The Columbia Spy. COLUMBIA, PA. SATURDAY, MARCH'S, 1862.

For Justice of the Prace.—We are re-quested to announce that J. W. Hamilton will be a candidate for the Office of Justice of the Peace in the Upper Ward, at the ensuing Spring election.

THE STATE AND COUNTY TAXES -The resulfof the determined atand taken by our citizens in regard to the onerous increase of State and County Paxes on the part of the County Commissioners, has resulted in the reduction of nine from the eleven per cent. attended by a strong delegation of Colum- chickens on right. bians on the 24th of Feb., and last Wednesday, and the offer of the above named de- eagle on left. duction on the part of the Commissioners, Farmer's bank of Reading, Benn's, -5s. outer consultation, was acconted.

: The Committee accepted this compromise; trait with 5 above on right. Name across merely as the acttlement of the difference the bill. . between the citizens as a body and the Commissioners, as to the justice of the addition to the assessment. Thore still remains the appeal of the people as individuals against .gl;e valuation of their several properties, a day for which will be fixed and duly an- any small notes yet, so refuse all Is, 2s, nounced by the Cemmissioners through the and Sa. (columns of the Spy. 1 of the form to

A New Book .- Messrs. Peterson announce the issue, on Wednesday next, of a new story by Mrs. Ellen Wood, the authoress of . "East Lynne," the of the late successes in fiction. If we may judge of the coming work by the good name given it by Dr. Me-Kenzie, of the Philadelphia Press, who no-: tices the proof sheets with marked favor, it will certainly prove a welcome addition to the novels of the day. Mrs. Wood; before aimost unknown, created a sensation in "England by her last work "East Lynne," which was highly communded in a criticism in the Timestere

Hus Concerts of the Old Folks .- On Wednesday and Thursday evenings our citcert in Columbia as that of Thursday evecomment. . It was immensely popular, and, what is not by any means identical, exceedringly good. The feature of the entertainments was, of course, the oddity of dress, yet in our eyes this was but a subordinate attraction, if an attraction at all. Without the really fine singing of the choir, and the exceeding sweet vocalization of Mrs. Nichwis and Mrs. Sheppard, not even "Aunt Rachel's" bonnet nor "Cousin Reuben's" hat could have saved the souls of those gay young sid solge. We have never heard a continuity whose united voices so entirely satisfied us. As they raised the grand old anthems the effect was impressive and subione. The solos, trios and quartettes were admirable, and Mr., Nichols (will she parsin Reuben-albeit fully supplied-could drage taken the hats of the entire audience, and we hereby tender him our oldest and worst, as a slight testimonial of apprecia-'Folks'' will call soon again, and bring their knitting and stay to tea.

. Apropos lef concerts, we must commend semebody for an improvement in the Hall-the lowering of the stage. The cutting down of this scaffolding to reasonable height was a good deed whoever did it.

The following lines by one of the The following lines by one of the had forgotten you. No, indeed I am altitude Columbians now in the field in de had forgotten you. No, indeed I am althe hearty cheers of our brave tars and sol-Mense of our country, have been handed us ways glad when Monday evening comes so diers. for publication. We gladly give them a that I can get a look at you. But I have place. They bear testimony that the author not been well and consequently could not mortar boats and three transports, having in buckling on the sword has not forgotten write. You will see by the heading of my on board two regiments and two battalions INTERESTING FROM NASHVILLE. the use of the ren.

My Gwn Mountain Home.

I leve it, Blove it, and who shall stand "I'wixt me and my love for my dear a give land, its halls, and its towers, its Capacit's dome, As hills and its valleys, my own moretain home Talk not of Italy's bright setting suit. Of the green hills of Seathand, of the beauties or Rome But give and, oh! give me my own maintain ham : Its dam Brops are beighter! its if meder more fair, And-wester the tractance of its near manner. It you would be happy I pray you to come And turry with me in my own mountain home. The lack of the morning as he sours up on high, And margles I is notes with the source of the sky, He'll but you a cheerity welcome to come And take of the sweets of my own in hutura home.

CAMP PIERPONE, VA

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pronulting opening of Spring, and consequent | rointed, but hope yet to have some glorious poliness of the ground has led to frequent times before we return. I do not wish to complaints within the last few weeks concern- notice "45"s letter in the Spy of the 22nd ing the shamefully had condition of the car- lult., but will only say that "Zno-Zno" is not riage-road to our cometeries. We all know one who wears the "passants" but is a prithat even in summer the road is a bad one vate of Company I, and further that the renexteedingly trying to horses and vehicles. marks made by him were concurred in by Now when the frest is coming out of the every Columbia "boy" in the Company. ground, carriages sink axle deep in the mud. I am sorry that my letter caused "45" to There has always been an objection on the assail our Captain, as he has never dictated To Major General McClellan: part of the Council to appropriate means for one single word to me; but I lrope henceforteries, but we have never been able to see friends. I think when you next hear from brilliant strategy of the campaign by which the strik not as much a public kighway as me we will be a few miles nearer the enemy, the enemy's centre was pierced at Forts and of the street and alleys of the horyagh as we are still under orders to be ready to Henry and Donelson, his wings isolated and, as such, to be kept in like repair. The more at a moments notice. We have been from each other and turned, compalling thus | bitterest Secossianists acknowledge that our gate at the entrance is not to bar the use of furnished with one bundred rounds of car- the evacuation of his stronghold of Bowling the road to the public, but to prevent the tridges and have everything packed ready Green first and now Columbus. trespass of cattle, hogs, &c. The borough to move-it we do move look for a good acowns a considerable property devoted to count of the 231. On Saturday, five com- der Flag Officer Toole, consisting of six gunbarial purposes, access to which is only to panies L. M. O. P and R. composing the boats, commanded by Captains Dave, Walkbarial purposes, access to which is only to paties 1, 2, 0, 1 and it, consistency our cr. Stembel, Paulding, Thompson and Shirk, sians" have not committed a single outrage, to Charlestown, capturing a few prisoners. secucted the plank walk by private subscript Regiment to the 61st Regt., P. V., Col. Ript and four mortar boats, in charge of Captain tion, and we think it no unreasonable depey. Five of our Columbia boys were in Co. Phelps, U.S. N., assisted by Licutenant mitted to have been outrageous.

pured that the boyough shall undertake the P, and had to leave us; they were all sorry Ford, of the Ordnance Corps, U.S. A., and . Union men here say that the repair and preservation of the carriage-way. to go but it could not be helped-they are three transports conveying Col. Buford's A good coating of furnace oinders, well-bro- still in Gen. Graham's Brigade: Brig. Gen. Twenty-seventh Illinois Regiment, and bat-A good coating of furnace conders, well-broken, and covered when settled with fine conders are not take some intra time to decrease periors found for the people, so thoroughly have known, but the movement is probably to cover they been crushed.

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New Counterfeits .- Among the flood of New Counterfeits we find one on our Columbia Bank -1s. Peterson reports"the folbwingon Pennsylvania Pankar Look outfor Ff

on tight end, a girl gleaning and figure l; Election in Harding County, Tennessee on left, fethale seated near grain, holding a Union Victory. an engle and stars and stripes.

Bank of Beaver County, Pa .- 54, altered rignette, man seated with a child, dog, horses, and plough; on each end, 5, V, 5, on the lower part of the note State arms.

Bank of Crawford County, Meadsville, Pa.-10s, altered from 2s-vignette, buck added to the assessment. The appeal was and five deer under a tree; female, girl, and

Bank of Danville, Pa .- 1s, spuriousday was, on that day, appointed for a final vignette, an eagle poised on frame, man on hearing. A committee was present on the each side; brig and I right; female feeding! Proceeded up to Pittsburg, near the Missis-

snurious-Indian and 5 above on left, por-

Harrisburg Bank, Pa .- 34, altered from ls-vignette, Gen. Scott in centre: woman and child on left end; two girls on right end. Mechanics' Bank, Philadelphia, Pa.-2s are in circulation. This bank has not issued

Mechanics' Bank, Philadelphia .- 24, altered-vignette, wagons loaded with cotton; on lower right, bust of sailor; on lower left man ploughing with horses.

Stroudsburg Bank, Penna,-alteredrignette, a hunter fighting:a bear; a mafe head on right; female and grain on left:" "

Tiana County Bank, Penna. - 5s, altered from 1s .- vignette, farm, scene, man, children; and dog; on right end, 5 and Indian on left end, 5 and Washington; red FIVE acress the note.

A FINE PRESENT .- It was our fortune to be present at a meeting of the Employees of the Western Division, Philadelphia and Eric Railroad, at Brown's Hotel, on Wednesday evening. Sam. A. Black, Esq., for some three years the energetic, efficient and wor izens turned out unprecedentedly to the thy Supt., being about to change his scene of action to the Fastern Division, in token nover seen so good an attendance at a con- of their respect and esteem for the man, the employees with commendable spirit and liberality, could not allow him to part withoning, and that of the preceding evening was but single token from them, of the estimation but little behind it. This tells the story of in which he was held. They procured a the performance at once, without farther splendid testimonial, consisting of a salver, nitcher and two goblets, made of solid silver which was presented in their behalf to Mr. Black, in a neat and appropriate speech by Mr. Forsyth. The unlooked for gift, and the feelings prompting it, made a visible impression on Mr. Black, who thanked the employees in an appropriate manner, for this evidence of their good will and testimo-nial of their approbation of his course as their Superintendent. The articles present-

ed are valued at \$300.

After the ceremonies of presentation were gone through with, the company sat down to a splendid repast, and everything passed off pleasantly. Sparkling champaign flowed freely, toasts wera given and responded to by Messrs. Galbraith, Plack, Miller, Baldwin, Clay and others. The table was hand-somely decorated, having a minature loco motive and tender on trussel work, in the centre of the table. The entire affair reflects great credit on the employees of the Phila don our little 'outburs!?) was altogether Erica R. R., and the successful seconding charming in voice, face and manner. Cou-of their wishes by "mine host" of Brown's Hotel, deserves, as it received, the hearty enconiums of all present.

The above we elip from the Eric City Dispatch of I'eb, 22d. Our former townstion of his "make up." We hope the "Old man seems to be properly appreciated abroad. This tribute of his subordinates speaks well for his popularity. The gift is described as remarkably handsome.

Our Army Correspondence.

CAMP BIRNEY, Prince George Co'y, Md., } March 5th, 1802. DEAR Sev:-I suppose you think that I

in our regiment. He is of the regular army lives of the parrison. and has been in the service some eighteen manded about ten o'clock that (Thursday) Army nobly performed their duty. THE ROAD TO OUR CEMETERIES. - The applied to boys were all very much disap-

FROM THE TENNESSEE RIVER. CUNBOAT ENCACEMENT WITH A REBEL

BATTERY. Columbia Bank, Pa.—1s, altered—rig. The Battery Silenced.—The Rebels Driven nette, an early poised on a shield, cars, &c.; on right and a shield, cars, &c.;

WASHINGTON, March 3.-The following

despatch was received at the Mary Department to-night: Carno, March 3, 1862.

Hon. Gideon Welles: Lieutenani Commanding Shirk has this moment arrived from the Tennessee river and brings fall despatches from Lieutenant Commanding Gwin, of the gunboat Tyler, a synopsis of which is that the two gon-boats sippi line, where a Rebel battery was openthem being rifled, which were soon silenced

by the gun-boats. Ninety mounted men landed under cover they were strongly reinforced, when our spared. party withdrew to the boats. Then three Rebel regiments opened upon the gunboats. but were repulsed with great slaughter.

The casualties on our side amounted to five killed and missing and five wounded .-Lieutennots Commanding Gwin and Shirk, with their commands, have behaved with great gallantiy-and judgment.

An election for town officers has just taken place in Harding county, Tennessee, which resulted in two hundred votes for the Union and thirteen for Secession.

[Signed] A. H. Foote, Flag Officer. EVACUATION OF COLUMBUS CON-FIRMED.

Columbus Occupied by the National Forces.

The Stars and Stripes Floating over the Cibralter of the Rebels.

THE MASTY RETREAT OF THE ENEMY.

Commodere Foote, went down the river to-I from him. day on a reconnoissance, and found that the ! "General Pope pursued another detachin ashes. Everything had been destroyed that could not be carried away.

The rebels had retreated to Fort Randolph and the whole town of Columbus is nothing but a mass of ruius.

The rebels have also removed their guns from the island below.

Washington, March 4. - Secretary Welles this evening received the following despatch, dated

Colombas, Kentucky, March 4, 1862. Sir-Columbas is in our possession. My rmed reconnoïssance on the 2nd instant aused a hasty ovacuation. The rebels United States. In order to the exercise of immunition and stores, a large quantity

huts, tents and quarters, were destroyed. The works are of very great strength;

abattis. Flag on the summit of the bluff, greeted by expire till March next.

The force consisted of six conboots, four letter that we have moved since you last of infantry, under command of Colonel Baheard from me. We are now about two ford and General Callom, General Sherman miles from our old camp-our camp is named | being in command of the troops. The forafter our old Colonel (Birney) who has been mer leaving a sick bed to go ashore, discovpromoted to a Brigadior General. Our new ered what was evidently a magazine on fire Colonel (Neill) is a thorough military man at both extremities, and immediately orand I think will make great improvements, dered the train to be cut and thus saved the of the Mayor of Nashville. The Mayor says:

While I cannot express too strongly my or nineteen years. On Thursday last we admiration of the gallantry and wise counimmediately-the orders were for us to be of General Halleck, General Collum, 1 ance given of safety and protection to the at the Washington Depot by six o'clock the must also add that Commanders Dave, next (Friday) morning. Reveille was to beat | Walke and Stembel, Lieutenant Commandat three o'clock, so we packed even our ing Paulding, Thompson, Shirk and Phelps, blankets and were content to lie on the the latter being in command of the mortar disappointment, as the order was counter- the Ordnance Corps of the United States

I have my flag on board the Cincinnuati commanded by the gallant Commander General Sherman remains temporarily in

command at Columbus. (Signed) A. U. Foote, Flag Officer.

OFFICIAL DESPATOR TO GRY, McCLELLAN. The following was received at Headquarters of the Army to-night.

Columbus, Ky., Murch 4, (via Cairo.). Columbus, the Gibraltar of the West, is

At 4 o'clock this morning the flotilla, un

pied by our cwn cavalry on a scout from Baducah or by the enemy. Every preparrition was made for opening fire and landing infantry, when General Sherman and Captain Phelps, with thirty soldiers, made a dishing reconnoissance with tug, steaming directly under the water balteries.

On being satisfied that our own troops had possession they landed and ascended to the summit of the bluff, and together planted the "Stars and Stripes" amid the heartiest cheers of our brave tars and soldiers .-Though rising from a sick bed to go upon the expedition, I could not resist landing to examine the works, which are of immense strength, consisting of tiers upon tiers of batteries on the river front, and strong parapet and difch covered by a thick abattis on the land side.

The fortifications appear to have been evacuated hastily, considering the quantities of ordnance and ordnance stores, and a ed upon them, consisting of six guns, one of number of anchors, and the remnants of the chain which once stretched over the river, and a large supply of torpedoes remaining. Desolation was visible everywhere-huts, of the gun-boats, and charged upon the tents and barracks presenting but their enemy, driving them some distance, until blackened remains, though the town was

> I discovered what appeared to be a large magazine, smoking at both extremities. I ordered the train to be immediately cut. A garrison was left in the works of nearly two thousand infantry and four hundred eavalry, which I will strengthen immediately.

GEORGE W. CULLUM. (Signed) Brigadier General and Chief Staff.

ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR THE UNION. Jeff. Thompson's Army Routed. Six Pieces of Cannon Captured and a Num-

ber of Prisoners Taken, Sr. Louis, February 4 .- The following is copy of a telegram from General Halleck to Major General McClellan:

"It is officially reported that Jeff. Thomnson, with a large force of cavalry and artillery, came north from New Madrid. Our forces advanced from Bird's Point and met his forces at Sykestown. He was pursued Cairo. March 3.-Columbus has been into the swamps by the cavalry of General vacuated and burned by the Rebels. The Hamilton and Colonel Morgan's Brigade, comboat Benton, with General Callum and and three pieces of artillery were captured

rebels had fled from their stronghold, after men't south capturing three more pieces of having removed their guns and laid the town artillery, one Captain, one Licutenant and a number of privates.
"II. W. Hallick,

"Major-General Commanding."

Provisional Government of Tennessee. Washington, March 4.-Hon. Andrew tary Governor of Tennessee, with all the stores. powers, duties and functions pertaining to that office, during the pleasure of the Presi-State shall organize a civil Government in accordance with the Constitution of the

agement will, through the military Governconsisting of formidable tiers of batteries on ment, be given to the loyal people to assume the water side, surrounded by a ditch and its control. The designation of Andrew Johnston for that position is considered Ly General Sherman with Lieutenant Commanding Phelps (not knowing that the view of his peculiar fitness for the office and works were last exening occupied by 490 of of his great popularity among all the loyal the Second Illinois Cavalry, of a sconting people, besides those of his own State. The party sent out by General Sherman from Governor by the acceptance of the office nec-Paducah), made a bold dash to the shore essarily vacatos his position as Senator .-

arrangements to return to Tennessee.

PROCLAMAMATION OF THE MAYOR.

THE CITY OUIET AND PERFECT ORDER RESTORED CINCINNATI, March 5 .-- The Gazette's

Nashville despatch gives the proclamation "A committee, representing the city authorities and the people, have had a perfectly entisfactory interview with General Buell at received marching orders; we packed up sels of the distinguished aid and engineer his herdquarters, and thore is every assur-

people, both in their persons and property. "I therefore respectfully request that buiness be resumed, and that all our citizens, son has arrived from Port Royal with adviof every trade and profession, pursue their ces to the 1st inst. She bring 320 bales of hard boards: but we were again doomed to division, assisted by Lieutenant Lieford, of regular vocations. The county elections cotton. will take place on the regular day, and all

civil business be conducted as heretofore. "The Commanding General "assures me that I can rely upon his aid in enforcing our to army movements, which, for productial police regulations. One branch of business motives, is not published. is entirely prohibited; viz: The sale or giv-

ing away of intoxicating liquors. "I shall not hesitate to invoke the aid of Gen. Buell in case the recent laws upon this subject are violated.

"I most earnestly call upon the people of the surrounding country, inside of the Federal lines, to resume their commerce with FROM GEN, BANKS! DIVISION. the city and to bring in their market supthe construction of a proper way to the came ward we and the Forty-fifth will be fast Ours and Kentucky is Free-thanks to the plies. They will be fully protected and amply remunerated.

(Signed) "R. R. CHEATHAM, Mayor." The city is entirely quiet, and even the military authorities are treating them cruuelly kind; they admit the vast superiority in arms, equipments and general appearance of our troops and their most admirable discipline. They admit also that the "Hes-

Correspondence of the Baltimore American mportant from the South.

DETENTION OF THE UNION PRISONERS. THE NASHVILLE AT WILMINGTON.

Panic at Richmond and Worfolk. THE WRITING ON THE WALL, &c.

FORTRESS MONROE, March 4 .- There is a eneral disappointment felt here to day at he non-arrival of the Federal prisoners, inthe delay in sending them down from Richmond, though it is rumored that the arrest of Generals Buckner and Tilghman, and their transmission to Boston as State prisoners, is the real cause of the delay. Al though the release of officers from Roanoke Island was made to cover the surrender of these two Union officers, it is said that there is a strong feeling in Richmond in favor of holding them as hostages for Buckner and Tilghman.

The information was received to-day by flag of truce that the Union prisoners have all reached Richmond, but nothing definite was learned as to their being released. The rank and file are, however, expected here on Thursday. THE "MASHVILLE" AT WILMINGTON.

The Norfolk Day Book announces the postive arrival of the steamer Nashville at Vilmington, North Carolina, having sucessfully run the blockade on Saturday last Commander Pegram Feports to the Wilmington papers that on leaving Southamp coast, and though he had rather a rough passage, he made his way direct to Beaufort without once stopping his machinery On reaching the coast he boldly steered for the blockading vessel lying off the inlet with the "Stars and Stripes" flying, as if intending to speak her, and when obtaining a proper position steered direct for Fort Macon, at the same time hoisting the rebel flag.

The blockading vessel started in pursui and fired several shots, chasing her until within the range of the guns of Fort Macon, perior speed of the Nashville enabling her o autrun the blockading steamer.

The tidings of this escapade have caused considerable mortification among the naval commands. officers at this station, particularly that the Rebel commander should have succeeded in so during a ruse to-deceive the commander of the blockading vessel. She is, however, considered as safe from farther operations, locked up at Wilmington, though there's no doubt that she will attempt to run the block-Johnson has formally been appointed Mili- ade again with a cargo of cotton and naval

The Wilmington papers report that she brings a cargo of articles of prime accessity at the locks of the Canal, with the evident in bill for the collection of taxes in the insurecdent, or until the loyal inhabitants of that in the Southern States, including a large tention of destroying them and draining the quantity of bank note and printing paper.

THE WRITING ON THE WALL. The Richmond Dispatch has an article eave quite a number of guns and carriages, these duties it became necessary to first give headed "The Writing on the Wall." The him a military position, and hence the article proceeds to call the attention of the of shot and shell, and a considerable num- President nominated him as Brigadier Gen- Government authorities to certain significant ber of anchors, and the remnant of the chain eral. This appointment the Senate to-day writings on the walls and fences of the city, lately stretched across the river, with a unanimously confirmed. which had been placed there during Sunday large number of torpedocs. Most of the The present Government of Tennessee night. It enumerates nine different phrases which had been placed there during Sunday being a usurpation, every proper encour- which had been selected from different sections of the city, some of which are as fol-"Union Men Attention!"

"The Hour of Gur Deliverance approaches."

'The Comforter is Coming." "Watch and Wait!"

"The Union Forever!' "The Day is Dawning!"

"The Campbells are Coming!" &c. The Dispatch calls upon the authorities to

take summary action to ferret out the traiunder the batteries, hoisting the American The term for which he was elected will not tors in their midst, and to put down these conspirators by the prompt use of the halter. On the same day a proclamation was isridge, now Clerk of the House, are making sued by Jeff. Davis proclaiming martial law in Richmond and Norfolk, and for ten miles in Richmond and Norfolk, and for ten miles in the vicinity. The arrest of all leading and influential citizens, whose adherence to treason was doubted, was also ordered, and in the course of the day John Minor Butts and twenty other gentlemen of position and character were arrested and confined.—

There was not alleged to be any charge against them, but it was thought if a counter revolution was attempted that these men are vicinity of the providing yet, nor any Disaster or accident.

The Main Body in the Vicinity of Charlestown of the Whole non-concurred in the Senate amendments to the Civil Appropriation bill which the appointment of an Assistant Secretary of the Main Body in the vicinity of the appointment of an Assistant Secretary of the later ior. would be dangerous from their wealth and influence, and might be held as hostages for the good behavior of their Union friends.

FROM PORT ROYAL AND SAVANNAH.

New York, March 5 .- The steamer Eries-

A passenger from Savaunah reports that there were 20,000 Rebel troops there There is very little news, except relating

" [SECOND DESPATCH.] New York, March 5 .-- Port Royal advices

Occupation of Harper's Ferry and Charlestown.

NO ENEMY VISIBLE.

HARPER'S FERRY, Feb. 28, P. M .- I have

The advance took possession of Bolivar

Heights, and yesterday pushed reconnoisances

No accident has occurred in transporting troops and supplies over the river.

has been no opposition—not a shot being fired. notwithstanding the severity of the weather. Hundreds of refugees have returned to their desolate homes, and those remaining are over-

joyed at our presence. Nothing reliable has been heard from Winhaveen expected daily for a week past. No down Heights, four or five miles back from the public explanation has yet been made as to river, but not in sufficient strength to create report of the Judiciary Committee and he was any elarm.

Harper's Ferry and Charlestown, Virginia in Possession of the Federal Troops—Rejoicing of the People.

HARPER'S FERRY, VA., Feb. 27 .- A pontoor bridge arrived here by train from Baltimore yesterday morning in charge of Captain Duane and a corps of engineers, who had it thrown across the river at half past three o'clock, ready for service.

General Banks was the first to cross, followed by Hamilton's Brigade, the Third Wisconsin being on the right of the advance.

Col. Genry's command had been in possession of Harper's Ferry for several days, having a salary of \$3,000 per annum. The Senate crossed over by a rope ferry on Monday .-Knapps Battery aucceeded Hamilton's command, and General Gorman's Brigade and a squadron of Michigan Cavalry, under Major Atwood and Captain Fisher, followed, and eached the "sacred soil" at dusk.

town and Bolivar received our troops with Romestead bill, granting lands to actual setevery demonstration of rejoicing and joy .- tlers, was passed. It takes effect from Januon he steered direct for the North Carolina "Yankee Doodle" and "Dixie" were perform- ary 1, 1863. ed by the regimental bands respectively as Monday, Marcu 3nd .- In the Senate Hon-

they reached the land. Colonel Geary, who was in Harper's Ferry, Mr. Bright, appeared and took his seat. The carning during the forenoon that Secession bill for the administration of an oath of allescouts were on Loudoun Heights, and within giance to masters of American vessels clearing rifle shot of the bridge, crossed the Shenandoah for foreign and other ports, was passed. A bill with four companies, who ascended the moun- was reported from the Military Committee for tain on three sides and routed two companies the encouragement of enlistments in the reguof their cavalry, who were evidently observ- lar army. The confiscation bill was discussed, ing our operations. The Colonel held the and the Senate went into executive session. mountain until our position on the Virginia side was safe from attack.

Captain Hampton's Battery also passed over when he was compelled to haul off, the su- the bridge and took position on Bolivar Heights gressional District of Virginia. The Direct last night. This battery is now attached to Tax bill was reported from the Committee on General Hamilton's Brigade, which also occu- Ways and Means, and made the order of the pied the same position in advance of other

> The Signal Corps, a division of which was stationed in Bolivar during the transit of the army, rendered important service.

The river was quite high, and consequently strong current was running, but not the least It admits corporators from other cities, and apprehension was felt for the safety of man or beast, and no accident occurred.

Intelligence from Poolesville states that on Tuesday night the Rebel batteries opposite Edwards' Ferry opened on the Canal storehouses there, and also directed several shots Canal above. It is also stated that they have strengthened their earthworks in front of Lecsburg to a formidable extent.

A high wind prevails to-day which will test the permanency of the bridge. At the hour of writing, 11 A. M., no accident has transpired. A few Rebel scouts from Charlestown have been observed beyond Bolivar Heights, recoinoitering, but no large bodies have been seen

Later from Harper's Ferry. HARPER'S FERRY, VA., Feb. 28 .- Yesterday morning the first squadron of Michigan Cavalmorning the first squadron of Michigan Caval-ry, Major Attwood, approached near Charles-revision of the laws of the District of Columbia town. They discovered no large body of was passed. The bill defining the pay and Rebels there, but captured three cavalrymen and three fine horses.

It is rumored here that Winchester has been largely reinforced by troops from Manassas. As a train was passing Berlin this morning a Rebel battery opposite threw twelve shells at In the House Mr. Duell, of troduced a bill to increase there

The pontoon bridge withstood the gale of last at the Military Academy at West Point. The gight without moving. We cans with former night without moving. Wagons with forage, President power to appoint Chaplains to army

Occupation of Martinsburg by the Union Army

CHARLESTOWN, JEFFERSON Co., VA., March 2, P. M .- The main body of Gen. Banks' Division rests in the vicinity of Charlestown .-No disaster or accident has occured since its concentration at and departure from Sandy Hook to cause any anxiety to friends at home.

The transmit of So,000, his office to be in the Treasury Department, with a suitable mumber of Clerks. The country is to be divided as the President may direct into conveni-

pay marked respect to the Federal uniforms, and the Union citizens, who have been compelled to succomb to Rebel force, are elated with the prospects of the future. It is gratifying to perceive that the country through which the army has passed bears marks of the New York, March 5.—Port Royal advices state that Commodore Dupont's fleet had sailed from thence, destination unknown.—
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flicting, and but little reliance is placed upon

Congressional.

THERSDAY, FEE. 27TH .- In the Senate, Mr. vation, and profess Union sentiments. There Davis, of Kentucky, introduced a confiscation bill as a substitute for that introduced by The pontion bridge was a complete success, Mr. Trumbull. It confiscates the property, of all kinds, of those who have levied war against the United States or adhered to its enemies, during the natural life of the owners for the benefit of loyal citizens who have suffered losses by the rebellion. A bill to increase the chester, but current reports say that it-has efficiency of the Medical Department of the been considerably reinforced. A small body Army was reported and amended and passed. of the enemy are supposed to lie south of Lou- The case of Mr. Starke, Senator from Oregon,

> The House decided-yeas 75, nays 50-that Mr. Upton was not entitled to a seat in the House as a representative from Virginia.

FRIDAY, 28TH .- In the Senate Mr. Starke, of Oregon, submitted a resolution referring the papers charging him with disloyalty to the Judiciary Committee for investigation. The resolution was debated until the expiration of the morning hour. Mr. Clark introduceg another bill abolishing slavery in the District of Columbia. The Legislative and Executive Appropriation bill was adopted, with amendments authorizing the erection of a new jail in the District of Columbia, and the appointment of an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, with adjourned till Monday.

In the House a bill was reported for the establishment of a national foundry east of the Alleghanies, and of one national foundry, one armory and one manufacturing arsenal west of the Alleghanies. The bill for the employment The inhabitants of Harper's Ferry, Camp- of engineer volunteers was rejected. The

J. A. Wright, Senator from Indiana in place of

In the House the Committee on Elections reposted that Mr. Vestch was not entitled to a seat as representative from the Seventh Conday for Wednesday week. A resolution asking for all correspondence in relation to the condition of Mexico and the designs of the allied powers in relation thereto, was passed. A bill to incorporate the Washington and Georgetown Railway Company was passed .takes away the corporation control.

Tuesday, 4th .- In the Senate yesterday Mr. Grimes reported a bill for the codification and revission of the laws of the District of Columbia. The Committee on Emance were discharged from the further consideration of the tionary districts. The Millitary Committee reported back the new article of war prohibiting the return of fugitive slaves by military authority and force. The bill for the main-

soners was passed. The Confiscation bill was further discussed up to the hour of of adjourn-The House decided that Hon. J. P. Verree, the sitting member from the Third Pennsylva-nia District was entitled to his seat. The

tenance and safe keeping of United States pri-

Hundreds of refugees are througing Sandy House adjourned at an early hour to attend the funeral of Gen. Lander. homes.

Wednesday, 5th.—In the Senate Mr. Sumner presented a petition from the citizens of Baltimore in relation to mail facilities via the Isthmus of Panama, and subsequently submitted a bill in accordance with the prayer of the but not finally acted upon. The bill reduces the pay of Chaplains to \$100 per month. The correspondence between Secretary Seward and and the Italian Government in re

In the House Mr. Duell, of New York, in-

The Tax Bill.

Washington, March 3.—The following is an abstract of the Tax Bill reported to-day in Congress. It provides for the appointment by the President of a Commissioner of Internal Reve. The intherto rancorous Secessionists now ay marked respect to the England uniform. but little notice is taken of them, except to prevent their return beyond our posts.

General reports from Winchester are conauctioneers \$20; wholesale dealers \$50; retail HAPPER'S FERRY, Feb. 28, P. M.—I have full authority to inform you that Gen. Banks occupied Harper's Ferry on Wednesday, unopposed, with all the necessaries for a permanent occupation.

The advance took possession of Bolivar

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sion army has heen seized, but private property

dless \$5 to 20; coal oil distillers \$20, &c.; incomes 3 ner cent. on all over \$600. deducting sians" have not committed a single outrage, while the conduct of their own troops is admitted to have been outrageous.

Union men here say that the majority will yet be found on our side, but it will force, and will be held against any attack.—

Take some little time to develope the true take some little at the some