they who, during a long life, have ever A liberal appropriation ought to be cherished and cultivated veneration to made by the General Assembly-not ious fervor, are driven to the contem- expended, under the authority of the plation of its disruption. The Constitu-tion is the only bond of Union. But if it arms, of the most improved patterns. is to be respected and obeyed by the with their theoretical opinions, or conserves their interests-if we are practithat we are equals--if we are to be oppressed and despoiled of our property, and to be tyrannized over by a hostile Government, and expected to submit because the outrage is perpetrated under the forms of law, then it is better we should retire from an association which has ceased to benefit us through perversion from its original design.

In order, therefore, that the future position and proper policy of the State of Louisiana may receive the thoughtful and calm consideration which it de serves, and that her citizens may have an opportunity of giving form and expression to their views in this regard, I recommend to your Honable Bodies, to provide for the election of members of a Convention, as soon as may be proper with due regard to time, to whom shall be committed the duty and responsibility of determining that position, and shaping that policy so far as affects the relations of Louisiana to the Federal der existing emergencies, that I, the Chief Executive Officer of the State, should omit the expression of my convictions as to the course which our State ought to pursue.

I have earnestly desired that a Conference or Convention of the slaveholding States should be held, in order that they might counsel together, and act unitedly in this grave erisis. I still deif practicable, in point of time. Louisiana ought not to refuse to meet her there unitedly determine upon a firm demand to be made of the Northern States for the repeal of their obnoxious legislation, and the guarantee and security of those rights, which have so although such a course has seemed to might ere this have been suggested to accomplish this object, I do not think the action of Louisiana should be unreasonably postponed under the mere hope or expectation that such a Body would be at some distant time convened. It should meet at once, and determine at once, before the day arrives for the inauguration of a Black Republican President.

I do not think it comports with the honor and self-respect of Louisiana, as a slaveholding State, to live under the Government of a Black Republican President. I will not dispute the fact that Mr. Lincoln is elected according to the forms of the Constitution; but the greatest outrages, both upon public and private rights, have been perpetrated under the forms of law. This question rises high above ordinary political confree and independent people. It may be said that when this Union was formed, it was intended to be perpetual. So it was, so far as such Aterm can be applied to anything human; but it was also intended to be administered in the subjects of a European despotism, to use them! whose only door of escape from tyranny is the right of revolution. I maintain the right of each State to secede from Union, and therefore whatever n State, and compel her to submission to an authority which she has ceased to recognize. I should unhesitatingly re- triotism. commend that Louisiana assist her sis ter State with the same alacrity and other in their struggle against the despotism of the Old World.

If I am not mistaken in public opinion, the Convention, if assembled, will possible to foresee the course of policy that Congress may determine upon, and it is the part of wisdom to prepare ourselves for any emergency that its leg-islation may produce. We are without arms to defend ourselves from attack should our sovereignty be assailed, and it therefore becomes our imperative duty to adopt immediate measures for supplying ourselves with all materials of In the brief period which you are war. In the brief period which you are likely to remain in session, it would be impracticable to reorganize our militia system on a sound basis. In order, therefore, to be prepared for prompt and tion of a Military Board, or Commission, whose duty it shall be to purchase arms and distribute them to volunteer companies throughout the State, under a system to be devised by the Board. This Board should also be required to mature a plan for the reorganization of our militia, and report to the regular session of the General Assembly on the first day of the session. It should be composed of men of military education and ex-perience, who will thoroughly under-stand our wants, and the best and least

That has long since passed, and now expensive mode of providing for them. Even of our relations with the Federal Northern people only when it chimes Government were other than they are, I should still recommend the same propriation; for the State may be said cally assigned the position of inferiors, to be almost entirely without arms, as when the letter and spirit of the bond is | you will find by reference to the report the Adjutant General, which accompanies this message.
THOMAS O. MOORE.

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PLAQUEMINE:

Saturday, December 15, 1860.

Election of Delegates.—The election for Delegates to the Convention takes place on the 7th of January next. It is time by From the present spirit manifested in Comour next issue that our cit zens were coming gress-from the authorous and insulting tone to some understanding as to which three of of many influential Back Rip boca, jour- ary next. their number shall be selected for this impor- nais and politicians-from the lead Vermont Government. That Convention will meet, tant office. We have heard of but four or has taken, in defined of Discussion, nor to back, printed to pay the expenses of the extra consult, and decide without regard to five candidates, all good and true men, but down an meh in he matter of rese ruling her my opinions as contained in this Mest would prefer to see before the people for their anconstitutional Personal Laberty ball, which introduced by Mr. Taylor. sage, but I do not think it proper, ute suffrages, on a solemn occasion like the pre- prevents us from obtaining our clayes when sent, only the number of candidates aboved they fee to that Sarte-and last, but not least, to be elected. It would be an admission on from the congressible nature of functionsm of right of those States to vote for a Presthe part of the public, of their entre fitness a politico religious character, such as that of ident of the Union, which have nullified and ability, morally and intellectually, for the Seward's "higher law" doctrine--we can see high position they were put forward to fill. | no sign and no hope of any thing emenating

prospectus and conditions upon which we are feelings of the Southern people, or doing any sire that such a Conference shall be had, getting up this, what cannot be called otherwise thing with the hope of revoking the determination. than a laudable enterprise, and one calculated nation of the Southern States to secode from to advance the moral, social and intellectual the existing Union. sister slaveholding States in concil, and condition of our town and parish. Although From our view and judgment of political some weeks must necessarily clapse before we affairs, we look for nothing short of a miracle can commence the building in which the room which could now perserve, longer than Mr. been persistently refused. Still, taking, yet we have already enough signatures, frigid and torrid zones. It must go, it appears. we are happy to say, in conjunction with the Through the means of fanaticism and mad pomy mind desirable, and I had hoped promises of gentlemen to add to them, as well bijeal ambition, and before the lapse of a centhat a practical and peaceable plan as their premises to see us through with it, to tury, this grand and symetrical work created guarantee to us the certainty of carrying by the patriots of '76, must fall to the ground, through successfully the enterprise. Much. The very antagonism of the natures of the however is to be done-and while we trust Northern and Southern people is alone suffithat there are friends who will give us the prac- cient to preclude a union of political harmony tical aid of their own exertions in this matter and interest. But when that union is made to forget-we must, in the meantime, beg the for a long series of years, upon our institu indulgence of our subscribers for any seeming tions and guaranteed rights, and upon nor neglect of our paper, caused through our ne- general social happiness-and the batter seige cessary absence from home upon this business has at length culminated by the Government -a business, which, for the benefit of them going into the hands of that Northern fanatiand us, we trust we shall be able effectually cal horde, our unnatural oppressors-can it be

THE HOME SENTINELS .- We had a casual view the other day of one of the breechloading rifles, which, we understood, was one of the kind of arms to be used by the Home Sentinels, of which GERVAIS SCHLATRE is Capsiderations. It involves our present tain, and Jos. A. Beeaux, First Licutebant, honor, and our future existence as a It seemed a very serviceable weapon, while in It seemed a very serviceable weapon, while in finish it looked as handsomely executed as a pistol or any other fire-arm-and quite a dif ferent affair to the old flint lock musket we used to shoulder in our uniform of blue coat and bullet buttons, and white feather, in "the same spirit in which it was made, with a days of long ago." The best that we can hope scrupulous regard to the equality of the sovereignties composing it. We cer- who are to shoulder such a fine and effective tainly are not placed in the position of rifle, is, that ithey may never have occasion

THE HOME GUARDS .- This body of infantry, of our young men of the left bank-of course Louisiana may pursue now, if Jas. Parrenard, First Lieut.—is fast filling up ment. After that let each State act for herself, any attempt should be made by the rederal Government to coerce a sovere-Iberville will not be behind her sister parishes in her display of true military ardor and pa-

MR. BAILEY, the Photographist .- This courage that the Colonies assisted each gentleman who, in connection with his talent ed lady, we mentioned a while back as intending probably to visit our town, arrived last week. From conversation with the gentleman, we learn that he will, in all probability, make decide that Louisiana will not submit to the Presidency of Mr. Lincoln. In the temper of the Northern mind it is not Hall, as his Room, elegantly fitted up for the pursuit of his profession, in connection with that of jeweler, or repairer of jewelry, a business much needed here at this time. Mr. BAILEY has shown us several pictures of the new ivorytype order, of his taking, and all that we can say about them is that they exceed in beauty the handsomest painted ivory miniatures we ever saw, while they are far more faithful to nature. In a few days, when his room gets in order, Mr. BAILEY will gratify our citizens by showing them this new picture. and also by taking others from the originals present. In the meantime, we learn that it is judicious action, I recommend the crea- his intention to pay our Bayou Goula friends a short visit.

> COMMERCIAL.-Sugar, at New Orleans on the 13th, was 42 a 52, for fair to fully fair. Molasses, 23 cents for choice. Flour, \$5,30 to \$5,40 for best. Pork, Mess, \$18 to \$19 per bbl. It is some satisfaction, at least, to see that there is an upward tendency in the prices of sugar and molasses.

The outs of "Secessionist" will appear

Separate State Action.

From the tone of the State Administration the Government with an almost relig- less than half a million of dollars -- to be organ at Baton Rouge, - which says that the proper remedy for "redress of our grievances the clock of Union which is daily tightening its folds to strangle us," and from the tematk of the G vernor, in his Message, "that Louis-Luccia," and for various other trasens --- we State, will at least be the controlling sentiment. There were sixty, one members present in the forthcoming Co vention. But through the instrumentarity of Commissioners, we have but little question that this "separate State sons this ninn of secession, we think, is deshalle; and as early a day th reafter as possible appointed for a general conference of the secoded States, if it is their desire to unite in forming a new confederacy, and to prepare would superinduce.

from the North, or on the part of the incom-OUR CLUB AND READING ROOM.-In our ing Administration, calculated to quiet, or advertising column we give a synopsis of the any attempt to quiet, the just and indegnant

will be, owing to our inability to see all of Buchanan's administration, this great Union our friends, as well as the friends of the under | which is bounded by two oceans and by the

-an action which it would be difficult for us a curse to us by a fanatic war by the North a question the course which honor, duty, interest, safety, happiness, and the welfare and reputation of our posterity, demand of us?-Simil we, after such a long period of insuits and injuries on their part, and prayers and remonstrances on ours, adopt the cautious and timed child's play of saying, if you don't do so and so within a given period, we shall be national compact-or, with the dignity and country. courage of a justly off-nded and determined people, make action speak when words have failed, and in a manner that cannot be mi-interpreted, and which throws consequences to the winds?

That action is Secession. Separate State action in the matter, asserts it as a right. A previous conference, however, among the aggreeved States, our wrongs exhibited to the world, the present position of the country seriously and dispassionately considered, and a declaration of rights made, would we think have A political union of such States would be a subject, decidedly, for future consideration and future work, wisely and gravely deliberated upon, and after (not before) the independence of the several aggrieved States wa clearly and fully achieved, established and acknowledged.

Separate State action then, at the present time, seems a matter unavoidable, whether it relates to Secession or any thing else, if such State has a due sense of her own honor, intelligence and sovereign capacity, and has the courage and manliness to meet any responsi bility which destiny presents to her, while struggling for her rights and interests, and for the happiness and well-being of a free, truthful, moral and intelligent people.

A MAGNIFICENT STORE .- We have neglected heretofore, as a local item of a prominent feature, to notice the very fine store or stores (for it is a Dry Goods, Hardware, Grocery and Carpet, and we don't know what else, double three story and warehouse attached, to boot!) of J. McWilliams & Co., Bank street, in which they have now been some two or three weeks. In its size, arrangement, decoration, convenience and elegance generally, we cannot believe that there is any store in the State out of New Orleans, (and few in it,) that exceeds it; and Mac has it well filled with a new stock of all the latest, best and most useful articles generally kept in such establishments. It is well worth a visit by those of our citizens, particularly the ladies, who have not seen or been in it. One article. however, he has not got, but which he ought to have as soon as possible-a large mirror, in a frame of eix by four. Take a hint, Mao.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

EXTRA SESSION.

that the Governor call a State Convention at Baton Rouge, on the 22d Janu-Pitty theusand dollars were appro-

la the Senate a Convention bill was

Mr. Moore offered a preamble and resolutions, taking ground against the the fugitive slave law. A good resolu-

interest of the first day's proceedings. The Legislature convened at 11 o'clock

Mr. Taylor's bill calling for a Conven-That the Governor of the State shall order the sheriff to issue certificate of election to such delegates as may be chosen, the election to take place on the 7th of January next. There are to be as many delegates as there are members the House and Senate.

The Convention is to meet in the Hall of Representatives on the 23d of January. The bill also provides for the appropriation of \$50,000 or the mileage expenses of the members of the

Mr. Gardere's bill for the organization a Military system embraces appro- satisfaction to the South." oriations amounting to half a million of

The report of the Adjutant General of the State says that the State has 6000 cavalry pistols, 300 sabres, 3000 musketoons, artillery 500, 1500 mus-kets and rifles, 48 guns, and \$36,000 worth of ammunition.—By the Auditor's and South Carolina, declining to appear Report, there is \$1,484,500 in the Treas-

The afternoon session of Tuesday, in the House, was principally devoted to the Senate, M. Dixon denied that the the debate of the Military Bill, or upon perishing of slavery or freedom was the the manner of distributing arms through e State. Hea. Wirt Adams, a Commissioner

from Mississippi, appointed to confer with Louisiana upon the present aspect of national affairs, was invited to take a

seat in the House,
A resolution of Mr Brusle, not to purchase arms from a non-slaveholding State, was negatived, upon the plea that obliged, respectfully, to withdraw from the they could not elsewhere be got in this

> A motion of Mr. Hamilton to submit to the people the question of "Convention" or "No Convention," at the same time they were called upon to elect delegates, was lost by a vote of 50 to 27.

The principal part of Wednesday it appears was taken up by the House in discussing the salaries to be paid to

The Senate concurred in the House amendment to the Military Act.

Mr. Hunt addres ed the Senate on the Convention bill, in a speech of his usual

Hon. Wirt Adams was introduced to the Senate, and in an address, eloquent and appropriate, made known his commission to this State.

It was responded to in an equally

dignified and appropriate manner by Licut. Gov. Hyams. We regret we have not room to insert either address.

Both Houses finally agreed to adjourn at 5 P. M of the above day, Wednes-

The Governor has appointed for the Military Board, Braxton Bragg, Col. P. O. Hebert, Isaac Garrett and D. W.

The following joint resolution was passed by both Houses:

Resolved, That the Governor be, and Resolved. That the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to communicate to the Governors of the slaveholding States the action of this session of the Legislature, and request them to communicate to him the action and views of their respective States, in regard to the present idition of the count

So, the passage of the Convention Bill. and that of the Military Bill, was about all of any consequence that was required fringing upon slaveholders, and declarto be done by the extra session, and it is seen that it was quickly done

What a glorious world this would e, if all its inhabitants could say, with Shakespear's Shepherd: "Sir, I am true aborer; I earn that I wear; owe no man hate; envy no man's happiness; glad of other men's good; content with my farm."

A beautiful brunette said her brown complexion was owing to her being so often toa !

Telegraphic Synopsis

Washington, Dec. 10.-Hon, Howell As we have such an abandance of Cobb, Secretary of the Treasury, has As we have such that week—Legis news and documents this week—Legis lative, National and Sectional—and all, Georgia, contains very ultra sentiments, to give to the subscribes to the enterprise, a room 44 or 45 feet in length by 23 or 24 in breadth, lative, National and Sectional—and all, almost, wholly in reference to the secession or dismion questions—we can only give our readers a microscopic view of the main features of interest.

The main features of interest.

South Carolina secedes. Com. Page, with a majority of the papers of this State, emperation, which has been surveying the Rio de lapers from the various States and sections of the Carolina secedes. The Room will be kept in daily good order, the communication of the papers from the various States and sections of the Carolina secedes. The Room will be kept in daily good order, the communication of the papers from the various States and sections of the Carolina secretary in the carolina secretary i day last according to proclamation. There were sixty, one members present in the House. The Governor's Message (an able and highly interesting document, which we publish to-day) was difficulties—the gifted ground that set in the House of the Governor's Message (an able and highly interesting document, which we publish to-day) was difficulties—the gifted ground that set in the members whenever he difficulties—the gifted ground that set in the members whenever he difficulties—the gifted ground that set in the members whenever he make its above Buena. The members whenever he means the members where the means the members whenever he means the members where the means the members where the means the members where the members which are the members where the m Senate, to which is referred that parton the Message relative to the Federal been assured that South Carolina will be asked. The undersigned accuration parton the Message relative to the Federal been assured that South Carolina will be asked. The undersigned accuration to make this Reading Room a permanent astitution, in which the truess the criticals of this town and parish or the occupation of the forts while he will take as much pride as himself. He assures the public that he will not only furnish it with Herron, White, Marks, O'Quinn, and Bealley, Scatte—Talbot, Goode, Taylor, Hant, Flournay, Shedbourse, Hough, Womack, Phillips and Gadere.

Womack, Phillips and Gadere.

The Governor of the present crisis. The solution was offered by Mr. Lane defenses at Fort Moultrie, at Charles-year to year, in papers, books, &c., as he may grow better able to do so. The caucus of Southern Senators at grow better able to do so.

As the above, therefore, is an undertaking which—from the facilities which the understand Washington, on the 8th, only resulted in the assurances that the Southern States were certain to secode—a large makes the second of the second majority considering it too late to save the Union, but that a new Union would | tio soon follow The Federal Treasury is in an embarrassed condition....It is said that Senator Benjamin will soon make a strong speech in favor of the The above are the main features of Union.... Crittenden was, also, soon to make a last effort to preserve these United States in their bond of Union It was rumored that the Cabinet tion contains the following provisions: was deliberating upon some exciting news which has just been received, creating quite a sensation The Herald's correspondent says that the feeling of conciliation is growing stronger at Washington-and that Jeff. Davis has received a letter from Lincoln, announcing that he is preparing a letter for publication "which will give entire

Washington, Dec. 11 .-- Mr. Latham of the Senate, reported that California would go with the North and West, no matter what occurs. The House committee organized formally on the 11th, the members from Florida, Arkansas, Mr. Houston, of Ala., urged prompt action on the part of the committee. In perishing of slavery or freedom was the present alternative. Mr. Bigler took a strong position for the Union. Mr. Iverson said that the South was not so much in fear of Northern Personal Liberty Bills as she was afraid of mob law; if the South is left to herself, her slave population, in thirty years, will amount to thirty millions. The President had a long consultation on the 11th with Miles, Bonbam and McQueen of South Carolina, relative to the time that State would go out of the Union In the House, Mr. Cobb of Alabama, said that unless something was speedily done, his State would not remain in the Union longer than the 15th of January The House of Rep's, of the Territory of Nebraska has passed a bill, prohibiting Slavery in that Territory . . . The President's messenger to South eloquence and power, favoring the Union. He was replied to by Mr. Talbot, of a collision between that State and Mr. Hunt finally voted for the Conventhe Federal Government....Secretary Thompson is about to resign his seat in the Cabinet The North Western Democrats in Congress have held conferences; they think the Union cannot be peaceably dissolved; they will not consent to be cut off from the gulf and New Orleans Gen. Scott has prepared a plan for settling the present difficulties, which is to be placed before the House committee. Washington, December 12 .- Ex. Gov.

Thomas of Maryland, has accepted the Sec. of the Treasury . . . In the Senate. the House Loan bill passed, reduced from ten to three millions.... In the House, Mr. Thayer, of Mass., submitted a resolution, that there should be no legislation whatever on the subject of slavery. Mr. Cochran, of N. Y., offered a resolution making a dividing line, preventing the passage of laws ining State anti-fugitive slave laws null and void A meeting in Buffalo appointed Mr. Fillmore as a messenger of peace to South Carolina. He declined till another meeting of importance was over, at which he was to be present,

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