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**To the Public.**  
To enable us the more efficiently to discharge our other duties, we have disposed of one-half of the *Courier* establishment to Messrs. ROBERT YOUNG and W. H. HOLCOMBE. They are practically acquainted with the business of the office, and will, for the future, conduct the publishing department. These gentlemen are competent for the work, and we commend them to our friends and the public for favor and patronage.

We shall continue to discharge the duties incident upon our position as Editor, and will take care that the *Courier* receives no detriment from the above change.

Thanking our friends and the public kindly for their indulgence and patronage, we enter with alacrity on the discharge of our manifold duties for the new year.

ROBT. A. THOMPSON.

**Salutatory.**  
The preceding article informs the public of the design and scope of the change made. Without much experience, nevertheless, we desire to be tried. Our duties, though arduous, are not of a nature impossible in themselves. With the kind indulgence of our patrons solicited, we betake ourselves to our duty.

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**Earthquake.**  
A severe shock of an earthquake was felt in this vicinity on Thursday, 3d instant, at about 4 o'clock, P. M. Houses rocked, and the crockery ware was moved from its place in more than one residence. It is a little singular that it should not have been observed farther South. It was felt at Spartanburg and other points east of this place.

**Death of Capt. Shubrick.**  
We regret to learn that Capt. SHUBRICK, late of the U. S. Navy, but for several years residing near Pendleton, died on Monday last. He had seen much service, having received several dangerous wounds in the face and head in battle. Capt. SHUBRICK was a brave and accomplished officer, and we mourn, in common with his countrymen, the demise of so gallant a man.

**Communication.**  
On our return, the communication of Col. W. E. WELBORN was handed to us. It is in relation to an unfounded rumor, that he was engaged in raising a company of men to oppose Secession. Every one that is at all acquainted with Col. WELBORN, knows this to be untrue. He is a staunch State rights man, and is as heartily with his State in the present contest, as any man within her limits. Such false rumors are only current with those who would be delighted to see them realities.

**The Weather, &c.**  
On Wednesday night, a heavy rain, accompanied by lightning and thunder, visited this section. Previously, the weather had been warm and pleasant; since, the wind is high and the temperature cold. The mud is deep!

**Three Cheers for Florida!**  
THE LONG-DESIRED CO-OPERATION OBTAINED.  
The Florida Convention met on the 3d inst. On the 7th, a resolution, declaring the right and duty of Florida to secede from the Union, was passed—yeas 62, nays 51. A committee of thirteen was appointed to draft the ordinance of secession, which was adopted. Thus has the gallant little State of Florida ranged herself by the side of South Carolina!

Next week, we shall doubtless have the gratification of making similar announcements for Alabama and Mississippi.  
From Georgia, ninety-two, out of the one hundred and thirty-two counties, thus far heard from, have elected one hundred and forty-two secessionists and sixty-eight co-operationists. The popular majority for secession is very large. Georgia will go out next, soon to be followed by Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and other Southern States. Let the ball roll on!

**Saleday.**  
Monday was an exciting day. The people were out in large numbers; in fact, it was stated that the crowd was larger than any that had ever been on the hill. "War news" was the topic.

Col. ASHMORE, our late representative in Congress, was present and made one of his best speeches. Its length prevents us from attempting even a synopsis of it. It is sufficient to say, however, that it was received with rounds of applause, and gave great satisfaction.

Quite a number of our aged citizens were actively engaged in forming a company of volunteers, for a home guard to be called the "Silver Greys." The name is very appropriate, as many of those who enrolled their names have had their heads frosted by the passing away of many winters. Some fifty names were obtained. Another meeting will be held on Monday next. The Commissioners of Roads levied a tax of 25 per cent. and the Commissioners of the Poor, 163 cts. The Commissioners of Public Buildings laid no tax.

**The Volunteers.**  
Companies of volunteers are offering their services to the Governor from all sections of the State. One thousand are ready in Abbeville; seven hundred in Anderson, and a large number in Greenville. There are four hundred volunteers in Pickens, with the 5th Regiment to act on Friday, the 11th.

The Companies organized are the "Keowee Volunteers," Captain LIVINGSTON; "Calhoun Guards," Captain KILPATRICK; "Walhalla Riflemen," Captain HENCKEN; "Mountain Cavalry," Captain NORRIS. A company of Bachelor's Retreat will soon report with full ranks—fifty men are already enrolled.

We anticipate prompt action on the part of the patriotic men of the 6th Regiment.

**New Advertisements.**  
The attention of readers is called to the advertisement of the "Clarendon Academy," and other notices in our columns this week.

SINGULAR INSTANCES OF INSTINCT.—Cats and dogs, when ill, resort to grass for their cure, and the hare to a certain kind of moss; and a goldenfinch having been wounded by a hawk, made its way to a dry puff ball, tore it open with its beak, and dusted the wounds with the spores, instantly stopping the flow of blood.

**The Convention.**  
Adjourned on Saturday last at 11 o'clock, A. M., to be called together again by the President, when the public exigency may require it.  
Several ordinances of importance were adopted by the Convention, some of which we have published. The others will appear as we can find room for them.

A "Declaration of the immediate causes which induce and justify the Secession of South Carolina from the Federal Union," can be found on the first page. Followed by the report of the committee on "relations with the slaveholding States," with the resolutions adopted and appended thereto.

Under the first resolution, the following Commissioners were elected, to wit:  
To Georgia, Hon. James L. Orr; Mississippi, Armistead Burt; Louisiana, J. L. Manning; Florida, L. W. Spratt; Arkansas, A. C. Spain; Alabama, A. P. Calhoun; Texas, John McQueen.

The following deputies, to form a permanent government for a Southern confederacy, were elected: C. G. Manning, W. P. Miller, H. W. Burwell, R. B. Ricketts, L. M. Keitt, T. J. Withers, James Chesnut, Jr., W. W. Boyce.

The Commissioners to Washington, returned on the 4th. They were unable to effect anything for us. Their correspondence with the President is pointed and able, and appears in the papers. We will print it next week.

The Commissioners say that we have nothing to expect from the Government at Washington—that Mr. BUCHANAN has gone over to our enemies.

**Hall's Muster Ground.**  
By order of the Governor, the 2d Regiment, commanded by Col. D. A. LEDBETTER, assembled at this place on Saturday last, for the purpose of raising two companies of volunteers, one from each battalion, numbering, officers and privates, seventy-five men, in accordance with an act passed at the present session of the Legislature, entitled "an act to provide an armed military force."

Col. LEDBETTER, placing his men in position, addressed them in a patriotic strain; when Rev. W. McWHIRTER was called for and addressed the large assemblage of soldiers and spectators in a warm and appropriate manner, showing that our cause was just—that our object was to maintain and defend that boon of freedom which our forefathers so dearly purchased for us; and, if we failed to do our duty now, we would merit the name of degenerate sons of a noble and patriotic ancestry. He said, like David of old, "let us hoist our banner in the name of God, and the victory will be ours."

Capt. J. W. LAYTON was next called for, and, in an eloquent and effective manner, summarily described the history of our wrongs, showing that the same principle is now involved, (and to a greater extent) which caused our revolutionary fathers to declare themselves free and independent—no longer subject to the oppressions of the mother country.

Mr. W. R. MARSHALL, being called for, addressed himself to the young men, urging them to volunteer. His appeal was urgent and patriotic.

Dr. BENJ. RUETT also responded to a call in a very conclusive argument, showing that the principle question at issue between the North and South was not a question of slavery, but taxation. The object of the North was to get the reins of government in her own hands, and then impoverish us with a protective tariff. The addresses were all received with great applause, and marked attention prevailed throughout the whole assemblage.

The speaking being ended a call was made for volunteers. At this call, quite a number advanced and offered their services. One company from the 1st or 2nd battalion, numbering near 100 men, commanded by Capt. Kilpatrick, offered itself as a company, which, deprived of a large number of others (from the same battalion) "a place in the picture," who came forward and showed their willingness and readiness to serve their beloved State. The "Walhalla Riflemen," a company composed entirely of Germans, from the upper battalion, also offered themselves as a whole. This company has been in existence for a number of years, and is one of the best drilled companies in the State. We were glad to see them announce themselves ready to march in defence of their adopted country.

Other volunteer companies were on the field, whose design it is to offer their services to the Governor. From the demonstrations witnessed on Saturday, we are convinced that our district will not be found wanting. She is more than willing to bear her part in the present political drama whenever it shall be assigned her.

**The Legislators.**  
On the 4th, in the Senate, a bill to amend the law regulating the granting of licenses to itinerant salesmen and travelling agents was read a second time and ordered to the house.

Report of the committee (favorable) on the communication of J. L. Pettigru, Esq., code commissioner, with amendments, was agreed to. A joint ballot was then had, and Mr. Pettigru was elected to continue a codification of the statute and other laws.

A bill to establish a corps of Military Engineers was read a second time, and ordered to the house.

A house bill to establish a coast police was amended, read twice, and ordered to the house. It appropriates \$150,000 for the purchase of three vessels—revenue cutters or war steamers.

No. 187, being a House bill to repeal the 7th Section of an Act for the more effectual relief of solvent debtors and for other purposes, was taken up, read a second time, agreed to, and ordered to the house.

In the house, a resolution from the Senate, allowing members of the Convention the same pay and mileage as members of the Legislature, was adopted.

Messrs. R. T. MORRISON, J. J. POPE, Jr., C. H. SIMONSON, and Jos. JOHNSON, Jr., obtained leave of absence. They have entered the military service of the State as volunteers.

The proceedings of the Senate, on the 5th, were unimportant.

**Charleston Items.**  
The excitement continues in Charleston. Despatches are almost daily received announcing that troops are on their way to that point. The latest is, that the steamer "Star of the West," with provisions and two hundred and fifty men, have been sent from New York to reinforce Maj. Anderson. We have little or no faith in this report.

Wealthy planters have placed at the service of the Governor large numbers of negroes to throw up embankments and perform other labor. They have been at work for some time. One hundred and fifty of the free negroes of the city tendered their services for the same patriotic purpose.

Col. BEN. MOREHEAD, a wealthy citizen, has given \$10,000 to the State, to be expended as the Governor may direct.

The citizens of Charleston are willing to make any sacrifice to further the good cause in which the State is engaged.

There are about 1,500 soldiers on duty in the city and fortifications in the harbor, including the volunteers that have arrived from Columbia, Sumter, Darlington, Williamsburg, and other points.

**Exchanges.**  
LAURENSTOWN HERALD.—H. L. MCGOWAN, Esq., retires from the editorial chair of this flourishing journal. He is succeeded by Mr. JAMES HOLLINGSWORTH, the proprietor, who is in every way competent to discharge the multifarious duties of the position. We wish for him what he so well deserves—abundant success!

YORKVILLE ENQUIRER.—This handsome paper enters upon the new year with improvement and new arrangements, foreshadowing success. Mr. W. M. MARTIN is announced as assistant editor. He is a genius. He is also a member of the Richland Artillery, now in the service of the State, and we saw him leave the wharf in Charleston, as "high private," for one of the posts in the harbor. May he be as successful with the sword as he has been with the pen!

**Johnson Female University.**  
The catalogue of this institution is before us. The number of pupils for the year 1860 was 161. Rev. W. B. JOHNSON is President of the University.

**The Walhalla Riflemen.**  
At a meeting of the "Walhalla Riflemen," held in their Hall, on the 6th instant, the following resolutions were adopted, on motion of Captain HENCKEN, and seconded by Lieutenant GISEL:

Resolved, That the Company take Recruits, in this emergency, to fill their ranks with able bodied, sound men, of good character; to be balloted for. And be it further

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Company shall be conducted, henceforth, in the English language.

Resolved, That Recruits shall be received until the 20th of this month, and then the books are to be closed.

On motion, a committee of Five was appointed by the Chair to get Recruits, and recommend them for acceptance, to the Company. The committee to consist of Lieut. Biemann, Lieut. Bulwinkle, A. E. Norman, Surgeon, Serg't. C. Hesse, and Musician H. Fajen.

Dr. A. E. Norman offered his services to the Company, as Surgeon, and was duly accepted, and placed on the Committee for Recruits.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the *Blue Ridge Herald* and *Keeowee Courier*, one time.

On motion, the meeting adjourned sine die. JNO. M. HENCKEN, Captain. G. H. D. CRAMER, Secretary.

**WASHINGTON ITEMS.**—We clip the following items from the *Washington States* of Tuesday evening, 1st instant:

A quiet summing-up of the several officers of the army and navy, now at the seat of government, to their respective departments, last evening, forbodes that something more is on the tapis than the public is yet cognizant of.

The public mind is continually on the strain to watch any unusual movement in connection with the government. We trust that we are not more deeply immersed in a civil commotion than past developments have exhibited.

Mr. H. H. Postmaster-General, sent orders to the sub-treasurer at Charleston to remit all the balance, \$35,000, on the post office account in his possession, immediately, to the credit of that Department. If this order is not complied with at once, he will demand of the Federal Government to enforce his orders. He is also determined to suppress all matter to and from South Carolina, if the mails are interfered with in that State.

Mr. Bingham's bill further to provide for the collection of duties on imports was introduced in the House of Representatives yesterday, and referred to the committee on the judiciary. The bill looks to an increase of the President's power to enforce the revenue laws.

**NORFOLK, VA., January 4.**—There is a great excitement here to-day in consequence of a report that four companies of Artillery from Fort Mifflin have been ordered to Charleston.

Lieutenant James H. North, of the Navy, has resigned. [Lieut. North is a South Carolinian, and a brother of Dr. North, of this City. He entered the service on the 20th of May, 1829, and was commissioned September 8, 1841. He has been thirty years in the service. At the time of his resignation, we believe his station was that of Light-house Inspector. His devotion to his native State would not allow him to longer to hold office under a Government which threatened to invade her dearest rights. —Eus.]

The United States steamer Brooklyn has taken in stores, and is getting ready for sea. It is reported that her destination will be Charleston. This, however, is rather doubtful. —*Cour.*

**THE CANNON ARE COMING.**—Twenty-six mounted field pieces from the Watervliet arsenal are being transported by the Hudson River Railroad for South Carolina. Our citizens, who talk of holding a meeting to prevent the further transmission of arms to the rebellion against the United States, will please make a note of the fact. —*Treg* (N. Y.) *Arena*, Jan. 1.

## CALENDAR FOR 1861.

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**Pennings and Clippings.**  
NEW YORK.—The Legislature of this State is in session. Gov. Morgan in his message is in favor of a repeal of the "personal liberty laws" of that State, and all laws offensive to the South. A member of the Senate, offered resolutions tendering the military to the President for upholding the Union, and for raising \$10,000,000 to arm the State.

THE PITTSBURGH EXCITEMENT.—The contractors for the supply of cannon at Pittsburgh have been notified that if they cannot deliver the cannon they will be produced elsewhere.

THE NEW YORK EXPRESS says: "For the disruption now taking place in this republic—for the week of commerce and trade—for the bankruptcies occurring—for the hundreds of thousands and thousands of laborers out of employment—the Republicans are responsible. They, and they alone, by a change of policy and of practice, can rescue the country from the doom of civil war to which they are dragging it."

ECLIPSES.—During the year 1861 there will be four eclipses—two of them, both of the sun, will be invisible to us. On December 17, there will be a very small part of the moon eclipsed, visible here; and on December 31, the sun will rise with about one-third of it eclipsed. The planet Mercury will pass over the face of the sun on November 12, but the phenomena will not be visible here.

SERVED HIM RIGHT.—Senator Andrew Johnson, of Tennessee, who recently delivered a speech favoring the coercion of the seceding States, has been burnt in effigy at Memphis.

CUSTOMS.—Hon. W. F. Colcock, the Collector of the port of Charleston, collected \$1000 on the 29th ultimo; for the use and benefit of the Republic of South Carolina.

CONFIRMATION.—The Baltimore *Patriot* states that it is able to affirm the correctness of the New York *Tribune's* announcement that "Mr. Lincoln is opposed to any concession or compromise."

A CANCER THE RESULT OF USING PINS as TOOTHPIES.—The Harrisburg (Pa.) *Telegraph* says: "A lady has been in the habit of picking her teeth with pins. A tridling humor was the consequence, which terminated in a cancer. The brass and quicksilver used in making these pins will account for this circumstance. Pins are always poisonous to the teeth, and should never be used for toothpicks."

\$100,000 TO THE STATE.—The *Selma Reporter* states that the Commercial Bank of that city, has tendered to the State of Alabama, the loan of one hundred thousand dollars in view of her probable secession from the Union.

THE GEORGETOWN RIFLE GUARD.—COMMENDABLE LIBERALITY.—We learn that P. J. C. Weston, Esq., has presented to the Georgetown Rifle Guard, Capt. R. J. White, one hundred and twenty of the fine English weapon known as the "Enfield Rifle," with accoutrements and ammunition ample for a long campaign, besides placing funds at the disposal of the company. The Georgetown Guard, composed of many of the first citizens of that place, now numbers eighty-four, rank and file.

ST. LOUIS, January 5.—Gov. Jackson's message favors remaining in the Union under constitutional guarantees—opposes coercion and Congressional compromises, and advises a State Convention. He also advises the re-organization of the militia, and the legalizing of the suspension of specie payment by the banks.

MOBILE, January 5.—The United States Arsenal was taken at daylight yesterday by troops from Mobile. The Arsenal contains 20,000 stand of arms, 1,500 barrels of powder, 300,000 rounds musket cartridges, and other munitions of war. No defence was made. Fort Morgan was taken yesterday by Mobile troops, and is now garrisoned by two hundred men.

WILMINGTON, N. C., January 3.—The secession flag, with fifteen stars, was raised here to-day by a large and enthusiastic gathering of people. A secession meeting was held to-night, at the theatre, which was densely crowded. The secession feeling is increasing daily.

MONTGOMERY, January 7.—The Convention met at noon to-day. Mr. Phillips, a secessionist from Dallas, is temporary Chairman. Mr. Horn temporary Secretary. The roll of counties was called. All the delegates are present. Hon. W. M. Brooks has been elected President over Jamison by eight majority. The proceedings were very quiet. Fowler, a secessionist, was elected Secretary.

SENATOR MASON A STRAIGHT-OUT SECESSIONIST.—A letter from Senator Mason, to a gentleman of Winchester, Virginia, under date of Saturday last, says: In this condition of things, Virginia can neither be neutral or passive. The first act of the Legislature about to meet, I trust, will be to call a Convention; and the first act of the Convention, to resume all the sovereign power of the State by secession.

A SUREWED New England man said in Washington a few days since, that "all Charleston, has to do is to declare itself a free port; the Yankees will do the rest. Uncle Sam may impose as many embargos on the port as he pleases, but the Yankees will fool him to death, and soon we shall find the whole Northeast running to Charleston to buy goods free of duty."

THE UP-COUNTRY COMPANIES.—The *Mercury* says: "The companies from the interior are to be camped at the Race Course, until a Regiment be formed, which will be placed under the command of Col. Maxey Gregg, of Richland."

WASHINGTON, January 4.—Numerous Western members of the Legislature of Virginia, arrived here yesterday and to-day, on their way to Richmond. The general feeling expressed by them is, that a law calling a State Convention, and pass resolutions declaring against any attempt to coerce a seceding State.

WASHINGTON, January 4.—The Border States Committee have agreed on a compromise, Mr. Sherman, of Ohio, the Republican leader, assenting.

WASHINGTON, January 3.—It is believed, from what is known here, that in the course of a few days the forts at Pensacola and Key West, Fort Morgan, in Alabama, the fort at Ship Island, near the mouth of Lake Borgne, with the arsenal at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Fort Johnson, on the Cape Fear River, North Carolina, will be seized and garrisoned by the troops of the respective States in which they are located.

WASHINGTON, January 4.—To-day being a holiday, was strictly observed. The business houses and public offices were closed, and service was held in the churches. The religious exercises, as a general thing, were of a Union character. The President, himself, attended church, and looked particularly solemn. Anxiety and trouble could easily be read in his countenance. Poor man, he does not know what to do. He is really to be pitied.

There has been a good deal of excitement over the statement sent by the Associated Press to the North, giving all the details of the hearing of Fort Sumter. It created intense excitement in Philadelphia, New York and other Northern Cities, but subsided here and elsewhere as soon as it was ascertained that there was no truth in the statement. Considerable censure has been attached to that statement, as well as those sent South by the same channel stating that anarchy prevailed here.

Distinguished citizens of Maryland loudly complain at the course of G. V. Hicks, of that State, who has to-day again refused to convene the Legislature.

At a caucus of the Republicans, held to-day, it was determined to push legislation more rapidly. Nothing was done with reference to the difficulties with the South.

I have information of a character that admits of no doubt, that the Administration is determined to continue immediately every preparation necessary for the enforcement of the Federal laws at the South, including the collection of the revenues, protection of government property, &c.

The Republicans have informally agreed to support a resolution, in the form of an amendment to the Constitution, declaring that there shall be no interference with Slavery in the States where the institution legally exists. This, together with their proposition, in the Committee of thirty-three, to admit New Mexico as a slave State, is alleged by Congressmen from the border States to tend to a settlement of the difficulties. It is not, however, supposed that this proposition will be acceptable to the Gulf States.

Lieut. Underwood, of the revenue cutter Aiken, reported yesterday to the Secretary of the Treasury the official details of Capt. Core's surrender to the authorities of South Carolina.

Congressmen Carry and Houston, of Alabama, were left for home. Other Representatives from the same State will follow next week. Members here from other prospective seceding States are making ready to go. There will probably be a perfect stampede among the Southern members in a week or so.

WASHINGTON, January 5.—The arrival of seventeen recruits at this city from Philadelphia has been exaggerated into the report that a large body of marines had been stationed at Washington Barracks.

Gen. Scott was employed until 4 o'clock this evening in official duties.

The Republicans held a caucus this noon to prepare a programme for future Legislative action.

The Border State Committee last night adopted Barrett's adaptation of Crittenden's resolutions. All the States previously mentioned, with the exception of Iowa, were represented in the caucus.

WASHINGTON, January 6.—The Senators from the seceding States held a caucus to-night on the subject of advising their respective States as to whether it is advisable to continue their delegations in Congress till the fourth of March, so as to prevent unfriendly legislation by the Republicans, or resign and leave a clear field to the opposition to pass such bills as they may choose. It is probable that the result of the caucus will influence the action of the seceding States.

LATER.—The Alabama and Mississippi delegations were in conference last night, and afterwards telegraphed to the Convention of their respective States, advising them to secede immediately, and saying that there is no prospect of a satisfactory adjustment. They have resolved to remain here, and await the action of their States.

Alfred Huger, Esq., has written a letter to the Post Office Department here, in which he says that he considers himself accountable to the Government of the United States for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, even under a strict consideration of the Ordinance of Secession. The Department will in consequence, fill his orders for postage stamps.

The Postmaster General has as yet received no reply, save Mr. Huger, to his circulars addressed to South Carolina postmasters, inquiring whether they would acknowledge the laws and jurisdiction of Federal Government.

Mr. Toombs, of Georgia, expressed himself to-day as of the opinion that the coercive policy of the President will be abandoned within a few hours, and that there will be no civil war. Other good governmental authority, however, asserts to the contrary as the first part of Mr. Toombs' statement.

General Scott has been engaged day and night in perfecting military plans for the defence of the City of Washington in case of an emergency. Preparations of an extensive character are being made, which will probably intimidate all invaders if any shall really make an attempt upon the city, and altogether prevent trouble from this source if there is any foundation for the apprehension that such exist in reality.

I learn that two or three Republican Senators, after holding conversation among themselves and with others, have decided to support Senator Crittenden's proposition. This, together with the immense pressure brought to bear upon the Committee from the border States, in advocacy of these resolutions as a finality and as a compromise, may possibly result in a yielding of ground by the Republicans, and a settlement of the questions at issue.

The Washington papers of yesterday assert that Major Anderson has informed the President that he had a sufficient force at command to frustrate any attack made upon him, and that he needed no aid for the present.

The Republicans of the Senate made another attempt last night to procure an Executive session, in order to confirm the appointment of McIntyre. It is understood that if the Executive session be further delayed, the President will dispatch McIntyre on his mission, with instructions to collect the revenues of the port of Charleston. Until his appointment is rejected by the Senate, he can act officially, if allowed to do so by the forces of South Carolina. This consideration will perhaps induce the Senate to take immediate action upon the nomination and either confirm or reject it.

There is a heavy pressure upon Congress here by the New York merchants, in favor of immediate compromise upon the issues of the day, and a prompt settlement of all difficulties.

PREPARING FOR THE INAUGURATION.—The correspondent of the *New York Tribune*, in the following paragraph, tries to quiet the apprehensions of the people of Washington in the following announcement: