the insolated points on the southern coast of Hatteras, Port Royal, Tppce Island, near Savannah, and Ship Island; and we likewise have some general accounts of popular movements in behalf of the Union, in North Carolina and Tennessee. These things demonstrate that the cause of the Union is advancing steadily

Since your last adjournment, Lieutenant General Scott has retired from the head of the army. During his long life the nation has not been unmindful of his merit. Yet, on calling to mind how fuithfully, ably and brile liantly he has served the country from a time far back in our history, whou few of the now living had been born, and thenceforward continually, I cannot but think we are still his debt-I sut mit, therefore, for your consideramon, what further mark of recognition due to him, and to ourselves, as a grateful

With the retirement of General Scott, came the executive duty of appointing in his stead a General in Chief of the army. It is a fortunate circumstance that neither in council or country was there, so far as I know any difference of opinion as to the proper person to be selected. The retiring Chief repeated. ly expressed his judgment in favor of Gener-I McClellan for the position, and in this the nation decreed to give a unanimous concur-

The designation of General McClellan is therefore in a considerable degree, the selective, and hence there is better reason to hope that there will be given him the confidence and cordial support thus, by fair implication, promised, and without which he cannot, with so full efficiency, serve the country. It has been said that one bad general is better than two good ones, and the saying is true, if taken to mean no more than that our army is better directed by a single mind, though inferior, than by two superior ones at variance and cross purposes with each other. And the same is rue in all joint observations wherein those engaged can have none but a common end in view and can differ only as to the choice of

to a storm at sea, no one can wish the ship to sink, and yet, not unfrequently, all go down together, because too many will direct, and no single mind can be allowed to control.

It continues to develop that the insurrection is largely, if not exclusively, a war upon the first principles of popular governmentthe rights of the people. Conclusive evidence of this is found in the most grave and maturely considered public documents, as well as in

the general tone of the insurgents.

In these documents we find the abridgement of the existing right of suffrage, and the denial to the people of all right to participate in the selection of public officers, except the Legislature, boldly advocated, with labored arguments, to prove that large control of the people in Government is the source of all political evil. Monarchy itself is sometimes hinted at as a possible refuge from the power of the people.

In my present position I could scarcely be justified were I to omit raising a warning voice against this approach of returning despotism It is not needed nor fitting here that a general argument should be made in favor of pop-

ular institutions. But there is one point with its connections, not so hackneyed as most others, to which I ask a brief attention. It is the effort to place capital on an equal

foating with if not above labor, in the structure of the Government. It is assumed that abor is available only in connection with captal that nobody labors unless somebody, else owing capital, somehow by the use of it, induces him to labor. This resumed, it is next considered whether it is best that capital shall hire laborers, and thus induce them to work them to it without their consent.

Having proceeded so far, it is naturally concluded that all laborers are either bired laborers or what we call slaves. And further, it is assumed, that whoever is once a hired laborer, is fixed in that condition for life .-Now there is no such relation between capital thing as free man being fixed for life in the condition of a hired laborer. Both these assumptions are false, and all inferences from them are groundless. Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor and could never have existed if labor had not first existed.

Labor is the superior of capital and deserves much higher consideration. Capital bas its rights, which are as worthy of protection as any other rights. Nor is it denied that there is and probably always will be a relation between labor and capital, producing mutual benefits. The error is in assuming that the whole labor of the community exists within that relation.

labor themselves, and with their capital hire; or buy another few to labor for them. A large majority belong to neither class, neither work for others or have others work for them.

In most of the Southern States a majority of the whole people, of all colors, are neither slaves nor masters, while in the Northern, a large majority are neither hirers nor hired. Men with their families wives, sons and daughters, work for themselves on their farms, in their houses, and in their shops, taking the whole product to themselves, and asking no tavors of capitol on the one hand nor of bired laborers or slaves on the other.

It is not forgotten that a considerable numher of persons mingle their own labor with their capital-that is, they labor with their own hands and also buy or hire others to labor for them: but this is only a mixed and not a distinct class. No principle stated is disturbed by the existence of this class.

Again, as has already been said, there is not of necessity any such thing as the free these States a few years back in their lives, they weighed. were hired laborers.

The prudent penniless beginner in the world, labors for wages a while, saves a surplus with which to buy tools or land for himself, then labors on his own account another while, and at length hires another new beginper to help him.

This is the just, and generous, and prosper-ous system which opens the way to all, gives hope to all, and consequently energy and prothan those who toil up from poverty.

None less inclined to take or touch aught which they have not honestly earned. them beware of surrendering a political power which they already possess, and which, if sura rendered, will surely be used to close the door of advancment against such as they, and to fix new disabilities and burdens upon them, till all of liberty shall be lost.

From the first taking of our pational census to the last one, seventy years, and we find our population at the end of the period eight nes as great as it was at the beginning. The increase of those other things which men deem desirable has been greater.

We thus have at one view what the popular principle applied to Government through the machinery of the States and the Union bas produced in a given time, and also what, if

emly maintained, it promises for the future. There are already among us those who, if of America, asking contributions for the re-the Union be preserved, will live to see it con-lief and comfort of the sick and wounded tain two hundred and fifty millions. The struggle of to day is not altogether for to day; it is for a vast future also. With a reliance on Providence, all the more firm and earnest let us proceed in the great task which events have devolved upon us.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN. WASHINGTON, Dec 3, 1861.

## BEDFORD INQUIRER.



BEDFORD, Pa.

Friday Morning, Dec. 13, 1861.

"FEARLESS AND FREE."

D. OVER-Editor and Proprietor.

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As the editor and proprietor of this paper is anxious to settle up his business, running over a period of twelve years, he will sell the presses, types, good will, &c., of the establishment, on types, good will, &c., of the establishment, on reasonable terms.

The Bedford Inquirer Printing Office is one

of the best paying country establishments in the State, as there are only two papers published in the County, and all official and orphans' court advertising, is published by act of assembly, in both papers. The rates for advertising and job work, are as high as in any part of the State. There are a large quantity of news type, nearly enough for two papers the size of this, and a splendid lot of

job type, nearly new. This is a rare chance for one or two persons who wish to engage in a good, profitable business.— Apply immediately or before the first of January, Nov. 22, 1861

#### President's Message.

We, this week, lay before our readers the first Annual Message of President Lincoln .-The message has the merit of brevity, and consequently will be read by nearly every one. It is plainly but ably written, conservative and statesmanslike, and meets with general favor. The President states that "The Union must be preserved and hence all indispensable means must be employed." As time passes and the wicked rebellion progresses, "indispensable means" may be employed, that are not now has been a great many rebels and rebel spies proposed generally by the people of the loyal brought into the Fort. One big nigger spy, States. Let us hope and pray that the rebellion may be crushed speedily, and that the first such a position that it may never spring anoth- place to get away from. It is a place built er civil war upon the people of this once great, out in the Bay, (out of stone,) and is right uneign policy the message leaves no doubt of around there all the time. the course to be pursued by the administration. and labor, as assumed, nor is there any such The honor and dignity of the nation will be tell you anything certain, but it is rumored But it will not be possible to kill all the loyal maintained. The President advocates a ray that we are to go to Santa Rosa Island in Florconstruction of the Supreme Court. In this ida. This does not seem to meet the approbawe think he is eminently right as that Court sickness, and we would much rather die at the was constructed to meet the wants of a few point of the bayonet. But it is not likely millions of people. Many of the Districts are that our Government will send us northern entirely too large, and a single Judge is not men into that elimate. The health of our able to attend to the whole duties of his distriot. The message is short, and consequently tain Filler's Company seems to suffer most. a further notice from us unnecessary.

Godey's Lady's Book .- We have received the January number of Godey's Lady's Book. Godey commences the new year with one of the best numbers ever issued. The A few men own capital, and that few would fashion plates are not surpassed in the country, and all ladies ought to have it on this account alone, if on no other. The steel plates, are superb, and the reading matter excellent. Send for this Magazine,

Terms, one copy one year, \$3; two copies. \$5; three copies, \$6; four copies, \$7. To clubs of five, \$10. and an extra copy to the person sending the club; club of eight, \$15, and an extra copy; clubs of eleven, \$20, and an extra copy.

three hoge, the other day, the heaviest weigh- have promised to write to so many, that I find ing 580 lbs., one 400, and the other 368 lbs.; Mr. John Nelson, a few weeks ago killed one weighing 562 lbs., and two, each weighing 455 may seem as a letter to some who are expectlbs., J. J. Cessna, Esq., one weighing 422 ing to hear from me. No more at present but lbs; I. Mengel, one 418; lbs.; Dr. Harry, remain, one 410 lbs.; and Maj. Rupp, one 410 lbs .hired laborer being fixed to that condition for Quite a number other large hogs were slaughtlife. Many independent men everywhere in ered in town, but we have not heard what

> Wood.--If some of our subscribers who have promised us wood, would pay us the money we could buy the article-as it is, we get neither the money nor the wood.

we want grain, four and potatoes. Sabscri- o'clock, P. M.., to continue in session till Satpay us in these articles. Our workmen and their respective names. gress and improvement of condition to all .- pay us in these articles. Our workmen and to No men living are more worthy to be trusted our family will eat, and we must have these necessaries. So bring them along.

F A Court Martial for the trial of Dr. Let Finley, the Surgeon General of the Army, against whom charges have been preferred by Dr. Tripler, met on Tuesday at Washington.

> In the Senate, on Monday, Mr. Hale's resolution directing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the present Supreme Court, was amerded by a ubstitute referring to the Committee named all portious of the President's Message relating to the judiciary.

# An Appeal to the Ladles of Bedford County.

Having been called upon by the United States Sanitary Commission at Washington, (by a circular addressed to the Loyal Women Soldiers and Sailors in the Army and Navy; and being desirous of evincing their sympathy, and responding to the call of the Commission, they have appointed a Committee to wait upon the members and their lady friends, asking them to encourage their undertaking, and help to relieve the sufferings of the sick and wounded, by contributing whatever they can, whether in money, quilts, blankets, undershirts, drawers, woollen socks, slippers, jellies, pre-serves, farina, dried fruits, oan fruits, illustrated newspapers, books, and such other ar-ticles as may be useful in such cases. Dona-tions of any kind will be received at the Court House, in charge of S. H. Tate. We hope the Ladies of the county will send to this place. The matter is worthy the attention of the charitable and patriotic.

CAMP HAMILTON.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 2, 1861. DEAR SIR :- After spending the morning in listening to the heavy cannonading that has been going on, I thought I would drop you a There has been a fight between here and Newport News. I will give you the reports just as we have them in our Camp. It is said that our boys have captured a Rebel vessel with nine hundred rebel cavalry, and the fixings that belong to a Regiment. loss is said to be forty killed-wounded not reported. The vessel was trying to run the held in Bedford county; and we know that we blockade, and was stopped by our troops, and the firing commenced, and you bad better believe there was some big thunder for about two hours. It commenced at six and lasted until eight o'clock. It seemed as if the earth shook to its centre. The firing seemed to be heavy on both sides. It caused some excitement in our Camp. You folks at home think perhaps that kind of noise would be calculated to horify those that are daily expecting to be called on to face the enemy, but I must confess it has quite a different effect. All our boys seemed to be anxious that a messenger would come to call us out out to assist. Every eye seemed to flash with anxiety, and every heart beat eager for the contest, as discharge after dis-charge of cannon was heard. There seems to be something in the life of a soldier that entirely rids him of that fear which is natural to men at home. The vessel is called the York-town, a large Rebel vessel. Our men have been doing some firing at Sewell's Point, since as Western Maryland or North-Western Viryou last heard from me. They have burned a ginia. Her citizens have steadily given large vessel that was so close to us that we could see majorities for the Union at every election. the smoke as we stood in camp. There does jority of the soldiers would, if they had the command, our armies would soon be cut up by the rebels. But it is well it is as it is. There dressed in the same uniform that we are, was

tion of all, as we might expect to be lost by men has not been very good as most of them had taken bad colds in "Camp Curup." Cap-We sent home dead, a young man from Dry Ridge last week-young Hide, that never should have been brought to this ('amp. The weather has been mild since we are here, this day is rather cold, and it is very cold at night. Oysters are abundant here, we can gather as many as we want to eat. The whole country is as as level as Christ. Nawgle's bottom land, and looks just like that.

We are bad off for gloves. Our Sutler is a been defeated through their own gross mis cents, that are not worth twenty, his tobacco does not do better we are determined to haul maxim-"Be sure you're right-then go ahead!" down his shanty. We get salt meat, crackers, coffee, sugar, potatoes, &c. It is hard to get papers here. Write and let us hear how things are at home. Give my respects to John Ha-SOME PORK .- Mr. William Cook Killed fer, and all that may enquire after me. 1 it is impossible to comply with my promises .-If you think worth while you may hand this to Mr. Over, to publish in his paper, and it

> Respectfully Yours, HENRY BRIDENTHAL. To G. H. SPANG, Bedford.

P. S. Direct your letters to me at Camp Hamilton, Fortress Monroe, Va., 55th Regt.

# Teachers Association.

The Annual meeting of the Bedford County Teachers Association will convene at Bedford, While on this subject, we will state, that on Monday, December 23d, 1851, at 14 ties.

tice of Teaching.

George Sigafoos, Co. Supt.,- Responsibilities of Teachers.

John Palmer,—Science, its Influence on the History of the World

J. C. Clarkson,- Common Schools. Prof. C. H. Gere, -The Coming Educator

and his Work. S. H. Tate,-

H. W. Fisher,— Essays will be read by the following persons: D. M. Wonders, E. F. Kerr, J. C. Geyer, J & Kinel, J. E. Satterfield, E. F. Barnet, J. B. Cessna, W. Sparks, C. P. Calhoun, Chas. Long, Uriah Blackburn, J. A. De Forest, S. Geisler, Misses S. E. Geisler, Misses S. E. Montgomery, L. G. Arnold, L. P. Blackburn, Mollie Tobias, S. E. Younkin, H. Evans, M. E. Allison and M. A. Williams.

The following questions have been suggested as proper ones for discussion during the

sessious of the Association The best methods of conducting Teachers'

Institutes. Ought corporal punishment to be prohibited

n the Common Schools, by law? Ought the teacher to be responsible for the school ?

What degree of scholarship should entitle the teacher to a Professional Certificate?

Are school exhibitions, as now conducted this County, beneficial ?

How can a uniform and reliable standard of professional attainment be secured throughout Does the teacher exert a greater influence

in forming the character of his pupils than the parent? Should the right of suffrage be granted to

persons unable to read or write?

Should the parent be compelled by law to educate his children?

Teachers from all sections of the county are earnestly requested to be present. As the School Department has instructed County Superintendents to make it incumbent upon all applicants for first class certificates, to attend teachers institutes, interest alone should des mand their presence. But duty, and the interests of their profession require of them, that they attend this important gathering of teachers. Let this be the best Institute ever have the material to make it such. Let none remain at home.

Arrangements will be made, as here tofore, for the entertainment of teachers while attending the Institute.

J. GILBERT FISHER, Chairman Business Committee.

EAST TENNESSEE. The whole country awaits with painful aux ety the receipt of further advices from the de voted band who have struck so telling a blow for the Union in East Tennessee. Our advices of their victory at Morristown reach us wholly through rebel channels, and so are certainly not exaggerated; yet they represent the Union triumph as unqualified. This is the very first muster of Union men in a Slave State at a distance from the Free States which forbids all They now back their votes by their arms, and

But for that most depiorable retreat of Gen, Schoepf from the vicinity of Cumberland Gap, is, we fear that Floyd, Zollicoffer, and "King effective rising in the South against a mon-As to our destination it would be hard to strong despotism will be speedily suppressed. East Tennssseans; and from every one whom the traitors shall butcher ten will be maddened into repeating the bold enterprise of Brown-

low on the very first promise of success. It seems a very, very sad case that such gallast champions of the Union cause as these East Tennesseans must be sacrificed for want of support, and that, while Secretary Cameron tells us we have Six Hundred and Sixty Thousand men enlisted to fight for the Unionforce which is costing at least Two Millions of Dollars per day --- we are not yet ready to advance upon the rebels somewhere, so as to offset the ground we have been losing in Missouri ever since Gen. Fremont was superseded, But let our military leaders take their time Better stand still than advance to be deteated. We only insist that they shall not -like their predecessors last July - boast before a battle of having defied popular clamor and refuse It is Tuesday morning. Last night was to move till they were ready to do so with very cold, and snow and hail fell all night. scoundrel-he sells cotton gloves at forty management, assert that they were pushed on by unmilitary impatience and pressure. This is rotton, and sells it for two prices. If he time, let them bear in mind Davy Crockett's -N. Y. Tribune

#### IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS.

TREASURY DEPAREMENT, Nov. 30, 1861. In order to the security and proper disposi on of the productions of the soil and of all other property found within the limits of States declared to be in insurrection against the United States, and now occupied or hereafter to be compied by the troops and authorities of the the Union following regulations are established:

There shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, with the approbation of the President, agents to reside at such ports or places as are or may be occupied by the forces of the United States, whose duties shall be to Programme of the Bedford County secure and prepare for market the cotton and such other products and property as may be found or brought within the lines of the army or under the control of the Federal authori-

To enable such agents to fulfil duties devolvbers who owe us need not be ashamed to urday noon. Lectures will be delivered by ed upon them, the military and naval authorthe following persons on the subjet opposite ities, under proper instructions, will render such military protection and aid as may be Prof. J. W. Dickerson, - Theory and Practice of Teaching.

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Is 8,000, on a vote 60,000 less than last year. Louis P. Huvey is the new Governor.

Persons held to service for life under State laws who may be found within such limits. may be amployed by the agent, who will prepare lists embracing the names, sex, and condition of such persons, and, as near as may be, their respective ages, together with the name of any person claiming their services; which lists shall be in triplicate, one for the military commandant, one for the files of the agent, and one to be immediately forwarded to

the Secretary of the Treasury. The persons so listed will be organized for systematic labor in securing and preparing for market the cotton, rice, and other found within the territory brought under Federal control. Pay rolls will be prepared, and a strict account of the labor daily performed by each person entered thereon, for which a proper compensation shall be allowed and paid to the laborers. The amount of such compensation will be fixed, in proportion to the service rendered, by the agent and approved by the military commandant and by the Secretary of the Treasury.

An inventory of all horses, mules, and other stock, vehicles of transportation, and conduct of pupils on their way to and from other property, will be carefully made and a copy transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, signed by such agent.

A record of all products taken possession of will be made, and those of each plantation kept distinct. When prepared for shipment, the packages from the several plantations will be plainly marked and numbered, so as to be easily distinguished.

An account of all provisions of whatsoever character found on each plantation will be taken, and such provisions will be used, so far as may be necessary, for the sustenance of the laborers thereon. Any deficiencies of subsistence will be supplied by the United States commissary, upon the requisition of the agent, to whom they will be charged, and for which he will account.

The cotton and other articles, when prepara ed for market, by the returning Government transports; and all shipments shall be consigned to the designated agent at New York, inless otherwise specially directed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

A carefully detailed account will be kept by the agent of all supplies furnished by the Government and of all expenditures made.

Each agent will transmit a weekly report of his proceedings to the Secretary of the Treasury, and render his accounts in duplicate type. Gen. William Walker semesthers in monthly for settlement.

All requisitions, bills of lading, and involve ses will be countersigned by the military commander or by such officer as he may designate for the purpose.

Each agent will so transact his business and keep his accounts that as little injury as possible may accrue to private citizens who now the character of loyal citizens of the United tion.

#### S. P. CHASE. Secretary of the Treasury.

PAID OFF IN THEIR OWN COIN.

During the occupation of London, Ky., by the rebel forces under Zollicoffer, they obtained all of their supplies from the Union men of federate bonds, payable two years after date. sword in a cause he hated, and one he knew
They never took anything from the secesh of the neighborhood, but encouraged them in all appear to be an ardent desire among the men do it right nobly. What they must have suf-to be put into an engagement. If the men at fered to goad them to this desperate rising, can there. When, however, Zollicoffer was drivthe helm, did not use more caution than a ma- only be guessed; but that women have been en cut by Gen. Schoepf, and the Union forces whipped and men hung there for loving the Union, is beyond dispute. were in need of supplies, one of the richest secessionists of the neighborhood—who had been most active in showing Zollicoffer who of the Union men had corn and supplies-was apthe annihilation of Zollicoffer's rebel army and plied to by the General for corn, oats, and hay the freeing of East Tounessee from all vestige for his forces, but was answered by him that canght inside of our lines, but it will be some of rebel demination would now be assured, he would neither give, lend, nor sell anything them now when I am writing; but the deed is time before he will report to Jeff. Davis. They cutting off the rebels in Tennessee, Kentucky, to him or his forces. Gen. Schoepf then very done—a new era has dawned, and all that I great cause of the rebellion may be placed in are yet out on the Rip Raps, and that is a bard and Arkansas from all but the most circuitous quietly sent a detachment for the articles wantcommunication with those in Virginia. As it ed; obtained from the Unionists around the on my part to prevent it from becoming an era confederate bonds, paid him a good price for of disgrace. If we are not involved in a war free, united and happy people. On our forion men the money of the glorious Government for which he is now so nobly fighting.

> negro: "Well, massa, you neber did see how dem white pusson did take on when day jus hear' bout hundred ship come down off fort; such packing and tracking; load four horse team, ox team, all kind team, and take all thing could take, and all ladies and girls, cause dey might do like dey did in Alexandria when dey take him.' On inquiry how that was, I was told "That all dem soldiers they did 'tuse dose women most shameful, 'violating them promiscuously.' Den when day hear dat all ships done pass battery down dere, all clear right out and don't come back, only sometime when no ship here, den run away gain when youse all come back; den dey dribe of all we niger and tell we dat you gwine to take us all down South and sell us for berry low price." The idea of being sold for "berry low price." was to him extensely distasteful. The town may have when, on re-assembling, they were duly organ two or three thousand inhabitants more, per- ized for business. haps, in the summer than during the winter months; for the gayeties of the city seem to of Talbot county, was elected President, and have an attraction for the chivalry quite irresistable to them.

LATE NEWS FROM NORFOLK.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 9, via Baltimore. Clerk.

A flag of truce went to Norfolk, this morn. ing, earrying thirty-two prisoners, discharged by the United States Government, on parole, A rebel flag of truce met our boat and trasferred there to some ladies coming from Richmond.

that a battle is immediately expected on the ple, by taking such steps as will seem most cf-Potomac, as the Sutlers are removing their fective to vindicate the honor and the loyality stores from the camps. The war rumors and

war fever are very high. A telegraphic despatch dated Savanuah, their predecessors. He urges measures for the Dec. 7th states that Generel Butler's expedis payment of the State's portion of the national tion arrived on that day at Port Royal.

victory in East Tennessee, or of the Fort Pick. ter at what cost, and that the State must bear Dr. Johnson Clark, Surgeon of the Union Coast Guard, died, to-day of typhoid fever .-- His body is to be sent North by this evening's

A firm in New Haven are manufacturing a plate of solid steel, weighing about three and a half pounds; and capable of resisting a rifle

fitted inside of a military yest as not to be noticeable. A Russian line-of-battle ship foundered off

#### THE REBEL HEGIRA

The Buittmore American thus comments on the removal of the rebel Capital from Richnond to Nashville:

This is the "beginning of the end." They expected, long before this time, to have taken Washington, marched in triumph across Mary-land to the assault of Philadelphia and New York, to wind up a summer campaign, probably, by dictating terms to all that was left of a feeble foe in Fancuil Hall. But how complete has been the failure. Beaten out of Western Virginia, and made to recede from Hurper's Ferry and every place that had marked their sudden advance, it is evident now, wnatever Mr. Davis may say, that they consider a longer stay at Richmond as a hazardous matter. Like another valorous and astute warrior, he harangues his troops to keep them in fighting humor, but like the same infirm Captain be winds up by announcing that "he is a little lame he will start now!" this is the commentary his practice bears against his professions.

All accounts concur in showing that the movements of the Union men of East Tennessee, the destruction of important bridges by them, has alarmed the leaders at Richmond very greatly-we may add deservedly; but none know better than Davis, that, so far from keeping quiet through the winter, the National troops are just on the point of getting actually and earnestly in motion; and that in his contemplated retrograde movement to Nashville, he is not moving any too soon. The "great swelling 'words' in the Message"—the air of confidence assumed -may serve to hold the troops to their positions for the present, but a good deal of the grand assumption put forth is merely for the purpose of covering his retreat, and he has but postponed, for a little time this inevitable fate.

Virginia, eaten out, plundered, almost destroyed, will not, in the nature of things, have stomach for much more fight; and Tennessoe and Kentucky, comparatively fresh localities, are to be put through the same ruinous process. Nashville is to become the temporary headquarters for the migrating dynasty, until a threatened advance of the National troops will make that city too hot to hold him, until, via Memphis or Vicksburg, he may continue his flight to the wi ds of Arkansas or Texas, type, Gen. William Walker, somewhere in Central America. That, most likely, will be the progressive character of the drama to be enacted within the next two or three months, for as for that stereotyped nonsense about "dying in the last ditch" in detence of "their soil" eing carried out by the leaders now on the move to Nashville, that may do, to stimulate the "rank and file," but Davis, Benjamin & maintain or may within reasonable time resume | Co., will never court martyrdom in that direc-

#### A THRILLING PROPHECY.

In last February Alabama secoded. That brave man, Senator CLEMENS, who had until then breasted all the storms of wild fanaticismand clung to the fiag of our Union, yieldthat town, giving in return that vile stuff, con- ed to the popular clamor, and unsheathed his could not succeed. He wrote, the following to a friend:

"We are out: we have bid adieu to the Stars and Stripes, and abandoned the high privilege of calling ourselves American citizens. I am not ashamed to confess that I could not restrain my tears when the old banner, which I have followed through so many dangers, was torn down and the flag of Alabama was raised in its place. I cannot restrain done-a new era has dawned, and all that I can promise is that no effort shall be spared and he is but little better than a madman who dreams of long exemption from invasion. I shall meet it when it comes as a soldier should Sowing to the Wind .- Said a Beaufort and fight through it as long as hope remains. When every thing is lost, as I fear it may be, unless wiser counsels should prevail than those which have heretofore directed us, I shall drag my body to the nearest battle-field and lay down a life which has lost its value "

How swiftly has this prediction been verified. Fire the scho of his voice, pleading to the fanatics to "stop," had died away, the cry ran out, to arms! A State then prosperous is now bankrupt, and all the horrors of war are upon them.

### MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature convened at Annapolis on Tuesday last, pursuant to a call of Governor Hicks. Both Houses, after their members had been sworn in, adjourned to gesterday,

In the Senate HENRY H. GODLSBOROUGH, CHAPMAN HARWOOD, Secretary.
In the House of Delegates J. SUMMER-

FIELD BERRY, of Baltimore county, was chos sen Speaker, and J. SNOWDEN THOMAS, Chief

The Message of Governor Hicks was laid before both Houses, and is represented to be emmently conservative and patriotic. The Governor says he has convened the Legislature in this special session in order that they may From to-day's Forfelk Day Book we learn at once give expression to the will of the peoof the State, by undoing, and, as far as possible, remedying the evils of the legislation of payment of the State's portion of the national tax for the expenses of the war. He says Nothing is said about Parson Brownlow's that the rebellion must be put down, no mather share, and hopes it will be done with no niggard hand. He urges a loan for the purpose, and says it is undoubtedly a duty as it is also due to the pride and bonor of the State that immediate provision be made for raising and equipping Maryland's quota of volunteers for the war. He also reccommends legislation for the summary punishment of persons in Maryland who shall be convicted of aiding shot or basonet thrust, which can be so nearly or abetting, in any manner, these who are in

arms against the Government. The average Republican Maj. in Wisconsin