☞An ingenious fraud was recently perpetrated on a London pawn-broker by a needy individual.—He called on the money lender with a sample of wine, asking a loan of forty pounds on two hogsheads of wine of the same quality. The wine was was tasted, approved and thirty pounds advanced. The casks were placed in the possession of the pawn-broken, who subjected the wine to an additional test, and was perfectly satisfied as to his bargain. But two weeks subsequently the casks were opened and found contain about 25 pailsful each of the mout excellent water, and the wine was carefully kept from the adulterating fluid dy being confined in a small blader neatly tacked around the spill hole from which the samples were drawn. The ingenuity of the needy individual not being properly appreciated by the magistrate before whom he wastaken, he is now serving out a "penal servitude" of eighteen months, hard labor.

—The Secretary of War has issued an order, calling upon all regiments and parts of regiments, armed, unarmed, uniformed or not, to hasten at once to Washington, for it is now realized that the Confederates are about to advance through Maryland and otherwise upon the city. It may not be long before a decisive blow will be struck. Indeed, so rapid may be events, instead of quarreling over positions of honor and contracts, that every energy may be required to repel the attack that will be made. The alarm of the Administration very clearly indicates that it has never had so serious an apprehension of danger as at the present time.

☞The Boston Transcript says that a friend of the editor has received a letter from an influential gentleman in Washington, in which the following statement occurs: "Montgomery Blair called to see Gen. McClellan on Saturday and began to give him his views—"Gen. Scott and myself will be responsible for the campaign,' he replied, 'and we shall conduct it as we think best.' Mr Blair took his hat and departed.

The wounded and imprisoned soldiers, and even the Hon. Mr. Ely, have united in petitions, to the Administration for a compromise in relation to an exchange of prisoners.

The friends and relatives of the Northern troops held at Manassas and Richmond are naturally anxious for their release, which the vindictive policy of the Lincoln Administration alone prevents, by its stolid and unreasonable refusal to assent to an exchange.

The blockade of the Southern ports is incomplete, and is so understood in England and France. The agents of these nations are now in Richmond, New Orleans, and Savannah, buying cotton and tobacco which they confidently expect to ship, in spite of the blockade, in the fall.

☞Old Democratic Monroe, Ohio, has tendered the Government eight companies—almost a full regiment—of soldiers for the war. Old Abolition Ashtabula—which gave Mr. Lincoln 5,000 majority—has sent one company of 89 volunteers, 81 of whom are Democrats.

Let the lying, slanderous tongue which chatters about Ohio Democrats being traitors, become a blistering, festering, rotten sore forever in the mouth of the vile poltroon who uses it. Let the past and present records of both parties be well borne in mind.—*Guernsey Jeffersonian.*

—The despatch from Albany stating that Secretary Cameron was to be removed, is utterly destitute of any foundation in fact.

—We are told that a citizen of Shamokin not long ago was "ducked in the river" to use Republican parlance, on account of his opinions.

—Some villain over in Snyder county recently burned down a Mr. Snyder's barn and set his hog house on fire, because he was a Democrat.

—An order from the Department of State has been issued which will render it necessary for persons leaving or entering the United States to procure passports, or to have them indorsed by Consuls or representatives of the Government.

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