Hon. W. H. Herndon, twenty years the law partner of the late President Lincoln, has been delivering a series of lectures in Springfield, Ill., on Mr. Lincoln's character. He said Mr. Lincoln was asad-looking man, and that his apparent closm was one of the and that his apparent gloom was one of the means of his great success, creating sympathy for him. He did not think Mr. Linmeans of his great success, creating sympathy for him. He did not think Mr. Lincoln knew what real joy was for many years. His perceptions were slow, cold, precise and exact. No illusion ever passed undetected by him. He was not impulsive or fanciful, but saw all things through a perfect mental lens. The suggestiveness of his mind was one of its strongest peculiarities. He read less and thought more than any man of his class in America. He possessed originality and power of thought in an eminent degree. He was eminently analytic. Before he could form an idea of anything, he must know it in origin and history, in substance and quality, in magnitude and gravity. He was thoroughly self-reliant. The great predominating elements of Mr. Lincoln's peculiar character were: First, his great capacity and power of reason; secondly, his excellent understanding thirdly, an exalted idea of the sense of right and equity; and fourthly his intense veneration of excellent understanding: thirdly, an exalted idea of the sense of right and equity; and fourthly, his intense veneration of what was true and good. His reason ruled despotically all other faculties and qualities of his mind. His conscience and heart were ruled by it. His conscience was ruled by one faculty—reason. His heart was ruled by two faculties—reason and conscience. It is generally believed that Mr. Lincoln's heart—his love and kindness, his tenderness and benevolence—were his ruling Lincoln's heart—his love and kindness, his tenderness and benevolence—were hisruling qualities, but this opinion is erroneous in every particular. First, as to his reason. He dwelt in the mind, not in the conscience, and not in the heart. He lived, and breathed and acted from his reason—the throne of logic and the home of principle, the realm of Deity in man. It is from this point that Mr. Lincoln must be viewed. His views were correct and original. He was cautious not to be deceived; he was His views were correct and original. He was cautious not to be deceived; he was patient and enduring. He had concentration and great continuity of thought; he had a profound analytic power, his visions were clear, and he was emphatically the master of statement. We boast not his equal here. His pursuit of the truth was indefatigable, terrible. He reasoned from his wall closean principles with such clearhis well chosen principles with such clear-ness, force and compactness, that the tallest intellects in the land bowed to him with North Carolina Matters.

despatch from Wilmington, N. C., on

the 26th, says: The negroes made no organized demonstra-tion in this vicinity on Christmas day. A few isolated cases of collision between the whites and blacks occurred on Christmas morning, but the negroes creating the disturbance were arrested by the police. A crowd of negroes rallied and recruited several companies. When the regular convicts ral companies, when the regular garrison came to the assistance of the police, and ar-

rested about 100 blacks.

Major Wickersham, of the Freedmen's Bureau, has ordered the Chairman of the County Court to revoke the sentence against McCoy and Walker, the negroes ordered to be sold into slavery for larceny, and says that in default all the members of the Court will be put under arrest.

In the case of Walker and McCoy, colored, sentenced by the County Court to be sold into servitude for five years for larceny Maj. Gen. Crook, commanding the district annulled the sentence, on the ground that no laws can be enforced which make a distinction between black and white. The statut provides merely for selling free negroes into servitude, and therefore may not be en-

The Sheriffs have been instructed by the President not to enforce the collection of the tax levied by the Constitutional Convention.

The action has been procured by the merchants interested.

in this vicinity. Nothing is known of any suspicious movements.

Meeting of Generals Sherman and Joe Johnston.

A Memphis paper, December 20, states: General Joseph E. Johnston, the beloved commander of the late Confederate "Army of Tennessee," arrived in our city yesterday morning, stopping at the Geyoso. His visit was one purely of business, limited to a few busy hours—leaving, as he did, on the five o'clock packet. He was rapturously welcomed by the few of his old comrades who knew of his being in town, and who had the good fortune to exchange hurried greetings with him.

It is something of a coincidence that he and General Sherman should have met here, the one in the discharge of his ordi nary military duties, and the other in the pursuits of private business. Their meeting was characterized by the kindliness which ever inspires the true soldier when hostilities have ceased. Their previous meeting in North Carolina was pregnant with momentous results. Then they met as enemies. Now they are friends and fellow-countrymen, cherishing for each other respect and kindness. Cannot the country emulate the example of these two greatest of living commanders?

THE CHURCH MILITANT.—The trouble at Galesburg, Ill., between the people of Grace (Episcopal) Church of that city and Bishop Whitehouse, has assumed a new phase. It will be recollected that the Bishop silenced Dr. Cracraft, the rector, because he preached a loyal sermon, the prelate availing himself of some ecclesiastical technicalities to effect his object. A short time ago the Bishop appointed the Rev. Mr. Chase, of Subilee College, rector, and the vestry executed a deed of trust of the church to Judge Lawrence and William Philips, Esq. An attempt was made, but too late, to enjoin the master in chancery from executing the deed. The Whitehouse faction, on failing in this, persuaded the senior warden, who issued a handbill, in which he claimed to be the custodian of the church, and proclaimed it ing himself of some ecclesiastical technicatodian of the church, and proclaimed it locked up, to be opened only to clergymen in good and regular standing, who would comply with the canons of the Protestant comply with the canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, both general and diocesan. This was aimed at Dr. Cracraft, who, notwithstanding the Bishop's order, has been temporarily occupying the pulpit. As soon as the foregoing bill was issued, the majority of the vestry removed the lock of the decreased gave project that Mr. Charles the door, and gave notice that Mr. Chase would not be allowed to officiate, threaten ing to eject him should he persist in doing so. He concluded not to make the attempt and on Sunday week the usual services took place as the majority of the vestry and church wished to have them.—Cincinnati

ENGINE No. 239, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, exploded while stand-ing on a siding near Torrence Station, on sunday morning. The engine was attached to the Local Freight train, in charge of John Good, conductor, and Wm. Gettyman, engineer. The engine was badly wrecked, the whole side being torn out of the boiler. Mr. Kammerer, the fireman, was badly scalded, and inhaled considerable steam. He is not expected to recover. He resides in Johnstown. A brakesman named Park, in Johnstown, A orangement names rare, was blown about fifty feet, and received injuries of a serious character. The engineer, Wm. Gettyman, had a leg broken in three places. The conductor, Mr. Good, was burt badly, but not dangerously.

THE Spanish Admiral, it is declared, who is commanding the squadron off Valparaiso has insulted our Minister, Thomas H. Nelson. The American and English merchants and residents are indignant at his conduct, and have laid the matter before their respective Governments,

THE EXECUTIVE MANSION.-Arrange ments are now being made for the New Year's reception of the President. A new covering for the carpet in the East Room has been procured, and the master mechanic was at the Executive Mansion yesterday was at the Executive Mansion yesterday morning for the purpose of commencing the erection of a platform from the north windows of the East Room to the pavement, so as to enable the visitors to pass through the apartments without blocking up the passage. The new curtains for the private apartments of the President's family have arrived, and it is expected that the curtains for the East Room will be received in time for the reception. The health of the President and family continues good. dent and family continues good.

THE CATTLE PLAGUE.-The U. S. Consul writing to the State Department from Man-chester, under date of Dec. 9th, 1865, says: chester, under date of Dec. 9th, 1865, says:
"Since the date of my last despatch on the subject of the cattle plague, the deaths have rapidly increased. The whole number of cases reported to the authorities up to the close of last week is 39,000; of these 19,950 died, and 10,700 were killed while suffering with the disease. The number of cases reported last was nearly 4,000. The exact figures are, for the week ending Nov. 18, 2,669; for the week ending Nov. 25, 3,610; for the week ending Dec. 2, 3,828.

A BANK BOBBED.—A daring robbery

A BANK ROBBED.—A daring robbery took place at the First National Bank of Washington city on Friday afternoon, the sum stolen amounting to \$15,000. The robbery took place in open daylight, while a Untied States Paymaster was receiving the amount mentioned. The money had been counted and placed before the Paymaster, who happened to turn his head for a moment, and on again looking around discovered that the money had disappeared. No clue has as yet been obtained to the robbery.

THE Engineer Department has been directed by the Secretary of War to commence at once the cleansing and repairing of Fort Delaware, either by contract or otherwise, as may be most economical and consistentent with proper despatch. The cost will be defrayed from the rebel prison found.

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