Why January 1 is New Year.

Lincola's Perception A Southern Darkeys Prayer

One of the mest remarkable and Every one knows that January I is the beginning of the year, but original prayers I ever heard," said 1 is the beginning of the year, out original plant to a Herald reporter nature, and he knew men. A good ty yellow color instead. This sin- the Abe," who is believed to have not every one knows why it is so. It marks no natural division of time nor any event in the world's history which would give it such distinct-

ion. The winter solstice-that is, a desirable cotton plantation. One the period when the sun appears to bright summer night found me at reach its greates southern declansion the cabin of an old negro, who had or further point south of the equa- once been a slave but who located tor, occurs December 22, nine days on the plantation after the war and tor, occurs December 22, nine days on the plantation after the war and army of the Potomac, just as the edge on the subject had withheld before the new year begins. The was his own master. He gladly terrible campaign of 1864 began. summer solstice, another natural welcomed me to his humble abode

division of time, occurred on June and to such bed and board as he burg, Jack commanded the com- arrival of Barpum's specimen, it is 22, a point nearly as far removed could provide,

22, a point nearly as far removed "Supper over, and a most excel-from the new year as the calandar "Supper over, and a most excel-permits. The natural divisions of lent one, too, the old man regaled permits. The natural divisions of plantation life permits. The natural divisients of the with stories of plantation life me with stories of plantation life mended for a captaincy in the regu-once to the practical observer are until his son, a good chunk of a boy came home from a neighbor's. Be-the winter and summer solstices the old man asked me

and the vernal and autumnal equi- fore retiring the o'd man asked me board at Washington, Jack presented genuine curiosities. noxes, periods at which the days to read a chapter in the bible, when himself dressed in a soiled, torn uninoxes, periods at which the days he would pray. He said he couldn't form, with bronze face and uncut is not the only fresh incident to Mr. Little Abe was a favorite with their greatest difference. These read but he was powerful in exhort- beard

having been neglected, the moon's in' and prayer. Reading a chapter The trim, dapper efficers compos-the least painful. That instead of ed at all times the coolest bravery having been neglected, the moon's in the pand part of a psalm, we ing the board had never been under white the color is really that of a and utter ignorance of fear. His phases would seem to have been knelt down and the old man left his fire or roughed it in the field, but dirty oak-grained door is bad enough, favorite position was in the front imperial Casar, who in 46 B. C. gave soul flow out to God. Even in the they were posted in tacticts and in and when Mr. Barnum extracted rank in battle, and as soon as he us our new year, governed by carpice uncouth language of the old slave the theory of war. or reasons of the most temporary every word was sublime, and seemduration, departed from the former das coming from one inspired. dierly appearance, they asked him spent more or less of their early lives ket of his fallen comrade and load Roman system of reckoning the I remember one passage remarkable all sorts of questions about engineer- among the white elephants of Siam, and fire as coolly as the most hardwinter solstice and made the com-mencement on January 1 for no as a figure. Said he: "If I had de better reason than the desire to in- wings ob a dove. I'd mount de gol Jack answer. augurate his reform with a new den steps to de New Jerusalam, an dip my fingers in de blood of de of the board,

The Casarean system, devised by Lamb an write de word Redempthe aid of Losigenes, constituted the tion on de blue vault of heaven.' ordinary year of 365 days and the He prayed for the President of the fourth or extraordinary year of 366. United States, all his cabinet, the The subdivision of the year into army the navy, the Governors of months was similar to the present all the states, for me his guest, for system. This division of time, his neighbors, for absent children, though imperfect, is still practiced for himself and family. He asked sir? The error was in giving forgiveness for many sins and thankthe year 365 1 4 days which is too ed the lord for many blessings, much by about eleven minutes. "Well, I began to get tired. I Pope Gregory XIII ordered October had rested my knees the best I could 5, 1582, to be called the 15th, and but I wanted to sit up badly, and at that all centurial years which are the same time did not want to give cavalry should charge on you?" not multiples of 400 should not be offense to my kind host. The boy lesp years, which omission of three reclined next to me with his head eap years in every 400 years gives in a chair sound asleep. Teuching the civil year an average length of bim gently, I whispered : "About

365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes and how soon will your father get that's what I'd do !" 12 seconds, which still exceeds the through ?" "Has he got to de place true solar year by a fraction of a sec- where Moses crossed de Red Sea? ond, which amounts to a day only Being assured that said point had in 3,866 years. The present, or not yet been reached, the boy yawn-Gregorian, system is used by all ed and continued : Well, when he Christendom, except Russia. It gits to whar Moses crossed the Red was adopted by England in 1752 Sea he's jist half done," and he re-

lapsed into unconsciousness."-Dayand by France in 1564. Prior to the reformation of the ton Herald calendar by Julius Cæsar, and many

Old Monongahela. centuries afterward, the methods of dividing time were various, compli-

was the planet which influenced and act of Assembly the mercantile appen in the inkstand. On the back governed most nations, and gave praisers of the respective counties of the paper, he wrote in a clear rise to universal variance between are required to report to their Coun- hand the natural and civil year. The ty Treasurer all the breweries and "Give this man a captain's com-

religious feasts of the Christain distilleries in their counties and the mission church are still regulated by the amount manufactured by each. The moon. The council of Nice provi- breweries and distilleries are then ded that Easter, the central point classified under this return und the by which all other days in the rate to be paid by each for a license church calendar are fixed, should is fixed. William Britton, che own-

A New Lesson in Natural History.

President Lincoln was not a schol-It now transpires that white elear, but he was a student of human phants are not white, but are a dus-Mr. P. T. Beraum will add to his "Blue and Gray :"

"What is an abattis?"

"Never saw one."

"A redan?"

front, do they ?

asked

kida

replied Jack.

Jack Williams was a brave ser- collection of natural curiosities one geant of a regiment which, undrilled of these remarkable beats.-If, there-and undisciplined, had joined the fore, those who are gifted with knowl-Before the army reached Peters- color from the public, until after the S. Infantry, Captain, afterwards Mapany, he captain and lieutenants hav-pust possible that some hypercritical influenced the acceptance of so

authorities, he was put with his fa But this lesson in naturel history ther in the army. Barnum's acquisition, nor is it the both officers and men. He display-

that information from the several saw a soldier fall disabled he would Though shocked at Jack's unselpersons in this county who have throw away his drum, seize the mushe ought to have silenced them. ened yeteran, although his diminupaigns. Not a single question could But unfortunately these persons are tive size and strength did not allow

as loquacious as a western trapper or him to elevate the gun without some "What is an echelon ?" asked one East India miner, and when once kind of a rest. In the early part of started on their favorite subject of his army experience, at one of the "Don't know," answered Jack. "You fellows have got me again," "Well, what is a hollow square, num should go to the pains and ex- manded and told that when re-

"Never heard of one before ; guess they don't have them down at the cred white elephant which is neither ter this in battle when he saw a "What would you do, sir, if you terous. One of the persons, in the heads of his drum, and then dewere in command of a company, and speaking on the subject, says the voted his whole time to his prefera lisping tellow, in white specimen are simply diseased ele- rebs. At the close of a skirmish one

phants, which, owing to their inher- day he was found crying. Some-"Do, you fool!" thundered Jack; "I ited or acquired infirmities, are ten- body inquired what troubled him, would give them Hail Columbia, derly treated, and by reason of this and received an explanation to the fact fail to develop the natural vigor effect that he had been unable to of the body and color of hide.-He find a gun not in use, so he had been This ended the examination, and the report of questions and answers, adds with a blush, too, that they can unable to do any shooting. The men with the adverse judgment of the be purchased readily at an expense of Company E wanted to fit him out board, were sent to President Lin- of from £300 to £400 sterling, and, with a rifle made in accordance

being worthless, are expensive at with his size, but the desire was not His private secretary read the re- that price. This is certainly an granted, as according to the regulaport to him, and when he came to enormous tie. Mr. Barnum has tions he must carry a drum. Little the only answer that Jack had given, stated repeatedly that his white ele- Abe passed through the war withthe President said,phants was procured at a cost of out receiving a wound, although al-"Stop? read that over again.

A. LINCOLN.

How to have better Preaching.

A minister, Dr. E. addressing a

"That's just the sort of men our at the pains of the most dimensioned army want?" said the President, diplomatic negotiations not alone then nothing is known to the written army want?" said the President, diplomatic negotiations not alone then nothing is known to the written army want?" said the president, diplomatic negotiations not alone then nothing is known to the written army want?" said the president, diplomatic negotiations not alone then nothing is known to the written army want?" said the president has been added and the same and the sa "That's just the sort of men our at the pains of the most difficult engagements. Of his career since cated and imperfect. The moon PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28 -By an taking the report and dioping his with the king of Siam, but with the er. - Correspondence Boston Globe.

priests of various degree of that potentate's dominions. To doubt Mr. Barnum's word is simply to join that army of malefactors who have at Who will say that the Democratic appages in a

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says what it means and num should go to the pains and ex-pense which according to his state-ment he has done to procure a sa-cred white elephant which is neither sacred nor white, is simply prepos-terous. One of the persons, in speaking on the subject, says the animals of which Barnum's is a specimen are simply diseased elemeans what it says. Because its Court re-

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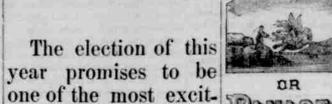
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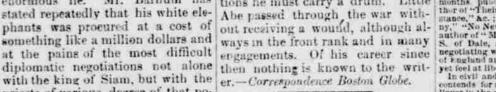
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