery will be the lot. Treatment of the most contemptuous will be dealt out ineptly by our persecutors. Then it will be our duty to remedy the persons in which we will be placed, we will be unable to retrieve what is lost—such a character as a people. Very many points could be brought to bear upon this all-important subject which we do not deem essential, our purpose being merely to recall to the minds of those who may be pursuing a course calculated to injure the prospects of our undertaking, that great prudence and their actions is necessary for our welfare. Do not entertain the false hope that popularity will be spared, for past events are proof positive of what is held in store for all, whether they have taken up arms, or remained neutrals; the more fact of residence in rebellion suffices thus offering no change of cause for magnanimity to whom circumstances may prevail themselves to the imagination. A general of almost any Northern paper will convince the reader to his satisfaction, stuck to the ship you have sailed for, therefore, until the last plank remains, and your weight will be the last to go with it. It never fails to the writer to beseech her in the storm, and above to the long looked for port. You have by your actions, to all appearance, embarked in the struggle for liberty, and now, through pecuniary motives, perhaps, the fate of determined men, is not contemptible enough for you. Reflect, then, and act accordingly. Gracious government, your countenances and supports, etc.

Our roads will soon be in a poor condition, now is the time to bring in supplies. They are much needed. The following is a list of Confederates off our attached to May 1st, 1863, and on the 7th ult.

Cpl. D. B. Plant, 5th La.; Capt. J. C. L. Lee, 5th La.; Lt. M. Brooks, 2d La.; Capt. C. E. Bellenger, 7th La.; Capt. F. D. Baldwin, 7th La.; William Conner, 8th La.; A. F. Culver, 8th La.; Capt. J. D. Butler, 8th La.; G. T. Goff, 10th La.; Capt. A. L. Gusman, 8th La.; Capt. B. F. Oliver, 9th La.; Lt. H. Goshaw, 5th La.; Capt. J. Grubbs, 5th La.; Capt. C. Green, 7th La.; Lt. P. S. H. Dunn, 9th La.; Lt. G. H. Hanchey, 5th La.; Lt. P. Hance, 6th La.; Lt. J. A. Flannery, 9th La.; Capt. J. Simich, 5th La.; Lt. T. M. Jenkins, 6th La.; Lt. J. D. Jenison, 5th La.; Lt. A. E. Knox, 7th La.; Lt. N. P. Long, 5th La.; Lt. M. Leathart, 7th La.; Lt. J. R. Murphy, 8th La.; Lt. C. B. Morris, 9th La.; Capt. J. McGark, 5th La.; Lt. R. L. Moore, Lt. Battery; Lt. G. W. Randolph, 7th La.; Lt. H. Rivers, 8th La.; Lt. H. H. Rothrock, 6th La.; Capt. P. J. Rabineau, 5th La.; Capt. T. Redmond, 6th La.; Lt. E. Ryan, 7th La.; Lt. A. Richardson, 5th La.; Lt. A. M. Ridle, Lt. Battery; Lt. J. Rowan, 7th La.; Capt. Wm. Sturms, 8th La.; Lt. R. D. Swain, 5th La.; Lt. J. M. Steppon, 7th La.; Capt. E. S. Taylor, 8th La.; Lt. H. C. Thompson, 7th La.; Capt. S. Y. Webb, 8th La.; Capt. M. G. Williams, 9th La.; Capt. W. P. Harper, 7th La.; Lt. E. Walde, 6th La.

The total vote for Governor in Pennsylvania in the late election was: Curtis 269,496; Woodward, 254,171; total, 523,667. This 47,225 more votes than were cast in the last Presidential election. Pennsylvania has enlisted 230,000 soldiers during the war. The showing is most remarkable, and as in the case of Ohio, leads to the almost certain conclusion that the Lincoln Administration has been tampering with the ballot boxes!

The depreciation of Greenbacks has caused such a marked rise in prices, as to attract the attention of the Yankees. The following articles bought in New York, are given in one of the N. Y. papers, in comparison:

Paper prices.	Gold prices.
48.367 lbs. beef.	\$501.810
173,177 lbs. pork.	2,761.712
8,338,802 lbs. bacon.	1,981.200
	551.600
	\$404,772
or a loss of \$1,167,100.	\$187,600

A surgeon aboard a ship of war used to prescribe salves for his patients in all disorders. Having sailed one evening on a party of pleasure, he happened, by some mischance, to be drowned. The captain, who had heard of the disaster, asked of the men next day if they had heard anything of the doctor. "Yes," answered Jack, after a turn of his quid, "he was drowned last night in his medicine chest."

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Shreveport La., Dec. 8th, 1863.
Communicated.
Mr. Horace—Judging from the state of affairs in general, it seems to a casual observer that the masses of the people don't comprehend, or properly appreciate the greatest evolution in the annals of man kind; of which I find their good and bad fortune to be in the very vortex.

Liberally I don't believe there is a private citizen, whatever may be his position, who can say to himself with a clear conscience, "I have done all for this war it behoved me to do."

Our soldiers are not comfortably clad, how many families there are, who have never furnished a yard of cloth or pair of socks; and how few have diminished all they could, and wrought, how many sons born families torn from their beds, the haggard and bedraggled, now often the shabby old tramp, who has many ways to the front for the provision for probably back home to recuperate his strength, while at the advanced posts of our army. These same things, I am afraid, are likely to be adopted, to check their wild excess. Age, worse than slavery will be the lot. Treatment of the most contemptuous will be dealt out ineptly by our persecutors. Then it will be our duty to remedy the persons in which we will be placed, we will be unable to retrieve what is lost—such a character as a people. Very many points could be brought to bear upon this all-important subject which we do not deem essential, our purpose being merely to recall to the minds of those who may be pursuing a course calculated to injure the prospects of our undertaking, that great prudence and their actions is necessary for our welfare.

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Drawn with the pencil, out the men who were the members of Alton's cavalry Johnson, and who would have seen the likes of Lee, the indomitable Bragg, the gallant Smith, and all the host of other heroes, or whom no hand and no blood but your own soul can boast, during the long and disgraceful march along with the wreck of a ruined and desolated Country and soon after the loss of a just God, will make it all well.

But stand aside, go on very offices from doing, show the dispossessed and the evil minded originally, with words clothed with the color of a Christian temper, and with a Lincolnian smile, to beware themselves and to have confidence in the strength of the Almighty. It is the most melancholy part our present condition, as a nation that in so many Presidents, determined as the people have lost respect for the church and ministers, and throughout the land the way has been broken down between church and world. Disobedient to the church, are called of as political mechanics and ignorant parts of this study you are nothing else.

It is time for the clergy who are responsible for this, to take steps to reform things to reform. They begin to do it at this stage. The appearance of a political congregation is a contradiction to the true church, for the true church is a voice that they are separated as really gods. In will be an advantage to the men and women who now, it is said, are ignorant of the teachings of the Word, to have them taught by the saints of God.

Accumulation of thirty was appointed, Vicksburg, Tenn., by the Federal to hold on the 10th ult. to 100,000 men, and the 11th ult. to 150,000 men, and the 12th ult. to 200,000 men, and the 13th ult. to 250,000 men, and the 14th ult. to 300,000 men, and the 15th ult. to 350,000 men, and the 16th ult. to 400,000 men, and the 17th ult. to 450,000 men, and the 18th ult. to 500,000 men, and the 19th ult. to 550,000 men, and the 20th ult. to 600,000 men, and the 21st ult. to 650,000 men, and the 22nd ult. to 700,000 men, and the 23rd ult. to 750,000 men, and the 24th ult. to 800,000 men, and the 25th ult. to 850,000 men, and the 26th ult. to 900,000 men, and the 27th ult. to 950,000 men, and the 28th ult. to 1,000,000 men, and the 29th ult. to 1,050,000 men, and the 30th ult. to 1,100,000 men, and the 31st ult. to 1,150,000 men, and the 1st ult. to 1,200,000 men, and the 2nd ult. to 1,250,000 men, and the 3rd ult. to 1,300,000 men, and the 4th ult. to 1,350,000 men, and the 5th ult. to 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