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Notice to the Ladies of Bedfo d. The Committees appointed to receive dosa tions, and distribute materials for manufactur ing clothing for the soldiers of the Union, will attend at the Grand Jury Room in the Court House, on Saturday, December 7th. 1861, from the hour of two o'clock, P. M., until the hour of five o'clock, P. M., of said day. All persons having subscribed, or feeling desirous to give, will please deliver their contributions to the committee, at that time and place. All persons willing to essist by sewing, knitting, de., will please call at the same time and place and receive the material for that purpose. By order of the Committees

Mr. Charles J. Biddle, who was in command of the Bucktsil regiment, was elected to Congress in a Republican district in Philadelphia, last July, in place of Hop. E J. Morris, who was appointed to a foreign mission Mr. Biddle, wrote a letter from Camp Mason and Dixon's Line, in which he dropped polities for the purpose of catching Republican votes. He was elected. Some days ago, a number of Democrate invited him to an entertainment. He declines, in a letter in which he takes occasion to insult the Republicans who elected him, and says that, "I reinice that you overthrew the Republican party i this City." He slanders the administration and the Republican party in a gross and outrageous manner. Mr. F. Fraily, one of the Democrats who signed the letter to Biddle. comes out and repudiates all the sentiments of Biddle. When Biddle was in our place up eresture, who had more vanity than brains

Camp Correspondence.

The Italian army now consists of 280,000 men. Garibaldi is importuned not to leave

Italy, because her enemies are only scotched, not dead. Chiovone, the brigand chief, was again giving trouble, and was supposed to have an understanding with the old government but the army were in pursuit of and hoped soon to capture him. The Circassians had gained another decisive vietory over the Russians, who, it is said, lest a General of Division and six thousand rank and file! How these brave mountaineers have ruined brick walls, and i had permanent we are all delighted with Our company is inter it, accompanied by our old acquaintance Camp Curtin to this place. Our company is Blair Moore, who has attached himself to the in good spirits, all that are not sick are getting in good spirits, all that are not sick are getting

streets, that of "Hassenbury and Cary, Drug

left standing, and that is a neat wooden on

occupied by an eccentric old negress. Ho

it escaped the min of all around is a mir-

ele. It is said that she remained in the hone

throughout the conflagration not once going

out of the door. The ruin was so complete

that I could form no more idea of the pursuis

and taste of its former inhabitants than if I

were amid the ruins of Neueveh or Hercul-

neum. Not a sound disturbs the silence of

the streets, but that occasionally made by

few soldiers getting out bricks to build up o

gists," painted on the bricks. One house

maintained themselves against all the power of the Empire, for so many years, is a mys.

which has been sent to the Government of the Using Series The results are to renderrons The town of Hampton is a complete wreck ets are chased almost every day. The town of Hampton is a complete wreck ets are chased almost every day. United States. The vessels are to rendezvous and presents the first picture I ever had of that I have seen, have improved very much the horrors of war; of the sack and devastaat Havanna, and from thence they will go to

Official Returns. The Return Judges of the different counties forming the Judicial and Legislative Districts, met at the Court House in Chambersburg, when, upon it struck me as having some points of resem-blance, in the situation and in the taste and adding up the entire vote, it was seen that the reult was as follows : elegence of many of its gardens. There is now not a token of life within the town. FOR PRESIDENT JUDGE saw but one business sigh in its once live

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expenditures. M. Fould is appointed Minisa

ter of Finance.

Vera Cruz.

was not included in the above. Mr. Nill's majori-

LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS

various Articles from the Citizens of South Woodberry Township Bedford, Co., Penna., for the use of our Soldiers in the iervice: -

SUCKS.

improve their winter quarters. There is not a stick of timber in the town-not enough p D. M. Bare & wife, 3 prs; Henry Burget, F make a match ! pr; Amos Bowen, 1 pr; J. W. Fisher, 1 pr: Cyrus Madden, 1 pr; Dr. A. S. Smith, 2 prs; The Methodist Church, a very handso edifice just built, is an entire ruin. But the Catharine Lingenfelter, 2 prs; E. Snider, 1 pr. Barbara Lingenfelter, 1 pr: James Detrick, 2 prs; H. H. Fisher, 1 pr: Was Little, 1 pr; most melancholy scene was the ruin of the fine old episcopal Church, and the many elegant residences in the neighborhood. Joshua Stoner, 1 pr; Joseph Stoner, 1 pr; Susanna Hetrick, 1 pr; Christiana Hetrick, 1 pr; one of the oldest churches in America having been built in the reign of Charles 11. It is Mrs. S. Strayer, 2 prs; Mollie Hinish, 1 pr; Eliz, Koons, 2 prs; Mrs. E. Snank, 2 prs; Mrs. N. Bare, 1 pr; Eliz, Bare, 1 pr; Mrs. Susan Biddle, 2 prs; Mary A. Biddle, 1 pr; a quaint structure, built of variegated brick and looks altogether unlike our modern churches. The graveserd surrounds the Mrs. D. Morgan, 1 pr; Mrs. Sollenb rger, 1 pr good queen Anne. when Virginis was one of Mrs. D. Morgan, 1 pr; Mrs. Sollenberger, 1 pr; Mrs. M. Sollenberger, 1 pr; Mrs. Furry, 1 tr; Mrs. S Smith, 1 pr; D. K. Teeter, 2 pr; John Teeter, 1 pr; Hannah Furry, 1 pr; Mary decipher the time effaced in criptions. They Euglaud's most flourishing colonics. There are doubtiess older tombs, but I could not Snosberger, 1 pr; Esther Bindle, 1 pr; Christ. are blackened and broken down, many by Longenecker, 1 pr; Mary Buck, 1 ; Rosannah time and neglect, and others in the recent conflagration I read on many of the monu-Replogle, 1 pr; Mary Replogle, 1 pr; Louis ments the brief and simple record of the gal-Zimmerman, 2 pre; Samuel Zimmerman, 2 prs; lant deeds of worthies of the old colonial and with his regiment, he was looked upon by a Sam Oster, 1 pr; Nansy Replogle, 1 pr; David great many of our citizens as a little puffed Bechtel, 2 pr; Catharine Detwiler, 1 pr; Cash, 16 prs; Eve Kochenderffer, 1 pr; Eiz revolutionsry periods of our history It was sad indeed to witness this ruthless and impre-Kochenderffar, 1 p ; Jacob L. Kochenderffar, ous desolution of this quiet spot consectated or patriotism. To show that office and place, 1 pr; D. B Kachen terffer, 1 p ; E iz Stayer, by pious hands to the dead. But let it be and not patriotism, is what he was after, he has resigned his command and taken his seat in Congress, where we expect he will be found Barbara Buck, 3 pre; U L. Buck, 1 prmaking 92 Pairs. Yarn. & Knitting to make up 42 addition al Parrs: -John Snyder, Mrs. Sohn, Mrs. Fink, Mrs. H. Replogle, Mrs. Guyer, Levi Replogle, Adam Ketring, Isasc Replogle, Mrs. D. M. Replogle, Mrs. Carpenter, Miss. S. Sm | zer, Miss. Hiderman, Jacob T. K.tring, D L Replogle Joe L. Replogie, Mary Furry, Andrew Augus tine, R. L. Replogle, Samuel Buck, Sen .. rive on Wednedsay evening. We will publish David Bechtel, Peter Stoneberger, J. M. Shoonfelt, Hannah Burger, E iz, Mentzer, Eliz Corl, Mrs. A. Ketring, Mrs. Layton, S. Buck, Nrs. D. F. Buck, Misses Naney & Bar- kind, snappers to it. He considers them rate bara Long, Mrs. Jacob Long, Mrs. Fesler, and valuable relics. Mrs. Meisner, Mrs. J. Kegarice, Miss. Char orre Woodcock, Mrs. Caron, Miss. Lyon, Mrs. Gco. Cross, Miss. Benj. Dull. Mrs. James Lyons, galed ourselves, with heightened appetites Mrs. Samuel Eberly, Mrs. Jos. Stuckey, Mrs. J. Teeter, Mrs. J. Guyer, Mrs. John Sell, Mrs. C. Kiog, Mrs. J. B. Kegrice, Mrs. J. Burger, Abraham Caster, Mrs. Levi Oher, Mrs. U Suoaberger, Mrs D. Rice, Sam. Werk ing, Mrs. R. Replogle, Dan. Carson, Charles proceeds of all they sell is now their own .-Ling, C. B. Kochenderffer, John Bechtel. Sell, Eliza Kochendesffer, Caroline Kochenderffer, Mrs. Susan Suceberger, Mis. Corle, Nancy Horner, Mrs. E. ger, Barbara Snoeberger, Samuel Teeter, John Repiugle, Mrs. Smouse, M. D. Miller,-Total 134 Pairs .--

part of the State. There is not a barn on all the farms that I have seen, bundreds of acres HEADQUARTERS 55TH REG CAMP HAMIL-TON, FORTRESS MONBOE, Nov. 26. Of fice land laying waste, worn out and as poor as can be. All the white men have gone

away leaving everything in care of the slaves

ions.

business.

Blair Moore, who has attached minsen to thin good spirits, all that are housed at the fat-there are six of the boys sick, all from fat-there are six of the boys sick, all from bad colds, with fever. There are some sick of the Empire, for so many years, is a mys. tery. New Z-land has become the great object of the gold-diggers' thoughts, and they are leav-ing Australia in crowds for this newly discov-ered land of gold. This is having depressing effect upon the Melbourne trade. Later news informs us that the treaty be-tween Spain, France and England in regard to Mexico, has been signed, a certified copy of which has been sent to the Government of the which has been sent to the Government of the mish can be an sent to the Government of the stream and siz families of the servents. Later news informs us that the treaty be-tween Spain, France and England in regard to Mexico, has been sent to the Government of the which has been sent to the Governme

The toys in Capt. Ryce's company, those

tion that accompany vast armies. It was a beautiful town of about four thousand inhabi-tants, and amid the ruin and desolation t. Nov. 28. Since I wrote the above I have

tapts, and amid the ruin and desolution t still affords many evidence of its former heauty Although much larger than Bedford could to say that our Captain did all could to say that our Captain did all did all h could to save my life, as did Lieut. Miller and private Walker, and spared no pains to render me all the comfort they could. If Capt. Mullin gets into a fight you will hear that his boys will stand by him to the last, and die at his side. Capt. Lyons came near being taken yes terday by the rebel pickets. We had a very unpleasant trip coming here, the ship being so crowded. Baltimore is a real rebel nest, we got but little sympathy whilst there. Give

respects to all. HENRY BRIDENTHAL.

MCCALL'S DIVISION, CAMP PIERPONT, VA Nov. 21, 1861. DEAB INQUIRER:-Yesterday was a da long to be remembered by thousands of per ple, as the most eventful of their lives. Nevr before was there assembled in this county the same number of armed men. as those passed in review at "Munson's Hill," upon the "sacred soil" of the "Old Dominion." The grounds selected, were favorable for the review, and on reaching the spot we found the whole country covered with countless thousands of people. Every hill and building being covered with spectators, anxious to gain a better view. As McCall's Division were halted on the road out side the grounds until 11 A. M. We were at length drawn into position, being assigned the first. After some time the boom-McClellan.

companied by staff, President Indone, ede a taries Cammeron, and Seward. Each rode a fine comparisoned horse, and as they passed in different regiments, (drawn by divisions companied by staff, President Lincoln, Secre en masse) Gen. McClellan with his bat raised, about three paces in front of the President his borse at full gallop, was one of the most imposing spectacles we ever witnessed, and as that keen eye scaned the different regiments. long and loud cheers, every where greeted the party. President Lincoln was a shade paler than when we last saw him, whether from close confinement to ardernos duties, attendant up. on his office, or should the tremendons gait of ferred at the extra session to the Committee his noble steed have operated upon his nervous on Election, without favorable action. system 1 cannot tell, but I think the former; as he showed superior horsemanship, being

XXXVIIITH CONGRESS-1st Session. U. S. CAPITOL., WASHINGTON, Dec. 2, 1861.

SENATE.

The Vice-President called the Senate to order at noon. About forty members were pres-

On motion of Mr. Hale, 12 o'clock was fixe ed on, for the hour of opening the daily Ses-

On motion of Mr. Grimes (lowa) a message was ordered to be sent to the House, notifying that body that a quorum of Senators was present, and the Senate was ready to proceed to

Au informal recess was then taken. The Senate concurred in the reso lution the House for the appointment of a joint com-mittee to wait on the President. Messrs Hale, Trumbull and Latham were sppointed as the committee.

Mr. Trumbull (111.) gave notice that he would introduce, to-morrow, a bill to confiscate the property of rebels against the authority of the United States Government, and give freedom to persons held to labor in the Slave States.

Mr. Wilkinson (Minn.) gave potice of his in tention to introduce a bill to abolish the distinction at present existing between the regular and volunteer forces of the United States army.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House was opened at noon with prayer by the Rav. Mr. Stockton. The roll of members was then called by the

Clerk One hundred and fourtees members answered to their names, including Messrs. Sargeant and Phelps, of California, Mr. Harper, of Muss. Mr. Wilson, of Iowa, Mr. Bernheisel, delegate from Utah, and Mr. Cradlebaugh, delegate from Nevada.

Mr. Dawes (Mass.) moved that Mr. Maynard f Tonnessee, be sworn as the member from the Second District of Tennessee.

Mr. Stevens (Pa.) said that Mr. Maynard may have been properly elected, but we all know the fact that Tennessee was as far as it could be, out of the Union. As there were everal other cases, he thought that the subject brought forward by Mr. D wes, should be

referred to the Committee on Elections. Mr.Dawes thought this was an exception to he rule, as Mr. Maynard was regularly elected by a large majority at the August eleca tion, and before Tennessee had taken any steps to get out of the Union. He also possessed the proper certificate which qualified hitu as a nember

Mr. Stevens (Pa.) asked the direct question, Whether Mr. Maynard was elected before the State attempted to secede, and at the time fixed by law?

ur. Dawes replied that he was so informed and that his election took place under the law which had existed for a long time Mr. Sevens then withdrew his motion, and

Mr. Mynard was accordingly sworn in as a On motion of Mr. Fenton (N. Y.) " resolaion was adopted appointing a committee, to join such as may be appointed by the Senate, to wait on the President and inform him that a quorum of both houses were assembled and andy to proceed to business.

Mr. Hickman (Pa.) presented the certificate of Provisional Government of North Carolina, dated at Hatterns, certifying to the election of Mr. Foster as member of Congress from that State

Mr. Vallandigham (Ohio) raised a question of order. The claim of Mr. Foster was re-

Mr. Hickman replied that this was a new question, different from that of the former

The fight commenced on Friday, and the Observer of the 224 thus announce a the baginning of it:

"At five minutes past ten o'clock this morning heavy and continuous firing commenced at the forts below. What it is, or on which side it commenced, we are yet unable to say. Up to this writing (1 o'clock) the fire still continues, and we can only give it, and hope the bombardment has opened in good earnest. We shall give the news as fast as we get it.

"LATER .- We learn from a person just from the Navy yard, that the fire was opened by Fort Pickens upon the Confederate steamer Times, and was returned by the batteries and forts. The United States frigate Niagara is trying to cross the bar for the purpose of entering the harbor. The excitement in town is immense. The business houses are cloved, and the housetops are covered with the excited populace."

The Observer of the 23d, has the following "The firing, as we stared yesterday, began from Fort Pickens. The whole of their fire during the morning was directed at the steamer Times, but with very little effect. The Times came up last night and with the exception of two or three little holes made with rifle shot, she is unburt. This shows that their guns are of very inferior quality, or that Brown and his Yankees are all drunk; very

probably the latter. "The steamer Nelms was also in the engagement with the steamer Times at the beginning of the fire, but only one shot struck her, and that did not do much damage. The Nelms went over to the mainland and found the Florida regiment all right. In passing Billy Wilson's batteries she gave them a couple of shots which were returned.

"The United States frigate Nisgara tried hard to come in, but the reception was too warm, and she had to back out. The only loss of life we can hear of was a private of the Louistana Regulars and the wire of the Sergeant of the Marine Corps, both killed by the explosion of a shell in the Navy Yard .-A great many shot and shell fell in the yard, but did very little damage to the buildings .---Our guos were worked all day, and must have told with terrible effect upon the other side. We think that the greatest damage done was to one of the shira of war, which ventured too near our batteries."

The editor proceeds with a tirade of abuse against the Yankees in general, and Col. Brown in particular. He speaks of Brown as follows : "But the meanest and most contemptible act was the execution of the threats made some time ago by that prince of hardened scoundrels, Harvey Brown, that he would not respect the Hospital. One shot was so well simed at the building, that it went through it, but did no damage. The baseness of this act places this blackguard below the lowest cut throat and vagaboad of New York.'

The account continues - "At 13 minutes to 11 o'clock this morning, the fire was re-openeo, and still continues at a very brisk rate .--The people are not so much excited as they were yesterday, and we can see every appearextremity, if need be, but every one seems to piace unimpied confidence in our success. We hope now that it will continue till the conflict is settled Hurrah for the Southern Confederacy, and burrah for a "lit le more grape."

The Montgomery Adveritser of the 24th says: "For more than six months past the garrisons of Fort Pickens and Peusscola have faced each other, making preparations for the desperate struggle, which might be commenced at any moment; but the suspense is now over. The day so long wished for by our gallant volunteers, who have been compelled to pass the summer in comparative inactivity, has come. The fortifications on each side are very likely to be fully tosted before either party will acknowledg a defeat. the Confederate forces have doubiless been constructed with great skill, and we should judge, by this time, are in a condition to withstand the combined assaults of the Fort and the Yankee fleet. This will be no obild's play on eituer side. It will be no Hatteras Port Royal affair. The Confederates are too strongiy entseuched to entertain the idea of succumbing to anything like an equal force .-How long it will continue, no one can tell, but when it is announced that there is a cersation of hostilities, we hope to be able to announce that the Conjederate States' flig floats in triumph over the wails of Fort Pickeus."

in the company of Vallandigham, and other traitors. As a military man, he has done The following Persons contributed Money nothing, and, we presume, he will be a failure in Congress.

Presidents Message.

The message was delivered to Congress on Tuesday last. We waited thinking to get the message in time for this week's issue, but from some accident on the Railroad, it did not are it next week.

Thanksgiving day was protty generally observed in our midst.

NEW DAILY .- Young, of the Erie City dispatch, has commenced issuing a neat, sprightly little Daily. Erie City ought to support this paper.

Foreign News by the Cannada.

It is reported that the mail steamer Trent, from which Slidell and Mason were taken, had arrived in England. But this cannot be so . The Trent only carries the mails to St. Thomas. This is a canard got up for effect.

Sir James Ferguson pronounces it a libel. "that he acted as a spy when traveling through the Northern and Southern States of America," and charges a New York journal with originating it.

Florence Nightingale, the beautiful and good, entertains but little hope of her recovering from the lingering disease from which she bas suffered so much.

The weather continued stormy around the Baglish coast, and many disasters were report-

The markets of the old world ware so thorughly glutted with English cotton goods, that the present depression in the English manufactories would have come upon them, even had not the American war broke out. Of course this causes hesitation and inactivity in the efforts to advance the cotton-growing in India. They still hope that the Cotton Ports of America will be opened in some way; at least so says the Times.

The French are undergoing another financial change. For some time the Emperor has had the task of raising money, but it has recently been placed in the hands of the people, E.z. Haderman, Amanda Buck, Nancy the Legislature having some control over the Long.

Blankets, Quilts, & Sherts.

Miss. Mary Kochenderffer, 1; D. Snoebers ger, 1; Mrs. Replogle (widow), I; Mrs E. Snoeberger, 1 ; Mary Furry, 1, Rebecca Rinnger, 1; Susan Micodemus, 1; Barbars Buck, 2; Mrs Sollenberger, 1; Mrs. Farry, 1; Mrs. Snoeberger, 1; Mrs. Guyer, 1; Miss S. Smith, 1; Haonah Farry, 1; Mary Biddle, 1; Mary Buck, 1; Mrs. Delaneg, 1; Mrs. J. Ling, 1; Charles Long, 1; Mrs. Sarah Bare, 1-Total 21 -

Under Shurts & Drawers,

Mrs. Susan Long, 2; Mrs. Tuos. Baneroft, 2; Mrs. S. J. Stoner, 1; Miss Barbara Boner, John Dittmer, 2: Rosannah Replogle, 2: Rebecca Strayer, 1; Nancy Replogla, 2; U. L. Buck, 2; Cash, 3; Mrs. Bechtel, 1; Mrs. Hadderman, 1-Total, 20-Linen.

Mrs. J, Beplogle, 2 prs; Mrs. Dooley, 1 pr; Mrs. Geo. Latshair, 1 pr, Esther Biddle, 2 prs; Total, 6 Pieces .--

Stippers. A. Haderman, 12 pra; C. L. Back, 1 pr; A. Hauss. -Total, 13 prs.-Pallows

Mrs. Smith 2 -

Soliciting Committee.

Misses Enz. Suider, Barbar, Saneberger,

noped that we are not destined to witness such scenes.

Biair Moore, who has been looking about among the runs of the town, has raked up in the foundation of the "Hygeia House" one of the hotel books containing bills footed up against distinguished visiters in the year 1843. Among the rest is that of the rebel Mason now in Fort Lafayette. It was delightful to witness the interest and curiosity with which Blair scanned the accounts for champaigue, claret, brandy, etc. forcibly calling to recallection some of his ewn in that particu lar. Blair also bore off as trophies an old fint lock, and a steel rat trap, one of the old

After spending a morning among the ruins of Hampton, we returned to our side, and reupen cysters just out of the bay. Such ovsters! Fine, fat, bearded fellows. We had them fried, roasted, stawed, raw, as many as we could eat for 18 cents. The "contrabands" have a glorious time raking oysters. The Massa having vacated, and retired from the oyster business, who has a better right to the profits of oysver drudging than Sambo? Our oldiers have plenty of oysters for the gathing. We are within a stone's throw of the Chesapeake, and they get them along the shore when the tide is out. Those who are not out early enough for the oysters along shore,

a boat and rake for themselves .-"Charter" You must know we are upon Gov. Wises' fundum of the ocean, and can oysters without paying tribute to hun. The mail is just closing and I have no

time to write more. If I do not hurry up I cannot get my letter is this mail. I will write soon again.

Very truly yours, JOHN H. FILLER.

CAMP HAMILTON, FORTRESS MONBOE Nov. 26, 1861.

DAVID OVER, Esq. - Dear Sir : - After be ing uere for a few days, I thought I would drop you a line. We are in the land from which our troubles have sprung. We let Camp Cartin on the 20 h inst., and arrived hear on the 221 and got to the Fort about dark, got unloaded and marched out to samp and pitched our tents, in part. Some of us laid down on our tent canvity covered with our blackers, our kaspiseks as for our ansis. This was our first night on Virginia soil. -There is some real ufe coj yet here by the bo s. It is a very fine looking scope of country, quite level but poor land, a great deal of we farmers it could be mide a garden, but as it perfectly easy in his saddle. The different

divisions were drawn upon a circle of some 3 miles, and commanded by Major Generals Mo Call, McDougel, Firz John Porter, Heintzieman, Franklin, Blenker and Smith, comprising 90 Regiments, of 70,000 men and one hundred pieces of artillery.

Every thing passed off admirably, especially the marching in "Review," with which all expressed their entire satisfaction. The troops exhibiting the greatest proficiency in military excuses. Oa our march to "Munson's Hill, we passed through Lewinsville, and Falls Church, both places the theater of steroiug events in the few past weeks. Both places are almostldeserted, by their inhabitants. They wear quite a obserless aspect, and present ev-We returnidence of rapine and destruction. ed to camp at night passing through the different encappments, which were quite a cheer-ful aspect, the men having constructed comfortable quarters, and many encamptments looking like western villages. The weather

is cool with appearances of snow. FRANK. Yours,

UNION TOWNSHIP, Nov. 29th, 1861. MR. EDITOR :--Will you please to give place in your paper for a soldier to ask a few brief ques-tions? The first is to the Commissioners and As-

tions f The first is to the Commissioners and As-sociate Judges of Bedford County. Are you going to starve the women and children of those soldiers who have gone to protect our lib-erty, and to preserve the stars and stripes, that you may breathe the pure air of Liberty at your peace-cal homes. The size of the specified at your peacefal homes? There is no other courty at your peaks that men have the meanness and har libool to ask the wife and children of the soldier to receive less relief than one dollar per week for the wife and fifty cents to each child, while the courty and city of Philadelphia, pays two dollars and fifty cents per week to the wile, and one dollar to each child. But the county of Bedford, coming down and makbut the country of Merioral, counts per week, and the child's, twenty-five, which does not meet their wants by half. Goumon sense crises sharn to Bed-ford country, and all the adjoining counties say the same. But then after the Commissioners and Judges making only this small pittance to those women and children, there are a set of tow lived women and children, there are a set of low lived cowardly tories, all over the county, (Union Town-ship not excepted,) who are too cowardly to stand up to men, but are making war with those defence less women and children, and have even went and notified the collectors not to pay them any more

Now. I have one more question to ask, and one q i te level but poor lood, a great deal of we lood, but of it was farm d by Pennsylvania farmers it could be mode a garden, but as it is, God's blighting curse is seen all over this

election

The Speaker overruled the point of order aken by Mr. Vallandigham.

Mr. Stevens (Pa.) said no harm would be done by referring the certificate, and on his motion, the case was referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. Watts, delegate frem New Mexico, was sworn in.

Mr. Blair, (Va.) the successor of Mr. Car. lile, was slso qualified.

Mr Richardson (Ill.) moved that Mr. Se gar, of Virginia, be also sworn in.

Mr. Dawes desired that this case should be referred.

Mr. Richardson earnestly argued that Mr. Segar should be sworn in. The House should not deny to the people of Accomac and Northampton counties a proper representation, especially as they had laid down their arms which they had taken up against the Federal Government. All the forms of law had been complied with under the proclamation of the Provisional Government of Virginia.

Mr. Kellogg (Ill.) argued that Mr. Segar should be admitted in accordance with the principles siready settled at the extra session. Mr. Dawes desired to do no disrespect by asking the question referred. He wanted the House to consider the subject in all its bear-

It should be ascertained whether this gentleman was elected by 1.620 or 1,000 votes i a district where 10,000 may be case. He wanted a rule that they could stand by in the fature.

The subject was then referred to the Committee on Elections.

The Late Battle at Pensacola.

CONTRADICTORY REBEL REPORTS.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 80 .- The Old Point boat has arrived, and the passengers furnish a variety of rumors of the most con tradictory character, in relation to the fight at Pensacola Que reports that Fort Pickens had been taken, another that the Beleral forces had been victorious, and that General

Br gg was killed, while a third report is, that, after two days' fighting, a great storm came on, which rendered a cessation of hostilities accessiry.

Late and Interesting Rebel 4c-Cyuais.

BALTIMORE Nov. 30. - The American bas received the following intellig nee from the South.

The Richmond Despatch, of the 29th, gives the following particulars of the fight at Pensucola, from the Peusacola Observer, of the 22d and 221 inst.

STILL LATER.

The Richmond Despatch says that an off. cial despatch received on Tuesday night from Gen. Bragg, states that everything was quiet about Pensacola, and that the Federal fleet keeps at a safe distance from his guns. He is fully prepared for a renewal of the night-

The editor adds-"We have every coufdence that Gen. Bragg will give Harvey Brown and and his ruffi us 'more grape' than they can comfortably digest."

[The above is all the information that eas be gleaned from the robels. No result of the fight is given]

"Things is workin" " at Fortress Monroe. Large numbers of troops are now being concentrated there, among which we notice the following Pennsylvania Regiments: Forty-dith, Colonel Welsh, Continona; Soventy-sixth, Osconei Powers, Johns-town; Ninety-dita, Colona: Gass, and the Filty-filto, Osl. White, Comorta. Hatlan's cavary are also at Fortress Monrue,

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Still lives-Gen. Sam. Licuston.

more proposition to make, and I am done. The quistion is: How are those women and chillren to live, whose husbands and fathers have been in To not, whose hardonias and tathers note been in the services for over three months, and are drawing no pay l Now if you do not intend to support those women and children, please have orders is-sued, and take them to the J ounty Poor H ouse, and support them there, as it would not pain the heart of the soldier near as much to hear that his wife and calldren are in the Poir House suppo ed there, than to hear that they were compalled