The Vermont Phonix.

BRATTLEBORO! THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1882.

CONDITION OF THE CONFEDERATES. The provisional government of the "Confederate States" expired by limitation on Saturday last and was succeeded by what the rebels claim and affect to believe a perminent government. On the day consecrated in the hearts of all good patriots as the birth day of him who, under Providence, was the chiefest instrument in the inception and inauguration of our free constitutional government, the vile band of traitors who have instigated an armed rebellion against the very government and institutions they had solemnly and repeated sworn to support, met in conclave at Richmond and assumed to put in operation a government, and an administration of six years duration. On that day Jefferson Davis was inaugurated President, and the ma chinery of a Congress was set a running. We have not yet seen the inaugural, but its general tone may be inferred from the fact that Presiident Davis for his first official act appointed "a day of fasting, bumiliation and prayer."

The first act of this drama, which has since shown itself a dark tragedy, embraced the sccession of the seven cotton states; the second covered the inauguration of the provisional government; the third commenced with armed resistance to federal authority in firing upon the Star of the West, which was immediately intensified by the bombardment of Fort Sumter, and ended with the expiration of the provisional government on Saturday, at which time the curtain fell in darkness and dismay. The fourth act now opens with the rebels driven out of Maryland, Missouri and Kentucky; with Tennessee beleaguered in her strongholds and all but ready to surrender to federal autholty ; with all the Atlantic sea-coast from Fortress Monroe to Pensacola, with one or two not important exceptions, at our command and under our control; with Mobile and New Orleans seriously threatened by our forces gathering at and near Ship Island; with Richmond and Norfolk menaced in the rear; with the Union flag floating in every one of the Confederate or rebel States; with the rebel strongholds taken and rebel troops defeated, dispirited and east down, and our Union soldiers victorious, earnest exultant. It verily needs no prophet to foretel the ending of this not in the utter rout of all rebel forces, and in the complete and final subjugation of all the territory over which their jurisdiction now extends to the just and paternal sway of the government of these United States. Of course the fifth and last act will appropriately include the condign punishment of those leaders who have risked all and have lost, rendering themselves at once notorious and infamous.

THE COUNCIL OF CENSORS.

The Constitution of Vermont provides for with that proivsion on election is to be made this year.

It is now less than four weeks before the been held or even called by any appropriate committee. The Woodstock Standard, and Rutland Herald have assumed in this emergency, to call a Mass Convention at Burlington, on Wednesday the 12th day of March, "for the purpose of nominating thirteen suitable men vention, on account of the political bearing -as if Editors were destitute St. Albans Messenger has gone so far as to get up a ticket composed of the following names: John W. Stewart, Hiland Hall, Bliss N. Davis, Geo. F. Edmunds, Wm. W. White, Samuel H. Prentice, Charles Linsley, Lucius B. Peck, Daniel Kellogg, and Julius Converse. These are all excellent men, as good perhaps for the place as any who could be named, but three of the number are constitutionally ineligible, as they are now members of the General Assem-

These schemes are all objectionable. It is presuming very much for newspapers to call a State Convention. It is entirely within their province to suggest modes of action, leaving to the people the right which is inherently theirs of accepting or rejecting such suggestions. But it seems to us utterly preposterous for a newspaper to compose a State ticket, or for Editors alone to meet in convention to nominate one. Neither the one nor the others are accredited by the people with the requisite authority for such acts. All the freemen of the State are represented by the various political parties and they have delegated to the respective State Committees of each the appropriate power and duty of calling such conventions. The objects of the Council are political, yet not partizan, and it is not only competent but eminently fit and proper that these Committees should join in calling a convention, in view of the action devolved upon the people of this State by the Constitution.

If the people of Vermont do not care to elect a Council of Censors it is their privilege to refrain from doing so. But it will be well to bear in mind that a Council will, in all human probability, be elected, as a plurality of votes elects, and half a dozen votes, if no more are cast, will constitute as valid an election as forty thousand votes could effect even if they were all agreed. In this view of the case it does seem to us that some importance should be at tached to this election, and as much by those who object to any constitutional revision and amendment as by those who are in favor of both. If no action whatever is had in the way of nominating a suitable ticket it may and is not unlikely to happen that a hody of men will be elected who will occasion the State more expense than is sought to be saved by those who are opposed to the calling of a Constititutional Convention on economical considerations. The experiences of 1855-57 are sufficiently obvious and palpable to preclude any desire for their repetition.

DEMOCRATIC SALVATION .- Now and then we observe in Democratic newspapers a stereotyped form of expression to the effect that the country can look only to the Democratic party

with Buchanan's administration was nearly enough to satisfy every body that Democratic salvation was a thing to be avoided rather than sought. If anybody wants anything more of this sort we refer them to Floyd as a burning and shining illustration of Democratic salvation. He is true as sfeel to Democratic prin- Of F. H. Fessendor, Town Tax, 1860,

EXECUTION OF A SLAVER.

Nathaniel Gordon was executed in New York on Friday last, in pursuance of a sentence consequent upon his conviction as a slave trader. He was a native of Postland, 35 years old, and had been engaged in the slave trade ten years. Town have been from which be had made enormous profits and | Execution against the Town, which were all expended in legal proceedings, first to avoid conviction and after that to avoid the execution of the penalty affixed to his great

This is the first execution that has ever taken place in the United States under the act making urer of the slave trade piracy. For years there have | The Town has expended on highways and been numerous arrests, especially since the bridges the past season \$364,58; as costs in greatly increased price of slaves during the last suits against the Town, \$331,44; for support decade has enormously stimulated the illicit of the pooor, above the proceeds of sales from traffic, of parties charged with this crime, but the town farm, and exclusive of interest, \$820,either through the supineness or connivance of 65; for town officers, \$418,87; miscellaneous Democratic officials the guilty parties have expenses and abatements, \$150,57. usually escaped conviction and punishment al | There has been expended of the extra Town together or at the most have managed to get off tax of 10 per cent voted May 8, 1861, of which with but very little confinement. Now a new 1454,33 has been collected, \$993,27; of this leaf is turned over which all who are engaged amount \$450,84 has been allowed by the State in the nefatious business of converting Africans and stands to the credit of the Town, and \$84. into American slaves will do well to read.— 53, paid for Hospital clothing, was guaranteed Every possible attempt was made in the case of by individuals and will be paid unless remitted Gordon to evade the punishment that was by the Town. The further sum of \$400 was clearly his due. Petitions to that effect were paid to Captain Todd, as the representative of numerously signed, all possible legal questions Company C, 2nd Vermont Regiment, for the raised, and money without stirt lavished to me- benefit of the seldiers of said Company. Capt. complish this object; but all was of no avail. Todd kept a memorandum of his payments to The law was too plain to be set saide, and the the soldiers, which memorandum was lost at President was too honest and firm to be coaxed Bull Run, or driven to pardon him. His should be the The amount of funds called for by the Audi fate of every man convicted of the same crime. tors for the year ensuing is

THE VERMONT REGIMENTS.

The two Vermont Regiments in camp in this State—the 7th and 8th, ere now fast approach-cent on the list of 1862, to raise the necessary ing the time when the will leave for Dixie and for victory. Both regiments have been mustered into the service of the United States thor- Liquor Agency has not paid expenses. The oughly clothed, armed and equipped their mission, and both have received their seven dollars \$77,65, which loss arises, in the language of per month from the State up to the date of being mustered in. The bills for recruiting both of the Great Competition." An article in the regiments are now in the hands of Capt. Jones Scientmen's warrant for Town Meeting, calls for examination, and will both be paid by the attention to this fact and credits this loss to the general government through him this week.

The payment of the \$13 per month from the town, date of enlistment has been a source of considerable anxiety and a fruitful subject of cor- CELEBRATION.—Washington's Birth Day was other. resp redence. The State has heretofore paid first partially observed in this place as a hololay that claim to all the infantry regiments from on Saturday last, in accordance with the Procthe date of enlistment to the date of muster, but lamation of the President, and with the patrias the 8th Regiment was raised under a special offic impulses of our citizens excited by the renet, by the provisions of which the general gov- cent thrilling victories of our arms over rebels ernment is to pay all the expenses of putting and rebeldom. At noon the bells played forth the regiment into the service of the United in sonorously jubilant tones for an hour, during the election, every seven years, of a Council of States, the Executive has been compelled to which time the voices of a hundred guns re-Censors, to be composed of thirteen men, on await the pleasure of the War Department in sponded in joyful acclaim and the "red, white the last Wednesday of March. In accordance this matter. It is a rule with that department and blue" waved in approval from every flagto pay only once in two months, and the 1st of staff. At two o'clock an audience filling the March is the time when pay day accordingly ar- building to its utmost capacity, assembled at rives. We understand that it is definitely ar- the Congregational Church to listen to the election is to take place and no convention has ranged that United States Paymaster Halsey words of wisdom and patriotism embedied in will commence paying the 8th Regiment on Washington's Farewell Address, and to the in-Friday the last day of February, completing spiration of "Star Spangled Banner" and other the business the next day, and that he will im- songs of a national character as rendered by an mediately proceed to Rutland and pay the 7th excellent choir. In the evenleg there were Regiment on Monday.

to constitute the Council of Censors." The Executive has been enabled to obtain the pay- whose patriotism, joy and exultation found fit-Rutland Courier gravely suggests that it is not ment of the \$13 per month from the date of test form of expression in feasting, toasting, proper for the Committees of any or of all the enlistment to the present time, directly by the speeches, responses and cheers, assembled to political parties in the State to call such a con- general government for both regiments. It the number of nearly one hundred at the Bratwill be remembered that the arms for the 7th thebero House and there gave free vent to their such a movement would have, and sagely pro- Regiment were furnished by government. Con- exuberant happiness. Altogether "The day we poses that the Editors of all the papers in the sequently his State has been compelled to ad- Celebrate" was, for a first attempt, very prop-State meet at Burlington and make the neces- vance only the sum required for furnishing the erly observed; and we trust that this is but the of all political impulses and preferences. The from the \$7 per month paid the non-commis- his Country as a National Holiday. sioned officers and privates of all our regiments, in readiness to receive them, which it is now felt a deep interest in this Institution, having Adams, William Hebard, John A. Child, John believed will be early next week. They go witnessed the great benefit derived from it. forth thoroughly armed and equipped, and will While I sincerely respect those who have conwe confidently believe, give a good account of tributed liberally by their labors and their themselves. The benedictions of ten thou and means to provide for us this rich intellectual hearts at home will bear them company.

the first page may be found the Report of the of them as to commit careless and even willful Allotment Commission appointed by the Gov- injuries to its volumes. Readers should conernor of this State and of the Commissioners sider that the right of reading the Books gives appointed for this State by the President, show- them no right to deface them. Upon the title ing the number and amount of the allotments page of one volume, I discover the three folmade by the several companies of six regiments lowing, very learned criticisms-written in penof Vermont troops now in the field. The com- cil, and all, I am sorry to say, in the hand missioners seem to have prosecuted their work | writing of Young Ladies (?) with great fidelity. It will be seen from the figure s they give that it is much easier to obtain allotments before the troops have been in the field long than after they have passed under betraying alike a want of good breeding and the influence of greedy sutlers.

The late Ferrand F. Merrill, Esq., of Montpelier, was so well known to many of the readers of THE PHENIX in every town in this county that we have published, this week, a biographical notice of him, prepared by the Rev. Wm. H. Lord and rend before the Verment Historical Society at its recent meeting at Burlington. Mr. Lord has done no more than justice to the character and talents of a man who filled early in life meny of the most responsible offices in the State, and discharged the respective/duties of each with rare ability, faithfulness and tact. The "hard-she'l" proclivities of the biographer, as manifested in an allusion to Mr. Merrill's politics, will, however, provoke a smile, especially from those whose political complexion is in his estimation not quite as light as his own. He evidently does not affect "dark complect" people.

APPOINTMENT.- 1st Lieut. Pythagoras U Holcomb, of the 17th United States Infantry, has been appointed Captain of the 2d Vermont Battery, in place of Capt, Lensie R. Sayles, resigned, and has been detailed by the War Department for this special service, Capt. Hulcomb served as an officer in Sherman's famous Battery during the Mexican War, since which time he has served as Ceptain of Artillery in one of the South American States. He is regarded as a capable and accomplished offi-

Gov. Jos. A. Wright United States senator to fill the place of Jesse D. Bright, expelled.

The Toronto Globe frankly says of the Do-

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

BRATTLEBORO. - From the Sixth Annual Reort of the Financial condition of the Town of Brattleboro, we learn that the recipts of the town during the past year have been as follows: \$1200.00

1861, 5547.50 " Extra Town Tax, 1861, 1454,33 " State Tax, 1860, " Extra State Tax,1861, 263.56

Total Receipts. \$8772.57

During the same time the expenses of the Town Hall, 3 notes and interest, 9460,00 lectmen and Overseers, " for support of Soldiers, 984,77

Total. Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treas-

The resources are estimated at 2.164.25. Leaving to be raised by tax They therefore recommend a tax of 33 1 3 per

amount, asso a Highway tax of 20 per cent. It is found that during the past year the large sales of numerous "sub-agencies" about

some extemporized illumination of shops, offi-The State is exceedingly fortunate in that the case and dwellings, at the same time those outfit of the 7th Regiment, aside of course inauguration of the birth day of the Father of

These Regiments will now emburk at Boston | Our Village Library .- Mr. Editor: In for their destination just as soon as vessels are common with very many of our citizens, I have treat, I cannot repress a feeling of indigna-ALLOTMENTS OF VERMONT SOLDIERS .- On privileges, have proved themselves so unworth:

1st, "This is a good book."

2nd. "That's so." 3d. "All but the good,"

good taste. Another Render cuts from an expensive work on Ornithology the History and Plate of a particular Bird in which he or she felt an interest. But, I forbear a further enumeration of these provoking depredations, so sickening, so discouraging to those who have contributed so much to make this Library the pride and the boast of our village. Who can be expected to make Donations for its increase in future, when so many Readers give such sad evidence that they do not know how to appreciate the favors.

I would call the attention of the Directors and Librarian to the subject, that the Regulations in relation to damaging the Books, in any way, shall be rigidly enforced and that those who shall be guilty of these offences, in future,

"Q. K. PHILANDER DOESTICKS" is considerable of a Brick, yet withal he is no longer a "P. B." He was advertised to lecture in this illage Thursday evening of last week, but failed o come to time. But, in extenuation, it may be safely said that he was not responsible for this failure. He started from St. Johnsbury in scason but was compelled to wait six mortal hours at White River Junetica to connect with the Vermont Central train, in consequence of which he did not arrive in this place until halfpast eight in the evening-long after his impatient audience had retired in disppointment. It was too bad, but there was no help for it, and we are prepared to affirm that no one more Gov. Morton of Indiana has appointed Ex- regretted this failure than the illustrious Brick himself. We wish him better luck next time

IN A PREDICAMENT.-Late on Saturday eve-

gay Lieutenant and sundry privates. The cap- her colts. tive officer was ordered to report himself under arrest and the privates were sent to the guard house. Two of the privates escaped with one of the women by secreting themselves in the cellar. It is currently reported that these arrests were made upon information given by certain civilians, who had been temporarily supplanted in the affections of the inmates of this house by the aforementioned soldiers.

The mild weather of Sunday was followed by a cold rain on Monday, in which flakes of snow were constantly intermingled. The rain fell in gusts and showers until visions of dissolving views of the snow were suggested and seen. But about dark the rain "suspended," the wind blew and the snow and slush "friz," all night long. The next morning all was "as tight as a drum," and the northwest wind was keen and bitter. There is now on the ground from three to four feet of solid compact snow which, when it melts as soon it will, bids fair to cause a big freshet. Those who live on the river will do well to be on their guard against such a calamity as is not unlikely to happen.

It bath been observed by some one that "he is a public benefactor who makes two blades of grass grow where but one grew before." We will observe that he also is a public benefactor who so sprinkleth his side-walk with ashes that two legs can stand with safety where but one now stands with difficulty, the sidewalks being so very slippery. One can hardly walk upon them now, even if he is rationally sober, without manifest danger of a fall, however much he may give heed unto his steps. Directly in front of the Post office is a moderate sized skating park, and anywhere in the village the best of our citizens walk in terribly slippery places. As was sagely remarked by a good old lady on another occasion, Scattling must be stone." Who will do it?

DETENTION OF TRAINS.-The northern train with the roofs. due here at 2:25 P. M. on Tuesday, did not arrive until 9 o'clock in the evening, having been detained by the eighteen inches of snow which fell in that hyperborian region on Monday, instead of the rain as here and below. The same day the southern train due here at 4 P. M., did not arrive until after ten o'clock taving been They are very convenient for lumbering and detained this side of Springfield by an accident having wood until they have spoiled the roads, many readers went to bed paperless on the

forts at sculpture in snow, attracted the atten-tion of connoissours, including Mr. Longworth, every year since they have become

Washington Sanday Morning Chronicle of Feb.

Among the qualifications of aspirents for the Legislature it ought to be ascertained for a cer-Mr. Mead's genius, and it is well worthy his question? own reputation and the high commendations it

COMPLIMENTARY .- At Litchfield, Conn., on conclud as follows .

MR. HUMPHREY:-I need not say to you,

that it is my carnest purpose that it shall not was Postmaster in that village under President through me ecceive a stain unworthy of dear old Literfield, of the valued friends who have Polk. He left both the paper and the office in given it me, and the strong armed and strong 1847 to assume the command of the Vermont

whether to join the army of the Potomac or several years preceding the rebellion he was further South where our "flag flutters to be employed in the New York Conton House free," we may prove ourselves not unworthy of he trust reposed in us. I can say no more; but thank you.

The Court House was crowded on the occa- three mouths campaign, has been appointed sion, and among the l'st of speakers we notice Surgeon of the 31st Massachusetts Regiment, the name of Rev. Wm. S. Southgate, formerly attached to Gen. Butler's Division. of this village. The numerous friends of Lieut. Wells in this village and vicinity will be pleased to hear this evidence of the estimation in which in that town, "Many small children are first he is held by his fellow townsmen.

the supper at the Brattleboro House on Satur. Funerals are of almost daily occurrence." day evening last, Mr. John Wells fell near his The dwelling house of Sesh Sweet of Shaftsresidence on High-street. His son, a lad of bury was burned to the ground on Tuesday sixteen years, not being able to raise him went of last week. None of the contents, except for assistance, which soon came but it was found he family, were saved. that life was extinct. Mr. Wells was a man of The Rutland Herold has done up the biogra-

promoted from Quartermaster Sergeant of the Herald is doing a good thing in this line. 8th Regiment to Adjutant of the same, vice Adjt. Oscar G. Mower, resigned. We congratulate our friend Barstow on his promotion, which was fully merited and which will prove entirely satisfactory to the Regiment.

TYLER & THOMPSON'S advertisements this Frank Roberts and G. C. Hutchins of Benweek should attrret attention. The reputation of this old and well established hours is too widely. Jake, and caught 90 pounds of pickerel. diffused to be affe ted by any words of ours, but it may be for the interest of our readers to Hoosa boring machine in the manufacture of to the wise is sufficient."

The Supreme Court completed the Term for having thoroughly exhausted the docket in a five days session. We shall next week give a report of the cases decided, prepared expressly

statement respecting a two years old colt raised money sent by him to different individuals at ning the police of this village were called upon by Luke T. Bond of Dummerston that then Camp Griffin to their friends in Lamoille county. for salvation from its present afflictions. Now we submit that the country has had about enough of this zort of salvation. Its experience of this victory more disastrous to the Southern than Bull Run was to the Northern cause."

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clined to interfere unless accompanied by some, a calt raised in Dummerston and owned by of the proper military authorities. According- Milton Knapp of that town, which colt was ly the information was laid before Col. Thomas | fooled on the 1st day of June, 1859, weighed on who, with a sultable guard, proceeded to the the first day of February, inst., 1100 pounds? aforesaid establishment and there captured a Windham County is rather ahead in the size of

> With You?-Town meetings will occur on Tuesday next. Will some friend in each town send us by the first succeeding mail a list of the principal town officers elected, and a statement of the vote for County Commissioner? By so doing we and our readers will be greatly

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.- We trust that every man in the County who is in favor of good order and a good administration will vote for Ina GOODHUR of Westminster, for County Commissioner, on Tuesday next. He is the man for the place.

Cot. H. P. VAN BIRBER, the proprietor of the Revere House in this village, died of consumption at the Monsion House in Greenfield, on Saturday last, aged 62. He had made his home in this village most of the time for a few years post, previous to which he had resided chiefly at Washington and in Europe.

FIRE IN NORTHFIELD, MASS,-The pail factory in Northfield, 25 by 75 feet and three stories high, together with all the machinery. stock, tools and 1500 buckets, was destroyed by fire on Monday the 17th inst., by boiling oil in the basement, which took fire by using benzine. The building was owned by J. O. Webb, and the stock and machinery by B. B. Murdock, Loss \$1500; no insurance,

Robert Hale of Boston, formerly Superintendent of the Passumpsic Railroad in this State, has been chosen President of the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Company.

CHIMNEYS DOWN .- The accumulation of snow on the roof of the Town Hall and some of the dwelling houses in this village has again this winter proved destructive to chimney tops, several of which have been amputated even

"Chapte-Hours,"-Col. Walker of the Claremont Eagle, thus pertinently and foreibly iscusses "cradle-holes" and the cause of and emedy for them. We commend his remarks as applicable to this meridian :

to another trais. Consequently soldiers out- and then they make a bad matter worse every stayed their furloughs on the one hand, and day. It is getting to be a serious question The traverse, now so common, and almost universal, is a modern action. They turn easily and are just the thing for "logging." are an unmitigated nuisance on the highway THE VERMONT SCULPTOR .- A marble statu- both to those who use them and to the traveling ette, by Larkin G. Mead, Jr., the "Green Moun-public, for after the snow is more than eight or tain Boy," has been a considerable source of attraction at Philip & Solomon's for several into "cradle holes" which well nigh embargoes days dast. The subject, representing a "Stu-dent Inspired," is artistically conceived and and cattle are worried and injured by them, and beautifully executed. The work will add con-siderably to Mr. Mead's reputation, who, al-though a very young man, has already obtained be deprived from the use of them. We do not a high position in art. Mr. Mead has just com-pleted, for the State of Vermont, a colossal statue of Ethan Alien, the marble for which was cut from a solid block, weighing sixteen tons. Mr. Mead, it will be recollected, was the avenile artist who, a few years ago, by his ef-orts at sculpture in snow, attracted the atten-doubt if they would do much mischief, but of Cincinnati, from whom he received a com- the pattern has been shorter and shorter until they are mere little bobs-in We find the above appreciative notice in the down, like a dory in a gale of wind.

"Inspiration" is the latest production of tainty of each: In he sound on the bob-sled

VERMONT ITEMS.

At the recent session of the Supreme Court Monday evening of last week, several of the in Beunington County, Samuel Gilbert plead friends of Lieut, Frank Wells of Co. I, 13th guilty to an indictment charging him with burg-Conv. Regiment, presented him with an elegant lary committed in Rupert, and George Hurley sword and accourrements. The presentation made a like plea, on a charge of attempting to speech was made by Mr. Humphrey of the burn the jail at Bennington. Gilbert got four Litchfield Enquirer, to which Lieut, Wells re- and Hurley two years in the State prison for their respective crimes.

Col. Hawkins and Maj. Kimball both, of the and through you to the kind friends who pre- New York Zouaves which regiment greatly dissent me this beautiful sword, that I am grate- tinguished itself at the battle at Roanoke Issent me this heauting sword, that I had giving land, are both Vermonters. Maj. Kimbali suc-I am too young to make promises or to give | reeded the late Charles G. Eastman in publish. mees; let me then only say in receiving it, ling the Spirit of the Age, at Woodstock, and hearted men who have voulanteered to go with company in the 9th Regiment. He served at We may not be permitted to take that part the head or his company, and the Wexican war and greatly ted Ranson in the Mexican war and greatly it I hope that wherever we may be sent, distinguished himself in several actions. For employed in the New York Custom House,

Dr. E. K. Sanborn of Rutland, late Surgeon of the 1st Vermont Volunteers during their

The Irasburgh Standard says that measler and scarlatina rage to an unprecedented extent attacked with measles and after they get better SUDDEN DEATH .- In returning home from the canker-rash sets in and terminates fatally.

full habit and there is no doubt that the cause phies of the several Governors of Vermont in of his death was apoplexy. His age was nearly a very readable and creditable manner, and is now at some of the other men who have miles of the fort at 15 oclock m. At this point PROMOTION.-J. Lester Barstow has been commencing with Stephen R. Bradley. T c achieved a name and position in Vermont,

> A daring burglary was committed at Bennington on the night of the 14th, some rascal having entered the sleeping room of landford Cady of the Stark House, and taken about \$75. from his pantaloons' pocket.

nington, recently fished two days in Shelburne Lamson, Goodnow & Co., are using the

give heed to their announcements. "A word gun machinery at Windsor, where they are to make 50,000 rifles to shoot rebels with. Alvin Flint of Caledonia county recently died

this County, on Saturday evening of last week, at Stansfead in Canada, leaving \$100,000 and a reputation as as a miserely skinflint,

The Hydenark Newsdealer says that Mr. Phineas Bartlett, a member of the 3d Verment for our columns by the able Clerk of the Court. Regiment, recently discharged on account of illness, has been arrested and committed to jail Excension.-A month since we published a on a charge of appropriating to his own use

Two hundred and twenty horses, purchased through Gen. Buckner about 250 were taken for the 8th Regiment and Batteries by Bailey Brothers, left Montpelier Monday noon for Boston, from whence they are to be shipped to the South. The Watchman says they are an tion in the cartridge-boxes gave out, which, excellent lot of horses—probably as good as with the loss of many of the field slicers, pro-

day, last Saturday. The cadets entrenched themselves in the deep snow on their parade grounds, mounted a battery of six-pounders, (the guns pointed south, of course,) and fired federal and national salutes during the day in honor of the anniversary of Washington's birth. The stars and stripes were displayed from all parts of the barracks. Washington's farewell dress was read, and speeches were made by embers of the university faculty and by ca-

THE CAPTURE OF FORT DONELSON.

At considerable expense we have, for the graved the following diagram represent ug the plan of Fort Donelson and the disposition of the Union Forces :

PLAN OF THEIR DONE SON



REPERINCE TO THE PLAN.

-Gen. Smirit. B.—Union F eld Batteries, C.—Gen. McClernand, D.—Rebel Redoubts, E.—Rebel Ride Pits. F.—Draw Bridge. G.—Ditch around the Fort.

Gen. Grant's Head Quarters were just with-Gen. Grant's Head Quarters were just without the limits of this plan about the middle of
the West side. It is known that Floyd and
Pillow escaped down the river at the South
east. The hights and rebel redoubts captured

Another dispaten dated Norioik, 21st, soys
the federal forces again ascended the Chowan
river yesterday to WL to, with several gonboats, and a large number of troops. The confederates opened a heavy fire on them, but the
east. Saturday, the possession of which gave us command of the Fort was between Gen. McCler-was among the killed of the Yankees. nand's position and the Fort, and it was the

place where the hardest fighting occurred. Appearance of Fort Donelson.

The fi st thing that strikes one upon entering Fort Donelson, is its immense strength. Fort Henry was thought to be almost a Gibraltar. but its strength is weakness when compared to
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left Charles Alexa Dates the Comber.

14th New York; Maj. Paul Revere, 20th Mass hand River runs nearly north. A half mile or so below, it makes a short bend to the west for same hundred yards or so, and then turns again, and pursues its natural course due north.—
Right in this bend on the left hank of the river, Capter R. W. Horsey, 18th Massachusetts; Capt. R. Williams, 12th Indiana; 1st Lieut T. C. Freeman, 1st Virginia; Lieut J. E. Gruerre, 15th Massachusetts; Lieut Wm. Harris, 1st Capternia; Lieut B. E. Horsey, 18th Lieut Capternia; Lieut B. E. Horsey, 18th Lieut R. Capternia; Lieut B. E. Horsey, 18th Massachusetts; capternia; Lieut B. E. Horsey, 18th Massachusetts; capt. Full Revere, 20th M Right in this bend on the left bank of the river, California; Lieut B. F. Hancock, 19th Indi

ness, the tops of which are composed of coffee sacks filled with earth. Back of these batteries the shore rises with a pretty steep ascent till it forms a hill whose top is nearly or quite 100 feet above the water. On the top of this hill is feet above the water. On the top of this hill is of his staff, went with the steamer Adelaide Fort Donelson, an irregular work which in- Sunday morning, under a flag of trace to meet Fort Danelson, an irregular work which incloses about 100 acres. The only guns in the Fort are four light siege guns, a 12-pound how-lished, for the purpose of opening negotiations itzer, two 54-pound guns, and one 64-pound guns, and a consultation of the fort, in the direction of the control of the con the place occupied by Gen. Grant, and south towards Gen. McClernand's position, the country is a succession of hills. For several hundred yards around the Fort the timber has been cut down so as to afford a fair sweep for the Confederate guns. Surrounding the whole Fort and town and distant from the former about a mile, is a trench for riflemen. runs completely around from the river hank above Dover almost to a point near the river some distance below the water batteries, ost to a point near the Directly west of the Fort, and within the rifle pit, are formidable abattis, which would render an advance from that direction almost an im-

Gen. Grant's Official Report.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY IN THE FIELD, FORT DONELSON, Sunday, Feb. 16, 1862. Gen. G W. Cellon, Chief of Staff, Department of Mis-

GENERAL :- I am pleased to announce to you the unconditional surrender, this morning, of the steamer that brought them stated that he Fort Donelson, with 15,000 to 25,000 prisoners, expected another party of prisoners to be waitat least forty pieces of artillery, and a large amount of stores, horses, mules and other pub-

force of about 15,000 men, divided but two divisions, under the comma dol Gens, McClernand and Smith. Six regiments were sent a-round by water the day before, convoyed by a who were too sick to be removed. gunboat, or rather start of one day later than one of the gunboats, and with instructions not

the enemy's pickets were met and driven

The fortifications of the enemy were from railroad bridge crossing the Cumberland at that this point gradually approached and surrounded, with occasional skirmishing on the line. The following day, owing to the non-arrival of proclamation to the inha hitants of Clarksville: the gunboat and re-entoresments sent by water, no attack was made; but the investment was Judge Wisdom, and the mayor of the city, who extended on the flanks of the enemy, and drawn called upon me yesterday, after cur hoisting closer to his works, with skirmishing all day. the Union flag on the torts, to ascertain m On the evening of the 13th, the gunboats and re-enforcements arrived. On the 14th, a gallant attack was made by Flag-Officer Foote upon the enemy's works with his fleet. The engagement lasted, probably, one hour and a half, and bid fair to result Javorahly to the cause of the Union, when two unlacky shots disabled two of the armored gunboats, so that disabled two of the armored gunboats, so that they were carried back by the current. The remaining two were very much disabled also, having received a number of heavy shots about destroyed, and that no secession dag or manifest of the control of the pilot-house and other parts of the vessels.

After these mishaps, I concluded to make the investment of Ferr Donelson as perfect as possi-ble, and partially fartify and await repairs to the gumboats. This pian was frustrated, however, by the enemy making the most vigorous attack upon our right wing, commanded by Gen, J. A. McClernand, with a portion of the force under Gen. L. Wallace. The enemy were repelled after a closely contested battle of soveral hours, in which our loss was heavy. The officers, and particularly field officers, suffered la to suppress a disturbance at a house of ill-repute on Flat-street, occasioned by some of the soldiers of the Sth Regiment. The police desoldiers of the police desoldiers of the soldiers of the soldiers of the Sth Regiment. The police desoldiers of the soldiers of the Sth Regiment. The police desoldiers of the soldiers of the soldier

prisoners. I shall retain enough of the enemy to exchange for them, as they were immediately shipped off, and not left for recepture.

About the close of this action the amount.

cellent list of horses—probably as good as the list of horses—probably that have yet left the State.

The large store of Willard Gay, at West fact, I ordered a charge upon the left (enemy). Phwnix lodge of Free and Accepted Massas, lose \$250; the Sons of Temperance \$100; G. P. Chase, tailor, \$250; Wm. H. Waters, dentist, \$300; C. M. Sillir, undertaker, \$200; J. ordered upon their other flank, after the charge by Gen. Smith was commenced, by the Divisions under Gens. McClernand and Wallace, which, notwithstauling the hours of exposure to a heavy fire in the fore part of the day, was call antily made, and the enemy further repulsed. gallantly made, and the enemy forther repulsed.

At the points thus gained, night having come on, all the troops encamped for the night, feeling that a complete victory would grown their labors at an early hour in the morning. This morning, at a very early hour, Gen. S. B. Buckner sent a message to our camp under a flag of truce, proposing an armistice, &c. A copy of the correspondence which ensued is herewith transmitted.

I cannot mention individuals who specially distinguished themselves, but leave that to div-ision and brigade officers, whose reports will be forwarded as soon as received. To division a moranders, however, Gens. McClernand, Smith and Wallace, I must do no justice o say that each of them were with their commands in the convenience of our readers, caused to be on. midst of dager, and were always ready to execure all orders, no matter what the exposure to themselves.

At the hour the attack was made on Gen, McClernand's command I was absent, having received a note from Flag-Officer F-ote, requesting me to go and see him, he being unable to

My personal staff, Col. J. D. Webster, Chief. My personal staff, Cot. J. D. Webster, Chief of staff; Col. J. Riggin, jr., Volunteer Aid; Capt. J. Rawlins, Assistant Adjutant General; Capts. C. B. Lugow and W. S. Hillver, Aids, and Lieut-Col. B. McPherson, Chief-Engineer, are deserving personal mention for their gullantry and services. For full details and reports and particulars, reference is made to the reports of the Engineer, Medical Director, and Commanders of Brigades and Divisions, to fol-

I am, General,
Very respectfully, your obsdient servant,
U. S. GRANT, Brigadier-General.

BURNSIDE'S EXPEDITION.

Winton, N. C., Captured.

REBEE ACCOUNTS.

A Richmond dispatch of Saturday, has the following: "Suffolk, Va., 21st .- Capt. Nichols of the Petersburg artillery, arrived this afternoon from Winton, where he has been stationed with his battery. Yesterday he was shelled out by the Yankees. They had seven steamers, all of which passed up the river. Capt. Nichols had his horse shot, and two of his men wound Winton is in ashes, and our troops retired to Murfreesboro.'

Another dispatch dated Norfolk, 21st, says southerners retired. Our loss is said to be two men. The humbur congressmen C. H. E. m, C. H. Fester

FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

MORE UNION PRISONERS RETURNED.

The Old Point boat which started on Sunday did not arrive at Baltimore till Monday morn-ing. She brought 14 released officers, a folows : Col. M. Coggswell, 42d New York : Wm. and commanding it to the north, are two water batteries, side by side, and nearly down to the water's edge.

The main batters has nine guns, all looking the second of the country of the second of the country of the second of the country of the second of The main battery has nine guns, all looking straight down the river. The left-hand gun is a 10-inen columbiad—the rest are 32-pounders, gest number of the pull distinct. The largest number of the columbiad—the rest are 32-pounders. a 10-inen columbiad—the rest are 32-pounders.

The other battery has three guns—the middle one a formidable rifled 64-pound columbiad—the others 64-pound howitzers. All these guns are protected by breastwerks of immense thick.

Washington Monday afternoon, after spending cted by breastworks of immense thick- a merry day with the Union men of Baltimore.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR A GENERAL EXCHANGE

OF PRISONERS. Gen Wool with Col Cannon and Major Jones out an hour occurred between the gener-

als. The result is unknown. UNION PEELING IN RICHMOND.

The prisoners all speak of a strong Union party in Richmond, who are in high gless the Union victories. They were compelled for their own safety to keep quiet, but took frequent occasion to make their sentiments known to the prisoners, showing them various acts of kind-ness which had to be stealthily performed.

There was a large attendance to witness the nauguration on Saturday, but the enthusiasm cas very subdued. These who were on parele

JEFF DAVIS' INAUGURATION.

could not get close a nough to hear the address, and it was not printed before they left. MORE PRISONERS COMING. The released prisoners say that the captain of ng for him on his return to City Point. They were from Salisbury N. C., and Alabama. The perty.

Fort Henry on the 12th inst., with a Charleston and Columbia, S. C., including Col. orcoran, who might be expected on Thursday or Friday. The party who came on Monday, includes all who were in Richmond except three,

> FROM TENNESSEE Matters on the Cumberland

PROCLAMATION OF COMMODORE POOTE. Everything is quiet at Fort Donelson. The rebels before evacuating Clarksville, fired the

point. Com. Foots has bound the following tions, I shall hold the authorities of the city rea-

(Signed) ANDREW H. FOOTE, SOUTH SIDE VIEWS. JEFF DAVIS IN BAD ODOR.

The Richmond Whig of Friday has a bitter. article on the Davis administration. It says: "Judging by results so far, it is the most lamentable failure in history, and the most sig-