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funeral invitations as other advertisements.

We will be pleased to receive as
contributions, good chaste romances,
poetry, etc., if original, also well writ-
ten articles on any subject.

Items from the Northern Press.

Col. Betje, of the Cameron Rifles,
has been arrested by order of Gen
McClellan, for permitting his men to
degrade upon private property in
Virginia, stealing horses, and any
other personal property that they
choose to lay hold of.

Three thousand bales of upland
totton sold in New York on the 4th
inst., at 29 1/2 cents—market excited.

Gen. Benham, commanding in
Western Virginia, arrived in Wash-
ington on Tuesday last, and immedi-
ately reported to headquarters.

The news of the election of Op-
dyke (Abolitionist) mayor of New
York over Gunther and Wood, is the
subject of great rejoicing at the
North.

Virginia 6's sold in New York on
Wednesday last at 17; Missouri 9's
40 1/2; Tennessee bonds, 41.

The crew of the San Jacinto have
presented a handsome silver goblet
to Lieut. Fairfax, as a token of their
"esteem and love."

The ship J. W. Fannin, from New
York to Rotterdam, has been totally
lost at sea, and her captain and crew
carried into Bermuda.

The Right Rev. Bishop McIlvaine,
of Ohio, designing to pass the win-
ter in Europe, has delegated Episco-
pal authority to assistant Bishop
Bedell.

The Washington Star says that
orders have gone north from the War
Department for the release of ex-
Senator Gwin and Messrs. Calhoun
Benham and W. L. Brent, all of Cali-
fornia.

Col. Kerrigan, of the Federal force,
has been sentenced to be shot for
holding traitorous communication
with the enemy. He belongs to the
New York 25th regiment.

It is reported that Thad Stevens,

of Pennsylvania, would introduce a
bill into the House at the earliest
practicable moment for emancipating
and arming the slaves.

Horace Laynard and—Clemens
are in Washington as Representatives
in the lower House of Congress from
Tennessee.

The case of Joseph Segar, as Re-
presentative in the Federal Congress
from Virginia, has been referred to
the Committee on Elections.

In the last steamer which sailed
from California for New York were
2000 soldiers for the Federal army.

Gov. Hicks' message to the Mary-
land Legislature appears in the Bal-
timore papers of Thursday. It is a
savagely document.

Major General Fremont and fami-
ly are still at the Astor House, New
York, where they purpose remaining
two or three days longer before pro-
ceeding to Washington.

Lincoln's message was telegraphed
on Tuesday night to all parts of
Lincolndom. It contains seven,
thousand five hundred and seventy-
eight words, and all received in New
York in one hour and thirty two mi-
nutes.

The Capture of Twenty-eight Lin- colnites.

[Correspondence of the Louisville Courier.]
HOPKINSVILLE, KY., Dec. 7, 1861.

—Eds. Louisville Courier: Our town
was all alive yesterday at the an-
nouncement that Capt. Bail's Red
Rangers were approaching with 28
live Lincolnites. A large crowd of
persons, eager to see the hero of the
brilliant achievement and take a peep
at the "bagged" Tories had assembled
upon Main street. About 10 o'clock
they were seen approaching the town
by the Princeton road. They were
marched through Main street in double
file; a wagon containing their guns, 23
in number, and ammunition, brought
up the rear.

Capt. Bail's Red Rangers have
been a terror to the Tories in the coun-
ties of Crittenden, Lyon and Cald-
well, ever since the capture of the
valiant knight of the Tory Regiment,
Col. Jim Buckner.

But to relate the incidents of the
exploit: A gentleman by the name
of Cannon was getting up a company
of Tories on Donaldson Creek, in the
northern part of Caldwell, for the
avowed purpose, as they boastfully
said, of "taking the hearts of the
Red Rangers and putting them upon
a pole, a terror to traitors." Captain
Bails, hearing of them, left his men
and went into the neighborhood alone.
Ascertaining their number, and that
they were to assemble near McCoun-
nell's Mills on the 5th, he left the
vicinity in haste, having formed his
plan for capturing the whole of them,
and break up the nest of the Tories
which have been infesting that part
of the country for some time. It re-
quired prompt and decisive action.—
So he reached his men and informed
them what he desired. He only had
twenty men. There were twenty-
eight of the enemy, well armed with
shot guns, rifles and muskets. He
approached their place of rendezvous
cautiously, and watching every move-
ment, he saw them stack their guns,
when the word "charge" was given,
and the Red Rangers dashed like
lions among them, so completely sur-
prising them that they succeeded in

capturing all save the leader, Cannon,
who attempted to escape, but was
made to bite the dust. Thus were
twenty-eight men, well armed, cap-
tured by twenty, with all their guns,
ammunition, a couple of wagons, and
several horses. It was one of the
most brilliant and daring deeds that
has occurred during the campaign in
Kentucky.

Respectfully, PROBUS.

We make the following extracts
from the proclamation of Gen. Ster-
ling Price, to the people of Central
and Northern Missouri. They will
be perused with interest by our
readers:

"We must drive the oppressor from
our land. I must have fifty thousand
men. Now is the crisis of your fate.
Now the golden opportunity to save
your State. Now is the day of your
political salvation. The time of en-
listment for our brave band is begin-
ning to expire. Do not tax their
patience beyond endurance. Do not
longer sicken their hearts by hopes
deferred. They begin to enquire,
"Where are our friends?" Who shall
give them answer? Boys and small
property holders have in the main
fought the battles for the protection
of your property, and when they ask,
"Where are the men for whom we
are fighting?" how shall I explain?
Citizens of Missouri, I call upon you
by every consideration of interest,
by every desire of safety, by every
tie that binds you to home and coun-
try, delay no longer. "Let the dead
bury the dead." Leave your property
to take care of itself. Commend
your homes to the protection of God,
and merit the admiration and love of
childhood and womanhood by show-
ing yourselves MEN, the sons of the
brave and free who bequeathed to us
the sacred trust of free institutions.
Come to the army of Missouri—not
for a week or a month, but to free
your country;

"Strike, till each armed foe expires,
Strike for your altars and your fires,
For the green graves of your sires,
God and your native land."

The burning fires of patriotism
must inspire and lead you, or all is
lost—lost, too, just at the moment
when all might be forever saved.—
Numbers give strength. Numbers
intimidate the foe. Numbers save
the necessity, often, of fighting bat-
tles. Numbers make our arms ir-
resistible. Numbers command univer-
sal respect and insure confidence.—
We must have men—50,000 men!—
Let the herdsman leave his folds.—
Let the farmer leave his fields. Let
the mechanic leave his shop. Let
the lawyer leave his office till we re-
store the supremacy of law. Let the
aspirants for office and place know
that they will be weighed in the bal-
ance and may be found wanting. If
there be any craven, crouching spirits
who have not the greatness of soul
to respond to their country's call for
help, let them stay at home, and let
only the brave and true come out to
join their brethren in the tented field.

Come with supplies of clothing and
with tents, if you can procure them.

Come with your guns of any de-
scription that can be made to bring
down a foe. If you have no arms,
come without them, and we will sup-
ply you as far as that is possible.—
Bring cooking utensils, and rations
for a few weeks. Bring blankets and

heavy shoes, and extra bed-clothing,
if you have them. Bring no horses
to remain with the army except those
necessary for transportation. We must
have 50,000 men. Give me these
men, and by the help of God, I will
drive the hireling bands of thieves
and marauders from the State. But
if Missourians fail to rise in their
strength, and avail themselves of the
propitious moment to strike for honor
and liberty; you cannot say that we
have not done all that we could to
save you."

The Valley Mountain Fight.—The
following from the Memphis Appeal
of the 17th, contains fuller details of
this brilliant affair that any yet pub-
lished:

Richmond, Dec. 15, 1861.—An
official dispatch was received at the
War Department last night, from
Gen. Loring who is in command of a
brigade in Western Virginia.

He announces that a battle was
fought on Friday last at Yeager's
on the top of the Allegheny moun-
tains, between five thousand Federal
troops, under the command of Gen.
Reynolds, and twelve hundred Con-
federates, under command of Col.
Edward Johnston. The fight com-
menced by an attack from the Fed-
erals at 7 o'clock in the morning, and
continued seven hours.

The Federal troops were finally
driven from the field in great confu-
sion, with a loss of five hundred kil-
ed and wounded.

The Confederate loss was about
one hundre killed, wounded and miss-
ing.

The Confederate force engaged
was the twelfth Georgia regiment,
under Col. Jackson; Colonel Bald-
win's Virginia regiment, and two
batteries of artillery.

Among the killed was Capt. Ander-
son, of Tennessee, who was in com-
mand of the Virginia batteries.

Eighty-five dead bodies of the
enemy were found on the field after
the repulse.

We give the following useful ways
and means to get along in this world.
Those who have followed them are
all, almost without an exception, in
high and exalted positions, but they
had the world's moral courage:

Have the courage to call every
man a liar, because he cannot see the
truth in the same light you do.

Have the courage to hit your ad-
versary between the eyes, when least
expecting it, to convince him you are
right.

Have the courage to keep all the
money you can get in your pocket,
and get mad with the man who has
the assurance to ask for what you
owe him, in the face of a fair pros-
pect for a Stay Law.

Have the courage to buy all the
new clothes on a credit, that you can
before paying for your old suits.

Have the courage to run for a high
place, though you may have to com-
promise for a low one that pays less,
under the adage of a "half loaf, etc."

Have the courage to snub an old
friend in a seedy coat, when talking
to a new one in new garments.

Have the courage to raise your hat
to ten thousand a year.

Have the courage to wink at vice
in high places and to condemn it in
low places, where it belongs.

Have this kind of moral courage,
prosper and grow fat in the world's
ways.