

AMERICAN VOLUNTEER.

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SUPERIOR APPLES.—The finest lot of apples we have yet seen, was received by our townsman, Maj. A. A. LIME, a few days since. They embrace all the best varieties from that celebrated apple country, western New York.

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DICKINSON COLLEGE.—The following concerning Dickinson College, we clip from Baltimore Clipper of Saturday last: "We are informed that fears are entertained in respect to the continued existence of Dickinson College, Pennsylvania. That in situation lies for charter when the number of students does not exceed ninety; and should those from the South cease, as they threaten, the number will be reduced below this standard."

RETURNED.—The secret Commissioners of Gov. Andy Curtin, with a flea in their ear.

"NO COMPROMISE—STAND FIRM!"

These words seem to form at present the rallying cry of the Black Republicans. While Mr. CURTIS, Mr. BLOOMER, and other eminent and patriotic men, have done everything that in them lies to avert the threatened storm, HALE, SEWARD, CHASE, and their cohorts, look calmly on, and refuse to raise their voices for the preservation of the Union.

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SENATOR CAMERON.

The friends of this gentleman are using strenuous efforts to obtain for him a place in Mr. LINCOLN'S cabinet. It appears that the President-elect, some two or three weeks ago, promised Gen. CAMERON the post of Secretary of the Treasury, and his friends were loud in beseeching praises upon the "rail-splitter," for his "discriminating judgment."

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UNION MEETING AT NEWVILLE.

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WORKING MEN'S CONVENTION.

A meeting composed of several hundred delegates representing the working men of Philadelphia, was held at Spring Garden Hall, in that city, recently. The object of the meeting was to give expression on the subject of our National difficulties, and to make arrangements for the holding of a grand Mass Meeting at an early day, at which all trades shall be represented.

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FROM HARRISBURG.

Senator Smith's Fugitive Slave Compensation Bill—The Select Committee Agree to Report it. HARRISBURG, Jan. 28.—The Select Committee of the Senate met to-night, and agreed to report Mr. Smith's bill, introduced to-day, providing for the compensation of the owners of fugitive slaves in case they are rescued by mob violence, and for the imprisonment and

OUR DISUNION CONGRESS.—The present Congress well deserves the name of Disunion Congress. The malignant crew of petty politicians who occupy the places once adorned by great statesmen, sit still in their seats and look complacently upon the dissolving Union. The gibbering fools of Yankees—(wooden nutmeg peddlers in a new occupation)—who represent one-half the far northern, eastern and western States, instead of comprehending the gravity of their country's situation, actually laugh out loud in the Senate and House whenever compromise is talked of. These monkeys in human shape not only have no conception of their duties as representatives, but no knowledge of or regard for the rules that regulate the behaviour of gentlemen.

ANOTHER STATE GONE!—The Louisiana State Convention, on Saturday last, passed the secession Ordinance by a vote of 113 to 17.

LET THE ULTRAS FIGHT IT OUT.—The Perry Freeman, the organ of the opposition in Perry county, speaks sensibly when it says: "In case there should be an actual conflict between the Unionists and Disunionists, we hope that all the ultras, North and South, be first fight their 'irrepressible conflict.' Members of Congress and all public functionaries who are placed face to face in the field, and let them have a hand in organizing the 'conflict,' ought to be in the front ranks. If they have a 'killenky cut fight,' the country will be safe. Honest, patriotic Union-loving citizens, teaching war and the doctrine of Washington's Farewell Address, could then easily put again into peaceful motion the national machine. The masses of the people are honest; they are not 'irrepressible conflict.' No secession, no disunion; and they must take the matter into their own hands, and protect and defend the Constitution and the Union, and enforce the laws."

THE BASTARDIES SUBSIDED.—Alluding to the valorous threats of the abolition coercion section of the Black Republican party, the Albany Evening Journal, a Republican paper, whose editor may be supposed to know them well, quite reminds them of their fondness for words rather than blows: "The cheapest and the thinnest kind of patriotism is that which costs nothing. So, too, with that species of courage which, out of danger, vapors and swaggers. Of the army of teaching war and rapine, (no pun) not one of them ever faced the enemy. When heroic John Brown, acting upon the principles so many profess, lay in prison awaiting execution, what Abolitionist went to his rescue?"

THE EFFECTS OF JANUARY LIGHTNING.—During the thunder shower, of Wednesday the 10th, the lightning struck the house of Mr. Jacob Loomis in Bloomfield. Over seventy panes of glass were shattered by it, clapboards were thrown off, the plastering was torn from the wall, and a picket fence, in front of the house, was splintered. Two ladies sitting in one of the rooms, upon finding the lively visitor had passed within ten feet of them; fainting, and were not injured. In addition to this the fluid went into the well, which has since refused to yield it any of the aqueous convenience for which it was specially designed. It appears that the malignity of January lightning equals that of the hottest months of summer.

INTERESTING TO THE EXPECTANTS.—President Lincoln, it is said, will stop at Harrisburg on his way to Washington. The supposition is that he will leave Springfield about the middle of February. If the day for his appearance at the State Capitol were definitely announced, he would have the largest procession of welcome ever assembled. All the office seekers in the State would be present, and Pennsylvania is celebrated for having forty persons willing to work for the public, to one who is disposed to work for himself. The President elect has wisely kept the time of his visit to himself.

KANSAS ADMITTED.—The bill admitting Kansas into the Union has passed the House, and in a few days we shall have Hon. Martin F. Conway, Representative elect from the new State, taking possession of his seat.

PROFITABLE OCCUPATION.—It is stated that Mr. J. S. Roney's profits by his exhibitions in New York, amount to over \$2000 per week.

NOTHING WORTHY OF NOTE HAS BEEN done as yet by our State Legislature. No business of importance has, so far, been matured by the Standing Committees in either branch, and, of course, nothing of consequence can be done until after they report.

A PEACE-MAKER.—They have just cast a gun at Pittsburg with a twelve-inch bore, which will throw a ball over six miles. It is called the "Union."

THE TRIAL OF ARMSTRONG, charged with the murder of Crawford, in July last, is progressing in Philadelphia.

THE CRISIS.

NEWSPAPER FACTS AND GOSSIP.

CAPTURE OF APALACHICOLA ARMED. A Tallahassee correspondent of the Jacksonville Southern Confederacy gives the following graphic account of the capture of a United States arsenal.

OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS: Five minutes ago I was the commander of this arsenal; but in consequence of the weakness of my command, an entrance was gained. I had no equal to, or even half the strength of your own, I'll be d—d if you would have entered that gate until you walked over my dead body. You see that I have but three men. These are laborers, and cannot contend against you. I now consider myself a prisoner of war. Take my sword, Capt. Jones!

MY DEAR SIR: Take your sword! You are to leave a man to disarm! "The whole command then gave three cheers for the gallant Powell!"

KENTUCKY AND THE UNION. WASHINGTON, Jan. 24, 1861. There is great rejoicing here to-night, in consequence of the receipt of a despatch from Mr. Garrard, Treasurer of Kentucky, announcing that the Legislature of that State, after being called against calling a Convention, which has been urged only by the Secessionists. This is considered equivalent to a declaration against disunion. The Union men here from Kentucky and other Border States, especially from Maryland, are congratulating each other at the noble stand taken by Kentucky, while the Disunionists appear very much chagrined.

INTERVIEW BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE VIRGINIA COMMISSIONERS. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25, 1861. Ex-President TYLER, the representative of the Virginia commissioners, appointed for the purpose of conferring with the President and other commissioners from the Free States, had a long interview with the President yesterday. It is not known what the agreement between them was, but he informally to-day that Executive is disposed to forward the proposals of Virginia to the House of Representatives, unless, in relation to the committee of five to which his message was referred, to report a bill providing for the execution of the laws, and clothing him with full power to enforce obedience and punish resistance to the same.

THE MISSISSIPPI CONVENTION. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 25.—A special despatch to the Republican from Washington, Miss on the 23d, says the State Convention has elected seven delegates to the Southern Congress, to meet at Montgomery, Ala., and has also passed an ordinance to raise eight regiments of troops. Jefferson Davis has been elected major general.

FROM CHARLESTON. THE SUPPLIED CORRESPONDENT OF THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE FURNISHES US THE FOLLOWING: Charleston, Jan. 25.—The special Charleston correspondent of the American says that the South Carolina Vigilance Committee has arrested a man named Dodge, an enlisted soldier at Fort Moultrie, who is charged with treason. They had compelled him to leave the State.

AN IMPORTANT DAY IN THE SENATE.—The proceedings of the Senate on Monday were highly important. At the opening of the session, Mr. Hunter, who has been Chairman of the Committee of Finance for fifteen years, presented the Indian Appropriation bill, and said that it was evident the party in the majority in the Senate would soon be changed, he desired to be excused from further service on said committee. The request was granted. Messrs. Yule and Mallory, of Florida, then announced their withdrawal from the Senate, their State having seceded from the Union. They were followed by Messrs. Clay and Fitzpatrick, of Alabama, and those gentlemen were very pathetic, and drew tears from Senators and spectators. What the seceding Senators had withdrawn from the Chamber, the House had withdrawn from the Chamber, and passed by a vote of thirty-six to sixteen. The amendment is designed to continue ex-Senator Pettit as United States District Judge. The Crittenden justice was then taken up, and Mr. Cameron stated his willingness to vote for Mr. Bigler's plan of submitting it to a vote of the people.

CAPTURE OF THE U. S. ARSENAL AT AUGUSTA, GA.—Gov. Brown, of Georgia, backed by seven hundred Georgia troops, on Thursday morning demanded the surrender of the United States arsenal at Augusta. At the first demand was complied with. The Federal troops saluted their flag and were occupied by a company of United States soldiers who had, it is reported, been sent to Augusta at the solicitation of the citizens, who desired to protect the property from apprehended attack by a mob.

WITHDRAWAL OF THE GEORGIA MEMBERS.—All the Georgia members left the House on Wednesday, except Mr. Hill, who refused to sign their secession paper.

GOVERNOR CURTIN, who was absent for some days, having been called to Centre county by the death of his mother-in-law, has returned to Harrisburg.