WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1864. We can take no notice of anonymous commupications. We do not return rejected manuscripts. ** Voluntary correspondence is solicited from al parts of the world, and especially from our different military and naval departments. When used, it will

THE SITUATION.

There is a grim humor in General SHER-MAN's Christmas salutation, and it must have been with a stern joy that warriors only feel that he announced to the President of the United States the glorious end of what a French writer aptly calls his romantic campaign. SHERMAN has been the VICTOR HUGO of our war, for the story of his campaign excels any chapter of the great writer, while underneath it all there is that same stern, intense, unbending devotion to principle that we find underlying the fascinating chapters of the novelist. In itself, the march from Atlanta was a great undertaking, and when SHERMAN made his dinner on the banks of the Ogeechee he had achieved a success that placed him among the first generals of the world. The mere idea of marching unopposed through the heart of the compact and defiant Confederacy; the utter pros tration of a great State at his feet: the panic, the rapid surrenders; the gasconading of Howell Cobb, whose feats rivalled the exploits of Falstaff on a former bloody field; the delicate manœuvring between Augusta and Savannah, serving to increase the rebel suspense and prevent any concentration at either point; and finally the sudden siege of Savannah, with HARDEE's precipitate retreat - here we have all the results of a grand campaign. The Federal general did not lose a gun; he was not even swayed from the order of his march. WHEELER hovered around his rear and his flanks, and made a demonstration upon Kilpatrick, but it was of no avail. SHERMAN scorned the attempted interference of the militiamen of Governor Brown, and seemed to pay no more attention to them than had they been so many curs barking at his heels. Having completely exhausted Georgia, so far as giving life to a new rebellion is concerned, by destroying the military resources, the stores, railroads, forts, and arsenals, he very quietly took possession of the great city of the Southern coast, and unfurled the flag of

his country over the long-coveted city of

Savannah This may be regarded as the closing event of the year, unless BUTLER should imitate his colleague by sending us Charleston or Wilmington as a New Year's gift. The capture of Savannah has this important significance—it placed a Union army in the heart of the Cotton States. For the first time since the war began do we find our armies in a position to subjugate that portion of the Confederacy known as the cotton district. It virtually gives us Charleston. These two cities, sisters in time of peace, have been sisters in time of war, drawing their life from the same source, and finding strength and power in the union. Savannah fallen, Charleston must prepare for her doom. We hardly suppose that BEAUREGARD will write a gasconading despatch at night and walk away in the morning. He has an army. HARDEE by this time has joined him, and possibly EWELL has sent some of his troops to his aid. Still, with Hoop scattering over the mountains without wagons or guns; with Thomas closely pursuing that rash commander; with Sherman's army fresh, lusty, eager, and the Southern States in such a panic that no longer the purpose exists on their part to strike a great blow-an advance upon Charleston, which we may look for greedily, will be a comparatively easy task. It is possible that Hood may throw the remnants of his army into Charleston, but this would place Mobile at the mercy of General CANBY, and reduce the Confederacy to the narrow and exposed military sea-coast line that extends from Richmond to Charleston. Thus we shall have the rebellion in a single line, with GRANT interposed-SHERIDAN on the northern flank, and SHERMAN eagerly pressing the left. We cannot imagine a military position more favorable than this. We hold the interior lines. Our base of supplies is on the ocean. We have our immense navy to supply the army, and our lines of communication are no longer open to the raids of guerillas. For every army of the South we have an army equally large, with Sherman and Thomas to spare. Thomas has crushed the rebel power between Atlanta and Nashville, and Schofield will be able to take care of BRECKINRIDGE and FORREST. In the meantime, all the grand results we have achieved have been auxiliary results. Grant has his part to do. Thus far he has held LEE by the throat and kept the greatest army of the South in Richmond, while his lieutenants have been quickly depriving the great rebel chief of every material support in men and means. GRANT's time is surely and swiftly coming, and he will take advantage of it. When SHERMAN does his work in the Carolinas, and having overthrown Johnson, Hood, and Hardee, defeats the violent BEAUREGARD, it will be time for GRANT to end the drama by tak-

In this slight glance at our situation we see that genius, courage, and patriotism control our counsels in the field and the Cabinet. Even the mind unskilled in miltary detail can see a great fitness and beauty in the movements of these great warriors. Above all, we see a common purpose in the control of our armies. One brain plans, one hand executes, and one sword smites as the sword of one man. It is not too much to say that in all these movements we see the genius of Lieutenant General GRANT. The impetuosity of SHERMAN, the daring of THOMAS, the enterprise of SHERI-DAN, all contribute to the great result to which he is bending our armies. These are his lieutenants—they execute his plans, and to him be the high honor that joyous America should pay to her undaunted soldiers. In this time of general joy nothing is more cheering than the military situation. Everywhere we are victorious—on land and on sea, in our military policy, our home policy, our policy in foreign affairs. Gold has fallen—our credit is strengthened. The country is gladly filling up the quota for another draft, and everywhere we see the old flag floating, and the sunshine of success streaming over it. Let us thank grim SHERMAN for his Christmas Present, and wish him and his gallant army many and many a Happy New Year.

England, France, and the United States Some of the Paris newspapers, probably to compensate for not being allowed to animadvert upon the public affairs of France and the inscrutable policy of the wily man of silence who attempts to govern Europe, from a small chamber in the Tuileries, are very free in their comments and speculations upon the affairs and the policy of other nations. Whenever any excitement is needed, they try to get it up by declaring that England is on the eye of interfering, in alliance with France, in order to end the Civil War in this country by recognizing the independence of "the so-called Confederate States." The latest declaration of the Paris press is that Earl Russell-mightily offended by certain charges brought against England, in the letter which Mr. J. WAT-SON WEBB, United States Minister at Rio Janeiro, wrote to the Foreign Minister of Brazil—is determined to take revenge, by joining France in immediately recognizing

the nationality of the rebellious South. Mr. WEBB's letter was drawn out by the capture of the Florida in the Brazilian port of Bahia, and frankly declared that such capture, in such a place, could not have been the result of instructions from, and almost certainly would not be accepted by, the United States. This communication Myers & Co., auctioneers, Nos. 232 and 234 Market might have been made in half a dozen lines, street.

which would have soothed the irritation in the Brazilian mind. But the custom of Diplomacy is not in favor of brevity; and Mr. Webb, who is an American devoted to the Union, besides having been, for most of his life, editor of a leading political ournal in New York, could not resist the emptation of extending his official despatch by reminding the Minister whom e addressed that not only in Bahia, but in several other Brazilian ports, piratical vessels, preying on the commerce of the United States, had been received, supplied with fuel, provisions, and other necessaries, and even allowed to refit and to be repaired-and this under protest from the

United States official representatives. Nor did he end here, for he added, in the plainest and most emphatic language, that, without any exception, these piratesteamers had been built, fitted out, armed, and mostly manned in England-a country which, when the war began, made a strong show of commanding, by a proclamation signed by Queen VICTORIA in Council, that the strictest neutrality was to be observed by all British subjects, and that any detected deviation from it would be punished with the utmost rigor of the

That all this is true is undeniable. Its simple truth is precisely the element which would make it unpalatable to Earl Rus-SELL. That gentleman, who, as Earl DERBY told him last session, in the House of Lords, is "perpetually meddling and muddling" in matters which he had better leave alone, may have felt disposed to punish the diplomatic letter-writer who exposed his policy, but there are several reasons why England should not change her avowed policy, in order to vindicate the wounded feelings of Brazil. Lord PALMERSTON, for one, would not permit him to do anything so foolish. He would pooh-pooh any such suggestion, probably saying, at the time, as he re-perused Mr. WEBB's letter, "saucy and undiplomatic, but American to the core !"

The quarrel with Brazil, which England created, two years ago, remains, as Sir Lucius O'Trigger would say, "A very pretty quarrel as it stands." The case was left to the adjudication of King Leopold of Belgium, uncle of Queen VICTORIA. who decided, upon every point of it, that England was in the wrong, that Earl Rus-SELL, true to his policy, had bullied Brazil, because that empire was weak. Months and months have passed since King LEOPOLD gave his judgment against England, and no apology, no reparation, has been offered by Earl Rus-SELL to Brazil. He is such a conceited little body that to admit, before the world. that he had erred, would almost break his heart. It was announced, some weeks ago, that diplomatic relations between England and Brazil would be resumed, by sending Mr. SCARLETT to Rio Janeiro, as VICTORIA'S ambassador, but it now appears that Mr. Scarlett is accredited. not to the Emperor Pedico of Brazil, but to the Emperor Maximilian of Mexico. It seems utterly out of the question that England, having notoriously wronged Brazil, should step out in a Quixotic manner to champion that country against the United States for what, legally right or

Supposing, however, that England were in a condition to propose to France such an interference in our affairs as would give Napoleon would join in, on the Florida case? Is it his personal policy to help enemy's fire slowly and deliberately. Brazil, under existing circumstances? On the 15th October, the Princess ISABELLA, eldest daughter of the Emperor of Brazil. and his legally-constituted successor on the throne, was married, at Rio de Janeiro, to a French gentleman, born at Neuilly, near Paris, but not a subject of the French empire. A suitable union, in point of years-the bride in her nineteenth and the bridegroom in his twenty third year. The young man, bearing the title of the Count d'Eu, is eldest son of the PHILIPPE D'ORLEANS, who was King of he French from 1830 to 1848, when he subsided into "Mr. John Smith," and, as such, found safety in England. He has served creditably in the Spanish service, and was decorated on the field by Marshal O'DONNELL, for a cavalry charge which he led on the plains of Tetuan, in the war against Morocco. On his wedding day he was made a Marshal of Brazil.

Considering that the Orleans family con stitute the thorn in Napoleon's side, and that, in a few years, the Count d'En will virtually be Emperor of Brazil, is it probable that NAPOLEON would take any measures, except where they were unavoidable. to help Brazil in a matter like the capture of the pirate Florida? Our conclusion is that England cannot, and that France will not, make any movement in a matter which concerns them not, however it may affect the empire of Brazil. After the fall of Savannah, indeed, foreign intervention is out of the question.

WASHINGTON. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. CAPTURES OF BLOCKADE-RUNNERS. The Navy Department has received information steamer Chocura, Captain Meade, off Velasco Texas, by which it appears that on November 24th, she chased ashore a schooner, which was totally wrecked by a heavy gale. On December 4th, she ing Richmond. This will fitly close the with a cargo of 221 bales of long staple cotton. On December 5th, she captured the British schooned Lot Harley, of Montreal, with an assorted cargo. ALEXANDER GAW, chancellor of the Prussian egation, died here to-day.

THE TAX ON DISTILLED SPIRITS. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue is sending ut instructions for the collection of \$2 per galio on all spirits that may be distilled and sold, or dis illed and removed for consumption or sale, on and after January 1st, 1865, in accordance with the bill pproved by the President. THE POTOMAC OPEN.

The Potomac river is again navigable, though there is much floating ice. The mail-boats have is in support of Gen. Wilson, and both will conlately brought to Washington, from City Point, a large number of army officers on leave of absence. THE LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS. The subscriptions to the ten-forty loan reported t the Treasury Department to-day amount to \$378,000, and to the 7-30 loan, \$1,500,000.

The Evening Stock Board. New York, December 27th-10 P. M.-The following are the latest quotations: Gold, 217%; New York Central, 115; Erie, 87%; Hudson River, 116%; Reading, 115; Michigan South ern, 71½; Pittsburg and Cleveland, 97½; Cleveland and Toledo, 109; Chicago and Rock Island, 106; Northwestern, 41%; do. preferred, 71%; Fort Wayne and Chicago, 104%; Ohio and Mississippi Certificates, 35%; Canton Co., 35; Cumberland Coal, 48%; Quicksilver, 96%.

Pardon of a Murderer. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.-Cancemi, who murdered Policeman Anderson several years since, has been

Arrest of Another St. Albans Raider. TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Another of the St. Alban

Public Entertainments. CLASSICAL QUINTETTE CLUE.—The seventh ma-tines will take place to-day at three o'clock. Mr. Gaertner will perform David's fantasia for violin, "The praise of tears," and Mr. Jarvis will give piano compositions by Dohler and Heller. A soethoven, for plane and violencelle, and Mozart's quintette in A for clarionet and string in-

PHOTOGRAPHIANA .- The smusing entertain ments given by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Watkins, under the above title, are largely attended. On Christmas both the afternoon and evening performances were crowded to excess. The last three nights are SIGNOR BLITZ offers an amusing olla podrida of fun, fancy, and magic, every evening during the holidays. A laugh such as the Signor excites is the best turkey and minos-pie digester in the whole range of the pharmacoposia.

REV. A. A. WILLITTS will lecture at Musical Fund Hall, on Friday evening next, December 30th. His lecture is entirely new, and has been delivered before large audiences in New York and Boston. It is entitled "Sunshine, or the Secret of Happiness." A most fitting subject for this happy season. Those who avail themselves of the opportunity may expect a genuine evening's entertainment.

LAST LARGE AUCTION SALE OF 1,100 CASES BOOTS AND SHOES FOR THE SHASON.—The early attention of purchasers is requested to the large assortment of boots, shoes, brogans, cavalry boots, ladies' trimmed hats; also, a stock of shoes, leather cuttings, &c.; first class seasonable goods of city and Eastern manufacture, to be peremptorily sold by THE WAR.

UNION THUNDER IN WILMINGTON HARBOR. Our Fleet at Work on the Rebel Defences. FORT FISHER FURIOUSLY BOM-

Butler's Forces Landed under our Fire. FIRM FOOTHOLD GAINED TWO MILES

BARDED BY OUR FLEET.

OUR LODGMENT "A SERIOUS MATTER." Fort Fisher Probably Ours and Wilming ton Before Us.

FAISTAFF BRAGG BESGING FOR BEINFORCEMENTS. He Calls but there are None to Respond. DETAILS OF THE SURRENDER OF

Gen. Sherman's Demand at First Refused. HARDEE BOASTS OF HIS ABILITY AND BUNS AWAY.

SAVANNAH.

His Retreat made under Cover of Night Sherman's next Advance against August:

The Rebellion's Utter Weakness Leaves Them Open to our Blows. RUMORED DEATH OF THE BRIGAND-

THE ARMY IN RICHMOND SHORT OF PROVISIONS. Its Communications Interrupted an Field of Supply Curtailed,

DESPAIR, DESOLATION, AND DISTRACTION-IN THE REBEL CAMPS. Terrific Explosion Heard at Newbern.

EARTHQUAKE. The Forts at Wilmington Pro-

ITS SOUND LIKE THAT OF

bably Blown Up. FIRST OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

ACK ON FORT FISHER BY PORTER'S PLEET-AN EXPEDITION FROM SAVANNAH AGAINST THE BAILBOAD TO CHARLESTON. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—P. M.—The following extracts from the Richmond papers of to day relate to the expedition against Wilmington, N.C., and have been forwarded to the Department by Gen. Grant: "An official despatch from Gen. Beauregard, dated Dec. 25th, and received vesterday, states that fantry, artillery, and cavalry had moved from Savannah towards the Altamaha river. Gen. Hardee has made the proper dispositions to check the column. Its object is, probably, to destroy the Savannah, Albany, and Gulf Rallroad, its depots, &c. "No report has been received from Gen. Hood since Nov. 25th.15 "WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 25.—The enemy's fleet of over fifty vessels, including two monitors/several armed vessels, and many heavily armed frigates

wrong, was the act of an individual, and not of the United States Government.

and sloops of war, made a furious attack on Fort Fisher, about one o'clock yesterday, and kept up an average fire of about thirty shots per minute until night. Our loss is twenty-three "The attack was renewed at ten o'clock this material aid to the rebels, is it likely that morning, and has been very furious and continuous. There is no report of casualties to-day. Colonel

> landed about three brigades two-and-a-half miles above Fort Fisher. They were immediately engaged by a small force. The enemy held his ground at "WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 26.—The enemy's infantry attacked Fort Fisher late last night. They were repulsed with considerable loss. There was a heavy rain and wind through the night. Prisoners report that the 24th Corps of the Yankee army are

present under Butler. "From our Wilmington despatches it will be seen that the Yankee fleet attacked Fort Fisher about 1 P. M. on Saturday, and bombarded it heavily till nightfall, renewing the bombardment at 10 o'clock Duke de Nemours, and grandson of Louis on Sunday morning and continuing it throughout PHILIPPE D'ORLEANS, who was King of the day; that under cover of the fleet the enemy landed an infantry force above Fort Fisher, which attacked this fort on Sunday night, and was repulsed. Fort Fisher is situated on a sandspit of the right bank of the Cape Fear river, at its mouth, 20 miles below Wilmington.
"The enemy are presumed to have reached their

position above the fort, not by passing up the river, where they would have been obliged to run the gauntlet of the guns, both of Forts Fisher and Caswell on the left bank, but by landing on the beach east of the mouth of Cape Fear river. The enemy having effected a lodgment above the fort is a serions matter. It will cost double the force to dis lodge him that would have prevented his landing.' EDWIN M. STANTON. Secretary of War.

THE POSITION OF THOMAS AND HOOD. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27, P. M.—Despatches General Thomas represent him still in pursuit of Hood's broken and disorganized forces. "HEADQUARTERS, PULASKI, TENN., "December 26, 1864.

To Major General H. W. Halleck, Chief of Staff: HEADQUARTERS CAVALRY CORPS, BEYOND PULASKI, Dec. 25, 1864. "There seems to be little doubt that the rebels have gone to Bainbridge, eight miles above Flo. rence, fearing a flank movement from Stevenson. Two corps of Stuart and Lee went by this road. towards Laurenceburg, striking the old military "The people say the rebels are suffering immensely. Buford's wound is said to be quite severe.

A Mr. Carter says the colonel commanding the pontoon transportation told him he was going to Bainbridge, and left here on Thursday morning Cheatham's ammunition transportation train o fifteen or twenty wagons was abandoned here. The mules were put in to help the pontoons along. the fight at Nashville. His corps is now commanded by Stevenson. The rebels have lost eighteen generals killed, wounded, and captured, since they arted north. They acknowledge sixty-eight pieces of artillery lost. Joseph D. Waller General."

A later despatch of 6 P. M., Dec. 25th, states that in pressing the enemy Harrison's brigade came upon the enemy's infantry, strongly posted in rail breastworks, and so closely did he push up, that, in being compelled to fall back, the less of one gun was involved. The position was, however, taken ten minutes afterwards, but the enemy had run the "The rebel force is eight brigades, of 500 to 600

en each. Gen. Ward, commanding the 4th Corps, tinue the pursuit zealously. I have heard from Steadman to-day. He disembarked his troops from ears at Limestone Creek, seven miles from Decatur. and was marching on that place at 7 A. M. to-day. "GRORGE H. THOMAS, "Major General Commanding." The Department has not received from Savannah

any report except the telegrams of Gen. Sherman and General Foster, already published. EDWIN M, STANTON, Secretary of War. GENERAL SHERMAN'S ARMY. THE CAPTURE OF SAVANNAH-PARTICULARS OF

DER-HARDEE AVOWS HE WILL HOLD THE CITY, BUT RUNS AWAY THE SAME NIGHT. FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 26 .- The steamer Callfornia, Captain Godfrey, arrived at a late hour last evening from Fort Pulaski, bringing important de-spaches from General Sherman and glorious inteligence confirmatory of the capture of Sayannah

on the 21st. On the 20th General Sherman, having nearly ompleted the investment of the city, and captured Fort Lee and several other of the minor outworks in the immediate vicinity of the principal entrenshments surrounding the town, and planting his slege batteries in such close proximity to the rebel lines as to command effectually every position held by the forces under the command of Hardee, sent a summons by flag of truce to the effect that if the place was not in a certain time surrendered a bomardment and assault would at once commence. At this summons the rebel general sent back a reply that, as his communications were yet open and his men fully supplied with subsistence and stores of every kind, they were enabled to withstand a long siege, and he was determined. to hold the city to the very last moment, and defend the citizens and property which had been placed under his protection until his forces were overpowered and he be compelled to surrender. man to assault the rebel position next day; but when the morning of the 21st dawned it was ascertained that the enemy had evacuated their entrenchments. Several regiments of infantry immediately advanced, took possession of them, and shortly afterwards General Sherman entered the city at the head of his body-guard, and received from the hands of a deputation of its citizens the surrender of the

It appears that Hardee, on the night of the 20th, seeing the impossibility of holding the city, and fearing that the only means of escape left open across the Savannah was likely to be cut off at any moment, determined to avail himself of this route for his retreat. His troops immediately set to work for his rewest. His troops immediately set to work to partially destroy the navy yard and all the Government property, and at twilight, under the protection of two iron-clad rams, succeeded in crossing the Savannah river over a causeway to the north. side, intending to push forward to Charleston.
Thirty-two thousand bales of ootton were stored in the city, which the rebels in their haste neglected o destroy.

The two strop-olad rams were sunk, and all the

Government-property and stores which they could \$11@11.39

not carry off with them they burned or threw into the river. Four steamers and a small gunboat were captured, which, together with the cotton and a large amount of rebel munitions of war, form a part of the spoils of the victorious army.

THE MANNER OF HARDER'S ESCAPE-WHO MAD THE SURRENDER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The World has a specia lespatch from Fortress Monroe, dated December 2 which gives some particulars of the capture of Savannah, obtained from Major Gray, of Genera Sherman's staff. The surrender was made by the Mayor and

Councils. Sherman's and Slocum's headquarter are in the city.

The demand for the surrender was made on the 16th, and Sherman closed his despatch with Hood's words to the negro troops at Dalton, to the effect that if his demand was not complied with, he would take no 'prisoners. Hardes replied that he could and would hold the city. Sherman proceeded to complete the investment of the city, but owing to the swamps on the north side, could not at once exend his lines in that direction. General Hatch's livision of Foster's force held the left of our lines. occupying the upper part of Hutchinson's Island, completely blockading ingress and egress over the iver below, where a ferry-boat was discovered plying between the city and Union Causeway. This was the hole through which Hardes got out Our prisoners are increased by constantly finding hem secreted. The place is so full of citizens, r ugees, and others, that many live in the streets Nearly 300 Union prisoners succeeded in reaching our lines. The Millen prisoners are supposed to be

orty miles south of Savannah. SHERMAN'S FUTURE MOVEMENTS It is asserted in Washington that Sherman intends to move immediately up the Savannah river and capture Augusts. The news to-day is that he has lready moved. Sherman also says that after this ne will swing around upon the rear of Charleston lestroying all the railroad communications on his

DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE. THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CAVALRY TOWARDS
HOOD'S DEFEAT.
NEAR COLUMBIA, Tenn., Dec. 23.—The infantry, rtillery, and cavalry fairly divide the honors of great victory. The cavalry never have acted a gloriously during any engagement in this section General Hatch's division covered itself with glory capturing 15 guns, 42 wagons, 10 ambulances, 73: prisoners, and 3 division battle flags. His loss is 400 men. Hood's pontoons and equipage have beer captured. The cavalry of Hood's army have aban doned most of their wagon trains. The cars will run up to Duck river to-morrow.

GOOD NEWS PROM THOMAS. Thomas is glorious. He has brought Hood to which is impassable. Hood is without artillery of pontoons, and Thomas proposes to move upon Hose and force him to fight or surrender.

GENERAL GRANT'S ARMY. OY IN THE ARMY OVER OUR RECENT VICTORIES DESPAIR AND DESOLATION IN THE REBEL CAMP -- IMPORTANT CIRCULAR FROM GEN. GRANT. -B. H. McBride -

Special Correspondence of The Press. 1 BEFORE PETERSBURG, Dec. 24, 1864. The camps were in great uproar last night. What incentive had the men to cause them t sheer so vociferously, long after the sounding of "taps?". A telegram frem General Grant had been received which gladdened every soldier's heart. Ere this can reach you the glorious tiding will have been heard in Washington and resounde: throughout the length and breadth of the land. The entire population of the North must be delighted, for the troops here were paraded after dark to listen to the reading of that happy despatch Men hurrahed lustily, drums beat, and bands play ed lively airs. This morning the great guns thus dered all along our lines, and the enemy must feel much distressed

Despair stalks boldly through the rebel camps. The men are affected with desperation, and desert to our side in vast numbers. If the whole truth were told them-how Hood was defeated and driven from the West, Savannah captured, and Lee cooped up here—what a flood of light would illumicate the darkened and deceived understandings o hese misguided rebel soldiers! But they are con pelled to live in blissful ignorance of their awful situation, and may actually await the time when the Yankees will be driven into the James! How are the poor fellows to gain intelligence? Notices are published for the preservation of leaden bullets, but no bulletins publishing defeats are ever

What sorrow and disquietnde must move the against their wicked, implous cause. The supe with fratricidal blood is about to fall, involving th unrighteous leaders, builders, and upholders in irvatriavehie rnin? How meny times they have cheered for angevanescent victory, thronging the streets with lighted flambeaux and swelling hearts. Things have changed. Hope files tremblingly from every bosom. In its place sits sombre and ravenlike Despair. Who believes in the Confederacy now? Davis lives. The absurd stories of self-poisoning were false. The man who so long guided his rotten craft through rough waves and thick weather will

never commit self-destruction. He may be seeder, traitor, usurper, but a felo de se-never. Davis and Lee are the two remaining pillars of the rebellion. How long before they are broken? Will hunger, or death, or defeat, work their ruin? or shall a unic of these calamities quite overwhelm them? No one knows. Only destruction follows hard upon their tracks; they will soon be overtaken. Save sounds of joy, nothing is heard. All things remain quiet. Christmas comes upon us coldly, and finds the men prepared with—warm buts to receive either ice, or snow, or rain. Sounds of distant can-nonading are often heard. Our guns in the neighborhood of Dutch Gap are conversing angrity with those opposite. Skirmishing almost discontinued. IMPORTANT NEWS CIRCULAR FROM GEN. GRANT.

"OITY POINT, December 23, 1864. Major General Meade: "Copy for corps commanders. The following d spatch is forwarded for your information: "HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF JAMES,

December 23, 1864. " A telegraph operator from the Richmond War Office states as follows: Bragg telegraphed very often from Wilmington to President Davis for reinton the 16th, 17th, and 18th. General Hib

" 'The United States fleet appeared off Wilming graphs to Davis that Fort Fisher was captured on he night of the 20th. Beauregard had telegraphed that the capture of Savannah, by unconditional surrender, took plac on the morning of the 20th. The news was received Richmond on the night of the 20th, but was not made public. The force in Savannah was officially reported to be 15,000 to 18,000 men, with Hardee in "Gilmer, chief engineer of defences, ten days ago eported only 500,000 rations of meat in Richmon Gen. Beauregard telegraphed that after the fall

of Savannah the river would be a base for Sherman operate against Augusta and Charleston. "E. O. O. ORD, Major General," NEWBERN. FRAUDS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

NEWBERN, N. C., Dec. 24.-Judge Advocate Stackport arrived to-day from Fortress Monroe, for nected with the recruiting of colored troops in this AN EXPLOSION HEARD AT NEWBERN-POSSIBLE NEWBERN, Dec. 24.—A great shook, like that of an earthquake, was distinctly felt here last night, about 2 o'clock, rocking the earth and rattling the windows in this place. It is supposed to be an ex-plosion of great magnitude on the coast below Beau-

ort, as the sound came from that direction. Possioly a magazine exploded in the forts at Wilmington The gale which has prevailed for the past few days subsided last night, and the shipping which has been detained at Beaufort will be able to depart [NOTE.-Forts Fisher and Caswell, below Wilnington, are distant 90 miles, as the crow files, from

Reported Death of Moseby. BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.-A gentleman who arrived here to-night from Loudoun county informs the American that Moseby, whilst sitting in a house, near Middleburg, Va., was fired at through a win. he died on Friday last. The party professes to have seen Moseby after he was wounded.

THE EXPECTED ARRIVAL OF SEMMES—AN ESCORT AWAITING HIM ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER-BUSINESS NEWS. CAIRO, Dec. 27 .- Steamers from New Orleans with advices to the 18th, 19th, and 20th inst., have arrived here.

The steamships George Cromwell and Cahawba, from New York, had arrived at New Orleans. The New Orleans Times' Natchez correspondent. 200 strong, crossed the swamps of Black river of the 16th to escort Semmes across the Mississippi. Col: Panar ascertained that they were 18 miles below Sedalia on the 16th, but could not obtain perion to attack them. The cotton traders of Natchez are preparing for nsiness. Cotton is moving briskly, but not in large er ounts. Business at Matamoros was very lively, and the receipts were 300 bales per day. At New Orleans, on the 18th, a lively bu Orients, in the test were sold at full prices. Midding, \$1.22@1.23; strictly midding, \$1.24; raw, \$1.18@1.24. There was no material change in prices on the 29th. The steamer Darling, from Memphis for Cincinnati, has passed, with 123 bales of cotton. J. B. Davis, a noted guerilla, was hanged on the 23d inst., at Fort Plokering, in Memphis. vious time this year, and is still rising.

ST. LOUIS. MILITARY APPOINTMENTS-HANGING OF A ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—Col. J. H. Baker, of the 10th ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—Uol. J. H. Baker, of the 10th Missouri Regiment, has been appointed to the po-sition of quartermaster general of the Department of Missouri. Col. Davis, who discharged the duties of provost marshal general during the interval folwing the resignation of Col. Dare, is assigned to the important position of inspector in connection with the office. Col. Baker is succeeded as post commander by Col. J. M. Wider, of the 1st Missouri. The river is comparatively free from ice, and navigation has been resumed to Cairo. James Morgan, convicted of being a rebel spy and mail-carrier, was hung at noon yesterday, at St. Louis. THE MARKETS. Sr. Louis, Dec. 27 .- Tobacco quiet and steady

WILMINGTON.

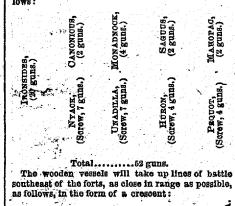
FULLER DETAILS OF THE EXPEDITION.

THE CHARACTER OF THE REBEL DEFENCES. THE PLAN AND POINT OF ATTACK THE STRENGTH OF OUR LAND AND NAVAL FORCES

HAMPTON ROADS, Dec. 17, 1864. In a previous letter of this date I have given you such particulars of Admiral Porter's grand armada be published without detriment to the cause. In my present letter, which is not designed for publication until you know the fleet has arrived at its destination, I give you in fuller detail particulars as to the point of attack—wilmington, the plan of attack, and the composition of the land force, which, under command of General Butler, is to co-operate with the navy in what every one has the fullest confidence will be a successful effort to close up the great port of entry for rebel and British blockade runners. The expedition comprises alto gether nearly one hundred and fifty vessels of all descriptions, including army transports, tenders, ac. Its destination is Wilmington, North Carolina The entire expedition is under the command of Rear Admiral D. D. Porter. The co-operating land orce, numbering about ten thousand men, is under command of Major General B. F. Butler, who thu again goes to the coast of North Carolina, to, as we may hope, perform successfully an important part n completing the restoration of the Governmen authority on that coast, where, early in the war, he eated with the navy in achieving the important capture of Hatteras Inlet. The naval flee nprises about sixty-five vessels and an aggregate of 570 guns. It is proposed to commonce operation upon the fortifications at New Inlet, the eastern entrance of Cape Fear river. The works commanding this entrance which are first to be reduced are

Fort Fisher, a strong earth or sandwork, on the north side of New Inlet, a very short distance from the beach, which, though low and level, falls off suddenly and affords some depth of water close in shore ifficient, at the distance of less than a mile from the fort, to permit the iron-clad fleet to manœuvre with safety. From Fort Fisher, for a distance of about three quarters of a mile westward along the skore of the Inlet, there runs a line of rifle-pits and battenes, mounting in all ten or twelve more guns, and about a quarter of a mile north of the extremity of this line, on a considerable elevation, stands another strong earthwork, set down on the chart as "Mound," or "Battery Lamb." On the southwest side of the Inlet, on Zeek's Island, stands another battery of considerable strength. This, however, is fully two miles west of Fort Fisher. There are probably other works guarding the locality, but the above are all that are of much import ance. This known that the enemy have some very powerful rifled guns in Fort Fisher, but it is believed that the garrisons there and in the other works will not long be able to withstand the terr ble shower of shot and shell that will be poured in

The fleet with steam up will steam fapidly for ward to the points designated in the chart-plan for lahed to the commanders of the fleet by Admiral Porter. The transports will land, the troops at a point up the coast as near as possible, and after the fleet have silenced the fort, march against it There is a small fort or water battery, called Half Moon Battery, some three or four miles above For Fisher, and this work will probably first be stience y the tree clads, and the troops landed there. The last are to go into action in the following order: The frigate Ironsides, followed by the other iron-clads, is to come down the coast from north and east and take up a position with Fort Fisher bearing about three-quarters of a mile distan south southwest; she is to lay broadside to the ing and taking up position in line, bows in, as fol



Total.

The following vessels will take position south an outheast of the forts, to the left of the frigates, a anged in two lines: IABOO, ACO QUARBR OTY, CUYLER, RHODE ISLAND. MARATANZA, OSCROLA, TACONY, SANTIAGO DE CUBA,

COUNT VERNON. FORT JACKSON Total guns in the division. The reserve divisions will take position outsid of this line as follows, the several divisions ranging n two lines southeast of Fort Fisher: First Div ARIES, HOWQUA, WILDERNESS, CHEROK. FORT DONALDSON, VANCE, ANEMONE. Second Division.

ÆOLUS, GETTYSBU
GEORGIA, KEYSTONE STATE.

Third Division. GRITYSBURG STATE OF GEORGIA,

LILLIAN EMMA, BIGNONIA. NANSEMOND, Fourth Division.

OLEMATIS, TRISTAM SHANDY, BRITAN
BUCKINGHAM, DUMBARTON RRITANNIA WILL DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPENCES—THE POINT OF ATTACK, RTC .- COMPOSITION OF THE LAND

ON BOARD STEAMER SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Or BEAUFORT, N. C., Dec. 19, P. M. In order to anord your readers a clearer concep tion of the operations of the fleet, and to correct some inaccuracies incident upon hasty preparation of the letter which I sent you by the pilot, off Cape Henry, I recapitulate to some extent the descrip ion I have given of the locality selected for the oprations of the fleet, and the positions of the various vessels, as marked out upon the chart prepared fo the occasion by order of Admiral Porter. The main point of attack is Federal Point, th New Inlet and forms a part of the east bank of Cape Fear river. Federal Point is held by a series of works, the possession of which will at once give us command of Cape Fear river and virtually close up the port of Wilmington, and, by cutting off Fort Caswell, which stands near the of the river, render its possession by the rebel

no longer of any avail. Hence the importance of selecting New Inlet as the point of attack The principal works commanding New Inlet are along the shore of Federal Point, the stronges being Fort Fisher, a casemated earthwork of great power, mounting, it is supposed, thirty-six heavy guns, some of them rifles having a range of over three miles. This work stands about two hundred yards from the shore. Following the line of the shore for about three-quarters of a mile, in a southwest direction from Fort Fisher, runs a line of batteries, five in number, connected by rifle-pits. Three of these batteries are casemated, and two open. The number of guns mounted in them is not known, but some of them are rifles of long range of this line of batteries stands what is designated as Battery Lamb or Mound Battery, so called from ts formation, it being an artifical mound of earth some forty feet high, mounting two large guns, which are prominent objects to the eye. A light-house is also stationed on this mound, which is, doubtless, of great assistance to the blookade-runners in making | parts that pearly tint to the face, neck, and arms so he inlet at night. The mound was thrown up, it is supposed, for the purpose of obtaining an ele vation from which to throw plunging shot at any

of our light-draught monitors should they attempt to come up the channel. The guns of this battery command the main channel, whilst most of the guns of Fort Fisher and of the intervening bat teries command not only the main channel but also the Swash Channel, which runs close along the beach in a northeast direction. The latter worl stands about at the entrance of the Swash Channel About two miles southeast from Fort Fisher, on Zo see's Island, which forms the southern shore of New Inlet, is another battery of some strength, but Fort Fisher and the adjacent works are evidently the key to the position, and Federal Point once in our hand farewell to blockade running, at least so far as Wil

nington is concerned. Notwithstanding the evident strength of their works, it is confidently believed that they cannot ong withstand the terrible fire that can be bo to bear upon them. The combined armament of the fleet numbers fully 591 guns, most of them of the largest calibre, and carrying a weight of metal safe to say unprecedented in the annals of naval war-fare. At least two hundred guns can be brought to bear at one time upon the works! About three or four miles up the beach from Fort Fisher is a small water battery called "Half Moon Battery," numring some two or three guns, but doubtless it car offer very little resistance. It is not known defi nitely where the troops will land—probably near this point or at Myrtle Inlet, or Masonboro Inlet the latter fourteen miles from New Inlet, and the former about seven. EThe iron-clad fleet, led by the frigate Ironsides, and accompanied by the gunboats acting as their

tenders, will approach Fort Fisher from the north-east, standing close in shore in the Swash Channel, until they come within three-quarters of a mile of the fort, or as near that point as the depth of water will permit, the Ironsides standing broadside toward the fort, and the monitors ranged in a line, bows on, at convenient distances behind the frigate. In this position they will fire over the land at the rebel stronghold. rebet strongable.

The frigates, sloops-of-war, and other larger vessels will move in shore, forming a crescent-shaped line of battle about one mile from the forts, or as near to the enemy's works as possible, and pout their concentrated batteries into the forts a la Far

ragut. The wooden hulls have been actively pre-pared for this fight for some time. "Chain armor," "splinter nettings," and other expedients to pro-mote the efficiency of the vessels and protect them and their crews, as far as possible, from the enemy's Cotton dull. Flour improving. Wheat inactive; spring \$1.60; good fall \$1.90. Whisky stiff at \$2 is. Hogs dull and lower; heavy and extra heavy guns, have been adopted, and it is hoped we shall soon have another great naval victory to chronicle.

The troops composing the land force are under the

mmand of Major General Butler, composed of the 1st division of the 25th and 2d division of the 24th Corps, and are embarked on board the followingnamed transports: De Worley, Charles Thomas, Weyposset, Pent, Idaho, L. Moore, Baltio, Hazel, Empire City, Admiral Dupont, Montauk, H. Livingston, John Rice, Starlight, Elia Knight, Beaufort, Eastern States, Albany, United States, and other vessels, names not ascertained.

The following are the regiments composing the orce, as far as ascertained at this writing :

2d Division 24th Oorps, General Ames-3d Brigade-169th New York Regiment, Col. Alden; 15th New York, Major Waluth; 4th New Hamp shire, Captain Roberts; 13th Indiana, Capt. Zent. 1st Brigade, Col. Curtis-142d, 117th, and 3d New 2d Brigade, Col. Pennypacker-47th and 48t New York, and 76th and 97th Pennsylvania. 1st Division 25th Corps, General C. J. Payne-Brigade, Col. E. Wright-1st United States Colore Regiment, 37th United States Colored Regimen 5th United States Colored Regiment. 2d Brigade, Col. J. W. Ames-4th, 6th, 30th, and 39th Regiments, Colored.

Yours, &c.,

New Publications. Among the most handsome illustrated works of the season is an edition of Tennyson's new poem, "Enoch Arden," published by J. E. Tilton & Co., on. Within and without, it is beautiful. The binding is rich and fanciful, without being gaudy, the paper is tinted, the printing is by Alvord, of New York, who turns out work equal to that of the University Press or the Riverside Press at Boston. From the first vignette on the title-page, showing the little seaport, to the tall-place on the tast page, representing the funeral, the illustrations are admirable. There are thirty-three on wood, from drawings by Mr. Billings, who has here shown himself a successful rival to the best book-illustrators of England and France. His drawings tell the story—the great test of their me-rit. There are three children playing on the seashore; the three again, in the cave; Enoch rescuing the half-drowned in the sea; the declaration of love; Philip having "his dark hour unseen;" the fish-wagon; Enoch's leave-taking; the farewell kiss to the sleeping baby; Annie looking out on the sea with the telescope; Philip offering to place the children at school; Philip and the children; the visit to the mill; the second wooing; the ship wrecked mariners on the lonely island: Enoch watching for a sail: at prayer

in his solitude; the ship's arrival; the return home the glance into Philip's house; Enoch mendin nets; Miriam Lane taking the eath, and the fun ral. There also are nine initial letters, each repr senting some incident in the poem, and engraved with a minute beauty of touch which cannot be imaged. Since the death of Stothard, the famou English painter, we have not seen any artist more capable than Mr. Billings here proves himself of executing book-illustrations with directness, simplicity, and effect. A smaller but beautiful edition of "Enoch Arden," on tinted paper, with fewer and different illustrations, has also been produced by Messrs. Tilton & Co.

The same publishers have brought out, in one handsome volume (pp. 436, post 8vo.), "Shaks-peare: adapted for reading classes, and for the family circle," by Thomas. Bulfinch, author of "The Age of Fable," and the Rev. S. G. Bulfinch. It contains eight of Shakspeare's plays-viz: Midsummer Night's Dream, Romeo and Juliet, the Merchant of Venice, the First Part of King Henry pest. All phrases which might be considered objectionable for young persons and for family reading are removed. Each play is preceded by a clear summary of its story, a biography of Shakspeare

teristic initial letter commences the resumé of each

plot, and each play is illustrated with a full-page

ergraving, representing its most striking scene.

Mr. Bulfinch is already well known by his charm-

ing three volumes on mythology—the Age of Fable, the Age of Chivalry, and the Legends of Charle-

magne-and this Shakspearian volume shows him

also, as a competent and critical editor. D. Appleton & Co., New York, have published "Cousin Alice: a Memoir of Alice E. Haven," well known and greatly admired for her excellent books and articles designed to entertain and in struct young people. Mrs. Haven resided in this city from the death of her first husband, Joseph C. Neal, until her second marriage, which took her to New York. She was an amiable, accomplished, and most industrious Christian woman, as attractive n person, too, as in mind. Not quite a woman o cenfus, she had talent and adaptability. She died in August, 1863. Her biographer, who has done his work in a most affectionate and appreciative manner, has omitted to give the date of he birth. However, we surmise, from dates seattere through her diary, that she was born on Septembe 13.1827, and wanted three weeks of being thirty-six years old when she died. Received from Ashmead & Evans.

Eugene Cummiskey, 1037 Chestnut street, sends us Alley Moore," an Irish story, in two volumes, written by Father Baptist, and published by P. Donahoe, Boston. It is dedicated to the Catholic Bishop of Kerry, and is "racy of the soil," The and religiously, has been fully accomplished. Near ly all the incidents which he introduces are taken from actual occurrence, and a true idea of the present Ireland can be obtained from this truthful action. The most truthful character (one "Shaun a the original was alive eight years ago. The scene is chiefly in Ireland, but shifts to London, and afterwards to Rome. The story is romantic, but not improbable, and we commend it to the attention of

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Cut meats are firm. Bacon is firm; sales at 20% for long-ribbed and 21% for long clear.

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OHS.—Linseed is firm at \$1.420150. Fish Oils are quiet at \$1.47% 01.50 for crude whale, and \$2.1002.15 for do sperm. Lard Oil is firm at \$2.1502.20. Kerosene 32050.

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Then, with a pleased, triumphant air. He gally ratified down the stair.

But all his mirth was soon subdued.

When in the breakfast room he viewed When in the beauting for him, cousin Dick,
There wasting for him, cousin Dick,
Who "Christmas gift!" then shouted quick,
For, to give Albert a surprise,
For, to give Albert a surprise,

For, to give Albert a surprise.
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QUENTIN—EDWARD³.—On the 22d inst., at the residence of the bride's mother, in Coatesyille, by the Rev. George Kirke, Captain Julius E. Quentin, of the United States Army, to Miss Josephine P. Rdwards.

MULHOLLAND—DAWSON.—On the 23th instant, by Father James E. Mulholland. St. Clair A. Mutholland. Colonel 18th Pennsylvania Volunteers, to Miss Mary R. Dawson.

MULEDORE—SHAEFF—On the 22d inst., by Rev. Thomas P. Coulston, Mr. Charles Muledore and Miss Amanda Shaeff, both of Twenty-second ward, Philadelphia.

LAUGHLIN.—On the Zinansian, mr. Robert Laugu-lin, Sr., in the 53d year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family, also Kensing-ton Lodge, No. 211 A. Y. M., the Grand Lodge, and the Order in general are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 1827 North Front street, above Thompson, on Friday atternoon, at 1 o'clock, without further notice. Proceed to Frankin Cametery. Cemetary.

THOMAS —Suddenly, on the evening of December
25th, Mrs. Sarah A. Thomas, wife of William C.
Thomas 25th, Mrs. Sarah A. Thomas, Wife of William C. Thomas.

BECK —On the 25th instant, Mr. Peter H. Beck; aged 35 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to, attend the funeral, from the residence of W. B. Selheimer, M. Alb Catharine street, on Thursday morning, the 25th, at 10 o'dlock. To proceed to Wharton street Church Vault.

PETERS.—On the 25th inst. Mary Ann, wife of Mr. Jacob Peters, aged 35 years.

Her relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her husband's residence, 1256. North Eleventh street, above Girard avenue, on Thursday, 25th inst., at 10 o'clock. To proceed to Laurel Hills. North Eleventh street, above Girard avenue, on Thursday, 28th inst, at 10 o'clock. To proceed to Laurel Hill.

WHEATOM.—On the 27th inst., Amos Wheaton, in the 76th year of his age.

His friends and those of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, without further notice, from his late residence, No. 1119 Wallace street, on Sixth day morning, 10 o'clock.

THOILLOW.—On the 25th inst., Enth H., wife of Paul Thurlow, in her 55th year.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of her hushand, No. 533 North Sixth street, on Thursday, the 29th inst., at 20 clock P. M.

HOWELL.—On Second day evening, 12th mouth, 15th, at his residence. Brookworth, near West Chester. Pa., trael Howell, in the 79th year of his age.

His relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, on Sixth day morning, 30th inst., at 11 o'clock, without further notice. Garriages will meet the 80 clock train from Finised pillat Tooks.—On Ennday of online. 25th morning without further notice, of the family are invited to attend the fine of the family are invited to attend and without further notice, from his late residence, no account of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from her parents' riddence, No. 228 South Fourth street, on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Interment at Union Burial Ground.

EDGAR.—On the 22d inst., at St Paul, Minn., John. M. Esgar, son of the late John Edgar, of this city, in

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BEGGER St. All BAINE, BERGGER ST. All BAINE, BERGR EDGAR.—On the 22d inst., at St Paul, Minn., John.
M. Regar, son of the late John Edgar, of this city, in
the 23d year of his age.
Due notice will be given of the funeral.
MITCHELL.—Suddenly, on the 26th instant, Mary,
eldest daughter of G. P. Mitchell.
The relatives and friends are invited to attend the
funeral, without further notice, at the Broad-street M.
B. Church, Burlington, N. J., at 30 'clock on Wednesday afternoon, the 28th inst. Friends from Philadelphia
will take the 20 'clock train at Walnut strees wharf. *
HABERMEHL.—On the 28th inst., Henry Habermehl,
one of the survivors of the War of 1812, aged 72 years.
The relatives and friends of the family, and the soldiers of 1812, are invited to attend his funeral, from his
isteresidence, No. 748 South Sixth stress, below Fitzwater, on Wednesday afternoon, at two o'clock, without further notice.

The relatives and male friends of the family, and the
Soith year of his age. OLIVER.—On the 24th inst., John W. Oliver, in the 55th year of his age.

The relatives and male friends of the family, and the members of Morning Star Lodge, No. 4, I. 9. of O. F., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 1710 Brown street, on Wednesday morning, at 10. of lock.

SHIELDS.—On Saturday, 24th inst., Eliza Shields, relict of John Shields, in her 71st year.

Her friends, and those of the family, are invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, No. 429 North Seventh street, on Wednesday afternoon. Sin linst, at 2 o'clock. Interment at Ronaldson's Gematery.

JACOBS.—On the morning of the 23d inst. Charles Jacobs.

His relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his brother, George W. Jacobs. West Whiteland, on Monday, 26th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., without further notice.

George Woolsey A. son of James M. a Finnegan, aged 3 years. DJCKSON.—On the 22d inst. at Mulin Charles N. Dickson, formerly of this cl. at Tarrytown, New York. ESSON & SON ARE have just received largest at Veil and Trimming Crapes of qualities. Also, Crape and de22 Bo

CREEN BAIZE FOR SKATE NOTICES. BEV. A. A. WILLING Will deliver his amusing Lectur SUNSHINE OR, THE SECRET OF HAPPING FORE THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN

on priday evening, next, the the MUSICAL FUND HAD To be had at Martien's, No. 606 Cheste fook Stores, &c.
A limited number of tickets for Reserved and at Martien's at Fifty Cents each HON. SCHUYLER COLFAI The distinguished SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENT

WILL ADDRESS. THE PROPLE OF PHILADELPAL "OUR DUTIES," NEXT TURSDAY EVENING, JANUARIA IN THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Tickets for Reserved Seats, 50 cents.
ARTIEN'S Bookstore, 606 CHESTS To and after SATURDAY, December 30 Unreserved Seats, 25 cents. To be had at 420 Sections. FAME OIL COMPANY. The annual meeting and election of all and the WETHERILL HOUSE, JE THURSDAY, December 29th, 1881, at The PHILLY LOWER. JOHN I. ROGERS, Secretary pro tem. CHESTNUT Street,
PHILADELPHIA, Do. or

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MECHANICS' INSTRU SOUTHWARK-Adjourned Meating DAY EVENING. 59th inst., at 7% o'ctcd. at FIFTH Street, below Washington avenue next month? All who desire to be one in invited. [de28-24*] JOHN W. Fabi. OFFICE OF THE AN FIGH.
INSURANCE COMPANY, 30 311 F.
Street.
An Election for Ten Directors of the 5 means held on MONDAY. January 2d, 1853, attached on MONDAY. January 2d, 1853, attached on 2d office. No. 311 Walnut street, butwass the 12d office. WM M. SMITH, 8:12d office. Office. Office. Office. Office. WM M. SMITH, 8:12d office. OFFICE OF THE FAME IN RANCE COMPANY, No. 406 CENT

PHILADELPHIA, Determine NOTICE.—The Appual Meeting of the NOTICE.—The Annual Meeting of that to of the Fame Insurance Company will high DAY, the 9th day of January next, at lied at the office of the Company.

An election for twelve Directors, to certy year, will be held on the same day, at the between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. de28-tja9 WILLIAMS I. BLANCHARD, TAXES, PHILADELPHIA DE LA TAX-payers are hereby notified that delicate be advertised on the FIRST OF JANUARY VIV. all Taxes remaining unpaid on the list wint to a further penalty of FIVE PER GENTUM (Signed)

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OFFICE OF THE INSUER.
COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA, PARADE TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STOCKHOLDER WITH THE OFFICE OF THE GOMPANY, NO. 2232 WALKEST on MONDAY, January 9, 1885, at 12 o'clock E.
TUESDAY, January 10 (the day following, atwill be hald for Directors to ear re for the ensirde28 12t CHARLES PLATT, Sea AT A YEARLY GRAND COM NIGATION of the GRAND LODGE of Pennsylvania, A. Y. M., held for the Grand Lodge Officers to serve one year, at Secuth SEVENTH Etreet, on the 19th Da A. L. 6824, and installed to their respection

Sculm SEVENTH Efrect, on the 19th Decement A. L. 6524, and installed to their respective obsthe 24th inst., to wit:

Bro. Jonathan Miller, re elected M. W. G. Y. 2

Bro. Jonathan Miller, re elected D. R. W. G. 5x.

Bro. Honathan Miller, re-elected D. R. W. G. 5x.

Bro. Henry Thomas, 1e-elected G. Twarlen

Bro. Isalan Gropper, re-elected G. J. Warden

Bro. John Edil, elected G. Trasancer.

Bro. Daniel Johnson, re-elected G. R. Serren,

Bro. Baward Young, re-elected G. Typer,

Bro. Edward Young, re-elected G. Typer,

Bro. John Bit G. Sanuders, elected G. Typer,

Bro. John Diton, re-elected G. Pursusvant,

Bro. John Diton, elected G. S. Steward,

Bro. Joseph first, elected G. J. Steward,

The M. W. G. Master was pleased to make the fell grappointments for the year;

Grand Chaplains—Bros. Rev. Solomon T. Scott, 5

Ty Pugh, and Wm. Parker.

G. L. Masters—Bros. Wm. Wilsters and Specif yey.

S. Dencon—Bro. Isaac Bowser.

J. Dencon—Bro. Isaac Brown.

D. Grand Masters—Bro. Thomas Fausth first

Bern District of Philadelphia.

Henry Hopper, of Chester county, from

Jancaster counties.

o. Decator Blue, of Fittston, Luzerne comp. uzerne county. Bro. Moses Scott, of Carlisle, Cumberland onthis aughin and Cumberland counties. Bro. David Uriswell, Lewistown, Mifflin and Link ounties.
Committee on Land Marks—Bros. John Rheis, is, inderson, and Joseph Wethington.
Committee on By Laws—Bros. Emanuel Chief a lexander Baypard, and Samuel Hall
Com. on Charity—Bros. Moses Young, Jame Caen, and Daniel Edwards
C. of G. Lodge—Bros. Randall Plearants, St. is
Wheeler, Severn Weeks, Benj. F. Jackson, 1117
Jincent. DANIEL JOHNSON, G. R. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF I

Stockholders of the Delaware Court Figure Ballonad Company, for the election of Set other business, will be held on MONDAY, James 1866. at 12 of clock, noof, at the office of JANS LEE, Surveyor, MARKET Street, west of Forday, Philsdelphia. A. L. BONNATAY, 6268-mwf-12t OFFICE OF THE NEW IS ARF TAUE THE ARM
COAL COMPASY—The annual meeting of
bolders of the Company will be held at their
204 South FOURTH Street, on TUESDA'
1866, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose o' e
directors to serve for the ensuing year, a
transaction of any other business that may
them.
PRITER K. LANDIS,
Philadelphia, Dec. 24, 1864. PHILADELPHIA AND REAM
RAILROAD COMPANY - Office 221 M

FOURTH Street.

PHILABLIPHIA, December I.

Woitee is hereby given to the Stockhilders
Company that the Annual Meeting and a hier
President, six Managers, Treasurer, and Secretake place on the second MOSDAY (6th of next, at 12 M.

del2-tja9 TENTH-WARD BOUNTY nount of money collected expended.

Surplus.

The ward will require a bont 120 men to fill it ander the sell of the President of the United Sat 500,000 men. It is desirable that promutation be taken by the citizens of the ward not cut sense of dry, but on the score of economy. Subtons should be handed in as soon as posible.

A. H. FRANCISCUS, Tracum deep the product of the score of score AMERICAN LIFE INSUESS
AND TRUST COMPANY,
PHILADSIPHIA December 19, 25
The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the pany, for the election of Thirteen Trustees to serventuing year, will be held at its Office, S. E. CYF.
FOURTH and WALNUT Streets, on MONDAY,
TOURTH and WALNUT Streets, on MONDAY,
BOOM ST. WILLS TO THE STREET OF THE STREET de19-12t

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders (
NELSVILLE AND SOUTHERN PRSS;
RAILWAY COMPANY will be held on MO2
9th day of January, 1865, at 30 clock P. M., 2
of the Company, No. 230 South THIRD Stre An Election for President and Directors will on the same day and place. R D BARCE de23-tja29 OFFICE OF THE UNION SENGRE RAIL WAY COMPANT, NO SOUTH FOURTH Street, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Passenger Rail way Company will be held at 10 of the Company, 208 South Fourth Street, DAY, January 9, at 91% office An electing for de23-fmwtja9

TREASURER'S DEPART NORTHERN CENTRAL BALLYA
PANY CALVERT STATION,
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AND DECEMBER 1814 DEC. DIVIDEND No. 4.—The President and Divident Company have this day declared a Divident CO PER CEMT. clear of Mational and State 1889 quarter ending December 31, 1864, payelly to hadere on the 20th of January, 1895, at this of January, 1895, at this of January, 1895, at this declaration of the Company of January, 1895, at the January, 1895, at this declaration of the Company of January, 1895, at LEIS, 1895, at 1895, and 1995, THUNAL BANK.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockho ders of it solidation National Bank with be held at the Bit HOURE on THERDAY, January 10, 1885, at 13 of Annual to the Bank with be held between the hours of 10 o'clock A N, 30 o'clock P, Mr., on that day.

JOS. M. PIESUS de9 finwitial0

UNION NATIONAL BANK An Election for nine Directors of this Barkheld at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 1865. between the hours of 10 Å. M. and 3.P. de9-fmtjal0 COMPANY, GREAT WESTERS

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders with the Office of the Company, No. 414 street, PHILADELPHIA, on MONDAY, 1985. Street, Phillad RipHill, on months.

1805, at 19 o'clock noon.

An Election for five Directors for the year 195 with held at the same time.

The Stock Transfer Books will be closed from 195 ber 25th, 1864, until January 23, 1865.

M. B. KELLY, Serial decision. NOTICE. OFFICE OF THE OIL COMPANY, 524 WALKINT Stee OIL COMPANY, 524 WALKINT Stee OIL COMPANY, 524 WALKINT Stee OIL COMPANY, Dec. 27th inst. Porsons the Gompany's Due Rills will please rejurg this office and receive Certificates of Stock of this Office and receive Certificates of Stock of the Oil Company's Due Rills will please of the Oil Company of t

P. W. WILTBAND BANK

PHILADELPHIA

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be held at the Banking House, on TUSDAL, with
10th, 1866, between the hours of 13 M. and 17
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